

**MR. THORNE  
NOT IN RACE**

**Rocky Mount Gentleman Not  
to Contest For Mr.  
Pou's Seat**

It is understood that Mr. T. T. Thorne of Rocky Mount, who was prominently mentioned as a candidate for congress in the Fourth district, will not contest for Congressman's Pou's seat, but will be a candidate for the state senate from Nash county. Mr. A. T. Zollicoffer of Henderson and Solicitor Herbert E. Norris of Raleigh have not made definite announcements as to their intentions, and it is believed that they will be found in the running. It is not known whether Mr. R. H. Hayes of Chatham will be in the race or not.

Mr. Thorne is mighty favorably known in North Carolina and his friends will be glad to know that he is considering running for the senate. With legislative experience behind him, Mr. Thorne would add strength to the senate, and many of his friends here say there is no doubt of his being nominated if he aspires to the honor.

Solicitor Norris has not definitely announced his candidacy, but it is thought he will commit himself in the next few weeks. The Raleigh gentleman has a splendid record back of him, has great strength in Wake county and many other counties in the district and would give Mr. Pou a great time. Mr. Norris' friends say he would win.

**Committee Ready to Hold  
Meeting,**

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Holton, We Can Succeed Again; Marion Butler, Principles Will Win; C. S. Wooten, Former Whigs and Latter Day Republicans; Fred W. Thomas, Return to the Constitution; C. A. Reynolds, Our Debt to Our Papers; K. Don-Laws, Reply to Our Debt to Our Papers; T. T. Hicks, Non-Partisan Judiciary; Sylvester T. Everett, From Ohio to North Carolina; G. Sam Bradshaw, Lawyer in Politics; W. P. Ragan, Postmaster Can Help; J. Elwood Cox, Currency Reform; W. S. O'B. Robinson, Hospitable Capital City; J. C. L. Harris, Reply—Raleigh Not So Dry; H. G. Ewart, Republicans All; J. E. Person, Some Rambling Thoughts; Gilham Grissom, A Few Details; Thos. Settle, Our State and Our Party.

**The Committee Meets.**

At 8 minutes to 2 o'clock, Chairman Morehead asked the secretary to call the roll. When this was done, a number of members not answering to their names, the chairman announced that a quorum was present and opened the meeting.

Mr. Morehead expressed regret on the part of the committee on the death of Col. Henry C. Dockery, of Rockingham. Secretary Grissom then read a tribute to his memory, expressing a high appreciation of this man's life and his service to the party and state. A motion that the remarks of Mr. Grissom be spread on the records was carried by a rising vote.

The next matter was the presentation of the claims of Raleigh and Charlotte for the convention, Col. C. J. Harris suggesting that the speeches be limited to five minutes. A letter from the Greensboro chamber of commerce was read. Raleigh's delegation, headed by Mayor Johnson, President Litchford, of the chamber of commerce and President Pearce, of the merchants' association, entered first to present their claims. Mr. Litchford said that his committee represented the different organizations and the people of Raleigh. He said as North Carolinians, Raleigh citizens were proud of the fact that there are a number of cities in the state able to take care of the convention. He then presented Mr. Willis G. Briggs, who in presenting Raleigh's claims, said that "we are only asking you to come here." The town belongs to you; we are ready to throw open our doors to you." He reminded the committee that a republican convention had not been held in the eastern part of the state in 12 years. He then recited the growth of the republican party in eastern North Carolina. In Wake county, particularly, has the republican party grown. He said the eastern section is polling over 45 per cent of the republican vote, in spite of the democratic press, and he urged the committee to show the eastern people what a splendid gathering of men is. "Down here we haven't had a chance to see what a republican convention is like," and he urged the committee to come here and not be afraid of what democratic papers say about us, because we are all right."

Judge R. W. Winston, told the committee that they would find a very great change in respect to this matter. The morning paper had extended a welcome. The people are voting like they think these days,

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**COMMITTEE NOTES.**

and the committee should have no fear. He then enumerated Raleigh's hotel, transportation and auditorium facilities. He spoke of the perfect marvel of railroads here. The Country Club will be thrown open to you. It is dry enough in one department for Virgil Lusk; it is wet enough for the speaker stopped, and somebody suggested Tom Settle. He welcomed the people here with a cordial welcome, promising every advantage of a cosmopolitan capital city. Judge Winston spoke of the warm reception given to Senator Cabot Lodge and of what he said about the auditorium. It was the finest he had ever seen. The auditorium is arranged with respect to its hearing qualities. And if there is anything else you want, name it, Judge Winston concluded.

Mr. James H. Pou next spoke for Raleigh, saying that the people here will undertake to furnish every convenience, including ten separate halls for the various congressional delegations. Mr. Pou spoke of the railroad facilities, saying that 48 passenger trains come here every day. Delegates living within 100 miles can come and return in one day. The hotels can accommodate 2,000. Guaranteed rates will be furnished and if delegates are doubled up, reductions will be made. Boarding houses will take care of 1,000 more. The city will furnish a bureau of information. Pou said he believed we know how to entertain friends and guests. If anything unseemly happens at this convention, the shame is on us, not on you. He promised royal entertainment.

Mr. Clarence O. Knester, representing Charlotte, first asked the committee not to be swept off its feet by this handsome delegation. He then spoke of Charlotte's railroad facilities, six hotels with no extra charge, the Charlotte auditorium. Mr. Knester said he was a young man and did not know what the gentleman who spoke for Raleigh meant when he spoke of "knocking the horns off," and he assured the committee that there are no "horns to be knocked off in Charlotte."

Mr. Warren Vines Hall spoke of Charlotte geographically and politically and insisted that a great saving financially would result. He spoke of the fact that Charlotte gave 800 votes to Mr. Taft, and promised 1,200 next time. He said the Charlotte papers would give fair reports. Mr. Hall asked for one of the conventions to be held.

A letter and telegram were read from Greensboro, saying: "We will see that your wants are satisfied." Col. Harry Skinner moved that the committee go into executive session to decide the question.

Mr. E. B. Jeffress, secretary of the Greensboro News Company, is in the city to report the meeting of the republican executive committee. He handled the Raleigh end of the news for his paper several months ago and knows just where to get the "dope." Mr. Nixon S. Plummer, another member of The News staff, will arrive this evening to report the banquet.

Mr. Winder R. Harris, son of Col. and Mrs. J. C. L. Harris, is in Raleigh to report the meeting of the committee for the Charlotte Observer, of which he is news editor. Mr. Harris has been on the Observer over a year and is one of the best all round newspaper men in the state.

Hon. Thos. Settle is one of the men attending the meeting of the committee, and it is said that he will be a bigger man next fall. It is practically certain, according to a leading republican, that Mr. Settle will be the candidate of the republicans for governor, and if he is he will run on a local option platform. That's what Mr. Settle believes in, they say, and he would not take the nomination unless the platform were to his liking.

Another bit of talk going the rounds is that ex-Senator Marion Butler is aspiring to oust Hon. E. C. Duncan as national committeeman from this state. Mr. Duncan left Washington last night for Raleigh.

The Roosevelt candidacy has caused the brethren to take notice. The treatment of the party in this state by Mr. Taft—even if this treatment was at the instance of the colonel—has left scars that never will heal and many of the leaders are avowed supporters of the colonel. The party in this state must swing on to both horns of the dilemma, or the devil may take them.

In the lobby of the Yarrowburgh last night republicans were saying that Roosevelt sentiment was mighty strong among members of the ex-

ecutive committee and outsiders were wondering whether an effort would be made this afternoon to commit the party to the colonel. Mr. Morehead said yesterday that the endorsing of a candidate is not a proper matter for the committee, but for the convention. So far as the chairman is concerned, it would appear, there will be no endorsement of any man.

What is proposed as a happy solution to the dilemma is an uncontracted delegation to the Chicago convention. In such an event the delegates could vote as they pleased, and as North Carolina's vote comes rather far down the line, the Tar heel delegation would be able to get a pretty good line on the candidate before casting their votes. In this way the party would not be placed in the attitude of opposing the nominee, and would be relieved of considerable embarrassment should the ticket be elected—which democrats say is not at all likely.

Hon. A. E. Holton—who without doubt is one of the ablest district attorneys in the United States—is scheduled for a toast at the banquet tonight on "What We Can Do." If the toast were on "What I Have Done," Mr. Holton could charter a few special trains and bring them from Atlanta, for he certainly has done things in the western district. Also he could dance a few political scaps at his belt and point with pride.

Another district attorney in Raleigh—though he is not down for a toast—is Hon. Herbert F. Seawell, who succeeded the Hon. Harry Skinner. Mr. Seawell is not a politician in the ordinary sense of the word, and has not been as successful as some of the other leaders, but he is one of the finest men in the state. Newspaper reporters swear by him, and if his party is successful next fall it is hoped by many of his newspaper friends that he will continue to hold his office. He is a good officer.

When this was written the committee had not met, but the dope was that Charlotte would get the convention to name delegates to the national convention and that Raleigh would get the second convention—that to nominate a state ticket and frame a platform. Charlotte boosters were in evidence last night, but during the day Raleigh supporters were much in evidence.

That is a fine looking set of men attending the meeting of the committee—and some of the hirsute adornments cannot be beaten. Ex-Senator Butler is willing to wager that his "brush" is the most elaborate of any in the state. Any takers?

Though the Hon. E. C. Duncan was not present in the lobby of the Yarrowburgh last night, he was not the least talked of man there. His attitude toward President Taft was much considered and they were wondering if he had really beaten the others to the support of Colonel Roosevelt, who has a lot of strength in this state. Whatever Mr. Duncan has done, please remember that when it comes to losing your "Uncle Carl" it is a tough proposition. Mr. Duncan can take care of himself with one hand and look after his opponents with the other.

**ROOSEVELT CLUB ORGANIZED**

Resolutions Adopted Commending the Colonel and Denouncing Taft. (Special to The Times.) Asheville, Feb. 28.—Hon. Richmond Pearson, Dr. A. T. Fritchard and others returned from Marshall where they went to help in the organization of a "Roosevelt Club" for Madison county. They report that they had a very enthusiastic meeting, that the sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of the nomination of Mr. Roosevelt, and evidence was presented to show that he will without doubt get a solid delegation from the ninth congressional district. The meeting was held in the county court house and it was filled to its capacity. The organization of the club was perfected, officers were elected and resolutions introduced and passed in support of Colonel Roosevelt and in denunciation of President Taft. There were a number of enthusiastic speeches and Mr. Pearson read letters from prominent republicans all over the state which indicated that the rank and file of the republican party is demanding the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for president. They declare that there are only four or five Taft supporters in the county and that Madison will send a solid delegation to ask that the national delegates be instructed for the colonel. Every section of the county was represented.

**TAFT'S AUNT IS SORRY.**

Miss Della Torrey, However, Declares "William Will Win." Millbury, Mass., Feb. 28.—"Aunt Della" Torrey today declared that she feels very sorry that Mr. Roosevelt has come out against "her nephew William." She said: "I feel sorry, oh, so sorry, about what Colonel Roosevelt has done, and that he has come out against my nephew. But William will win."

**No Trade for Chase.**

Washington, Feb. 28.—"Absolutely absurd" declared Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington team when shown the New York report that pitcher Walter Johnson might be traded for Hal Chase of the New York Americans. Griffith said there was not the slightest foundation for the story.

**Folke Brandt Released.**

New York, Feb. 28.—Folke E. Brandt, formerly Mortimer L. Schiff's valet, sentenced to thirty years' imprisonment for burglary, was formally released from the toms today, terms for bail being finally adjusted. He left the court building followed by a large crowd.

mond Pearson. Mr. Pearson read a copy of a letter from Charles Green of Bakersville, which was addressed to Hon. J. M. Morehead, in which he stated that the republicans of the ninth district demand the nomination of Roosevelt. Mr. Green is state committeeman. He then read letters from other sections several from the eastern part of the state, in which the same demands were expressed, one from Sampson county in which it was stated that all the republicans in that county, with the exception of nine office holders are favoring Roosevelt for president.

The Roosevelt supporters here are now certain that he will have the solid backing of the delegates in the ninth district and they are equally sure that the two delegates from the tenth district will be instructed for him.

In the resolutions President Taft is severely denounced for a number of his acts and policies, and especially for his withdrawal of the nominations to 10 federal offices in this state, which the resolutions affirm shows that the offices are to be filled upon recommendation of the factional leader who rounds up the largest number of delegates for Mr. Taft, which "differs only from bribery in that the price for these delegates is to be held not out of the private pocket but out of the federal treasury."

**MEETING OF LAW  
AND ORDER LEAGUE**

The first regular monthly meeting since organization of the Law and Order League will be held at the court house. Reports will be made from the various committees, showing the work that has been done and outlining some of the things that need attention. An interesting meeting is expected, and a full attendance of the membership and others interested, is desired.

**AGED WOMAN ASSAULTED**

Beaten Into Insensibility and Robbed—Negro Arrested. New York, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Johanna Huebener, an aged widow was murderously assaulted during the night, in her Harlem apartments, beaten into insensibility and crammed into the bath tub, while the assailant looted the flat.

The burglar turned on sixteen gas jets. Mrs. Huebener was found barely alive. Her condition is critical. The police first reported the woman dead. Frank Cooper, a negro elevator boy, was arrested and charged with the crime.

The police say Cooper confessed, saying that after pounding her with his fists until she was unconscious, he obtained \$65. Thirty dollars, stained by blood, was in his pockets.

**Suit Against Naval Stores Company.**

Washington, Feb. 28.—The question of friendly settlement of the anti-trust suit against the American Naval Stores Company, was discussed at the department of justice. Samuel B. Adams, the company's counsel, conferred with Assistant Attorney General Fowler and District Attorney Ackerman, of Macon, Georgia.

**Severe Battle With Turks.**

Rome, Feb. 28.—A severe battle, causing defeat by the Italians of the Turkish forces and Arab allies, with great loss, is reported in official dispatches. The engagement occurred at Mount Merghab on the Mediterranean coast.

**No Sentiment For Postponement.**

Washington, Feb. 28.—Democratic leader Martin of the senate after a conference with his democratic colleagues said there was practically no sentiment in the senate for the proposed postponement of the democratic national convention.

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