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KITCHIN IS THE NOMINEE

Named For Governor By the Charlotte Convention on Sixty-First Ballot

ENTHUSIASM UNBOUNDED

End of Long Fight Came Saturday Afternoon on the Sixty-First Ballot—Contest the Hardest Fought and Most Bitterly Waged Ever Recorded in the Political Annals of North Carolina—End in Sight After the Sixtieth Ballot When Col. Ashley Horne Appears on Rostrum and Withdraws From the Race Love Feast Follows Final Ballot Speeches Being Made by Ex-Governor Aycock, Mr. Cameron Morrison, Mr. Kitchin, and Mr. Craig—Nomination Made Unanimous—Mr. Craig's Feeling Address a Splendid One.

Charlotte, Special.—Mr. William Walton Kitchin, now representing the fifth district in Congress, was on Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock, nominated for Governor on the sixty-first ballot by the State Democratic convention in session here. Col. Ashley Horne who had the smallest primary vote of any of the three candidates in the race, withdrew after the sixtieth ballot and the fight was closed by Mr. Locke Craig, of Asheville, and Mr. Kitchin, the result of the last ballot being 473.59 for Kitchin and 381.72 for Craig. After the contest was over a love feast, in which the friends of the candidates took part, followed. Among others who spoke were: Former Governor Aycock, who supported Mr. Craig; Mr. Kitchin and Mr. Craig.

The closing scenes of the great contest, which had continued for four days, were most animated. More than 8,000 people, men and women, filled the Auditorium. Demonstration after demonstration was made, so much so that the chairman had a task to preserve order.

The victory won by Mr. Kitchin is ranked as one of the greatest in the history of the State. He was opposed by Senator Simmons, the recognized leader of the North Carolina Democracy; former Governor Aycock, and other well-known Tar Heel leaders. He made a fight on the Southern Railway and the American Tobacco Company, which concerns the



HON. LOCKE CRAIG, of Buncombe

said were opposing him. He came to the convention with approximately 374 votes. Craig had 335 and Horne 148. The first ballot came at 12 o'clock Wednesday night. From that time until the hour of the nomination the contest was spirited and at times bitter. The delegates were noisy and enthusiastic all the while. Craig was supported by the mountain counties of western North Carolina. His mountaineers were loyal to the last and went down after a game fight. Kitchin had not only a plurality of instructed vote, but he could count more delegates in a final show-down. He and his friends believed that he would be nominated on the third or fourth ballot, but a master hand was against him, and as a result, the battle was prolonged and royal.

William Watson Kitchin. of Roxboro, Person county, was born near Scotland Neck, Halifax county, October 9th, 1866. He was educated at Vine Hill Academy and Wake Forest College, where he graduated in 1884. He edited The Scotland Neck Democrat in 1885. Shortly afterward he took up the study of law, first under his father, the late W. H. Kitchin, and then under the late John S. Manning, at the University of North Carolina. He was admitted to the bar in 1887, and took up his residence

in Roxboro in 1888. He was married to Miss Musette Satterfield in 1892. Mr. Kitchin was chairman of his county executive committee in 1890; was the nominee of his party for the State Senate in 1892; was elected sixth, 919isgC - successively to the Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth Congress, and was re-elected to the Sixtieth Congress, receiving 16,503 votes to 11,089 for C. A. Reynolds, Republican nominee.

The Break Begins.
The sixty-first ballot told the story. Craig was pitted against Kitchin. After the announcement of the sixtieth ballot, Col. Ashley Horne came into the hall and withdrew from the race. He mounted the rostrum, accompanied by Messrs. C. B. Watson, T. W. Bickett, J. D. Bellamy, R. R. King, W. A. Erwin, Walter, Joe Taylor and P. B. Means, and made a very touching speech.

He thanked the friends who had stood by him so loyally, counseled



W. W. KITCHIN, of Person.

full harmony, and withdrew. He was followed by Hon. C. B. Watson, Gen. Julian S. Carr and Hon. T. W. Bickett, each of whom spoke feelingly of the splendid stand made by the Horne forces.

Governor Aycock Appears.
While the vote on the sixty-first ballot was being counted Governor Aycock came on the rostrum and moved that the nomination of Mr. Kitchin be made unanimous. The delegates and the spectators, something like 8,000 of them, rose and shouted as one person. For five minutes the uproar was so great that the speaker could not continue.

When partial quiet was at length restored, Mr. Aycock made one of the happiest and most brilliant speeches ever heard here, in which he spoke feelingly of his love for Mr. Craig and his deep sorrow at his defeat, but added that the Craig people would now be the most loyal supporters of Mr. Kitchin. Other Craig leaders spoke along the same line.

Nominee-Elect Kitchin to the Front.
The crowd yelled for Kitchin and Craig. Mr. Kitchin came first and made a most taking speech. He looked well and his voice rang clear and sweet. Being a striking looking man, one whom men and women like to look upon Mr. Kitchin had no trouble getting silence, for one and all wished to hear him.

Mr. Kitchin's Speech.
In introducing Mr. Kitchin, Chairman Parsons said: "Gentlemen of this, the greatest Democratic convention ever held in North Carolina, I esteem it a great honor to present to you your hero, the nominee of this convention for Governor, William W. Kitchin."

"Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: To say that I am happy at this time very feebly expresses my feeling on this occasion. I am proud to receive the nomination of the Democracy of North Carolina for its highest office in this magnificent City of Charlotte. I am proud to have the endorsement of the greatest convention that ever assembled within the borders of this State. While I am proud, my countrymen, I realize the great responsibility that this honor carries with it. I wish to say that there is no bitterness in my heart. I regard this as not an honor conferred upon an individual merely; I rather regard it as an expression of

the choice of the people of North Carolina." (Cheers.) "And as that I esteem it highly. When I reflect that my competitors were, one of them a distinguished, a successful, a splendid and high type of North Carolina citizenship, the Hon. Ashley Horne, and the other, an able, distinguished, eloquent and great Democrat of the west, the Hon. Locke Craig, I cannot think that this honor was given me as a mere personal compliment. We have had our fights within the party with a spirit not of enmity and hostility, but with the spirit of generous rivalry with each other for this great honor that you had in your power to bestow.

All Rivalries Settled.
"We are told, ladies and gentlemen, that between Athens and Sparta there always existed a serious and sometimes a hostile rivalry, but that when a common enemy pointed the paws of its ships toward Greece all internal differences and rivalries were forgotten and a united Greek army faced the enemy." (Applause.) "And so this convention has settled the rivalries between the candidates and I believe that each candidate has as high a regard for his competitors now as he had 12 or 18 months ago, and the supporters of each candidate have the same spirit of generosity now that they had prior to this campaign. And in the great fight that we are to make against the common enemy in the fall, I do not expect any more hearty and loyal support from the friends of

is, all of my strength, is at the command of the cause of the Democracy of this State. (Great applause.) I do not belong to the party for the honors and emoluments of office. I claim allegiance to that great organization because its success is coextensive with the welfare of my State and the good of the people that I love, and for that reason in victory and in defeat, I always owe and always give my allegiance to the party that has saved and that is the salvation of this State.

A Victor in This Contest.
"But my friends it unnecessary for me to say this. I think that my record for 25 years in the past is a guarantee of my loyalty in the future to the cause of our party. I come before you especially to thank the friends who have stood so loyally by me in this, the greatest political convention in the State's history. They have stood by me with the loyalty of a Spartan and with the devotion and chivalry of a son to this land of Dixie. And I wish to say to you tonight, my friends, that though I am not the nominee of this convention, I feel a great victor in this contest for I have the devotion of the friends who have stood by me, their heroisms, their intelligence and their loyalty is to me a heritage and to my children a heritage that is more precious than the honors or the emoluments of office; for the honors and emoluments of office is in its essence the loyalty and devotion of friends, and I know that I have this. I shall never forget their support. The only regret I have about this is that they have given me so much and I can give them so little. (Applause.) I cannot express to you in words my gratitude. I hope that here and hereafter I can be true to the cause that you love and demonstrate in my life that your affection and your loyalty have, not been bestowed upon one that is unworthy. We all go home with the determination and with all zeal to fight for the principles that we love and for the land of our inheritance."

Mr. Craig thanked all his loyal friends, declared that North Carolina is the greatest of all the States in its citizenship, and said that the success of the Democratic party was supreme and ahead and beyond the ambitions of any man. His speech was warmly received by the immense assemblage and he took his seat amid wild applause.

The Final Vote.
The final vote, which was not announced, stood: Craig, 381.72; Kitchin, 473.59; Horne, 1.69.

Before this vote could be announced the motion to make Mr. Kitchin's nomination unanimous was put and carried with unanimous cheering.

W. C. Newland, of Caldwell county was nominated for Lieutenant Governor, the ballot standing: Newland, 481; Wood, 217; Bowie, 159.

Governor Glenn and Senator Overman were elected delegates at large to the Denver convention by acclamation. A fight was sprung on motion to elect Senator Simmons, and pending the settlement of this matter the convention adjourned until Monday, the time being slightly past midnight.

The platform committee was not yet ready to report and the nominations for other State officers had to go over until Monday.

The Convention City.
This is the first State convention Charlotte has had in half a century. No better place could have been selected.

The city of Charlotte has a population of forty-three thousand; it has the finest auditorium in the South; the best hotel facilities, the best electric car system, the best system of schools and colleges, the finest parks and amusements, the finest retail and wholesale stores, the largest publishing interests, the most numerous and costly churches, the best banking facilities and the largest and most numerous and varied manufacturing industries of any city in North Carolina, or for that matter any city of its size anywhere. Moreover it has an abundance of hydro-electric power from the Catawba river, by means of which night has been turned into brightest day, and the illumination makes the whole city a fairyland. Charlotte is now putting down the new bitulitic paving on its principal streets; it has a complete water system sufficient for half a million people, and one of the best trained fire departments anywhere. Such is Charlotte, the historic Queen City, that has set itself to the task of entertaining the convention like it was never entertained before. And the people! Special trains over the Southern, special trains over the Seaboard, regular trains, freight trains, automobiles, every known means of conveyance has brought in throngs. Thousands on thousands of them were here.

Webb From the Ninth.
Charlotte, Special.—At the congressional convention of the Ninth district held here Tuesday night, Edwin Yates Webb, of Cleveland county, was nominated without opposition. This is his fourth nomination.

CONVENTION ADJOURNS

Big Democratic Meeting Finishes Its Work and Delegates Go Home.

Charlotte, Special.—The Democratic State convention, which had been in session here for a week, adjourned sine die Monday night, at 11:30 o'clock, crowning its work by endorsing and instructing for William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, by a vote of 523 to 194. Much was accomplished the last day. Senator Simmons was elected a delegate-at-large to the national convention by a vote of 840 to 10. The following candidates for State officers were elected: J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State; B. R. Laey, State Treasurer; Major B. F. Dixon, Auditor; T. W. Bickett, Attorney General; W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture; B. F. Aycock, Corporation Commissioner; J. Y. Joyner, Superintendent of Public Instruction; J. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner; M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing; J. W. Bailey and Walter Murphy, elector-at-large, and Major E. J. Hale, the fourth delegate-at-large to Denver.

DELEGATES-AT-LARGE.
Gov. R. B. Glenn, Senator Lee S. Overman, Senator F. M. Simmons, Maj. E. J. Hale.

ALTERNATES.
Gen. Julian S. Carr, Chairman W. L. Parsons, Mr. J. W. Bailey, Mr. E. F. Watson.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The following named are the delegates and alternates from the congressional districts to the Denver convention:

First, S. C. Bregaw, of Washington; Walter Jones, Swannquarter; alternates, Luke Wright, Judeau Town; W. K. Jacobson, Washington.

Second, Plato Collins, Kingston; T. M. Washington, Wilson; alternates, E. L. Travis, Halifax; J. O. W. Graveley, Rocky Mount.

Third, G. B. Richardson, Newbern; L. A. Bethune, Clinton; alternates, H. L. Gibbs, Oriental; E. W. Koonce, Jacksonville.

Fourth, J. T. Ellington, Smithfield; John W. Thompson, Raleigh; alternates, J. L. Ramsey, Rocky Mount; F. B. Arendell, Raleigh.

Fifth, George A. Mebane, Spray; B. S. Graves, Yanceyville; alternates, A. E. Kirkman, High Point; Leo Brandt, Greensboro.

Sixth, J. R. Williamson, Whiteville; J. D. Bellamy, Wilmington; alternates, A. E. White, Lumberton; E. F. McCulloch, White Oak.

Seventh, Frank Armfield, Monroe; R. R. Ross, Ashboro; alternates, S. W. Finch, Lexington; J. R. Blair, Troy.

Eighth, Paul B. Means, Concord; E. L. Lovell, Boone; alternates, Mich Vannoy, Wilkesboro; Robert M. Brawley, Statesville.

Ninth, James A. Bell, Charlotte; J. J. Redman, Marshall; alternates, C. E. Childs, Lincolnton; R. R. Babbington, Gastonia.

Tenth, T. C. Mills, Columbus; W. J. Coeke, Asheville; alternates, William Miller, Hendersonville; Sol Gallert, Rutherfordton.

Government Stocks Lake.

Hickory, Special.—The government distributing fish car passed here en route to Edgemont with 65,000 California speckled trout for the waters of the lake of the Mountain Home Club, which is being rapidly developed and beautified under the direction of a landscape gardener who is looking after the grounds and roadways through the vast estate, which is owned by stockholders consisting of business and professional men throughout North and South Carolina as well as other States many of whom will build cottages convenient to the club inn proper.

Tornado Kills Six.

Clinton, Minn., Special.—A tornado struck this town Saturday afternoon, killing six people, and injuring twenty-five, some seriously. Twenty houses, a printing office and two churches were blown down. The dead: Morton Higgins, Thomas Rockwell, Miss Kate Mills, Spunk Berry, Mrs. Olds Nicholson and daughter. Missing: Mrs. T. N. Johnson.

The New War Secretary.

Washington, Special.—General Luke E. Wright, who becomes Secretary of War Wednesday, succeeding Secretary Taft, went to Oyster Bay to talk with the President and Secretary Taft, and said on his way to the summer White House that he would make no changes in heads of bureaus at the War Office. Secretary Taft's secretary, Fred W. Carpenter, who has been with Secretary Taft since the latter quit the Philippine governorship, will go with Mr. Taft and be close to his chief all through the campaign.

Late News In Brief

MINOR MATTERS OF INTEREST

Capt. Henry McCrea is seriously ill in New York.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., will go to work for the Steel Trust.

A bloody fight took place around the Persian Parliament House.

Leon Delagrang covered more than 11 miles in his new aeroplane.

The Pan-Anglican Congress meeting in London discussed socialism.

The establishment of courts is expected to mark a new era in Korea.

A second son was born to King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain.

Secretary Taft was heartily greeted on his return to Yale, his alma mater.

James S. Sherman, the Republican Vice Presidential nominee, is ill in Cleveland.

The United States has practically broken off diplomatic relations with Venezuela.

Secretary Taft received an ovation when he attended the Yale-Harvard ball game.

The battleship fleet will be ready to sail on its around-the-world cruise on July 5th.

Six members of the leper colony in Louisiana are reported to have been cured.

W. B. Leeds, one of the Rock Island "Big Four" and tin plate king, died in Paris.

Receivers were appointed for the West Side Belt Line of Pittsburg, a Wabash connection.

Edward Farley, of Greggville, W. Va., was murdered and his body thrown into a creek.

The Commercial Travelers' Protective Association is in convention at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Locke bill, which kills race-track betting in Louisiana, was passed by the State Senate.

George Forest committed suicide in Leesburg by cutting his throat and swallowing carbolic acid.

In a periodical article on the President Secretary Taft says he is the loneliest man in the country.

The 12-year-old son of W. E. D. Stokes, a New York hotel man, is an expert in wireless telegraphy.

Ex-Governor D. R. Francis of Missouri, is proposed as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

The Richmond Howitzers returned home after a successful practice march down the Valley of Virginia.

Taft men hope to induce Foraker to stump Ohio and win back the negro vote for the Republican ticket.

Two thousand club women are in Boston to attend the convention of the Federation of Women's Club's.

Saunders Hobson, a Richmond banker, was struck by lightning while on his plantation in Goochland county.

President Elliot, of Harvard, snubbed President Roosevelt when he interposed in the case of two suspended oarsmen.

Fire in Three Rivers, Que., destroyed 300 buildings, among them the City Hall, and caused \$1,000,000 damage.

With the aid of 10 of a maltreated spouse's female friends, a New York wife-beater was spanked with a rubber hose.

State Comptroller Glynn, of New York, is getting after the corporations which failed to pay stock transfer taxes.

The Salesianum, conducted by the Oblate Fathers of St. Francis de Sales, at Wilmington, Del., had its commencement.

F. C. Fribe and A. T. Lonndes, water tenders, are accused of partial responsibility for the explosion on the cruiser Tennessee.

The special grand jury, which indicted the American Ice Company, refused to find indictments against individuals and adjourned.

James S. Sherman, Republican nominee for Vice-President, is ill in Cleveland, but is reported as doing as well as could be expected.

A fine of \$2,000 was imposed upon each of 24 manila and fiber paper manufacturers who had been in a combine in restraint of trade.

The wedding of Miss Jean Reid and Hon. John Hubert Ward in London was attended by King Edward and many other high personages.

Governor Swanson, of Virginia accepted an invitation from William J. Bryan to second his nomination for President at the Denver convention.

Frederick A. Hyde and J. H. Schneider were convicted on 34 counts on the charge of conspiring to defraud the Government out of Western lands.