

Greensboro Gets State Convention

The Date Was Fixed For June 23rd.

This Action Taken By Democratic Execu- tive Committee —Resolutions Adopted.

June 23rd, at Greensboro, are the date and the place for the meeting of the North Carolina Democratic convention this year. Such was the action of the state Democratic executive and central committees in session in Raleigh last Thursday night.

Briefly stated, other important business transacted were the adoption of this order of business for the convention, subject, of course, to change at the discretion of the convention:

1. Organization; 2. Adoption of resolutions and platform; 3. Election of delegates to national convention; 4. Nomination of candidates. It was ordered that the chairman embody this resolution in his call for the convention. The resolution first provided for a two-days' session of the convention, but this was not adopted.

Also for the adoption of a rule for the general party organization that a nomination may be made by any majority, even though it be a fraction of a vote. The question of a gubernatorial primary was practically ignored, the general sentiment being clearly against such a course.

It was the most largely attended committee meeting held in many years and was withal a most ardent love feast.

THE ROLL CALL OF MEMBERSHIP.
It was 8:45 when the convention was called to order in the senate chamber by Senator Simmons as chairman and the roll call by Alex J. Field as secretary showed the following committeemen to be present—sixty-two in person or by proxy:

- Those present were:
- W. B. Rodman, Washington
 - George W. Ward, Elizabeth City
 - M. J. Hawkins, Ridgeway
 - E. L. Travis, Halifax
 - W. H. Powell, Tarboro
 - L. V. Morrill, Snow Hill
 - James A. Bryan, New Bern
 - N. O'Berry, Goldsboro
 - E. C. Young, Raleigh
 - J. C. Beddingfield, Raleigh
 - R. H. Hayes, Pittsboro
 - E. S. Abell, Smithfield
 - B. S. Royster, Oxford
 - R. D. Reid, Wentworth
 - J. J. Nelson, Greensboro
 - J. B. Underwood, Fayetteville
 - A. W. McLean, Lumberton
 - D. H. McLean, Burlington
 - D. E. McIver, Sanford
 - J. R. Blair, Troy
 - P. B. Means, Concord
 - T. C. Linn, Salisbury
 - R. R. Ray, McAdamsville
 - W. H. Williams, Newton
 - Heriot Clarkson, Charlotte
 - J. C. Mills, Rutherfordton
 - M. L. Shipman, Hendersonville
 - C. A. Webb, Asheville

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

- First District—E. F. Lamb, Elizabeth City
- Second District—H. H. Gilliam, Tarboro; J. W. Grainger, Kinston; I. E. Green, Weldon.
- Third District—C. E. Foy, New Bern; F. G. Hargett, Onslow; T. C. Whitaker, Trenton; A. S. Willis, Morehead City.

- Fourth District—F. S. Spruill, Lenoir; H. A. London, Pittsboro; B. H. Bunn, Rocky Mount.
- Fifth District—A. M. Seales, Greensboro; J. S. Carr, Durham; Jno. R. Webster, Reidsville; A. W. Haywood, Haw River.

- Sixth District—E. J. Hale, Fayetteville; H. B. Short, Lake Waccamaw; C. C. Lyon, Elizabethtown.
- Seventh District—M. L. John, Laurinburg; S. W. Finch, Lexington.

- Eighth District—J. R. McLelland, Mooresville; W. H. Bower, Lenoir; W. C. Fields, Sparta.
- Ninth District—R. J. Brevard, Charlotte; I. T. Avery, Morganton.

- Tenth District—S. Callert, Rutherfordton; F. S. Johnston, Franklin; E. J. Justice, Greensboro; C. A. Webb, Asheville.

Advisory Committee—J. H. Pou, Capt. S. A. Ashe, Josephus Daniels, R. M. Furman, J. E. Underwood.

Proxies were held as follows:
W. H. Bower by J. A. Hartness; G. W. Ward by J. F. Taylor; W. H. Bernard by F. B. Arendell; S. W. Finch by H. B. Var-

ner; O. G. Lamb by M. I. Haywood; W. T. Crawford by Chas. A. Webb; John W. Thompson by B. C. Beckwith; R. R. Cotton by J. E. Woodard; R. L. Stevens by A. D. Watts; Geo. Warberton by J. A. Thomas; L. J. Lawrence by R. H. Jones; N. G. Williams by W. C. Hammer; Walter E. Moore by John C. Drewry; J. H. Pou by Josephus Daniels.

After the roll call Chairman Simmons announced that since the last meeting of the committee one member—Robt. S. Cowan of Columbus—had died and that it had been the practice to allow the members of the district to nominate some one to fill the places so vacated. In this connection Hon. Daniel McLean was recognized and offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, since the last meeting of the state Democratic executive committee, a vacancy has been made in our body by the untimely death of Hon. R. S. Cowan of the county of Columbus, whereas, we, his colleagues on said committee, desire to express our sorrow at the death of this distinguished son of our state, and to pay a tribute to his many excellent traits of character, both of heart and mind, do resolve:

That in the death of Mr. Cowan this committee has lost one of its most loyal and efficient members, and the state one of her most valuable sons, who was always faithful to her best interests in the many responsible positions he was called upon to fill in her service.

He loved his state, and her friends were his friends. He leaves to his country the priceless example of a noble and honorable life.

Following the adoption of this resolution Maj. E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, was recognized and announced that the other committeemen of the district had agreed upon Major W. H. Bernard, of Wilmington, as the successor to Mr. Cowan. Major Bernard was then unanimously elected an executive committeeman and his proxy offered by F. B. Arendell, to whom it had been delivered through Hon. D. H. McLean.

When the question of the place for holding of the next convention came up H. A. Gilliam, of Tarboro, offered the motion that the convention go to Greensboro, and Hon. Dan Hugh McLean spoke in behalf of Raleigh. There was much favorable comment for both places by committeemen; but an eloquent speech by Mr. Z. V. Taylor, of Greensboro, carried the convention by storm, constraining Judge Womack as spokesman for the Raleigh delegation, to withdraw the invitation from the Capital City in favor of Greensboro, and Greensboro was chosen, as it were, by acclamation.

SENATOR BLACKBURN ON WOOD

Says He Will Resign His Seat If More than 12 Senators Favor Confirmation.

Washington, March 15.—Senator Blackburn today concluded his speech in opposition to the confirmation of General Leonard Wood. His arraignment of Wood was scathing and convincing. He declared that the testimony taken by the military affairs committee was clear and showed conclusively that Wood is unfit for promotion in the army. Senator Blackburn is satisfied that the charges can be proven and he would pledge himself to resign his seat if more than twelve senators voted to confirm the nomination. It is not believed there will more than ten votes against confirmation.

Breese and Dickerson Case.

Asheville, N. C., March 19.—Special Judge Chas. H. Simonton has issued an order setting the trial of William E. Breese and J. E. Dickerson for the June term of United States court at Charlotte.

Judge Benjamin F. Keller, of the district court for the southern district of West Virginia, and Judge James E. Boyd have exchanged courts for this term. The West Virginia judge will, therefore, try the famous bank cases.

General Wood's Nomination Confirmed.

Washington, March 18. The long fight over the nomination by President Roosevelt of Leonard Wood to be major general was ended this afternoon by a vote of 45 to 16 confirming the nomination.

Senators Kittredge and Scott were the only Republicans who voted against Wood, Cockrell, Pettus, Dubois, Patterson and Clarke. (Ark.) Democrats voted for him.

Men In the Public Eye

Hon. Wilfred D. Turner.

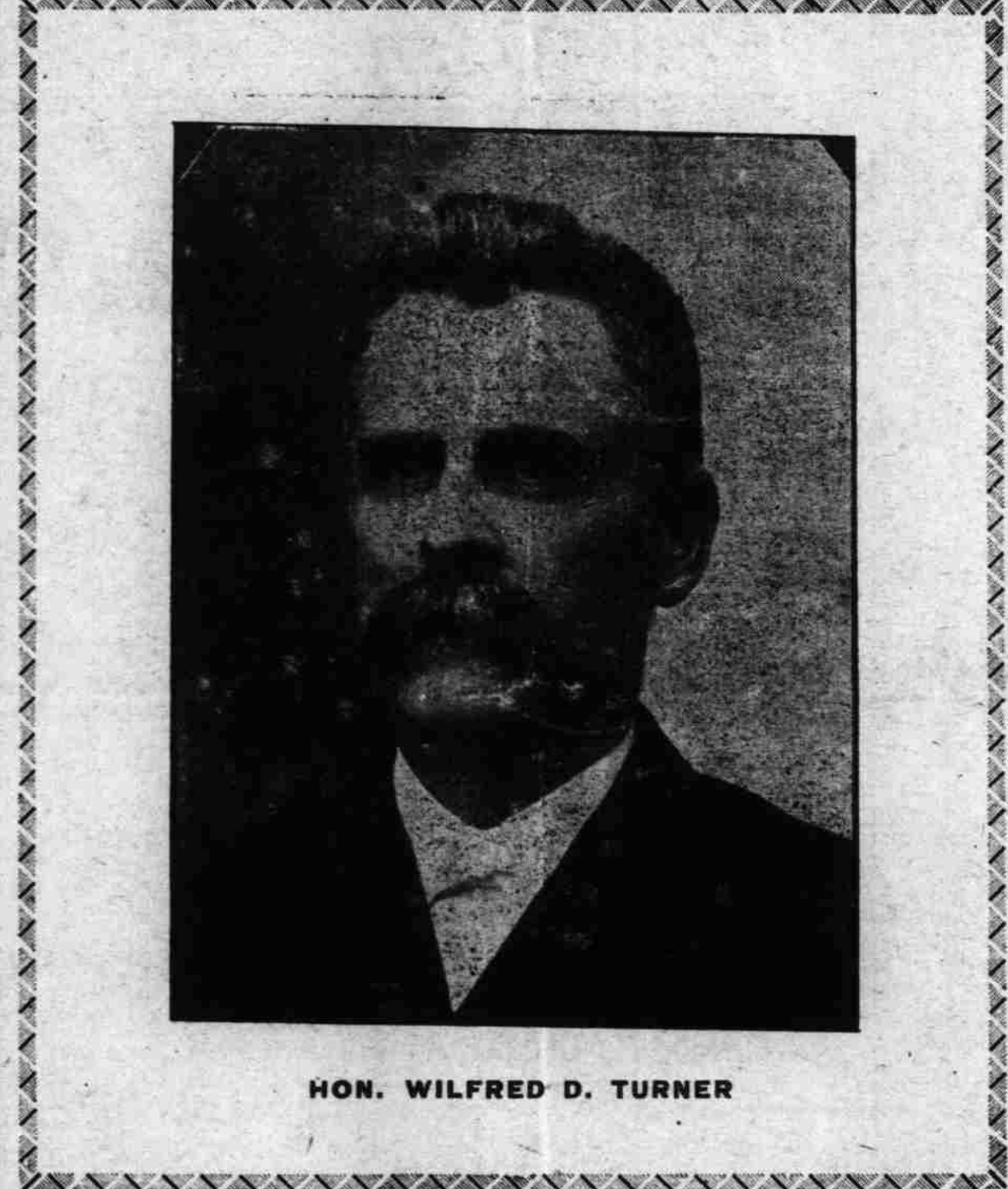
We present to our readers today a sketch of that distinguished North Carolinian, the Hon. Wilfred D. Turner, the able and popular Lieutenant Governor of the State. Governor Turner needs no introduction to the people of North Carolina. They all know and admire him as an official and a man. A glance at the cut accompanying this sketch is sufficient to satisfy, even a stranger, that Governor Turner is a man of force and character; one whose opinions, once formed after careful thought, are firm and unshaken. He believes in the kind of justice which will uphold the integrity of the State. A gentleman of charming manners and unusual popularity, Mr. Turner has often been honored by his party and has never betrayed a trust reposed in him.

Mr. Turner was born in Iredell county, Jan. 30th, 1855, and is the son of Mr. Wilfred D. Turner, a prominent farmer and cotton manufacturer of the Piedmont section. He graduated at Old Trinity College in 1876, from which institution he secured the degree of A.

Senate and regarded as one of the best parliamentarians and safest legislators in the State. He was one of the delegates to the national convention which nominated Hon. Wm. J. Bryan for the presidency in 1896.

The great state convention which named Chas. B. Aycock for governor selected Mr. Turner to be his running mate and in the vigorous campaign which followed he played a prominent part, lending his abilities as a speaker and as an organizer. The result showed a majority for Mr. Turner, over his opponent, H. F. Seawell, of 61,097. As presiding officer of the Senate in 1901 and 1903, and Judge of the Court of Impeachment Governor Turner showed great ability, unquestioned integrity and was always sustained in his rulings as a presiding officer.

Mr. Turner has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens and can ever be relied upon to support any measure that is for the good of the people generally. He has been twice married, his first companion being Miss Lanier, of Alabama. His second wife is Miss Julia H. McCall, of Statesville.



HON. WILFRED D. TURNER

Mr. Turner studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1877, beginning his practice in June. He attained eminent success and his ability was at once recognized by such a prominent lawyer as Judge Robert F. Armfield, of Statesville, who took Mr. Turner as a partner. Later, when Judge Armfield went on the bench his son, Chas. H. Armfield, succeeded him and the legal firm of Armfield & Turner is now one of the strongest in the State. It is needless to refer to Mr. Turner's politics. The very fact that he is Lieutenant Governor of the Old North State evinces his position upon political questions and his ability and success as a leading democrat. He has long been a recognized leader of his party in county, district and state affairs. Was chairman of the Iredell County Executive Committee for several years and in 1898 was thoroughly supported for the congressional nomination in his district. In religion he is a Methodist.

In 1896 Mr. Turner was elected State Senator from the district composed of Iredell, Alexander and Wilkes counties and was re-elected to the sessions of 1899 and 1901, serving with great ability and faithfulness. He was chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the

Simmons Unnecessarily Alarmed.

Senator Allison had a joke yesterday on Senator Simmons and incidentally on the North Carolina legislature.

Mr. Simmons called up in the Senate a bill appropriating \$60,000 for the enlargement of the public buildings at Asheville, in his state. Naturally he was anxious to have the bill passed smoothly, and Mr. Frye was expediting its passage, as he generally does all routine legislation. But few senators were on the floor and apparently none of these, except Mr. Simmons were paying much attention to the proceedings.

Suddenly Mr. Allison stood up and moved to strike out section two of the bill, which section provided that the bill should become effective at the time of its passage. Mr. Simmons looked alarmed, but Mr. Allison sat down, and with one hand screening his forehead and face, seemed in a brown study.

Russian Warship Blown Up By Mine

CANNON BOOM IS LAUNCHED.

William Alden Smith Starts the Ball to Rolling, Which Causes Terrific Uproar in House

Washington [Special].—The day was the most exciting one in the house since the day before the Spanish war, when the house voted \$50,000,000 to President McKinley for national defense. There were more speeches, more red fire and Roman candles, more denunciation and more declamation, than the oldest inhabitant can remember.

Incident to the postal debate, William Alden Smith, of Michigan, started a boom for Speaker Cannon for the presidency. "I hope the time is coming," he said, "when that great man, who has always stood between the treasury and graft, and for right against wrong, Speaker Cannon will be elected to the executive chair."

Instantly the house was in a turmoil. Republicans and Democrats alike pounded their desks and yelled like Comanche Indians. By opening and closing the lids of their desks, they made a noise like the rattle of musketry, and shouted fully five minutes.

"Bang! bang! bang!" he hit his desk with the gavel.

"The house must be in order!" commanded the speaker, and continued rapping.

"You're knocking your own boom," shouted Representative Burleson, of Texas, to the speaker.

Some Republicans claim to take the Cannon boom seriously, and at the senate the matter is discussed by some who are against the nomination of Roosevelt.

LIVELY FIGHT IN THE EIGHTH

War of Words Between Linney and Blackburn.

Greensboro, March 17.—Unless all signs fail there is going to be the biggest convention held and the warmest crowd gathered at Wilkesboro on March 31st, to nominate a Republican candidate for Congress, that has ever been known in the district. Always a storm center of politics, the state of Wilkes on that occasion will be in a state of absolute ecstasy, for it will be a genuine cyclone that will strike the old burg this time. Even now, this distance from the scene or, conflict, distinct reverberations from the muttering thunder which precedes a storm can be heard. Two weeks ago, before Hon. Romulus Z. Linney began to issue yards of anti-partygyrics concerning his principal rival for the nomination, Hon. J. Spencer Blackburn, it looked as if there would be a very lively contest over the nomination between him and the "Bull of the brushies," with odds distinctly on the side of the "drummer boy" for the honors. Now the whole scene is changed. The calling of the convention as early as the 31st of March being recognized as evidence of Blackburn's surprising strength in the district, showing that he had the organization in the hollow of his hand, caused a stampede of all forces opposed to him a momentary panic, the first out-come being terrible roar of the mythological diety held sacred by the Egyptians. So all together the result is that the woods are full of other candidates. Those not strong partisans of Linney or Blackburn have given the word, and it has passed down the line that both must be defeated, and a new man taken. Tonight there are known to be four "new men" in the race. State Senator Sam Marshall, of Surry; James W. McNeill of Wilkes; Assistant District Attorney A. H. Price, of Rowan, and George W. Conely, of Caldwell. In addition to these it is currently reported here that Postmaster and ex-Lieutenant Governor Charles Reynolds, of Forsyth is looking through the cracks of the fence which divides the eighth from the fifth congressional districts, to see what change there is for an outsider running in the eighth.

Thursday in the East.

While entering Port Arthur Wednesday, the Russian torpedo boat, Skorri, struck an unplaced mine and was destroyed.

Eye witnesses to the recent Japanese bombardment of Port Arthur, who have reached Shanghai, state that the effect of the fire was terrific. Scores of Russians were killed and wounded and several warships were damaged, one cruiser being sunk.

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Placed in Port Arthur Harbor By Own Men.

Port Arthur is Said to Have Suffered from the Last Attack Made By the Japanese

To Defend Port Arthur Russians place Torpedoes.

Washington, March 18.—Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, has furnished the state department the following notice:

"By order of my government I have the honor to advise your excellency that in consequence of the laying of torpedoes in the waters of the Kwang-Tung all vessels which desire to approach the coast or enter Port Arthur shall observe the following rules:

"After heading for the entrance of the port on a strictly northern course, all vessels shall stop at a distance of at least 5 miles, hoist their national flag and call by signal for a pilot who will be sent to steer them on their designed berth."

Caught By Their Own Trap.

Chefoo, March 17.—Another Russian warship and crew have been hurled to destruction by a mine at Port Arthur. Yesterday as the torpedo boat, destroyer Skorri was entering the harbor, she struck an unplaced mine. An explosion followed instantly and the boat was literally blown to pieces. The boat carried a crew of 38 men, of whom only four escaped and they were badly wounded. The men who lost their lives were literally torn to pieces. It is said that the harbor is full of floating mines which have been displaced by the repeated attacks of the Japanese and that Russian warships are forced to move with the greatest caution to avoid being destroyed.

China Hard on Russians.
Pekin, March 17.—Russian commissariat officers have applied to the Chinese railway officials at Hsin-Min-Tun for permission to use their name in the transportation of troops and stores. The officials have replied that the matter presents many difficulties and they must refer the application to the authorities at Peking.

Some questions were also asked regarding the possibility of purchasing fodder and other supplies; also regarding the procurements of carts for transportation purposes should the railway not be available. Native agents of the Russo-Chinese bank at Mukden have also approached the railroad officials upon the subject. The magistrates at Chin-Chou will not allow the natives to sell supplies of any kind to the Russians.

The Japanese authorities here state that a land engagement of any magnitude is not likely before another month. A military attaché here considers the mechanical mines laid by the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur efficient to prevent the Russian fleet from leaving that port.

Russians Say Japs Need Money.
Shanghai, March 17.—According to information received by the Russians here, the opposition party in Japan is protesting against the imposition of new taxes on the public, which is already suffering under excessive taxes. Lack of money is also said to be the cause of the delay of transportation of Japanese troops.

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