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KITCHIN THE NOMINEE

Named for Governor on the Sixty-First Ballot.

Convention Adjourned Monday Night. Took Four Days to Name a Candidate for Governor and Selected the Rest of the Ticket in One Day. Bickett's Nomination for Attorney General Came as a Surprise. The Ticket a Strong One. Instructed for Bryan.

The greatest Democratic Convention ever held in North Carolina, adjourned Monday night after naming the following State ticket:

For Governor—W. W. Kitchin.
For Lieut-Governor—W. C. Newland.
For Secretary of State—J. Bryan Grimes.
For State Treasurer—B. R. Lacy.
For State Auditor—B. F. Dixon.
For Attorney General—T. W. Bickett.
For Commissioner of Agriculture—W. A. Graham.
For Corporation of Commissioners—B. F. Aycock.
For Superintendent of Education—J. Y. Joyner.
For Insurance Commissioner—J. R. Young.
For Labor Commissioner—M. L. Shipman.
Electors-at-Large—J. W. Bailey and Walter Murphy.

With such a good ticket the Democratic party can go before the people of North Carolina confident of winning by a large majority.

Never in the history of the State has there been such a contest for the gubernatorial nomination. For more than a year the candidates, Messrs. William W. Kitchin, Locke Craig and Ashley Horne, have been before the people asking their support for the nomination to highest office within the gift of the State. Their friends throughout the State have been active in the support of their favorite, and a set of men ever had more earnest or devoted supporters.

Mr. Kitchin who has represented the Fifth District for six terms in Congress went into the convention in the lead, having 375.86 votes on the first ballot. Craig stood next with 334.88 while Horne had 147.14. He kept his lead all through the fight receiving 399 votes on the sixtieth ballot. On this ballot Craig received 322 and Horne 134 votes.

Before the sixtieth ballot was announced it was seen that the Craig and Horne forces had been getting uneasy. They feared that if Kitchin reached 400 votes there would be a stampede to him. The moment was tense, the titanic struggle seemed almost at an end, each candidate had fought a hard fight, but victory belonged to the Congressman from the Fifth.

The News and Observer staff correspondent tells "the end of the battle as follows:

HORNE WITHDRAWS.

When the vote was announced, Mr. Horne was seen making his way through the crowd on the stage. By his side was C. B. Watson, T. W. Bickett, J. F. Taylor, John A. Bellamy, managers Walter Clark, Sims and other friends.

As he stepped forward to the footlights his hands crossed behind him, the whole room broke out in great applause. When quiet was restored he said: "Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen:

"Another good political battle has been fought and I trust it has been without the loss of a single vote to the party in the State.

"The campaign has been one unique and will ever be remembered.

"I have for myself tried to carry on a decent campaign and respect to both my opponents. I regret you have been kept here

so long. Were it in my power I would not have kept you. I cannot express my thanks to my friends who have stood so firmly and nobly to me. This campaign marks the end of a great ambition for me, that to be one of North Carolina's unique and faithful governors. The first vote I ever cast was in the civil war at 18 years of age, on the banks of the Potomac for Zebulon B. Vance (cheers) for governor.

"I went through the war battling for my country. I went through the reconstruction days battling for Southern sentiment and white supremacy. The best heritage I can lay down to my son is my loyal democracy (great applause). I regret to have held you so long, but I will go down to the end of time with my Democracy undimmed. I shall work for the election of my competitor, and I trust to God you have placed your banner in worthy hands. (Great applause and demonstration lasting ten minutes.)

Then Mr. C. B. Watson made a short talk speaking of Mr. Horne's candidacy, and his loyalty, and releasing the delegates from further consideration of his name.

Gen. Jule Carr then mounted the stand and sang "The Old North State."

The roll call on the sixty-first ballot was begun and the end of the great fight was in sight. Before the ballot was announced it was seen that Kitchin was nominated and Governor Aycock moved that it be unanimous. Cameron Morrison seconded the move on behalf of the Craig forces while Bickett spoke for the Horne forces. The motion was carried by a rousing "aye" and Mr. Kitchin was conducted to the hall where he made a short speech of acceptance. Mr. Craig also made a short speech pledging himself to the cause of Democracy, and his principles it stands for.

The 61st and final ballot stood Kitchin 474, Craig 382.

Mr. Horne's highest vote 176 was reached on the 52nd ballot. At 8:30 Saturday evening the convention took a recess of 40 minutes.

Upon reassembling the following names were placed in nomination for Lieutenant Governor: T. C. Bowie, W. P. Wood, and W. C. Newland, of Caldwell. Newland was nominated on the second ballot.

Governor Glenn and Senator Overman were named by acclamation for delegates-at-large to the Denver convention. Midnight having come the convention adjourned till Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The convention met Monday and named Senator Simmons and Maj. E. J. Hale as the other two delegates-at-large to the Denver convention. J. S. Carr, W. L. Parsons, E. F. Watson and J. W. Bailey were named as alternates.

For Secretary of State J. Bryan Grimes and W. P. Roberts were placed in nomination. Grimes was named on first ballot, the vote standing Grimes 663 and Roberts 129.

For Treasurer B. R. Lacy and S. A. Ashe were placed in nomination. The first ballot stood: Lacy 590, Ashe 231.

For Auditor the names of Dr. B. F. Dixon and F. D. Hackett were placed before the convention. Only one ballot was taken. Dixon 573, Hackett 248.

For Attorney General Congressman Pou nominated T. W. Bickett; Congressman Small named B. B. Winborne; Congressman Klutz named Hayden Clement and A. B. Deans named John E. Woodard.

The first ballot stood: Clement 357; Winborne 255; Bickett 139; Woodard 80. Bickett gained strength on every ballot till he was nominated on the eighth, receiving 505 votes.

J. Y. Joyner was nominated by acclamation for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

J. R. Young was nominated for Insurance Commissioner by acclamation.

For Commissioner of Agriculture

the following were placed before the convention: F. B. Parker, C. C. Moore, E. F. McRae, W. A. Graham and R. W. Scott.

The first ballot stood: Graham 217, Scott 147, Moore 208, McRae 158, Parker 57. Graham was nominated on the sixth ballot, the vote standing Graham 375, Moore 370.

For Labor Commissioner, the following names were placed before the convention: J. B. Sherrill, T. J. Cobb, M. L. Shipman, Mr. Haywood, of Mecklenburg, Mr. Powers, of Rutherford, and W. W. Wilson. The second ballot resulted in Shipman's nomination, the vote standing: Shipman 421; Sherrill 201; Cobb 69; Wilson 50.

For Corporation Commissioner B. F. Aycock, of Wayne, was nominated on the first ballot. The vote stood: Aycock 392; Major London 355.

For Electors-at-Large J. W. Bailey and Walter Murphy were nominated by acclamation.

The convention adopted a strong platform and passed a resolution instructing the North Carolina delegation to the Denver convention to vote for William Jennings Bryan for president. The convention adjourned late Monday night.

The Eclipse Last Sunday.

On Sunday, June 28, there was an annular eclipse of the sun, visible in the United States as a partial eclipse. It began at Baltimore at 9:27 A. M. and ended at 12:41 P. M. (local mean time).

The path of the annular eclipse passed over or near the City of Mexico, Tampa, Fla., the Bermuda Islands and the Atlantic Ocean, and terminate in Sanguinaria, Africa. The duration of the annular, or central, eclipse was 3 hours and 50 minutes, during which period it traversed over 128 degrees of longitude. The duration of the entire eclipse was 6 hours and 1.3 minutes. At Tampa the annular eclipse began at 10:13.2 A. M. and ended at 10:14.4 A. M.

On January 3 of the present year there was a total eclipse of the sun, visible as a partial one in portions of the Southern States. On December 23 there will be a central eclipse of the sun, invisible in North America. It will be annular at the beginning and end, and total in the middle. There may be as many as five eclipses of the sun in a year, and there are never less than two. Annular eclipses occur when the moon is in a distant part of her orbit and the point of her shadow falls short of the earth. Then a bright rim of the solar disc appears surrounding the black globe of the moon.

A romantic tradition of the Indians of New York affirmed that an eclipse once prevented a battle between the Mohawks and Senecas over the stealing by the latter of a number of Mohawk girls. The fighting was about to begin when the sky darkened. In terror the offenders surrendered the girls, and the pipe of peace was smoked. This eclipse, according to the late Professor Swift, occurred June 28, 1451—exactly 457 years ago to the day.—Baltimore Sun.

Secretary Taft has decided to remain at Hot Springs, Va., until September 1.

The Remedy That Does.

"Dr. King's New Discovery is the remedy that does the healing others promise but fail to perform," says Mrs. E. R. Pierson, of Auburn Centre, Pa. "It is curing me of throat and lung trouble of long standing, that other treatments relieved only temporarily. New Discovery is doing me so much good that I feel confident its continued use for a reasonable length of time will restore me to perfect health." This renowned cough and cold remedy and throat and lung healer is sold at Hood Bros. drug store, 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Two negroes were lynched on the outskirts of Waycross, Ga., Saturday.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONFERENCE.

Three Days Session Held Here. Several Interesting and Inspiring Talks and Addresses Made. Next Session to be Held at Durham.

Thursday evening, June 25, 1908, began one of the most successful Epworth League Conferences of Eastern North Carolina, that has ever been held. The Beckwith Epworth League, together with the people of Smithfield, had looked forward to this meeting with great anticipation. An interesting program had been arranged, and with few exceptions, was carried out as planned.

The services Thursday evening opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. S. Parker, of Dunn, who in the absence of the president and vice-president, was chosen to preside over the meeting.

In a few well-chosen words, Mr. Cole, in behalf of the Beckwith Epworth League and the citizens of our town gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Rev. A. D. Wilcox, of Zebulun, responded and assured our people that they already felt at home.

Following a selection by the Conference Quartette, Dr. R. C. Beaman, of New Bern, delivered an address. His subject on the program was: "Trained Workers, the Church's Greatest Need." He said our greatest need was a mighty spiritual awakening in the church out of which would come men and women willing to be trained.

After a song and the benediction, the meeting was adjourned to meet again on the following morning at nine o'clock. Friday morning, the conference having been called to order by the president, the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. T. Singleton. Then followed organization and enrollment of delegates. There were 80 delegates enrolled representing 38 Epworth Leagues. The first thing on the program was a discussion of the devotional department of the League. In the absence of Mr. C. E. Taylor, the first vice-president, president Parker called on Rev. W. P. Constable to open the discussion. Several talks were made on this the most important department of the League's work and Rev. R. W. Dailey, of Sanford, read a paper on the "Relation of the League to the Spiritual Life of the Young Christian as a Factor in the Conversion of Souls." Rev. W. H. Brown led in a special prayer for the development of this phase of life among the young people after which the congregation joined in singing "More about Jesus."

Rev. J. H. Shore then presented Rev. D. P. Bridges, of the Smithfield Baptist church, to president Parker who in turn introduced him to the conference. Rev. Mr. Bridges extended a cordial welcome to the conference. Then, Mrs. Whit Gaskins, of New Bern, not being present, Miss Lizzie Hancock, the secretary, read for her a paper on "The Work of the Junior League."

Following this, a discussion of the missionary or fourth department conducted by Miss Ida Hankins, of Wilmington. Rev. W. H. Brown, of Manteo, made a forceful talk on "The Need of Mission Study among Leaguers." This closed the program of the morning session and the conference adjourned to meet again Friday evening.

Friday evening, a large crowd gathered expecting to hear Dr. J. C. Kilgo. However, owing to some misunderstanding, Dr. Kilgo was not present, but Rev. A. D. Wilcox preached a very able sermon. The social hour following the sermon afforded an opportunity for the visitors and home people to become acquainted. It was an enjoyable occasion.

On Saturday morning, after the devotional exercises, the reports from the District Secretaries and Local Leagues were read. The reports showed a vast improvement since the last conference and gave promise of fuller

reports at the next meeting. The work of the Charity and Help or Second Department was then discussed, after which Miss Ida Hankins made a talk and distributed literature on the Mission Study class. She urged the importance of the Mission Study Class in the Leagues and told how to organize and conduct a class. Then after an address on "The Place of the League in the Mission Work of the Church," the election of officers and the selection of a place of meeting for the next conference was in order. The following officers were chosen.

President—Rev. J. H. Frizelle, of Beaufort.

Vice-President—H. I. Glass, of Durham.

Secretary—Miss Lizzie Hancock, of New Bern.

Editor of League column in Raleigh Christian Advocate—Rev. W. P. Constable.

Trinity Church League, Durham, extended to the conference an invitation to meet in Durham next year. The invitation was readily accepted.

Saturday evening Mr. R. M. Phillips having been called home, Rev. Euclid McWhorter, of Maxton, conducted the Social and Literary meeting. Rev. T. A. Smoot, of Wilmington, made a strong and inspiring address on "The Influence of Social and Literally Environment on the Young." His speech was eloquent and convincing. He indicated the unbounded influence of literature, good and bad, upon the young life, and made a strong appeal for wholesome, pure reading matter to be put into the hands of our young people.

There were three services held Sunday. Rev. T. A. Smoot preached the Sunday morning sermon and Rev. Euclid McWhorter, Sunday evening. A mass meeting at which a number of talks were made was held Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The special work of the conference was to assume the support of Rev. Z. Hinohara, who has returned to Japan after graduating at Trinity College, and is giving his life to spread the gospel in his native land. May God bless his efforts and the efforts of the Epworth Leagues to support him.

A LEAGUER.

State News.

Governor Glenn has completed his speech seconding the nomination of Mr. Bryan. He will be first among the seconders, of whom there will be several.

The Industrial Advocate, a daily afternoon paper which began publication at Wilson six months ago, owned by the Wilson Publishing Company, has suspended publication and the plant will be sold.

Last week at Raleigh, an infant was found under a porch in an army haversack. The little fellow who is at Rex Hospital, has been named Grover Kitchin, in honor of ex-president Cleveland, and Hon. W. W. Kitchin, the Democratic nominee for governor.

Two negroes both women, dropped dead in Asheville, Tuesday of last week. One Betty James aged 80 years, was on her way from home to city market when she suddenly fell to the sidewalk and died in a few seconds. The other sudden death occurred at the passenger station, when Carrie Mae Jackson, while waiting for a train to Hendersonville, keeled over and died in a few minutes. She had come in from Tennessee, and was waiting to go to Hendersonville to visit relatives.

It Can't Be Beat.

The best of all teachers is experience. C. M. Harden, of Silver City, North Carolina, says: "I find Electric Bitters does all that's claimed for it. For Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles it can't be beat. I have tried it and find it a most excellent medicine." Mr. Harden is right; it's the best of all medicines also for weakness, lame back, and all run down conditions. Best too for chills and malaria. Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store, 50c.

General News.

Four persons were killed and three seriously injured by an explosion in a San Francisco grocery.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society is to erect a building 900 feet high, with a flagpole that will overtop the Eiffel Tower.

Wreckers derailed trains of the Pennsylvania and Erie railroads, Saturday, killing two men and causing more than a score to be injured.

Things are already beginning to get lively in Denver over the prospective fight on the injunction plank in the Democratic platform.

A man in New Orleans died 63 days after being bitten by a bulldog, though he had taken the Pasteur treatment and was discharged as cured.

Secretary Taft is likely to follow the example of the late President McKinley and not do any stump-speaking in his campaign for the Presidency.

Senator Isidor Rayner, of Maryland, has been proposed as a candidate for Vice-President by a conference of leaders held at Huntington, W. Va.

A balloon with three men and two women in the basket burst when 3,000 feet over Philadelphia and fell into the Schuylkill Saturday, but all hands escaped.

Laurel, Del., June 28.—On hearing of Judge Taft's nomination, Capt. James Byrons, then in perfect health, exclaimed, "So glad I can now die happy." He did so yesterday by falling from his boat.

The first bale of cotton of the season was shipped from Texas to New York. It first brought 54 cents a pound and afterward sold in New York for 35 cents. It will be shipped to Liverpool, where it will probably be sold within 10 days.

Laurel, Del., June 27.—Mrs. Scol Collins, the young wife of a Laurel farmer gave birth to a boy weighing sixteen and a half pounds. Dr. Parlow, the attending physician, says that it is one of the few out of millions that weigh over fourteen.

Mrs. Cleveland and the two children who were with her at the time of the death of Mr. Cleveland left Princeton Tuesday for the family's summer home in New Hampshire where the other two children are. They will remain there until time for the schools to open.

A fierce combat in the Democratic party in Tennessee ended Saturday when Governor Patterson was renominated in the State primary over ex-Senator Carmack. Carmack's chief issue was State-wide prohibition, while Governor Patterson stood by the local option.

New York, June 26.—Mrs. Dora Scholl, 81 years old and almost blind, had read the morning sun was powerful to restore the sight and accordingly went to the fifth story of her house early this morning. She slipped over the cornice and fell on the street. She was instantly killed.

A dispatch from Bombay, India, says that 15 persons were killed and 270 injured in a collision between an express and a freight train on the Bombay and Baroda railway Friday near Baroda. Four of the passenger coaches and four mail cars of the express train and four cars of the freight train were burned.

Corunna, Spain, June 27.—The sinking of the steamer Larche was a far greater disaster than was at first supposed. The number of passengers and crew totaled 150 and 65 persons are known to have been saved. Of the other 85 nothing has been ascertained, and it is feared that most of them perished. The captain went down with his ship. The vessel was wrecked near Muro. There was a terrible panic, and the rough seas made the launching of the boats an exceedingly difficult task.