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PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATS ASSEMBLE AT RALEIGH AND OUTLINE PLANS FOR REFORM INSIDE OF THE PARTY

Raleigh, April 8.—When the progressive Democrats of this state assembled here today for their annual convention, they were not only the largest body of their kind in the South, but also the largest in the history of the party in this section. The convention opened at 10 o'clock this morning at the Raleigh Hotel, and was presided over by Governor Craig as chairman, the first feature of business being the announcement of the standing committee on resolutions. The personal of the committee follows:
J. S. Carr, E. K. Graham, Clarence Poe, Z. V. Burlington, T. J. Lassiter, H. A. Page, T. T. Ballinger, Alton Grimes, T. W. Mason, E. W. Sikes, W. K. Foreman, J. W. Bailey, H. Q. Alexander, S. H. Hobbs, J. Crawford Biggs, J. A. Brown, R. R. Cotten, J. R. Rivers, F. N. Tate, A. M. Seales and R. F. Beasley.

The convention was declared to be ready for the introduction of resolutions. Fred N. Tate of High Point, was the first recognized. He declared himself in favor of a separate commission to have oversight of public utilities, taking a part of the work now performed by the corporation commission. He advocated this change at the special session of the Legislature and reiterated his advocacy this change.

Statewide Primary

John D. Bellamy of Wilmington offered a resolution favoring a Statewide primary system with a corrupt practices act. W. S. Wilson of Raleigh, offered a resolution declaring for a Statewide highway commission and general road law. A. W. Graham of Oxford spoke in advocacy of the State highway commission idea, and insisted that the State convicts should be taken from railroad construction and put to work on the public roads under some equitable system.

Child Labor Laws

Heckhart of New Bern reported that he had represented the New Hanover Democratic Club, offered a resolution favoring a law that will force children out of the cotton and other mills and into the schools and that free text books be provided for the public school children.

There came from Bruce Craven, now of Durham, a resolution advocating the adoption of the initiative and referendum as being the real test of progressiveness.

The matter of a system of rural credits was brought before the convention through a resolution offered by J. A. Brown of Chadbourn that proposed a State system. He declared that in his opinion the State could provide a system of underwriting rural loans. He was followed by Lieutenant Governor Daughtridge, who urged the most serious consideration of a rural credit system for the farmers of the State.

Statewide Insurance

There came from E. R. McKeithan of Fayetteville, a resolution favoring the establishment of a system of Statewide insurance to remedy heavy drain of money out of the State to Northern and Eastern insurance companies.

Clarence Poe offered, by request, resolutions that he declared he would gladly stand for. One was a corrupt practice act that would prevent the employment of traveling representatives by candidates for office and limiting the employes of candidates for office to an office force. Another resolution provided that no attorney for a corporation would be eligible to office unless the attorney should first sever connection with the corporation, the severance to be in the strictest good faith. Mr. Poe read a telegram from B. H. DePriest of Shelby urging that the convention endorse the Australian ballot system—Charlotte Observer.

Many Speeches Were Made

The convention abounded in spirited talks by various members. Governor Craig spoke against the initiative and referendum. Replies were made by several people, among them Senator Hobgood of Guilford, Clarence Poe and Dr. H. Q. Alexander. The convention finally included the following resolution—"Twelfth, that without committing the convention to any form of initiative and referendum, it is the sense of the convention that the people should have the right and opportunity to pass on the adoption of the measure."

The orators of the occasion were Senator Pomerene of Ohio and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels; both of whom made strong progressive speeches.

Senator Pomerene Favours I. & R. Pomerene declared that under the convention system both parties in Ohio had bosses but their power was lost under the primary system. If the primary succeeds you must go to the polls and vote to get its benefit.

Speaking for the initiative and referendum he declared it was the best policeman's club ever held over a legislator's head.

In Ohio they adopted the mothers' pension law in lieu of sending a child to the orphanage. They taught agriculture in public schools, and many other laws for the benefit of farmers.

THE QUESTION OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY

The reason there is not a public library in any town in North Carolina is very simple and it does not reflect credit upon the people.

One thing is sure. We are going to have a public library in A. S. before these days, but the obstacle is the electric lights. The improvements have not been made and we cannot afford the cost. But we shall have one later on. It is not to be the real reason there is no public library in A. S.

Another man says

"Let people buy their own books. I have in every family having a library. When I want to read a book I buy it, and I subscribe for the magazines I wish to read." He might just as well say "Why should we have street cars?" When I want to ride I use my own carriage or automobile, let other men do likewise or walk. He not only leaves out of the reckoning the social and economic aspects of the question, but also the purely personal side. It is not likely that such a man would have the ability and the judgment to intelligently select his own reading much less that of the young people of his family and his short-sighted policy is depriving them of expert service in the selection and use of books. So in R. this man has sufficient influence to persuade the people that because he can buy books for himself and his family it is not necessary to have a public library in order that every one may enjoy the same privileges at a minimum cost.

A PLAY OF REAL MERIT

The dramatic treat of the year, "Paid in Full," will be presented at Auditorium for one night only, Friday, April 10. "Paid in Full" is the best play ever written by an American dramatist. The story is a profoundly moving one, yet without its lighter touches, and it is portrayed with an intensity of feeling that shows the author's thorough comprehension and understanding of the conditions he has thus so vividly depicted.

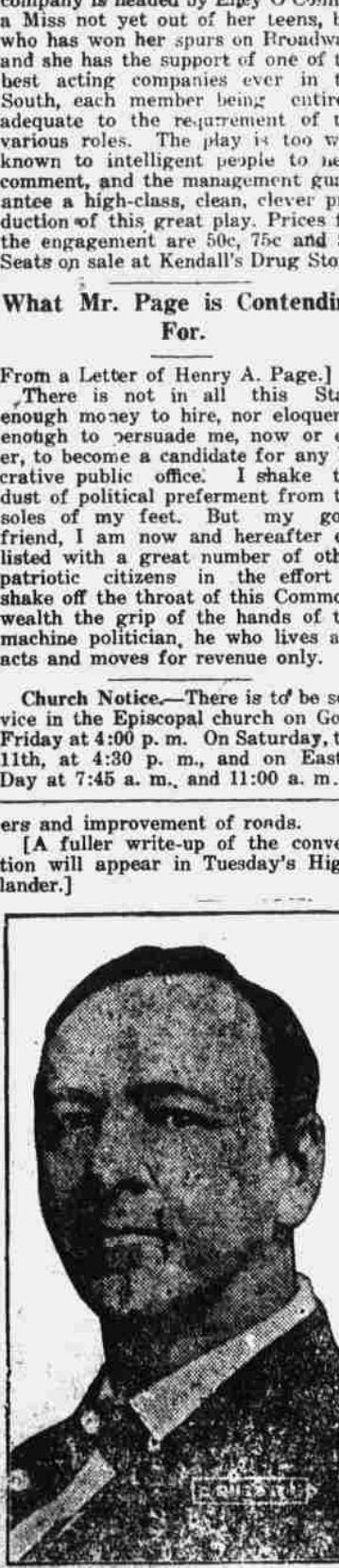
What Mr. Page is Contending For.

From a Letter of Henry A. Page.] There is not in all this State enough money to hire, nor eloquence enough to persuade me, now or ever, to become a candidate for any lucrative public office. I shake the dust of political preferment from the soles of my feet. But my good friend, I am now and hereafter enlisted with a great number of other patriotic citizens in the effort to shake off the throat of this Commonwealth the grip of the hands of the machine politician, he who lives and acts and moves for revenue only.

Church Notice.—There is to be service in the Episcopal church on Good Friday at 4:00 p. m. On Saturday, the 11th, at 4:30 p. m., and on Easter Day at 7:45 a. m., and 11:00 a. m.

ers and improvement of roads.

[A fuller write-up of the convention will appear in Tuesday's Highlander.]



JOSEPHUS DANIELS, Secretary of the Navy.

A Little Journey To The Eagle Roller Mills

By R. H. BIRDSONG

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What I saw in my "little journey"

through the Hartness plant is worthy of note. The establishment is located near the Seaboard depot, in close proximity to the railway, where the grain is funneled from the car to the storage bins in the mill.

Besides the basement and attic, there are three floors. The basement is used for receiving grain and all products from the mill.

The first floor is used for grinding, packing and weighing.

The second floor for purifying all mill products, steaming wheat, etc.

The third floor is used for bolters, reels, bran, dusts, dust collectors, cleaning machinery and polishers.

The attic is used to discharge back to the other floors, the products received at the basement.

Everything Automatic—Perfectly Sanitary

I was impressed by the absolute cleanliness of the place—the freedom from the possibility of contamination. Everything was automatic; there was no touching of the hands; no cracks nor crannies for dust and bugs to enter.

Three two floor packers and one bran packer. The operator inserts a sack and the machine fills it up, ready for the sewing operation.

There was an automatic weighing device, having a scale capacity of 6,300 pounds.

In unloading wheat from the car, one has only to touch a lever to deposit automatically the grain either in the mill or the granary.

Eighteen Elevators, 60 Ft. Long. On entering the mill, one is impressed first by the multitude of little square, wooden elevators, 60 feet long, reaching from the basement to the attic, inside of which screw or augur-like conveyers, carrying the grain and its products.

In general, the machinery of the new Eagle Mills conforms to that of the Statesville Roller Mills—said to be the finest in the South—and Hartness has put in certain improvements of his own.

The Huge Bolter. On the third floor is the huge bolter, quadrangular in shape, making 180 revolutions a minute. I asked Mr. Hartness the exact meaning of "bolting." He said it was the "separation of the edible portion from the bran and coarser products." It is the costliest machine in the mill and is, in fact, the secret of the mill, as it is of all mills. The bolter determines the standard of the product. The fine flour passes through silk cloth—made in Switzerland, and, to some extent, in other European countries. Strange to say, it is not, or probably can not be, manufactured in this country.

I saw in the mill a peculiar machine called a "polisher"—something to take the "fuzz" off the wheat kernel; the fuzz of wheat corresponds to the fuzz upon a peach. This is, of course, taken off before the grinding process begins.

Bushels by the Thousands. Some idea of the bigness of Mr. Hartness Eagle Mills is contained in these statistics:

Bins are being held to store 9,000 bushels of grain.

The flour bins have a capacity of 9,000 pounds.

CAPACITY OF MILL—100 BARRELS OF PINE FLOUR A DAY.

That's going some for Shelby.

Three Brands are Milled. The Eagle Mills produce three grades of patent flour.

CRESCO—the highest "patent." HOME LILY—fancy patent. COME PRIDE—a straight, good family flour.

Suffragettes Will Celebrate on May 2

Demonstrations Will be Made in Cities and Towns of Every State

ASKING FOR HALF HOLIDAY

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THIS WEEK POSITIVELY THE LAST OF 200,000 CLUB VOTE OFFER; CONTEST NEARING THE CLOSE

FIRE BURNS BARN
TWO MILES AND GOV.

THEY SURE HAZED
THIS POOR GIRL
GOOD AND PLENTY

OVER THE CITY
AND COUNTY

Dredge Lighting Completed.—Supt. W. W. Barron reports that his work in placing electric light fixtures on the Buffalo dredge has been completed.

They Sure Hazed This Poor Girl. A young girl, who attended a Party... she alleges that up to the time she was hazed she was a healthy girl with normal eyes, but now her sight is impaired and her health destroyed.

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