

MAJORITY GEORGIA DEMOCRATS REFUSE TO INDORSE WILSON

Hoke Smith and Tom Watson Supporters Unite Against Palmer Delegation and Cause Split in Democratic Ranks.

ATLANTA May 19.—Georgia democrats split into two factions at the close of the state democratic convention here early today, the majority refusing to indorse President Wilson's administration and electing uninstructed delegates to San Francisco and the other indorsing the administration and electing delegates pledged to support Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer for president.

Action of the convention itself was made possible by a combination of the supporters of United States Senator Hoke Smith and Thomas E. Watson, who with Mr. Palmer ran in the presidential preference primary. After this body had adjourned the Palmer delegates held a meeting of their own and chose their delegates to San Francisco. The question of Georgia's staid thus was put before the national convention.

The Smith-Watson delegates took control of the convention at the start yesterday and held it throughout the night with but one break of importance. Laughingly referring to themselves as a "steamroller" they adopted, 196 2 to 182 1-2, resolutions asserting "unalterable opposition to the league of nations brought back from Paris by President Wilson."

The resolutions also declared against a third term president, expressed belief in "free speech, freedom of the press, freedom of assemblage and local self-government" and came out for state's rights and for "distribution of power between the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the government."

Repeal of "all espionage, sedition and conscription laws passed during the war" was urged and opposition was expressed to compulsory military training. The national delegates were instructed to vote as a unit and "to support no candidate for president of the United States who is not in thorough accord with the principles as announced by this convention."

The convention voted down, 206 to 175, resolutions introduced by Hollins N. Randolph, Atlanta, a Palmer delegate, indorsing President Wilson and the democrats in congress; indorsing the principles embodied in the league of nations and demanding prompt ratification of the Versailles treaty "with such explanatory reservations as may be necessary to secure its enactment and as may not be destructive of the covenant."

Palmer supporters were repeatedly foiled in attempts to get before the convention the report of the state executive committee holding that since Palmer won a plurality in the primary he was entitled to the state's delegation. A Smith delegate offered to divide the delegation equally between the three candidates, each of whom obtained approximately one third of the primary vote, but Palmer men refused this.

The convention elected W. C. Vernen, of Moultrie, national committeeman from Georgia, and the following delegates at large, each with half a vote: Former Senator Hardywick, R. L. McKinney, Macon; Charles S. Barrett, Union City; W. W. Osborne, Savannah; B. M. Blueburn, Atlanta; Felix Jackson, Gainesville; J. J. Flynn, Griffin, and Arthur Lucas, Atlanta.

After adjournment of the convention, Palmer supporters selected Clark Howell national committeeman, and named the following delegates at large, each with a half vote: Pleasant A. Stovall, Savannah, former minister to Switzerland; C. E. Dunbar, Augusta; Hollins N. Randolph, Atlanta; Ogden Persons, Forsyth; H. H. Dean, Gainesville; W. H. Davis, Waynesboro; S. D. Dell, Hazlehurst and W. T. Anderson, Macon.

SOUTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS MEETING TODAY (By The Associated Press.) COLUMBIA, S. C., May 19.—The democratic state convention meets here today at noon, when 18 delegates to the San Francisco convention will be elected.

Six names have been mentioned for the four positions as delegates at large: Governor R. A. Cooper, Senator E. D. Smith, ex-Governor R. I. Manning, Representative James F. Byrnes, L. D. Jenkins, of Sumter and Leroy Springs, of Lancaster.

The names of William G. McAdoo and A. Mitchell Palmer will be presented by two different groups to the convention for endorsement of standard bearers for the party in the presidential campaign.

As successor to John Gary Evans, of Spartanburg, as chairman, the names of Ashley C. Tobias, of Columbia, and Thomas P. Cochran, of Greenville, will be presented.

Midweek prayer service at Main Street Methodist church at 8 o'clock this evening.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK WILL DISCOURAGE ALL UNNECESSARY BORROWING

Part of New Policy Designed to Deflate Nation's Finances—Will Curtail Long Term Loans and Non-Essential Paper.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 19.—Curtailment of long term loans covering "non-essential" operations and discouragement of unnecessary borrowings of all kinds will be the foundation of the federal reserve system's new policy designed to deflate the national finances. American bankers have pledged themselves to co-operate with the reserve board in the effort to carry out the plan.

Governor Harding, of the board, is of the opinion that liquidation of superfluous loans will go far toward rectifying the present inflation. Expansion of banking credit due to war requirements, he told the bankers delegates at a conference yesterday, amounted to \$11,000,000,000, while money in circulation had increased about \$1,900,000,000 during the war period.

The "slowing down of industrial effort," as indicated by decreased production in important lines, represented the most unsatisfactory element in the country's economical problem, Governor Harding said. The government's efforts, he explained, would be toward a normal and healthy liquidation "without curtailment of essential industries and, so far as possible, without disturbing legitimate commerce."

ALABAMA REPUBLICANS TO SELECT DELEGATES.

(By The Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., May 19.—Selection of four delegates at large to the national convention and the nomination of a state ticket were the principal matters to be disposed of at the republican state convention here today.

Temporary officers were appointed yesterday. They are: W. B. Ford, Marion county, temporary chairman; S. T. Wright, Fayette, and Oscar Nozjin, Etowah, temporary secretaries. Two district conventions were also held yesterday at which A. M. Holland, of Scottsboro, and J. B. Atkinson, Chautau, were named delegates to the national convention from the eighth and fourth districts, respectively.

The delegates to the state convention are about equally divided between General Wood, Governor Lowden and Governor Harding, according to leaders early today. Sentiment seemed favorable to an uninstructed delegation.

SENATE PASSES BILL FOR EXCHANGE SITES

Understood That Bill Now Goes to House for Its Action—Gastonians Visit Washington in Connection With Matter.

The following dispatch from Washington to The Charlotte Evening News of yesterday will be of great interest to Gastonians generally:

"The senate late yesterday passed the bill introduced by Senator Overman authorizing the secretary of the treasury to exchange the present postoffice building and grounds at Gastonia for a site and \$175,000 in cash to be paid to the government by the Citizens' National Bank of Gastonia. The present building is inadequate for the needs of Gastonia and Senator Overman introduced the bill at the request of a committee from that city. The present building will be used by the bank when the new building is completed."

This is the only news so far received here regarding the bill. It is understood that, if it has passed the Senate as indicated in this dispatch, it will immediately go to the house for action.

In this connection it is understood that a party of Gastonians was in Washington yesterday on matters connected with the proposed exchange of property. Among these in the party were Col. T. L. Craig, Mr. B. H. Parker, Mr. Fred L. Smyre, Mr. J. O. White, and Mr. J. H. Separk. Several of these returned to Gastonia on No. 137 today.

All Masons who expect to attend the banquet Friday night at the army are urged to notify Secretary W. Y. Warren

MR. MOSES STROUP DEAD AT AGE OF EIGHTY-TWO

End Comes to Prominent Citizen of County—Served in General Assembly in 1890—Funeral and Burial Thursday at Concord Church.

Mr. Moses Stroup, one of the county's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening at his home five miles north of Bessemer City. He was in his 82 year and until six months ago was in the enjoyment of good health. Recently he had been quite feeble but took to his bed only two weeks ago.

Born March 2, 1838, Mr. Stroup had lived all of his 82 years at the old Stroup homestead where his father, Moses Stroup, Sr., settled. He was one of the best farmers in the county and was successful in all his undertakings.

At the outbreak of the War Between the States he enlisted in Company B, Twenty-eighth North Carolina Volunteers and served throughout the war. At the battle of Gettysburg he was wounded.

In 1890 Mr. Stroup was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly where he served one term. Though always interested in the progress and welfare of his county and community he did not seek public office, preferring to devote his time and attention to his farming interests.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock Thursday morning at Concord Methodist church, Rev. W. L. Towser, the pastor, officiating. Deceased was a life long member of this church and was one of the moving spirits in securing the handsome new church building at that place. For many years he was a member of the official board of Concord church.

Mr. Stroup was twice married, his second wife surviving him. Surviving are the following children by his first wife: Mrs. William Kiser, of Reepsville, Lincoln county; Mrs. A. W. Howell, of Cherryville; Mrs. Felix Kincaid, of Bessemer City; Mrs. John Coon, of Bessemer City; Mrs. A. H. Huss, of Cherryville, and Mrs. J. R. Beam, of Gastonia; and by his second wife one daughter, Mrs. George Falls, of Cherryville, and one son, Mr. D. A. Stroup, who lives at the old home place. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Marian Clark, aged 90, who lives near the Stroup place with her son, Mr. Edgar Clark, and daughter, Miss Katherine Clark.

Deceased was a man of splendid Christian character and was beloved by all who knew him.

TIME FOR AMERICA TO WAKE UP—AND HURRY!

So Declares Francis H. Sisson, Vice-President of Guaranty Trust Company—Strikes Last Year Cost Labor 75 Million Dollars.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 19.—An incomplete list of direct losses due to strikes in 1919, places the cost of labor in wages at nearly \$725,000,000, and to industry at more than one and one-quarter billion dollars, Francis H. Sisson, vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company, of New York, told the silver jubilee convention of the National Association of Manufacturers here today. The chief danger in the present situation, Mr. Sisson said, is that the desirability of low prices as an end in itself may be so exaggerated as to lead to the attempt to force prices down through harmful measures for the control of credit.

The banker spoke at length on industrial unrest, analyzing its effect on the country's economic condition and blaming strike fevers for high living costs and increased rents. He urged the conservation of our natural resources as a means of maintaining our economic position in the world.

"We have heard much about rent profiteers," Mr. Sisson said, "but organized labor either does not realize or closes its eyes to the fact that every time men employed in the building trades go on a strike or shirk at their tasks they penalize society—which includes themselves—by increasing the cost of building, thus increasing rent and as a result make prices for goods and services higher."

Declaring that the country is living beyond its means, he said "the facts are such as should arouse us from our comatose state of snug contentment with our present position and future prospects. Unless we are aroused before it is too late we cannot hope to retain for long our vast store of gold, or our enormously favorable trade balance or our unprecedented prosperity."

Mr. Sisson asked: "Are we a business people, or are we not? Have we the political intelligence to govern ourselves efficiently or not? We must provide our own answers."

"It is time, indeed, for another Joseph Choate to cry out to our people 'America, wake up—and for God's sake hurry!'"

—Mr. S. S. Shuford today tendered his resignation as secretary and treasurer of the Shuford Mills, Inc. At a meeting of the board of directors Mr. Geo. E. Marvin was elected to the position.

RADICAL REDUCTIONS IN DRY GOODS AND CLOTHING ARE MADE

MEN'S, BOYS' CLOTHING REDUCED 20 PER CENT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 19.—Silk shirts and suits for men are the first articles of clothing to suffer radical price reductions in Indiana and several of the leading merchants of this city are offering men's furnishings today at from 20 to 30 per cent below former prices. One reliable establishment is offering silk shirts for men at \$4.95 or almost half their former price. Ready-to-wear clothing for women and children also are offered at greatly reduced prices. The leading store at Terre Haute is offering all men's and boys' garments and shoes at a reduction of 20 per cent.

20 to 25 Per Cent Reduction

FRESNO, Calif., May 19.—General reduction on silk goods of twenty to 25 per cent were announced by retailers in advertisements published today.

15 Per Cent Cut in Dry Goods.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 19.—Reductions of fifteen per cent on the prices of all dry goods and clothing, effective today, was announced by one merchant here.

No More \$150 Suits

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 19.—"The bankers of the country are determined there shall be no more \$25 shoes and \$150 clothes," Richard S. Hawes, St. Louis, president of the American Bankers' Association, told the annual convention of the Missouri Bankers' Association here today. He urged the bankers to refrain from lending money for speculation in food and land.

OMAHA STORES CUT PRICES ON MANY THINGS

OMAHA, Neb., May 18.—Eight smaller stores today joined the five large establishments which have announced reductions of from 20 to 30 per cent.

A large automobile dealer made reductions of \$250 on open and \$400 on closed car models.

A store which made a 30 per cent reduction announced the cut would extend to its resaturants also. One of the concerns which started with a 20 per cent cut, announced an additional reduction of 10 per cent.

Stores which are excepting from reduction articles like men's collars and others upon which the manufacturer fixes the price, have protested to the factories that two large concerns are cutting these 30 per cent along with the others.

BANKS' POLICY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PRICE-CUTTING IN RETAIL TRADE (By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 19.—Pursuant to their pledge to the federal reserve board, lending banking interests of this city today extended their campaign of deflation of credits and high commodity prices.

In the financial district this policy already has been effective in reducing speculative loans against securities to the extent of hundreds of million dollars in the last fortnight. In one instance, that of a prominent trust company, it is said that credits of this character had been reduced by \$100,000,000 in the last three weeks.

Banks in the wholesale dry goods and general merchandise districts have been proceeding along the same lines, and the pressure exerted by these institutions is said to be directly responsible for the wave of price cutting in many lines of retail trade, especially by the large department stores.

OFFICIALS TAKE PLACE OF STRIKING CLERKS. (By The Associated Press.) MACON, GA., May 19.—Officials of the Central of Georgia Railway today took the places of the striking ticket sellers at the terminal station here. They said business was being handled as usual.

Clerks from the commercial departments were shifted to the freight depot of the

GRAND LODGE DEGREES CONFERRED ON LARGE NUMBER LAST NIGHT

Seventy-Five New Representatives Initiated by Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows—Welcoming Services Largely Attended—Grand Encampment Elects Officers; Goes to Greensboro Next Year—Business Sessions Today—Auto Ride This Afternoon.

The seventy-seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was formally opened Tuesday night at eight o'clock, when public exercises were held in the auditorium of the Central graded school building. In spite of the inclement weather the auditorium was filled with visiting delegates to the Grand Lodge, members and representatives to the Rebekah branch of the order and of the Grand Encampment, and a number of the citizens of the city. Past Grand Joe S. Wray, superintendent of Gastonia's splendid system of public schools, was the presiding officer. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Gastonia orchestra.

After the invocation by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. W. R. Coppedge, of Rockingham, Mayor R. Gregg Cherry, who is also a past Grand of Gastonia Lodge No. 188, delivered a most hearty and sincere address of welcome, in which he stressed the spirit of fraternalism and co-operation which he declared was characteristic of the citizenship of Gastonia. Past Grand A. E. Woltz, speaking for Gastonia Lodge, expressed the supreme pleasure of the local Odd Fellows in being honored by the meeting here of the grand bodies of the order. Gastonia, he said, has entertained more State assemblies of this character during the past two years than any other city in the State, large or small, and has attained a reputation as a convention city of which its citizens are justly proud.

Mrs. Stephen B. Dolley, Noble Grand of Woodell Rebekah Lodge No. 128, which was only organized last November, but now has a large and enthusiastic membership, was the next speaker, and most fittingly expressed the feeling of welcome which the members of the woman's branch of the order in Gastonia hold toward the visitors who have chosen Gastonia as the place for their annual meeting this year.

The responses were made by Miss Lillian D. Flour, of Mayock, president of the Rebekah State assembly, and by Grand Master C. O. McMichael, of Winston-Salem. Miss Flour's address was a splendid tribute to the part played in strengthening and widening the influence and beneficent effects of Odd Fellowship in the State by the faithful, loyal and active membership of the Rebekah branch of the order in North Carolina.

Grand Master McMichael, who is known from one end of the State to the other as one of North Carolina's most gifted orators and ablest exponents of the law, delivered a response which was replete with the spirit of fraternalism, fellowship and benevolence.

At nine o'clock the audience was dismissed by the benediction by the Grand Chaplain, and representatives repaired to the Craig building, where the first business session of the Grand Lodge was duly opened and the Past Grand and Grand Lodge degrees were conferred upon a class of 75 new representatives and past grands by Deputy Grand Master D. W. Tillitt, of Camden, acting for Grand Warden L. W. Moore, of Wilmington, who was unable to be present.

The grand encampment branch of the order convened Tuesday morning and after business, hearing reports from the various sections of the state, went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result: P. H. Bein, Raleigh, grand patriarch; A. C. Melvin, Durham, grand high priest;

J. C. Young, Shiloh, grand senior warden; D. W. Davis, Goldsboro, grand junior warden;

L. W. Jeanneret, Asheville, grand scribe; John E. Wood, Wilmington, grand treasurer;

John D. Berry, Raleigh, grand representative.

The newly elected and installed officers, later in the day appointed the following: H. G. Godfrey, Elizabeth City, grand outside sentinel;

D. R. Allen, Greensboro, grand sentinel; H. A. Ballard, Asheville, grand marshal.

The reports of the grand encampment officers showed the condition of the order to be very flattering, with a substantial increase in members.

For many years the grand encampment has held its annual meeting at the same time and place as the grand lodge of the state, but at this year's session it was decided to hold the meeting in Greensboro in August, 1921.

The most interesting feature of the session Tuesday night was the conferring of degrees by the prize degree team. This team consists of P. P. Thomas, L. C. Thomas, S. S. Cash, J. R. Jackson, W. V. Westmoreland, R. L. Tate and C. O. Baird, superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Orphans home at Goldsboro, one of the leading lights on the team who has worked it up to a degree of letter perfect. Joseph Langston and J. P. Shrago are aids or rather substitutes on the team, with J. H. Teckenbrock, instructor.

After seeing the work conferred by this team, the many Odd Fellows in attendance determined that they would return to their lodges and undertake the organization of a team which they hoped to pattern after this team.

The grand lodge of Odd Fellows of North Carolina, having been organized in America on April 26, 1819, in the city of Baltimore with a mere handful of members. Its growth has been phenomenal and it has always ranked as the second oldest fraternal order in the world the Masonic order being the oldest.

While Odd Fellowship in North Carolina has not kept the pace set by other states and sections, still American Odd Fellowship has the largest membership of any fraternal order in the world.

Odd Fellow lodges are located in every state in the union, in all the provinces of British North America, Australia, including New South Wales, Tasmania and New Zealand, also in Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, France, Japan, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Italy, Alaska, Hawaii, and, of course, in the United States, including, of course, the Philippine Islands, Porto Rico, South Africa and other foreign countries. Many of these lodges own their buildings.

Orphans' Home. In 1888, at the annual session in North Carolina, the Goldsboro Orphans' home was provided for and children were admitted in 1892. During the past 28 years thousands have been cared for in this institution, many of whom today occupy prominent places in the commercial and industrial world. There are around 200 now under the splendid management of Superintendent C. O. Baird.

While in no wise an insurance society, yet the insurance feature of the order holds a most prominent place and is strictly fraternal. The deeds of charity contributed each year to the relief and distress is highly commendable. The relief fund amounts to \$6,000,000 a year, or \$15,000 a day.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the visiting delegates and other visiting Odd Fellows will be given an automobile ride over the city and suburbs. With favorable weather this event will be one of interest to all the representatives here.

WEDNESDAY MORNING. At nine o'clock Wednesday morning the Grand Lodge was called to order in its first regular business session by Grand Master C. O. McMichael. Telegrams were read from Grand Warden L. W. Moore, of Wilmington, and Past Grand Master Junius P. Slocum, of Goldsboro, expressing their regrets at being unable to attend this session. A large number of petitions and resolutions were presented and referred to the various committees. Among these one which will probably be of greatest interest to the lodges throughout the state was a resolution providing for the institution of an insurance feature in connection with membership in the order. This was referred to the judiciary committee, of which Mr. A. E. Woltz, of Gastonia, is chairman, and Messrs. W. F. Evans, of Raleigh, and W. N. Everett, of Rockingham, are members.

The most important piece of legislation adopted at this session was the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge, which was proposed at the last meeting in Asheville and came up today for final action, providing for the election of a sister of the Rebekah branch of the order upon the board of trustees of the Orphans Home at Goldsboro. This movement has gradually been gaining in favor among the member of the order for several years, and was passed at this session with but a dissenting vote. The Grand Lodge then called upon the Rebekah State assembly to recommend and elect a sister to hold the position.

The reports of the grand encampment officers showed the condition of the order to be very flattering, with a substantial increase in members.

For many years the grand encampment has held its annual meeting at the same time and place as the grand lodge of the state, but at this year's session it was decided to hold the meeting in Greensboro in August, 1921.