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Mention of Taft's Name in Convention at Charlotte Starts Wild Outbursts of Enthusiasm Among Delegates

TAFT FLAYS THE BRYAN GUARANTY OF DEPOSIT PLAN

Declares That It Puts a Premium Upon and Is an Inducement to Reckless Banking.

THIS VITAL OBJECTION TO NEBRASKAN'S SCHEME

Says That Guaranty Law Was At One Time in Effect in New York, But That Test of Panic Proved Its Impracticability.

Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 26.—"It puts a premium on reckless banking and is an inducement to reckless banking." Thus did Mr. Taft this afternoon, in response to a question, state what in his opinion is the vital objection to the proposed plan to guaranty deposits in national banks.

"That is the fundamental objection," he said. "Relieved of the responsibility to and the fear of his depositors, the tendency would be to induce exploitation, manipulation and the use of assets in a speculative way. It would promote speculation at the expense of his fellow bankers and that utimately means at the expenses of the depositors. Any proposition as to the amount of tax that should be assessed as based on the present rate of loss, is on an erroneous basis, as the danger of loss of deposit is increased vastly by the proposed system, so that the percentage of the tax would have to be vastly increased.

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FARMERS' CONVENTION WELL ATTENDED DESPITE THE INCESSANT RAINS

Several Interesting Addresses and Discussions Consumed the Time Yesterday.

WOMEN ALSO HAVE MEETING

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 26.—A much higher degree of success is being attained by the State Farmers' Convention at the Agricultural and Mechanical College here than was at first thought there would be, owing to the heavy rains. There are now probably one hundred and twenty-five farmers at the college registered for the convention. Notice has been received of several parties that are detained by washouts, especially on the Norfolk and Southern railroad.

The farmers had a busy day today. Beginning at seven o'clock with a three hours' object lesson in "Judging Stock." This included cattle, horses and hogs, an expert in each directing the study of the three subjects. Following this there was the consideration, for the remainer of the morning session, of "Commercial Fruit Growing." Members of the faculty of the A. & M. College and State Horticulturist W. M. Hutt and his assistants being the principal instructors.

For the afternoon session plant breeding and live stock breeding, especially with a view to improvement, were considered by such experts as F. L. Stev-

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THIRTY MINERS CUT OFF FROM ESCAPE BY FIRE

Flames Made It Impossible For Them to Get Out of Oklahoma Workings.

RESCUERS CANNOT GET IN TO HELP THEM

All Will Perish, It Is Feared—Victims Are All Foreigners—Owners of the Mine Decline to Furnish Information in Regard to Affair.

McAlester, Okla., Aug. 26.—One of the worst mine disasters in the history of this part of the southwest occurred at Haileyville, fifteen miles east of here, today, when between twenty-five and thirty miners were entombed in the Hailey-Oklahoma Coal Mine No. 1, the result of a fierce fire, which it is believed has shut off all means of escape.

The men whose escape was shut off were in the lower part of the mine. At noon a telephone message from the scene reported the fire was burning so fiercely that it was impossible for rescuers to enter the shaft, and it was believed the entombed men must surely be burned to death. All of the miners are foreigners. A number of miners working near the open managed to escape.

Officials of the company declined to give out details of the affair and the actual loss of life is not known. The fire is said to have started at 8.30 o'clock this morning, soon after the day shift went to work. It appears that a barrel of oil caught fire and later exploded, spreading burning oil in all directions. The fire spread with such rapidity that the miners on lower tiers were unable to reach the shaft and all escape was cut off.

The mine is owned by Dr. R. D. B. Hailey, of McAlester, and is one of the biggest mining properities in the state. Soon after the fate of the entombed men became generally known, crowds of wildly excited women and children, relatives of the unfortunate men, appeared at the shaft. Their grief was pitiful. Their fruitless cries for the entombed miners added much to the confusion.

Those who were able to reach the surface were greeted with shouts of joy. The officials of the company, aided by the mine bosses and others, immediately set to work to rescue the men still in the mine. It was soon apparent, however, that no one could enter, as volumes of smoke poured from the opening.

BRYAN PAYS A VISIT TO HIS BIRTH PLACE

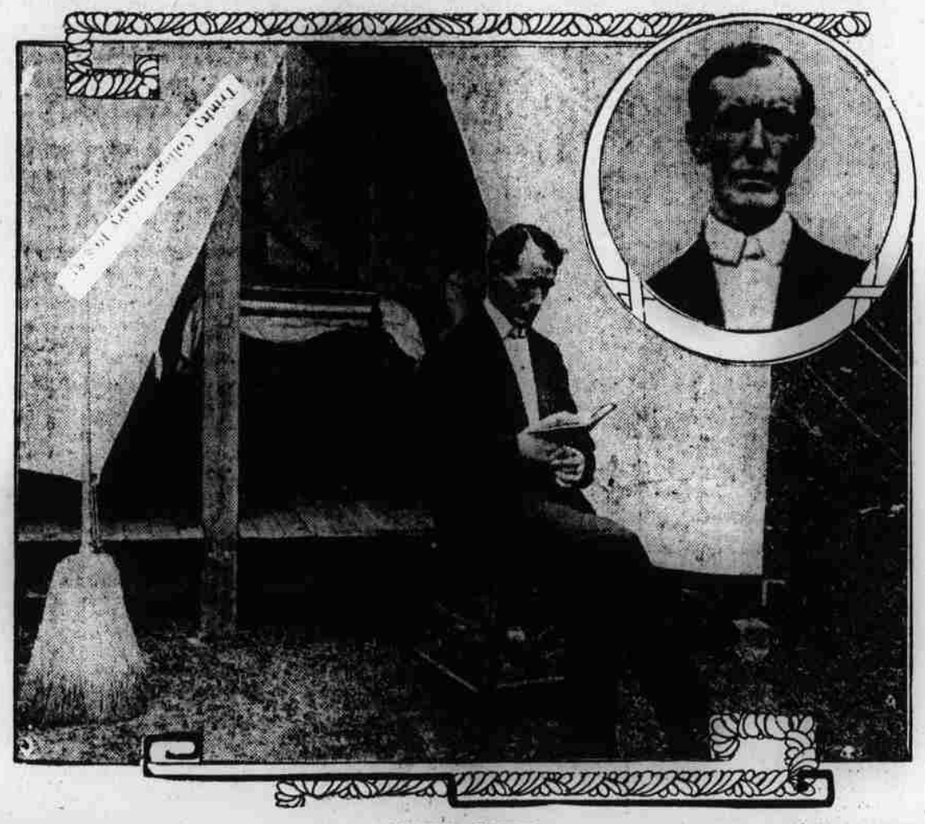
DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR PRESIDENT GETS WARM WELCOME AT SALEM, ILL.

Salem, Ill., Aug. 26.—No crowd of equal size or enthusiasm ever before turned out in this city, the birthplace of W. J. Bryan, as did today when the Democratic candidate stopped over to greet his old friends and neighbors.

The whole population was on hand early to extend a hearty welcome when Mr. Bryan reached here at 3.30 o'clock this morning. They were augmented later in the day by thousands who came in on special trains.

During the day Mr. Bryan divided most of his time with the Bryan and Jennings branches of his family.

Early, the Leper, and His Camp Near Washington



JOHN R. EARLY,
Sitting in Front of His Temporary Hospital Reading the Bible. Early's Wife and Little Child Are at Their Home in Lynn, N. C.

ENORMOUS DAMAGE IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE STATE CAUSED BY CONSTANTLY RISING RIVERS AND THE HEAVY RAINS

Augusta, Ga., Flooded and Reports From All Parts of This and Adjoining States Tell of Great Destruction of Property, Traffic Halted, Roads Washed Out and Bridges Carried Away. Heavy Loss in Cape Fear Valley.

With slight intermissions, apparently for the purpose only of gaining new impetus, the rain continues to fall in this section of the country, and each hour brings additional reports of damage done to crops, bridges carried away, roads washed, trains delayed or annulled and constantly rising streams and rivers.

Persons coming into the city from the outlying districts tell of damage beyond estimate. The steel bridge across Buffalo creek, south of Greensboro, was washed away Tuesday afternoon; another county bridge, north of the city, was carried away at about the same time. From Brown Summit come reports of hundreds of acres inundated; the crops thereon destroyed; buildings damaged or washed away and of roads impassable. The tobacco farmers are the principal sufferers in the region, though almost all corn on the bottom lands and such portion of the hay as is unharvested will be a total loss.

While attempting to cross a creek several miles this side of Brown Summit shortly after dark Tuesday evening, J. H. McNeill with his little son was carried down the stream in his buggy. McNeill held on to the child and finally was able to drag himself ashore about one hundred yards down the stream. The horse also was rescued from the waters about midnight.

The continuous downpour has prevented the farmers coming into town with their produce and as a result most of the grocery stores are nearly without fruit or vegetables.

Streams locally are from ten to thirty feet above normal condition and in the more hilly regions, particularly in the mountains of the state the flood conditions are much worse. All parts of this as well as the adjoining states, are suffering. Trains are so late as to bear no relation whatever to their schedules and the mail service, as a result, is demoralized. In many sections of the south the rural free delivery service is practically abandoned, because of the conditions of the roads.

Reports from Augusta, Ga., last night say that city is almost completely under water, business being virtually at a standstill, and the amount of damage done by the water beyond estimate. To add to the troubles, fire apparently was raging in the enormous warehouses of the Nixon Company, wholesale grocers, though owing to the water it was impossible for the person making the report to get near enough to tell exactly what was being burned.

The weather bureau at ten o'clock last night issued the following flood bulletin:

The heavy rains that have fallen continuously since Sunday over the Carolinas and Eastern Georgia, have caused widespread floods ofthe most dangerous and destructive character. The Savannah river at Augusta will likely reach a stage of thirty-eight feet, or six feet above flood stage by midnight on Wednesday, and there is grave probability that the entire city will be flooded. Telegraphic communication with the outside world has been cut off and no reports have been received since Wednesday morning.

The Catawba river, of North Carolina, and the Wateree and Pee Dee rivers, of South Carolina, have exceeded all previous stages by several feet, while Eastern North Carolina reports indicate the greatest flood ever known in that section, the rainfall was particularly heavy in the vicinity of Raleigh, N. C., where the total fall since Sunday was exactly ten inches. The loss and damage are enormous. Railroads have annulled trains, bridges have been washed away, roads rendered impassable, and large areas of crops destroyed.

The Oconee and Ocmulgee rivers, of Georgia, are also above flood stage and high water will be experienced in the Altamaha river during much of September.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY RISING OF CAPE FEAR

Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 26—The Cape Fear river is now, at eight o'clock, within six inches of being as high as the prohibition freshet in 1901, when the gauge showed 58.8. The water is within two feet of the Clarendon bridge, and as a tremendous rain is reported to have fallen about here this afternoon, the probability is that the great structure will be swept away.

It is reported that the Atlantic Coast Line is going to burn the bridge and has given the county a bond for $50,000 in order to save its steel bridge a few hundred yards below. The Coast Line has already shoved a train of loaded coal cars on the bridge to strengthen its holding. Cross creek is rapidly backing up into the city, and only one bridge of the many across the stream is passable, the others are all afloat. Bridges all over the county are swept away as well as many dams, the largest being the big dam of factory No. 3, of the Hope Mills Manufacturing Company. It is feared that dams of Hope Mills Nos. 1 and 2 will also go.

The whole valley of the Cape Fear is inundated and the damage to corn and cotton is enormous. Indications are that the Cape Fear will rise to the Carendon

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SOCIALIST LEADER TELLS BRYAN HE NEED LOOK FOR NO SOCIALIST SUPPORT

Calls Nebraskan's Appeal For Votes Pathetic and Futile.

DEMOCRATS ARE NOT SINCERE

New York, Aug. 26.—John Spargo, the Socialist leader and author, has sent to William Jennings Bryan a long letter, in which he answers the appeal made by the latter at Indianapolis for Socialist votes.

Mr. Spargo is a member of the national committee of the Socialist party, and was chairman of the committee on resolutions at the national convention of the Socialists. He presided at the state convention of the Socialist party here in July. In his letter he says it was a bold bid for Socialist support, which the Democratic presidential candidate made in his Indianapolis speech, and he calls it a pathetic and futile appeal.

He argues that the claim is insincere, that the Democratic party is seeking a remedy for known abuses, declaring that "known abuses" are nowhere so flagrant as in the south, which is almost wholly Democratic. Mr. Spargo also asserts that conditions in the south, with peonage and other evils rampant through the alleged toleration of Democratic officeholders, are not an indication of and desire on the part of the Democratic party for the people to rule.

In addition he tells Mr. Bryan that "Democratic judges have been just as ready to serve injunctions, and Democratic employes to seek them, as Republicans," and he argues that the labor plank in the Democratic platform of 1896 was far more progressive than that in the present platform.

"There is no place in the Democratic party," concludes the letter, "for men who are looking and hoping for better and juster social conditions."

CHAIRMAN PRICE'S SPEECH SETS THE CROWD CHEERING

Judge Adams in His Opening Speech Makes Splendid Effort, Showing Fallacy of Democracy's Stand. Nominations and Adoption of Platform the Program for Today's Session.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 26.—The mention of the name of William Howard Taft by Permanent Chairman A. H. Price in his speech tonight, started a spontaneous demonstration that lasted forty-five minutes. Only after considerable effort on the part of the chair was the outburst of enthusiasm curbed and even a time limit of that extent put upon the cheering. During three-quarters of an hour delegates madly waved their hats, flags, umbrellas, etc. Republicans from over the state marched and counter-marched Charlotte's big auditorium with Teddy Bears, flags and banners. Chairman Adams, ex-Congressman Linney, Charles H. Cowles, Virgil S. Lusk and others were carried around by the delegates who were madly enthusiastic. No candidate for rPesident has ever received such a demonstration in the state.

The features of today's sessions of the convention in addition to the Taft demonstration, were the speeches of Judge Spencer B. Adams and Augustus H. Price, the latter being the convention's unanimous choice for permanent chairman. Two sessions were held—one at twelve o'clock, when Chairman Adams spoke, and the other at 8.30 tonight, when Mr. Price was chosen and made his speech. At ten o'clock tonight the convention adjourned until tomorrow, when the ticket will be nominated and the platform adopted.

Notwithstanding the almost incessant downpour of rain for the last three days, sweeping away bridges and paralizing railroad traffic, nearly a thousand delegates were present when the convention was called to order by State Chairman S. B. Adams at noon.

There is little to indicate who will be nominated for governor. J. Elwood Cox declines to agree to accept the nomination and he is virtually out of the running. Dr. Cyrus Thompson is a favorite as is James Britt. A delegation went to see D. A. Tompkins today to insist upon his consent to place his name before the convention. What he told the committee is not known at this time. It seems to be settled thatThomas Settle will be the nominee fo r attorney-general.

BIG CROWD EOR OPENING SESSION IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Convention Hall, Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 26.—Lowering skies and fitful showers marked the opening day of the state Republican convention, still when twelve o'clock, the hour for convening, arrived, it found delegates from nearly every county in the state here. On the stroke of twelve Chairman Adams entered the hall and was greeted with cheers and handclapping. Other Republicans prominent in the state came in shortly after, each one receiving his share of applause. Among these were R. J. Linney, Thomas Settle and Thomas Rollins. The rostrum was well filled with well-known Republicans from every part of the state. The galleries of the Auditorium had probably in there seats a thousand spectators, among them being many ladies. While the delegates were arriving and being seated an excellent brass band entertained the crowd with selections of patriotic airs.

It was ten minutes past twelve when

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CHAIRMAN ADAMS REVIEWS SPLENDID RECORD OF PARTY

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 26.—Judge Adams' speech to the convention, immediately after he had called the convention to order this morning, made a favorable impression upon the large audience that heard it. It was a comprehensive review of the party's record, together with a denunciation of Democratic insincerity. Judge Adams said:

Gentlemen of the Convention:

I congratulate you on the personnel of this splendid convention of loyal Republicans. The party has had many conventions in this state. However, I am sure it has never had a better one in its history than is assembled here today. We came to Charlotte, and we are glad we came. The welcome the patriotic citizens have already extended to us is a guarantee that we will be well provided for while here. We have met here to adopt a platform of principles and nominate a ticket, which we propoose to elect on the third day of

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GLENN INDORSES ROAD CONGRESS

Gives His Hearty Support to the Movement and Will Invite Other Governors.

J. S. Knykendall, secretary of the chamber of commerce, has received a letter from Governor Glenn saying it gives him pleasure to cooperate with the chamber of commerce of Greensboro in arranging for a good roads congress to be held here during the Centennial.

A call will be issued by Governor Glenn as governor of the State of North Carolina, thus officially cooperating in the undertaking. The call will extend an invitation to all governors of southern states, all southern senators and congressmen, commissioners of agriculture, and all chambers of commerce and boards of trade in the southern states.

Mrs. Corpening Entertains.

Mrs. A. G. Corpening entertained at cards from three to six o'clock in her apartments at the Guilford hotel yesterday afternoon in honor of her sister, Miss Linton, of Raleigh, N. C. Miss Alice Callum won the first prize, a book, "The Firing Line." The visitors' prize, a fan, went to Miss Linton. After the game dainty refreshments were served.

DEWEY UNVEILS FARRAGUT TABLET

Three Thousand People Take Part In the Ceremonies at Portsmouth, N. H.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 26.—Some three thousand shipmates, relatives, friends and admirers of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, today paid a tribute to the memory of the hero of many battles of the sea, in the dedication of a memorial tablet in the Portsmouth navy-yard.

The commandant's house at the navy-yard, where the famous fighter died, was the scene of the exercises, and Admiral George Dewey, who served with Farragut, lifted the covering from the tablet. The exercises were very simple. The chaplain of the yard, the Rev. Frank Thompson, offered prayer, after which Admiral Dewey stepped to the front and following a few extemperaneous words, unveiled the tablet.

The memorial bears this inscription: "Died in this house August 14, 1870, David Glasgow Farragut, admiral in the United States navy. Faithful and fearless."

TWO NEGROES BOUND OVER ON LARCENY CHARGE

WALKER AND HIS PAL, JOHNSON, HELD IN THE MAYOR'S COURT.

Charles Walker, the negro who was bound over by Mayor Brandt yesterday morning in police court in four cases charging him with larceny, was given another hearing yesterday morning, together with his pal, Charles Johnson, and they were bound over in another larceny case in a $25 bond.

A case in which Doak Wade was charged with an assault was dismissed.

Albert Lee was fined $5 including the costs for keeping his premises in an unsanitary condition.

ANSEL NAMED FOR GOVERNOR AGAIN

SECOND PRIMARY PROBABLY NECESSARY TO DECIDE QUESTION OF SENATOR IN S. C.

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 26.—Owing to flood conditions reports of yesterday's Democratic primary have been delayed. On the face of present returns it appears that Governor Ansel has been nominated for reelection over C. L. Blease by no less than 15,000 votes.

For United States senator the race was very close between E. D. Smith, J. G. Evans and R. G. Rhett. It seems likely that Smith and Evans will have to go before a second primary. In the contested congressional districts, Aiken, Patterson and Finley appear to have won. Ellerbee and Hodges will have a second primary to settle their contest.

BUT LITTLE INTEREST IN DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES

ONLY CONTESTS ARE OVER REGISTER OF DEEDS, COUNTY TREASURER AND ONE COMMISSIONER.

So far not a great deal of interest has been manifested in the Democratic nominating primaries to be held September 5, notwithstanding the fact that the time in which candidates may announce themselves will expire Saturday.

The following candidates have entered for the primaries: Col. John A. Barringer, for the state Senate; Dr. J. R. Gordon and J. C. Kennett, for the House of Representatives; B. E. Jones, sheriff; A. G. Kirkman and W. H. Rankin, register of deeds; J. W. McNairy and G. H. McKinney, county treasurer; Dr. W. G. Bradshaw, J. A. Davidson, John A. Young, L. A. Walker, W. C. Tucker and O. F. Ross, county commissioners.