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CY THOMPSON WAS NAMED FOR GOVERNOR

Nominated by Acclamation Just Before Five—A. C. Schuford Named for Lieut. Gov.

HARRY SKINNER CHARGES BUTLER WITH TRICKERY

Sensation in Convention After 4 O'clock Today

FIGHT ON PLATFORM CAUSED THOMPSON TO HISS SKINNER

Skinner Said the Way to Elect Bryan is to nominate McLean and Overman

—The Days Proceedings in Convention.

The following ticket had been nominated up to 3:15 p. m.

For Governor—Cyrus Thompson, of Onslow.

For Lieutenant Governor—A. C. Schuford, of Catawba.

For Secretary of State—J. C. Schulken, of Columbus.

For Treasurer—W. H. Worth, of Guilford.

For Auditor—H. W. Ayer, of Wake.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Prof. N. C. English, of Randolph.

The State Populist Convention convened in the Academy of Music today at 11:30 o'clock, State Chairman Cyrus Thompson calling the convention to order.

There were present in the hall at the time the convention was called to order about two hundred and fifty delegates on the lower floor and a sprinkling of colored people in the gallery usually assigned to that race. The drizzling rain outside had driven a portion of the delegates into the hall some time before the hour announced for convening, but the rain cast no damper on the feelings of the delegates, though they missed Senators Allen and Pettigrew, whose presence had been promised for some weeks past. Senator Allen was sick and Senator Pettigrew was necessarily detained, it was stated, by sickness in his family, but they were represented by a brilliant young man from the West, Representative Soutterland, of Nebraska, who had come in an hour's notice. Mr. Soutterland had entered the hall with Chairman Thompson and Auditor Ayer and his striking resemblance to Hon. William Jennings Bryan, of his State, that it was remarked upon by nearly every one present. There were some few who thought Mr. Soutterland very much like President McKinley, and one who remarked that it was well that in the Populist cohorts was one who blended the good looks of the leader of Democracy and the leader of Republicanism, and who might well stand for a go-between for the three parties.

When all of the delegates had arrived and the public understood that the speeches were about to be delivered, about seventy colored men added strength to the gallery aggregation, and a number of Democrats of this city took seats in the rear of the hall to hear Senator Butler speak, and also to see the counterpart of the Nebraska statesman.

As the delegates gathered there could be heard throughout the hall a turkey call from a novelty whistle that was being sold by a peddler who had felt the pulse of the convention. The fakir sold his article at a small price and the number of calls throughout the hall gave additional life to the occasion. The lower floor of the house was about half filled and the men that had gathered, while not as enthusiastic as had been predicted, were earnest in their actions.

Many amusing incidents were noticed, among them the fact that the temporary chairman forgot to have prayer offered until he had had the first whack at the convention.

Strawhats made their appearance and one delegate preferred that his be seen by every one, so he kept it on throughout the proceedings at the morning session. Later he took a nap while the speech of Senator Butler was being delivered and the hat served as a shade for his eyes. He was one of many of the furnishers of fun. One of the Vice-Presidents, after he was called upon the stage, kept his feet upon the table placed before him. Senator Butler's wit met with applause from the delegates and his tribute to the late Col. L. L. Polk was heartily applauded.

Exactly at 11:11 Chairman Thompson rapped with the gavel and called the convention to order. He said:

"I present to the convention as temporary secretaries, Mr. J. W. Denmark and Mr. R. C. Rivers. As Temporary Chairman, Mr. H. F. Seawell, of Moore county. I request Mr. Jenkins of Chatham, and Mr. Johnson, of Sampson, to escort Mr. Seawell to the chair."

Chairman Thompson then retired,

Mr. Seawell spoke of the honor conferred upon him by giving him the pleasant and honorable duty of Temporary Chairman. He referred to the record of Senator Butler in the Senate and thus secured good applause. He said that he regretted that he did not know he was to be called upon for a speech so he could have prepared for them. Then he said it was fitting that the convention be opened with prayer and called on Rev. Baytes Cade. Rev. Mr. Cade offered thanks for the gathering together of such men; for the high privileges given them and the trust that God would grant them an appreciation of the significance of freedom. He prayed that they not be governed by passion; that no party feeling might rule them wrongly; and that their action might be guided by the Almighty. "Be near to those in power," said Mr. Cade. "Make them use it without abusing it, and when their services are over, may they win the plaudit, 'well done thou good and faithful servant.'"

The announcement of the committees and vice-presidents was requested by the Chairman, and the following were sent forward:

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

First District—W. J. Leary, Sr., of Chowan.

Second District—W. P. Exum, of Wayne.

Third District—Hon. John E. Fowler, of Sampson.

Fourth District—J. J. Jenkins, of Chatham.

Fifth District—S. M. Johnson, of Pender.

Sixth District—Geo. E. Hunt, of Davidson.

Eighth District—H. M. Wilborne, of Ashe.

Ninth District—Thomas B. Long, of Buncombe.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

First District—Theo. White, of Hertford.

Second District—Dr. B. F. Person, of Wilson.

Third District—J. C. Downing, of Cumberland.

Fourth District—John W. Smith, of Wake.

Fifth District—J. E. Harris, of Franklin.

Sixth District—B. F. Keith, of New Hanover.

Seventh District—S. A. Lawrence, of Iredell.

Eighth District—R. A. Cobb, of Burke.

Ninth District—Not represented.

PLATFORM.

First District—Harry Skinner, of Pitt.

Second District—Dr. J. E. Person, of Wayne.

Third District—J. E. Fowler, of Sampson.

Fourth District—Z. T. Garrett, of Vance.

Fifth District—A. S. Peace, of Granville.

Sixth District—August Shaw, of Robeson.

Seventh District—J. F. Ciek, of Catawba.

Eighth District—O. F. Pool, of Alexander.

Ninth District—Not represented.

CREDENTIALS.

First District—G. W. Guthrie.

Second District—M. L. Wood, of Bertie.

Third District—Thad. Jones, of Duplin.

Fourth District—T. H. Whitaker, of Franklin.

Fifth District—Thos. J. Oldham, of Orange.

Sixth District—D. J. Lewis, of Columbus.

Seventh District—L. R. Whitener, of Catawba.

Eighth District—J. W. Bowman, of Gaston.

Ninth District—Not represented.

The Committee on Permanent Organization, R. A. Cobb, of Burke, chairman, made its report recommending that the temporary organization be made permanent.

This was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Seawell made another short talk thanking the convention for the further honors showered upon him. He said, in the course of his remarks, that whatever action was taken by the convention would be for the good of the Populist party and therefore for the good of the people of the country.

The Vice-Presidents were requested to take their seats on the stage with the Chairman and Secretaries.

Chairman Seawell, after some delay, stated that Senator Butler would introduce the speaker of the day.

Senator Butler came forward to introduce Representative Soutterland, of Nebraska. When he approached the chairman's table there was an outburst of enthusiastic welcome.

Senator Butler expressed his appreciation of the welcome and, as he construed it with the convention's consent, the approval of his course is the servant of the people. He said that he had expected to have with him Senator Allen, of Nebraska, and Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, but that sickness had cost the convention the loss of the privilege of hearing them speak on the questions of the day. Senator Butler said that as he left Washington he was handed a communication from Senator Henry M. Teller, of Colorado, which was a message not only to the convention,

but also to every voter in North Carolina.

Senator Butler, after paying a tribute to his friend and fellow Senator, and vouching for Senator Teller's ability as a lawyer and his right to speak out in opposition to the proposed constitutional amendment, read the letter.

After reading the letter from Mr. Teller, Senator Butler expressed his personal views against the amendment and against those who have announced themselves as favoring its adoption. He spoke of the recent Democratic State Convention and said that the reason it was such a large gathering was that the great part of the convention was composed of office seekers. He paid a tribute to his friends Messrs. Allen and Pettigrew, of the United States Senate, who were unavoidably detained in Washington. By way of introduction of Representative Soutterland he said that he was "a brilliant young Congressman from Mr. Allen's State, whose name, when he has had the experience that Senator Allen has had, will be a household word throughout the country. He called attention to the resemblance between Soutterland and Mr. Bryan.

When Mr. Soutterland addressed the convention he was forced to wait for cheers to subside, the welcome accorded him being as great as that accorded Senator Butler.

Mr. Soutterland is a young man of most pleasant address and is an interesting and charming speaker. He holds the attention of his audience and makes himself one of those with whom he is speaking. Today he said that he had been so pleased with the people whom he had met that he was considering the advisability of coming to North Carolina to live. He took occasion to pay great tributes to Representatives Fowler and Shuford and told of the work that they had done in Congress for the cause of Populism and the country at large. Then he gave a glowing word to Senator Allen, after which he made a strong argument in favor of the continuation of good faith in Senator Butler on the part of the members of their party in the State. He said that Senator Butler is well known in Nebraska.

In charming manner Mr. Soutterland related anecdotes relating to the career of Messrs. Fowler and Shuford, and told in more serious strains of the work of Senator Butler in the United States Senate, declaring, "You may look at his record in that body during the past three years and you will find that his good work has not been exceeded by any member of that body." This was greeted by great cheers. His tributes to Mr. Bryan were beautiful and as he told of the way in which Bryan is loved by the people who know him in the West, the old delegates in the convention were greatly affected.

Mr. Soutterland received the congratulations of almost every one on the stage when he took his seat. His speech was complimented by men of all parties and on motion of Chairman Thompson the convention tendered a vote of thanks to Mr. Soutterland.

The report of the committee on credentials was then made by Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Columbus, and was adopted.

On motion of Chairman Thompson, the convention then took a recess of one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 p. m. the convention was called to order.

The platform was submitted, it reaffirms the National platform of 1896, condemns the extirpation of the Democratic Legislature of 1899, charges that the Legislature was careless and irregular in its legislation; condemns the Constitutional Amendment and declares the grandfather clause is unconstitutional, and that its enactment was infamous. Says that the amendment disfranchises the peaceable negro and lets the most obnoxious element vote. Declares that it does not settle the negro question and will not relieve the people of the troublesome negro. That the poor white man's son will be in chains and without rights.

Though the evils are stated the platform states that the amendment is not to be a party question and its constitutionality must be settled by each individual for himself when he shall vote.

The platform declares in favor of an amendment that will eliminate the entire negro vote for three generations. Declares the new election law the most infamous ever offered in any State in the Union. Endorses, without mentioning his name, the present Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Ex-Representative Harry Skinner arose for the sensation of the session. He arose to speak against some clause in the platform and to favor Bryan, and that is where the hissing and cheering and accusations came in.

"I don't believe in playing politics."

"We won't have it," (voice in the gallery.)

"Dishonesty and fraud practiced by Senator Butler is as mean as that practiced by Simmons." (Cheers from in the audience and hisses from on the stage.)

"Do you want Mr. Bryan as President?"

"Yes."

"No."

"Yes."

"Bryan has in his heart the truest Populism."

"If you wish him then go about it in the right way and nominate as Electors at Large Dan Hugh McLean and Lee S. Overman."

Hisses from Dr. Thompson and others on the stage.

"You will do it if you are true in your advocacy of Bryan and don't want to continue playing politics."

"We won't do it." (From Senator Butler and Chairman Thompson.)

"You can hiss, I don't care anything about it. What I want to say to Dr. Thompson and to Marion Butler is that if they are honest in their advocacy of Bryan they will do it."

"We don't." (From a voice on the stage.)

Then Col. Skinner began discussing

the question. He did not allude to the hissing from Dr. Thompson and the others gathered about Senator Butler. He did not seem to know that the hisses were intended for him and not for McLean and Overman. Whether he understood this or not he turned hot shot into the camp of the State and National Chairmen and he received enough applause to encourage him to go on.

After he concluded his remarks, Zack Garrett, of Vance county, spoke against a proposed substitute offered by Col. Skinner.

Then came a series of motions, and while the convention was trying to find out where it was at, Chairman Thompson came forward. He made a short speech in favor of the platform as it was first submitted and said:

"If Harry Skinner has a personal grievance against Marion Butler it is unmanly for him to come here to this convention and make the charges. Let him go out and settle those differences man to man and not come here for it."

Dr. Thompson brought the first enthusiastic outburst from the convention and then, notwithstanding that the roll call of counties had been called for, moved the adoption of the platform by acclamation.

The convention then went into the nomination of candidates with the result as mentioned above.

Harry Skinner and Cy. Thompson shook hands after the fuss.

TAYLOR TO BE INDICTED

True Bills Will be Found Against Him and Others Saturday.

Louisville, April 18.—The indictments in the Garber assassination case returned last evening will be followed by more true bills Saturday, in which Governor Taylor will be indicted. The confessions of Yontsey and Colton are directed at Taylor.

LOSSES AT WEPVER.

London, April 18.—The British losses altogether at Wepver were twenty killed and one hundred wounded.

DIED IN MANCHESTER.

Mary Malcom, 3½ year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lim Weathers, died at their home in Manchester, Va., at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

REHEARSAL TONIGHT

Every Man, Woman and Child Wanted to be Present Tonight

There will be a full rehearsal of the opera Powhatan tonight at Metropolitan hall. This will be the last rehearsal and it is extremely important that every single member of the company, including the children, be present.

The entire opera, choruses, boys' and children's parts will be gone through, so the presence of every one is necessary.

THE NATIONAL UNION.

Mr. B. A. Collier, General Deputy for the purpose of organizing another Council, The National Union, as known to a number of our citizens, is recognized as one of the best and cheapest of all the fraternal insurance associations—the greatest annual cost at the age of forty has been \$8.00. It works on the "Natural Premium or 'step-rate' plan." As to the stability of the Order Mr. Collier refers, by permission, to Messrs. E. R. Northam, T. A. Partin, H. W. Jackson and John Ward.

DAMASCUS TO MEACA.

Constantinople, April 18.—The Servet Organ of the Palace, announces the imperial decision to construct a telegraph and railway from Damascus to Meaca. This decision is attributed to the discovery of extensive seditious pamphlets among the pilgrims.

PLENTY OF ROOM ON LINERS.

New York, April 18.—It was stated at the offices of the steamship line today that the impression that steamers would be unduly crowded on account of the Paris Exposition, has injured trade, and that there is plenty of room on outgoing liners today.

GORMAN ACTIVE FOR DEWEY.

Wants an Uninstructed Maryland Delegation to Kansas City.

Baltimore, Md., April 16.—Arthur Pue Gorman and the other leaders of the regular Democratic organization in Maryland are taking steps to secure an uninstructed delegation to the National Convention, with a view to swinging it in line for Admiral Dewey.

Chairman Vandiver, of the State Committee, today called a meeting of that body for April 25, to fix dates for the district and State conventions.

The regular organization controlled by Gorman and Governor Smith will hurry the preliminaries to the State Convention to cut off the original Bryan free silver association, which today announced that it will fight the regular organization in the primaries.

The free silverites will also make a contest in several districts outside of Baltimore, notably the first and second, embracing the eastern and northern counties.

Well-informed Democratic politicians here say that ex-Senator Gorman is one of the national party leaders behind the Dewey movement. He is a close friend of John R. McLean. They are working together for the Admiral, and it is for this reason that the order has gone forth to the organization workers in Baltimore city and throughout the State that an uninstructed delegation must be sent to Kansas City.

Mr. A. A. Thompson left this morning.

Local News Items

Mr. Thomas H. Briggs returned from Elizabeth City this morning.

Mr. A. L. Moore continues very ill. Mrs. L. Proctor is ill at her home on Newbern avenue.

Mr. X. A. Spence, Sr., is seriously sick at his residence on Hillsboro road.

Mr. W. W. Vass went to Wilson today.

Mrs. J. J. Fray, of Fray, Va., is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. C. G. Barbee.

Mrs. Z. V. Walser and children came in yesterday afternoon and will remain at the Yarrowhough for the next ten days.

Mr. F. Cowper and Dr. A. B. Hawkins went to Seven Springs this morning on a pleasure trip.

Oak Ridge and the A. and M. boys will play a game of ball on Saturday next.

The Southeastern Tariff Association met in Washington, D. C., today. Several prominent insurance men of this city are in attendance.

Mr. R. E. Crawford left this morning for Newbern to take in the Fair. Corporation Commissioner Francis McNeill returned to the city this morning.

Mr. A. E. S. Lindsey went down to Newbern this morning.

Mrs. Fannie Waddell, who has been visiting at the home of Captain S. A. Ashe, returned home this morning.

Miss Lottie Williams left this morning for Newbern to attend the Fair.

Miss Sallie Pleasants is the guest of Miss Annie Jones, on Hillsboro street.

Miss Arrington, who has been visiting the family of Mr. John Arrington, returned to her home in Rocky Mount this morning.

Mr. Tom Denson went down to Newbern this morning to visit the Newbern Fair.

Mr. Tyn Cobb, of Sanford, was in the city today.

Officer Sale says that there are a number of delinquent sanitary tax payers and that if they do not pay up at once, warrants will be issued for their arrest.

Mrs. H. S. Leard and two children left this afternoon, accompanied by her sister, Miss Rebecca Douglas, for Chester, S. C., where they will spend the summer. Mrs. M. A. Leard will join them in a few days.

Mr. James B. Loyd, a popular North Carolinian, now of Washington City, is attending the convention.

The book club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. S. Primrose.

All those who wish to try for positions on the Raleigh baseball team will please meet at the Graded School grounds tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock to practice for positions.

De Wolf Hopper does not come this way very often, but when he does come, he is always sure of a hearty welcome. Hopper may be, in fact is "a whole show in himself," yet he is the one star on the American stage who can always be depended upon to be surrounded by a capable company.

He has brought back from London, with him, the entire London cast of "The Charlatan," the Sousa and Klein opera, which met with so much success, and which will be presented at the Academy of Music on Wednesday, May 2nd. Reserve seats will be on sale Wednesday, April 25th.

HOME MARRIAGE

Miss Powell and Mr. Merritt Quietly Married This Afternoon

Miss Lena Vernon Powell and Mr. Repton Hall Merritt were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Powell, on Hillsboro street, at three o'clock this afternoon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George F. Smith, of Edenton Street Methodist Church. On account of the illness of the bride a church marriage was impossible, so the ceremony was very simple and was witnessed only by the members of the immediate family, together with those who had been invited to act as attendants at the church marriage, the latter being Miss Elizabeth Powell, of Raleigh; Mr. William E. Merritt, of Wilmington; Miss Amy E. Merritt, of Wilmington; Mr. Thomas Cox Powell, of Raleigh; Messrs. Benj. A. Merritt, of Wilmington; J. Fleo Johnson, of Gastonia; W. Frank Uley, Jr., of Apex, and Willis G. Briggs, of Raleigh.

Miss Powell and Miss Merritt, sisters of the bride and groom respectively, were to have been the bridesmaids and Mr. W. E. Merritt, brother of the groom, and Mr. T. C. Powell, brother of the bride, best men.

The presents were extraordinarily numerous and handsome, and came from many friends of the Mayor, as well as from friends of the bride and groom.

The bride is the daughter of Raleigh's Mayor and a native of this city, where her popularity has been universal. For nearly two years she was secretary to the Adjutant General of North Carolina, one of the most responsible positions ever held by a woman in this State, and in this capacity she made a host of friends in every section of North Carolina.

The groom is a native of Wilmington, and an alumnus of the N. C. A. and M. College. Since his graduation he has held a responsible position with the Standard Oil Company, with headquarters at Charlotte, N. C., but may first become head accountant for the McAden Cotton Mills at McAdensville.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt will occupy the residence built for the president of the mill at McAdensville. The best wishes of the people of Raleigh will accompany them to their new home.

Among those here to attend the marriage were Mrs. Merritt, the groom's mother; Miss Lottie Uley, Miss Kate Griffin and Miss Lillian Lewter.

BEAUTIFUL HOME WEDDING

Miss Florence Smith and Rev. Arthur J. Hall Married This Morning.

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the home of Captain James B. Smith at the Federal Cemetery, near this city.

It was the marriage of Captain Smith's daughter, Miss Florence Beatrice, to Rev. Arthur J. Hall, of Richmond, Va., a prominent young Baptist divine of that city.

The parlor was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed on a raised platform, which was banked with potted palms, ferns and costly flowers. Above this was suspended a bell made of exquisite flowers.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Gwaltney, of Richmond, Virginia.

At the appointed hour the bride entered leaning upon the arm of her father from over entrance and from another, the groom, with his best man, Mr. Henry King, Miss Susie Buchanan, of Petersburg, was maid of honor.

The other attendants were Miss Laura King and Col. Z. P. Smith; Miss Leach Marion Smith, the little daughter of Col. Z. P. Smith, followed the attendants and bore a silver tray on which rested the ring with which the ceremony was performed.

The bride wore an elegant going-away gown of light purple, with hat to match. The bride maids wore white organdie and carried bunches of white carnations. Little Marion was dressed in white with veil.

Among those present were Mrs. F. H. Briggs, Miss Lula Briggs, Mrs. V. C. Royster, Miss Peol, of Canada; Mrs. Johnston, Rev. A. W. Curtis and wife, Miss Addie Bate, Miss Flora Creech, Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Albert Chamberlain, Mrs. Z. P. Smith, Miss Ellen King, Mr. S. D. Waitte and Mrs. Swindell.

A flash light picture was taken just after the ceremony by Mr. Bowen.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall left on the morning S. A. L. train for a northern tour. They will stop over in Richmond, where a reception will be given to them tomorrow night by Prof. Peogram.

A number of friends accompanied them to the depot and showered upon them their best wishes.

GENERALS CRITICISED

The Boers Have not Abandoned Siege at Wepver.

London, April 18.—General Roberts' criticism of Generals Buller, Warren and Thornycroft overshadows any news at the front. The afternoon papers comment at length, some maintaining that nothing remains for General Buller to do except for him to resign. The Globe, St. James Gazette and other papers are very severe in their criticism.

BOERS STILL AT WEPVER.

London, April 18.—The Boers have not abandoned the siege at Wepver, general Roberts himself sends word that the town is still surrounded.

THE CROTON STRIKES

Italian Foreign Office Expression—New Workmen Unmolested.

Croton, April 18.—The report that a member of the Seventh Regiment has been shot is untrue. The troops are protecting the Croton dam and the new workmen. Twenty wagons of cement were guarded by the cavalry through the Bowery.

NEW MEN UNMOLESTED.

No strikers confronted the soldiers when the whistle blew. A hundred new laborers responded and went to work unmolested.

Rome, April 18.—Signor Malvano, of the Foreign Office, and secretary, said today that the Italian government was unaware of any decision reached by the United States to expel the strikers at Croton dam from that country. Such action, in his opinion, would be illegal. The Marquis Visconti Venosta, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, regrets the trouble, which he does not regard as serious. He says the United States and Italy are equally desirous to avoid trouble. Baron Fava, the Italian Ambassador at Washington, has been instructed to bear complaints of men and to assist the American authorities.

STUDENTS DROWNED.