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TAFT AND SHERMAN THE TICKET.

Former Mayor of Utica, N. Y., Nominated For Vice President—Brief Summary of the Republican Convention and Platform and a Sketch of Mr. Taft.

The ballot which resulted in the nomination of Secretary Taft in the national Republican convention in Chicago Thursday afternoon, was as follows: Taft, 702; Gov. Hughes, of New York, 63; Speaker Cannon, of Illinois, 61; Vice President Fairbanks, 40; Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, 68; Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, 25; Senator Foraker, of Ohio, 16. Three votes from Pennsylvania were cast for President Roosevelt and one vote each was missing from New York and South Carolina.

The shouting and the tumult aside, the work of the convention Thursday—the preliminaries having been disposed of Tuesday and Wednesday—was as follows:

The platform was presented by Senator Hopkins, of Illinois. Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin, read a minority report, which represented the views of Senator LaFollette in regard to railroads and other corporations, tariff revision, the publicity of campaign contributions, etc. Paragraph by paragraph the minority report was voted down by overwhelming majorities. The discussion and voting occupied four hours.

The adoption of the platform was followed by the presentation of candidates.

The platform lauds Roosevelt to the skies, declaring his administration an epoch in American history and that the highest aspirations of the American people have found a voice, and asserting that American manhood has been lifted to a nobler sense of duty and obligation. It then goes on to praise pretty much everything the party has done or claims to have done, and proceeds to declare for certain things, chief among which are the following:

Tariff revision by a special session of Congress, immediately following the next inauguration, modified by the principal of protection, with maximum and minimum rates; development of a permanent currency system, to be at once elastic and automatic; a postal savings bank system; greater control over and publicity in corporations doing inter-state business; permission to railroads to make traffic agreements when competition is preserved, and the prevention of stockwatering; further protection to railroad and government employes; modification and definition of injunction proceedings, to require notice before the issuance of temporary restraining orders; enforcement of the rights of the negro; conservation of timber and the other natural resources, and improvement of waterways; maintenance of an adequate army and navy, protection of American citizens abroad; generous administration of pension laws; establishment of a bureau of mines and mining; encouragement of American shipping; statehood for New Mexico and Arizona.

William Howard Taft, the presidential nominee, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 15, 1857, and will be 51 years old next September. He graduated at Yale College in 1878 and graduated in law in Cincinnati and was admitted to the bar in 1880. In 1881 he was assistant prosecuting attorney, in 1882 collector of internal revenue, in 1885 as assistant county solicitor, in 1887 judge of the Superior Court, in 1892 United States Circuit Court judge. In 1900 he was appointed president of the Philippine commission and in 1901 civil governor of the Philippines. February 1, 1904, he was appointed Secretary of War, which position he has since held.

The Secretary is a heavy weight physically, weighing nearly 300

pounds. His family consists of his wife, a daughter, Miss Helen Taft, and two sons, Robt. and Chas. Taft. The latter is a boy of 12 and he will of course figure conspicuously in the newspaper reports.

After the nomination of Taft Thursday the convention adjourned to Friday. In the meantime the slate was fixed to nominate Jas. S. Sherman, Congressman from New York, for Vice-President. Gov. Guild, of Massachusetts, who was anxious for the nomination, and Murphy, of New Jersey, were placed in nomination, but the man selected by the managers went through with a rush, receiving 816 votes to 75 for Guild, 77 for Murphy and a few scattering. North Carolina voted for Sherman, Delegate Harry Skinner, of this State, seconding his nomination.

The convention adjourned without a day at 11:47 Friday morning. Mr. Sherman, the nominee for Vice President, is a banker and lawyer and is serving his tenth term in Congress. Prior to his election to Congress he was mayor of Utica, his home town. He has been prominent in Republican councils and two years ago was chairman of the congressional campaign committee. —Statesville Landmark.

Majority For Prohibition 44,196.

The Governor Friday issued the following proclamation:

"I, Robert B. Glenn, Governor of North Carolina, by virtue of an act of the General Assembly, passed at its special session of 1908 and ratified January 21st, do issue this my proclamation declaring the result of the election held May 26th, which election was held to take the sense of the people on the question of prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in North Carolina, to be, according to the returns made to the State board of elections and canvassed by it, as follows: There were cast at said election 183,028 votes, of which 113,612 were against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors and 69,416 were for the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, the majority against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors being 44,196 votes.

At the Governor's office at 11 o'clock ceremonies began which lasted two hours. These were in commemoration of the great prohibition victory of May 26th. All the State officers, many ministers, most of the officers of the State Anti-Saloon League, members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and many prominent citizens filled the office. The opening prayer was by Rev. Livingston Johnson and then John A. Oates, State chairman of the Anti-Saloon League, spoke of the work of the campaign, praising Gov. Glenn. Banners were presented to Buncombe county, which gave the largest majority for prohibition—3,670—and to Yancey county, which gave the largest percentage of votes for prohibition.

Break In Cotton.

New York June 23.—There was a sensational break in the price of cotton for July deliveries on the New York Cotton Exchange to-day. July and other old crop positions have been ruling relatively firm on reports that a strong New Orleans bull clique had a virtual corner in the position. After opening at 10:30 this morning July sold off to 9:63 or \$6.40 per bale below the high level of last Friday. It was rumored that the New Orleans buyers had liquidated, and that the remaining long interest was trying to avoid notices of delivery next Friday. New crop positions ruled relatively steady, being only ten to fourteen points lower when the old crop showed a net loss of 73@76 points.

The market closed steady, at a net decline of five to forty-six points, July having rallied thirty points from the lowest on buying by large spot interests.

The Anti-Racing Act.

Baton Rouge, La., June 23.—After a campaign lasting several months the close which was marked by a bitter fight, the so-called Locke anti-racing bill was this afternoon passed by the Louisiana State Senate by a vote of 21 to 19. The bill passed the House several weeks ago and now requires the signature of the Governor to become a law.

There appears no doubt that Governor Sanders will sign the bill immediately.

It required 21 votes to get the bill through the Senate, and the last 24 hours before its passage were marked by a desperate effort to muster the necessary strength. One Senator was found to be suffering from some form of poisoning and another, who had committed himself in favor of the bill, did not show up. Several physicians were put to work on the ailing member and two New Orleans reporters were sent scurrying in an automobile through the Louisiana marshes on a 90-mile trip before the one who was absent. Both of these Senators were finally gotten on the floor and made the 21 votes necessary to carry the bill. A minute or so previous to final passage of the bill a lively and somewhat bitter debate was indulged in by members of the body. Senator Tabbe charged that the racing faction had used "knock out drops" to keep Senators away from their sworn duty and charges and counter-charges followed. The passage of the bill was greeted with a storm of applause. The bill prohibits machines or gambling in any form on races.

A Wholesale Lynching.

Houston, Tex., June 22.—Nine negroes met death last night at the hands of a mob in the vicinity of Hemphill, in Sabine county. To-day both races secured arms and the tension is such to-night that a race clash appears imminent.

The dead: Jerry Evans, aged 22, Will Johnson, aged 24, Mose Spellman, aged 24, Cleveland Williams, aged 27, William Manuel, aged 25, Frank Williams, aged 22, two unknown men, William McCoy.

The lynchings followed the killing of two white men by negroes. Two weeks ago Hugh Dean and several other white men visited a negro church and school house, where a dance was in progress, presumably in quest of liquor.

During the evening Dean was killed and the six negroes were held for the killing. At the preliminary examination the evidence tended to show that the plot was formed at the dance to kill Dean.

KILLED AT DINING TABLE.

Saturday night last, Aaron M. Johnson, a prominent farmer, was assassinated while seated at the dining table with his wife and child, the bullet being fired through a window. For this crime Perry Price, a negro, was arrested and, it is stated, confessed, implicating Robert Wright, a relative of one of the negroes held for Dean's murder. Price declared he was offered \$50 to kill Johnson.

Then followed the forming of the mob last night, the overpowering of the jailer at Hemphill and the lynching of the six negroes held for murder of Dean. Five were hanged to the same tree while another attempted to escape and was shot to death. Later in the night William McCoy, another negro, was shot and killed while standing at the gate of the Johnson home and this morning the bodies of two more negroes were found in the creek bottom. Wright, the negro who confessed to the killing of Johnson, and the man he implicated, were taken to Beaumont for safe keeping under guard of the military company of San Augustine.

Sabine county is situated in the most remote part of the eastern section of the State with a lack of railroad and telegraph facilities.

EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND DEAD

Sudden Death of Former Chief Executive Who Was for Two Terms President of the United States.

Princeton, N. J., June 24.—Grover Cleveland, twice President of the United States, died 8:40 o'clock this morning at his home, "Westland," in the quiet college town, where he had lived since his retirement as the nation's chief executive, almost twelve years ago.

When death came, which was sudden, there were in the death chamber on the second floor of the Cleveland residence, Mrs. Cleveland, Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, of New York, Mr. Cleveland's family physician and personal friend, Dr. George R. Lockwood, also of New York, and Dr. John M. Carnochan of Princeton.

An official statement given out and signed out by the three physicians gave heart trouble, superinduced by stomach and kidney ailments of long standing as the cause of death. While Mr. Cleveland had been in poor health for two years and had lost a hundred pounds in weight, his death was unexpected. Some three weeks ago he was brought home from Lakewood, where his condition for a time was such that the hotel at which he was staying was kept open after its regular season because he was too ill to be moved. But when Mr. Cleveland was brought back to Princeton he showed signs of improvement and gained five pounds in weight.

A Fatal Fight.

Tarboro, N. C., June 25.—Chief of Police Page, was severely bitten by Tobe Beasley, a negro who was in a fight with another negro. Another result of the fight is that Beasley lies probably mortally wounded by shots fired from the pistol of the chief of police.

Beasley who has served two terms on Edgecombe's road force, started a fight with another of his race, and after shooting his combatant, fled to the woods. Chief Page pursued and upon reaching Beasley attempted to place handcuffs on him. He grabbed the thumb of Page's left hand with his teeth and jumped on the chief's back. The chief fired three shots through his own coat before the negro released his bull dog grip. The chief's thumb was bitten off, only hanging by a particle of skin and his fore finger was split open.

Babe Left on Doorsteps.

Danville Va., June 23.—The little baby girl which was left during the night about a month ago on the front porch of the home of Attorney B. H. Custer, on North Main Street, has been turned over to a couple residing outside of the city. They will rear and adopt the child which is now about four months old.

Efforts to find out the parties responsible for leaving the baby with Mr. Custer have proved futile. The child was in a basket, and the presence of many cinders indicated that she had been sent into the city on a train. Mr. Custer had numerous applications to adopt the child, but he waited until he was sure the baby could be placed in a good Christian family where it would be properly cared for.

Think It Saved His Life.

Lester M. Nelson, of Naples, Maine, says in a recent letter: "I have used Dr. King's New Discovery many years, for coughs and colds, and I think it saved my life. I have found it a reliable remedy for throat and lung complaints, and would no more be without a bottle than I would be without food." For nearly forty years New Discovery has stood at the head of throat and lung remedies. As a preventative of pneumonia and healer of weak lungs it has no equal. Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Progress Toward Prosperity.

Steady progress is being made toward the complete restoration of prosperity. It was easier to break down than it is to build up, but nature is on the side of a healthy, optimistic, and active people, and very striking proofs of better times may be seen. The fundamental, massive fact is that the crops of the United States are in splendid condition, with every prospect of being bigger than ever before. This alone means prosperity; for a nation in the midst of the fatness of the earth cannot be lean. It has all it wants to eat, and a surplus with which to buy anything it wants.

The prospect of heavy business in crop-hauling and industries dependent upon the harvests has induced far-sighted railroad men to get busy. The Erie Railroad has 3,000 men at work ballasting, replacing ties, laying rails, and otherwise toning the system up for a big fall and winter business. The mechanics of that railroad are trying to break the record by repairing 5,000 freight cars in thirty days, to make ready for increased traffic. Fifteen new locomotives are to be put at work. Mr. Harriman is extending the Southern Pacific line, improving the Union Pacific, and pushing his Mexican road to the City of Mexico and to Pacific tidewater at Mazatlan. Mr. Hill is running feeders into the western Canadian country, in order to handle the wheat crop. Idle freight cars are going back into business at the rate of 3,000 a day, according to reports from the principal roads.

Assurance of big crops has led to the resumption of industrial activity. Merchants are giving good-sized orders, and the mills must run to fill them. All the New England cotton mills are running on full time. Wool is coming in rapidly. During the past week 500 additional coke ovens were fired up in Pennsylvania. The output of pig iron is increasing, and the demand for copper keeps the price well up. Building operations have been better all through the country during the last three weeks, and the demand for iron pipe and structural steel is increasing.

Throughout the West, from Missouri to California, there is a demand for farm labor. The cry is louder as harvest time approaches. Employment agencies in the large cities have their hands full trying to supply the demand for rural labor. No healthy man, willing to work, need be out of a job. The percentage of the unemployed in the cities is dwindling, partly on account of the pull from the farm, but principally on account of the resumption of factory work.—Washington Post.

Wendell News.

Mr. W. E. Critches and sister went to Raleigh today.

Messrs. R. B. Whitley and M. A. Griffin are off for Charlotte to attend the State Convention.

Mr. Blake Baker has begun a new house in the western part of town. Wonder who is the lucky girl.

Dr. H. P. Underhill attended the annual meeting of The N. C. Medical Society at Winston-Salem last week.

Mr. W. G. Moss left this afternoon for the Buffalo Lithia Springs, Va., where he will spend some time for his health.

Quite a number of people left here for Washington, N. C. this morning on The Conductors Excursion. The Wendell base ball team went along also and will cross bats with Washington this afternoon.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ferrell who had the misfortune to lose their only child, Maurice by being burned to death last Wednesday afternoon. Maurice was eight years old and very bright and the hope of his mother and father.

Bob.

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Benson Notes.

Rev. J. M. Daniels, of Duke, filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church here Sunday morning.

Messrs. Jno. W. Holmes, Willie Boone, Preston Woodall and Wade H. Royal left Tuesday for Charlotte to attend the Democratic State Convention.

We are indeed sorry to note that Mr. R. E. Lee, editor of Benson Spokesman, is confined to his room with typhoid fever. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Of the numbers visiting out of town recently we note the following: Mr. J. F. Lee, at Raleigh, Mr. W. R. Denning, at Norfolk, Va., Mr. J. D. Parrish, at Kenly, Mrs. J. H. Rose, at Hamlet, Rev. W. C. Royal, at Smithfield.

Mr. J. P. Tart has just completed a nice dwelling on Hill street, near Graded School building. We understand that Dr. Utley, of Coats, will occupy this building and practice his profession here. We welcome all new comers to our town.

Benson continues to grow. Mr. Jno. McLamb has begun the erection of a nice residence on Harnett street. Mr. A. B. Hudson is having material placed for the construction of another residence on Mill street. Benson continues to build regardless of politics and panic. Watch her.

Why don't the merchants and business men of Benson have a tobacco market here? There is a large amount of tobacco being raised this year, we have the warehouses here, why not open them. It would be a great convenience to the farmer who now is compelled to carry his tobacco to Smithfield, Dunn or other distant markets and would bring thousands of dollars in trade to our town.

Among those who are visiting in town this week we note the following: Mr. Ira Keene, of Four Oaks, Messrs. J. D. Parker and W. T. Peacock, of Smithfield, Mrs. Esrom Johnson, of Four Oaks, Miss Emily Canaday, of Smithfield, Miss Edna Holloway, of Duke, Messrs. J. W. Jordan and F. Liles and Misses Cleo and Nellie Lou Baucom and Bell, of Dunn, and Mr. J. C. Warren, of Sampson, he having accepted a position with the Benson Drug Co. REPORTER. June 25, 08.

Micro Notes.

Crops around here are very fine.

Mr. Paul Fitzgerald is at home from St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Pearl Aycock is visiting relatives and friends around Buckhorn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Pope, of Kenly, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Rev. P. T. Lucas preached here at the Freewill church Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a Sunday School picnic here on Wednesday, July 1st. With good speakers, everybody invited to come and bring well filled baskets, and spend the day in singing and hearing the lecturers. If you are not already interested in Sunday School work, perhaps you will be when you go away. REPORTER.

Big Fire Near Kenly.

A fire at Moore's school house, eight miles north of Kenly, Sunday night destroyed the stores and contents of J. W. Bailey and Co., Wiley Narron, R. S. Crocker, Davis Narron. It is said the loss was complete. We do not know whether there was insurance or not.

The Best Pills Ever Sold.

"After doctoring 15 years for chronic indigestion, and spending over two hundred dollars, nothing has done me as much good as Dr. King's New Life Pills. I consider them the best pills ever sold." writes B. F. Aycock of Ingleside, N. C. Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. 25c.