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## OPENING SCENES AT SAN FRANCISCO

Homer Cummings Temporary Chairman Makes Keynote Address. Picture of Wilson Calls Forth Great Demonstration in Honor of President. Second and Third Days of Convention Taken Up With Routine Matters and Nomination Speeches.

The Democratic national convention met Monday in San Francisco. This is the first time that either of the great parties went to the far West to hold its national convention. Once before the Democrats held their convention in Denver, Colorado.

The opening scenes of the great convention are thus pictured in the Associated Press dispatches to the daily papers:

"As the noon hour and the opening time approached, a color guard of marines appeared on the platform. A six foot sergeant, with the gleaming folds of a regimental flag in his hand made a vivid spot of color on the platform. At his side stood the armed non-commissioned officers of the color guard and with them two marine buglers.

"When Vice Chairman Kremer, of the national committee, gave the signal, a bugler sounded 'attention,' the sharp, staccato call rang out over the uproar of conversation. The first notes of the Star Spangled Banner rang out from the band and the organ together, and as delegates, alternates, spectators and attendants stood in tribute, a monster flag dropped from the ceiling to form a wall of color behind the platform. It obscured the view of the band gallery and organ loft, but as it fell the booming tones of the organ rose from behind it, joining with the majestic thunder in the national anthem. From floor and galleries delegates and spectators joined in the mighty tones.

"Then came the touch that set the convention off with a wild shout of exultation. The great flag was gathered slowly upward in the slings and, as it rose, it uncovered a flag draped and illuminated portrait of President Wilson placed against the high pipes of the organ. For a moment there was a brief pause. Then came the tumult.

"A wild shout rang down from the floor. It was caught up and echoed from side to side. Rising with hysterical force, the sound grew and grew, a formless, toneless thing that hid in it something that stirred the blood and pulled at the emotions. Delegates leaped on their chairs, waving and shouting. They stamped into the aisles, jostling and cheering in a packed mass before the platform.

"Over in the Virginia section a delegate ripped the standard from the loop and charged toward the speaker's stand, waving it high in the air. Other states followed. Some of them were slower to get in motion, but as the shouting and tumult continued, standard after standard came up and the march around the hall began. In the New York section, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt seized the standard and rushed into the crowded aisle, battling with others who sought with eager hands to uphold the sign.

"But there were some among the New York delegation who struggled with Roosevelt to prevent him carrying the state standard in the demonstration for the President. There was a lively scrimmage akin to a center rush in a football game in which fists were flying and there seemed danger of bloody noses. A policeman who interfered got a pummeling. One man had his coat dragged off and several men lost their nose glasses. No one was hurt, the protesting delegates changed their mind and Roosevelt triumphantly marched off with the New York standard to join the Wilson demonstration.

"A shout of added intensity marked the delegates' recognition of the incident and a cheer for Roosevelt was all but lost in the general tumult.

"It was long before order could be restored. Even when Vice Chairman Kremer had launched upon his speech echoes of the storm still lurked in the air. He was repeatedly interrupted by the clamor of approval that greeted every thrust at the republican party or at any reference to President Wilson.

"When Chairman Homer S. Cum-

ings, of the national committee, had been elected temporary chairman and escorted to the platform, they finally hushed and prepared to listen with close attention to his keynote address. Delegates expected something to cheer at. They were in the mood for it and they were not disappointed."

### Second Day at San Francisco.

The second day at San Francisco passed without any news of a startling nature. Senator Joseph T. Robinson, of Arkansas, was named as chairman of the convention.

Carter Glass, of Virginia, the chairman of the resolutions committee, named a sub-committee of nine to write the platform. There was much disappointment by some of the convention on the personnel of the sub-committee, among the disappointed ones being William Jennings Bryan, who has played a strong hand in every democratic national convention for the past quarter of a century.

The second day's proceedings brought out the fact that there would be more or less fight over the adoption of a platform, principally of the planks on the League of Nations, the prohibition enforcement act, the Irish question and others. Otherwise things were getting along smoothly when the sun sank into the broad Pacific.

### Wednesday at the Convention

The great convention met at noon and after an eight hour session adjourned to meet again at noon Thursday. The day was principally taken up with the nominating speeches, ten names being placed in nomination, as follows: Senator R. L. Owen, of Oklahoma; Attorney General Palmer, of Pennsylvania; Chairman Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut; Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska; Former Ambassador Gerard, of New York; Governor Al Smith, of New York; William G. McAdoo, of New York; Governor Cox, of Ohio, and Governor Edwards, of New Jersey.

The presentation of McAdoo's name brought forth the greatest demonstration, with Attorney General Palmer, and Governor Cox next. Very little enthusiasm was aroused by the presentation of the other names.

During the day Chairman Robinson called Mrs. George Bass to the chair. Mrs. Bass has the distinction of being the first woman ever to preside over a national democratic convention. Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Cotman made seconding speeches.

### SILENT ON PROHIBITION

Platform Calls on Tennessee, Florida and North Carolina Legislatures to Ratify Suffrage Amendment.

San Francisco, July 1.—The Democratic platform as drafted by the sub-committee of nine and submitted to the full committee declared for ratification of the peace treaty as a requisite to preserve the honor and integrity of the nation; suggests that the Irish question can be brought legitimately before the League of Nations for settlement; and is silent on the subject of prohibition.

It advocates collective bargaining for farmers; opposes compulsory arbitration of labor disputes; declares for recognition of the New Mexican government when it has established order, and calls on the Legislatures of Tennessee, Florida and North Carolina to ratify the suffrage amendment.

In many respects the platform follows that adopted by the Virginia Democrats and publicly approved by President Wilson. The League of Nations plank in particular was taken virtually as a whole from the Virginia platform, though in other respects there have been modifications and many new subjects have been added.

### Death of Mrs. D. E. Jones

On Monday, June 14, about six o'clock the death angel entered the home of D. E. Jones and bore away the spirit of his dear wife, Daisy Alma. She had been in feeble health for some time but had been confined to her bed for only a week.

She was born August 4, 1892, making her stay on earth 27 years, ten months and 10 days. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, six small children between the ages of ten and 6 weeks, a mother, father, two brothers and three sisters.

She was laid to rest in Rehoboth cemetery June 15th in the presence of a host of relatives and friends.—A Sister-in-Law.

## MCADOO OPPONENTS MINUS LEADERS

Combination Against McAdoo To Prevent His Nomination Is Still Working. Simmons Placed in Nomination—Unable to Settle Prohibition Issue in Sub-Committee.

(News and Observer.)

San Francisco, July 1.—The attempt at a combination against the nomination of William G. McAdoo was still being carried on when the convention went into its night session but it still was without any definite results.

Lack of headway was ascribed to the absence of central control and to the feeling among many of those importuned to join that it was really directed against President Wilson rather than wholly a movement against McAdoo. That feeling, its managers agreed, was its weakness.

Another real difficulty was that many of the supporters of candidates having enthusiastic following, chiefly Palmer and Cox, argued that they should not be asked to desert their candidates until it had been developed whether they can gain strength. In these camps were scattering delegates who preferred McAdoo to any "dark horse." The promoters of the attempted combination against McAdoo were proceeding desultorily and one after another they continued to bring forward such names as former Speaker Clark, Vice-President Marshall, Homer S. Cummings, Bainbridge Colby and even William J. Bryan.

### Simmons Placed in Nomination.

San Francisco, July 1.—One brief session early today brought the Democratic National Convention to the end of the tedious business of hearing nominating speeches.

With John W. Davis, ambassador to Great Britain, Senator Glass of Virginia, Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, and Francis Burton Harrison, governor general of the Philippines, added to the list of those formally presented, the convention at the end of its mid-day session found itself run out of business.

The resolutions committee, framing the platform, was not ready to report and sent word it would not be ready before 8 o'clock tonight.

### Convention Waits Patiently.

San Francisco, July 1.—Midnight in the east found the Democratic National Convention gathered for a night session, marking time still waiting for the presentation of the platform.

The resolutions committee, unable to settle the prohibition issue, had finally decided to let it come to the floor and agreed on a program which provided for one speaker on each side. William J. Bryan, of course, was to speak for a prohibition plank and Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State and an administration leader, was to take the other side of the argument.

### BENTONVILLE NEWS.

Rev. Mr. Grimm filled his regular appointment at Mill Creek Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Williams, Mrs. Lillie Tart and Mr. J. L. Flowers spent last week end in Raleigh.

Mr. Charlie Crusenberry spent the week end in Rocky Mount with relatives. Misses Anna and Ruth Crusenberry of Rocky Mount arrived Sunday to spend some time with their cousin, Mrs. R. M. Stevens.

We understand that Miss Cora Blackman will act as Postmaster at Bentonville. The present Postmaster, Miss Annie Lassiter, has resigned and will soon move to Smithfield to make her future home.

Don't forget the Jr. O. U. A. M. annual picnic at Beaver Dam school on July 7th. All are invited to partake.

A tent meeting will begin near Mr. Thomas Lee's Saturday night and continue for several days with several preachers in charge.

October the 7th is the time set for the Bentonville fair. It is time for every one who is expecting to take part to begin to prepare for it. Get your exhibits ready and meet your friends on the date.

Bentonville, June 30.

The representative of the railroads are asking the inter-state commerce commission for an increase in freight rates of 55 cents a hundred.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM FOUR OAKS TOWN

Stanley-Barbour Marriage, Base Ball Games and Other Notes of Interest Of That City.

Four Oaks, July 1.—Mr. Bill Manning of Williamston visited friends here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lee and little daughter of Bennettsville, S. C., attended the Stanley-Barbour wedding here Wednesday.

Mr. Johnnie Moore has accepted a position with Mr. W. R. Keen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Adams of Richmond, Va., visited Mr. Adams' parents here last week.

Messrs. Bert Barefoot and W. H. Tucker have been on the sick list for several days but are improving.

Mr. W. M. Barbour has returned from Scotland Neck where he visited Mr. L. C. Barbour, a former Four Oaks boy.

The farmers around here are almost ready to burn tobacco due to the excessive rains of last few weeks which had a tendency to check the growth and ripen the leaves.

Mr. B. B. Adams has broken ground on his new gin plant which when completed will be the most modern in the county.

Mr. Leon A. Adams left Wednesday for Cleveland, Ohio, to drive through a Chandler Sedan.

Benson and Four Oaks second nines played on Four Oaks diamond Wednesday, score 10 to 8 favor the locals.

The revival at the Baptist church closed last Friday night with 8 additions to the church, a very successful meeting with a wonderful preacher, Dr. Ellis of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Barbour announce the marriage of their sister Martha, to Mr. Wm. Jesse Stanley, on Wednesday evening, June 30th at 10 o'clock. At home after July 15th, Four Oaks, N. C.

The ladies of the second division of the Philathea class of the Methodist church gave an entertainment at the school building Wednesday evening for the benefit of the new building. Cream and lemonade was served, after which two very interesting contests were staged. In pinning the donkey's tail, Mr. Wm. Creech proved to be the most proficient pinner, receiving the prize. In the spelling contest Miss Floriene Woodard won easily.

Four Oaks base ball team defeated Dunn here Friday 25th by a score of 2 to 0 in the fastest and best played game of the season. Lamb for Four Oaks pitched a shut out game, allowing one hit and struck out 16 men. Maxwell for the visitors allowed 4 hits and struck out 7; errors, Four Oaks 1, Dunn 3. Umpires, Adams and Best; attendance 500. Middlesex came on Tuesday 29th and turned the tables on the locals winning from them by a score of 2 to 1—the first game lost on local diamond, a splendid exhibition of the National pastime excepting errors numbering 6 for Four Oaks and 5 for Middlesex which were responsible for all the runs. These teams are by far the best matched that have played here this season. The writer is anxious to see them meet again. Games scheduled are Kenly at Four Oaks Friday July 2nd and Four Oaks at Goldsboro the following Friday with possibly Four Oaks at Kenly on Tuesday between.

Miss Martha Ila Barbour and Mr. Jesse Stanley were quietly married at the home of the bride Wednesday night at 10 o'clock, in the presence of immediate members of the family, Rev. C. E. Stevens officiating. The happy couple left immediately for Selma to catch the train for Washington, D. C., and Cleveland, Ohio, and will be at home at Four Oaks after July 15th.

### Cotton Bloom from Johnston County.

A red cotton bloom grown by Geo. Tisdale on the "Reedy Branch" farm of Mr. A. M. Barnes, Zebulon, R. F. D. No. 1, was brought to this office yesterday. Mr. Tisdale stated that heretofore Mr. C. W. Horne, of Clayton, has been ahead of him with the first bloom, but this time he put one over on him. Crops in Johnston county were reported to be in splendid condition for the time of the year. Cotton of the Barnes' plantation is a foot and a half high, Mr. Tisdale stated.—News and Observer, June 25.

## PRINCETON-BOON HILL

Princeton, June 30.—Miss Thelma Creech from Pine Level is visiting Miss Lora Mason.

Dr. B. L. Aycock has been spending several days at Wrightsville Beach attending the Dental Association.

Miss Sarah Blackman from Buckleberry section was a visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. W. H. Massey from Trinity was in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Holt, Misses Estelle, Leona and Caspian S. Holt went to Seven Springs Sunday.

Misses Sadie and Ethel Morris from Kenly were visitors in town Sunday.

Miss Ellen Eldridge from Smithfield is visiting Mrs. George T. Whitley.

Mr. W. C. Massey is having the material placed on the lot near his home, preparing to build a large nice residence.

There is a constant demand for homes. At least a dozen new houses could be sold or rented immediately. The price does not seem to be any object.

There was possibly a hundred children in this township who did not attend school more than a few days last term.

Princeton seems to be quite a soft snap for those weary-willies who accidentally on purpose strike town every Saturday and give the street corner audience their corn "shuckin'" yell for an hour or two and pass around the hat.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sanders from Smithfield are visiting Mrs. E. A. Holt today.

Mr. R. J. Warren from Port Chester, N. Y., is here visiting his mother and sister. Jack left here 30 years ago and this is his first visit to his old home.

Miss Beatrice Flowers from Williamston is visiting Mrs. Dr. Bynum this week.

Miss Agnes Gurley gave a birthday party to the young boys and girls Saturday night. Among those present were Miss Margaret and Frances Ledbetter, Thelma and Pearl Toler, Mildred Massey, Sarah Blackman, and Lissie Pearce; Messrs Harry Wellons, Joe Boyette, Albert Hales, Festus Woodard, Willie Boyette, Wiley Wellons, Luther Pearce, Melvin and Clarence Whitley.

Mrs. L. M. Edgerton gave a picnic at Holt's Mill Wednesday evening, June 23 in honor of Miss Mabel Ellis of Clayton. Supper was served at the mill and a very enjoyable time was had by all. After supper all went to Goldsboro to the movies. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sugg, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Mitchell, Mrs. L. M. Edgerton and Mrs. Dr. Bynum, Misses Lena and Lissie Woodard, Agnes, Jessie and Bessie Massey, Margaret and Frances Ledbetter, Bessie Mason, Lila Stuckey and Mabel Ellis. Messrs. Bob Wells, Rev. J. R. Everett, Roy and Melvin Whitley, Nulton and C. S. Holt, Joe Boyett, Moulton Massey, Charley Gurley and Foy Thompson.

### NOTES FROM KENLY.

Kenly, June 30.—Misses Beulah High from Bailey and Jewel Morgan of Middlesex spent the week end with Mrs. K. D. Morgan.

Mr. C. B. Bailey is spending the week in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Toney Barnes of Dunn is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Kirby for a few days.

Misses Cherry High and Clara Lane Farmer of Wilson were the guests of Mrs. K. D. Morgan during the week end.

Miss Lucile Howard of Dunn is spending sometime with Miss Inez Edgerton.

Mrs. W. T. Bailey spent Monday in Wilson with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Stallings who is ill in the hospital there.

Mrs. A. J. Broughton entertained the Bright Jewels on her lawn Saturday afternoon from six to seven o'clock.

Mrs. K. D. Morgan entertained the young people of the town Saturday night from 8:30 to 11 o'clock in honor of her house guests. After playing outdoor games an ice course was served by Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. A. J. Broughton.

He who hunts for flowers will find them; he who looks for weeds may find weeds.—H. W. Beecher.

## BICKETT REPLIES TO THE PRESIDENT

The North Carolina Governor Says He Has Not Changed His Views on Woman Suffrage Since His Statement of March Fifteenth.

Replying to the telegram from President Wilson, in which the white house executive urged upon the governor the importance of the ratification of the Susan B. Anthony amendment, Governor Bickett Monday wired the following reply to the President:

"My dear Mr. President: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram in regard to the suffrage amendment. While the telegram does not seem to call for a reply, I deem it proper to say that on March 15, of this year, I gave to the press a statement that while I was not personally impressed with either the wisdom of or the necessity for woman suffrage in North Carolina, I recognized its coming as inevitable and would advise the special session of our general assembly that the sensible and graceful thing to do would be to accept the inevitable. This is still my purpose.

"With great esteem, I beg to remain,

"Sincerely yours,

"T. W. BICKETT."

This telegram sets at rest any hope of the anti-suffragists who have been working in the state, that the governor had changed his mind or his mental attitude about the Susan B. Anthony amendment. The governor declares that he has never flopped over on this question, but, recognizing the inevitable, believes the best thing to do, and the most graceful thing to do, would be to accept it without a fight. He made the promise to recommend it to the special session of the legislature, as a result of a letter he had from W. N. Everett, who asked that he do this and that he go before the democratic convention in the interest of the matter. The governor did not want to carry the proposition to the convention and it turned out that he did not need to do it, but did promise to embody a suggestion for its passage in his message to the special session.

### Death of J. Hugh Jackson.

Selma, July 1.—Mr. J. Hugh Jackson, a resident of Selma for more than 23 years died Saturday at 3:00 P. M. after a very brief illness of only a few days. At sunset on Sunday afternoon a short service was held in his memory from the home of Mr. W. H. Call, his son-in-law. The remains were taken to Greensboro Monday and laid to rest in the family plot in the city's beautiful cemetery.

Mr. Jackson was born in Greene county, Ohio, August 1, 1851. He came to North Carolina as a permanent resident about 44 years ago. On February 8, 1871, he was married to Miss Bettie Bennette of Guilford county in Greensboro, N. C. About 23 years ago they moved to Selma. Four children blessed the home—one, a little girl, died in infancy. The others who survive him besides his wife, are Mr. Geo. Jackson, Spencer, N. C., Mr. W. D. Jackson, Jacksonville, Fla., and Mrs. W. H. Call, of Selma. Mr. Jackson had been a member of the Methodist church for over 40 years and was an honored member of the same at the time of his death on June 26, 1920.

Mr. Jackson was well known in Selma as a patient sufferer and a most faithful worker at his tasks. His quiet unselfish manner made him a host of friends who will miss him. Rev. C. K. Proctor, his pastor, conducted the funeral services, while Messrs. S. P. Wood, Joe Morgan, R. L. Ray, Cy Joyner, W. B. Driver and Capt. Porter acted as pall bearers.

### N. E. Edgerton President Raleigh Mill

N. E. Edgerton, well known cotton mill man of North Carolina who until a few months ago was identified with mills in Selma, has been elected president of the Raleigh Cotton Mills to succeed the late Alf A. Thompson.

The new president came to Raleigh from Selma about a year ago, but retained his interest in the mill at Selma until it was sold to a New York corporation. He has been in the cotton manufacturing business for a long time.—Raleigh Times.