

TAGGART GETS CHAIRMANSHIP Illinois Man To Conduct Judge Parker's Campaign For President.

WAS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED All Opposition Withdrawn—Gor- could Not Be Induced to Enter the Race.

New York, July 26.—Expectations were fulfilled today when Thomas Taggart of Indiana, was elected chairman of the Democratic National committee. Endorsed by nearly every member of the committee the day after the convention adjourned at St. Louis, it has been known ever since that only the decree of Judge Parker in favor of some other man, or the consent of Senator Gorman to accept the place could prevent the selection of Mr. Taggart. Neither of those contingencies arose and the Indiana man was unanimously chosen to the place for which he has long had aspirations.

Although the vote was unanimous, it was not until after it was actually in progress that opposition to Mr. Taggart's selection was withdrawn. Beginning with the return of Senator Gorman, former Senator Hill, former Senator Jones and other Democratic leaders from Esopus last evening, and lasting up to the moment when the committee was called to order today, the strongest possible efforts were made to bring Senator Gorman into the field or to arrange a combination that would place some one besides Taggart at the head of the committee. Almost continuous conferences were held, intimations of great financial advantages to the party were made, and many expedients were suggested, even to delaying the election until after the committee visits Judge Parker tomorrow in order to defeat Taggart. But nothing could change determination of his friends to force an election today and to compel a show of strength. Failing to secure the necessary conditions to defeat Taggart the opposition yielded, and the proceedings of the committee were brief and harmonious.

Campaign Committee.

The contest for the other offices created only a slight diversion and differences regarding them, which have been somewhat spirited for a few days past, were easily adjusted. The most important action of the committee aside from the selection of a chairman was that of arranging for a committee or committees to manage the campaign. A proposition submitted by William F. Sheehan, slightly modified upon the suggestion of Senator Bailey, was adopted. As agreed to is as follows:

"That the chair be authorized to appoint not to exceed two vice chairmen, as his judgment may determine; that the chair be authorized to appoint an executive committee of not less than five, nor more than seven members; that the chair be authorized to appoint a finance committee of not less than three, nor more than five members; and if in the judgment of the chair these two committees should be amalgamated into an executive committee, shall be composed of seven members; that if at any time the exigencies of the campaign should in the judgment of the executive committee and the chairman of the national committee require it, or if it becomes advisable to increase the number, that they may select additional members, not more than one from any one State as members of said executive committee; that in conformity with a resolution adopted by the last Democratic National Convention, the members of the said executive committee; that in conformity with a resolution adopted by the last Democratic National Convention, the members of the said executive committee and finance committees may be selected from outside the membership of the National committee."

The Active Workers

Under this resolution Chairman Taggart will select campaign managers. It is taken for granted that he will be the chairman of the executive committee as that custom is always followed. After the adjournment of the committee were a number of consultations among the leaders and the names of several men were mentioned as likely to be on the committee or the committees, which ever course it is decided to pursue. Among these mentioned were: William F. Sheehan, of New York; Arthur P. Gorman, of Maryland; Aug-

ust Belmont, of New York; David B. Hill, of New York; James M. Guffey, of Pennsylvania; John T. McGaw, of West Virginia; William H. Martin, of Arkansas; John P. Hopkins or James H. Eckles, of Illinois; George a Gaston, of Massachusetts; James Smith, Jr. of New Jersey; T. F. Ryan, of Virginia; Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon; Chas. S. Thomas of Colorado, and Fred T. Dubois, of Idaho.

The plans of Chairman Taggart for the next few days include the trip to Esopus tomorrow, returning to New York tomorrow evening. He expects to spend Thursday in this city, consulting with a number of prominent Democrats regarding the composition of the committees as he is authorized to appoint. Thursday evening or Friday he will leave for Indiana, but will return almost immediately, announce the committees, establish headquarters and enter upon active campaign work.

David B. Hill was seen after the committee had adjourned. His rooms have been constantly occupied by prominent New York Democrats and there was considerable discussion regarding the campaign in this State. Mr. Hill was satisfied and confident. He declared that he would not be a member of any committee during the campaign. "I am a committee of my own," he asserted. He said that of course Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Belmont would be considered in connection with committees to conduct the campaign. Mr. Hill will not go to Esopus tomorrow, but will leave tomorrow afternoon for Woolferts Root.

Senator Gorman did not attend any of the conferences at the Hoffman House, but was visited during the day by many prominent Democrats. He did not see many other visitors. He expects to leave for home tomorrow.

Urey Woodson Secretary.

Urey Woodson, of Kentucky, was elected secretary of the committee by a vote of 36 to 12, the selection subsequently being made unanimous.

Edwin Sefton, of the District of Columbia, was made assistant secretary. John I. Martin, of Missouri, was elected sergeant-at-arms and Samuel Donelson, of Tennessee, assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Kern's Voice Named Taggart.

John W. Kern placed Taggart in nomination, speaking briefly about his ability and capacity as a Democratic leader. No one else was named and Taggart was declared the unanimous choice of the committee.

A delegation was sent out after Mr. Taggart. It consisted of Blanchard, of Louisiana; Ellyson, Virginia, and Kern, of Indiana. Mr. Taggart was found in his room and escorted to the committee room. He thanked the committee for the high honor it had paid him.

He realized to the fullest extent, he said, the responsibility of the position, but he felt that with the ticket and platform upon which the candidates stood the Democrats would win the next election. In order to do so they must have the full and cordial support and co-operation of every member of the committee and every Democrat in the country. He promised to discharge the duties of the position faithfully and intelligently. Mr. Taggart's brief speech was applauded.

A Democratic Love Feast.

The Democratic club's reception to the members of the Democratic National Committee tonight resolved itself into a love feast for Parker and Davis, and marked an informal opening of the local campaign. The speeches made were brief and informal.

Charles F. Murphy sent a letter of regret dated today and from Tammany Hall headquarters, in which he regretted that an important appointment kept him away, and hoped the reception would be a success.

A letter was also received from Mayor McClellan in which the mayor regretted his inability to be present. The only one of the immediate advisers of Mr. Murphy seen at the reception was former Senator Towne.

No Dispensary for Wilmington

Wilmington, N. C., July 27.—In the municipal election here today under the Watts State law, upon the question of the establishment of a dispensary in the city and the operation of distilleries within the corporate limits, the anti-dispensary advocates won by a majority of 690 in a total vote of 912, and for the operation of distilleries there was a majority of 461.

The election was very quiet, though the contest was strenuous, the ladies taking an active part by serving refreshments from improvised booths near the polling places to all dispensary workers. In the morning there was a parade of boys by the polls carrying banners proclaiming against the saloons.

EDITORS AT MOREHEAD North Carolina "Pencil Pushers" Meet in Annual Session.

CONVENTION OPENS PROMPTLY President Varner Delivers Address, New Members elected—Gen. Lee Speaks—New Offi- cers Chosen, Ban- quet Tendered etc.

Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, N. C., July 27.—The North Carolina Press Association was called to order at 9:30 this morning by President H. B. Varner. After prayer by Rev. P. D. Gold the executive committee reported the election of J. Roy Reagan, and J. E. Smith of the Bryson City Appalachian, G. M. Beasley of the Monroe Journal; R. G. Foster, of the Graham Tribune; Manton Oliver, of the Reidsville Review; C. C. McAllister, of the Asheboro Courier; H. M. Brown, of the Salisbury



HON. H. B. VARNER
Re-elected President of the Association.

Sun; Norman H. Johnson, of the Merchants Journal; Westlake and Caine of the Asheville Citizen, and R. M. Phillips of the Morning Post, to membership.

The next number on the program was the annual address of the president of the association, who spoke at length upon matters concerning the association. Mr. Varner made reference to the iniquitous and populist pass law passed the London Libel act, treated upon the matter of advertising rates and gave some wholesome advice upon many things of general import.

The printed program was then taken up and carried out in toto:



M. L. SHIPMAN,
Who was chosen First Vice-President.

Atlantic Hotel Morehead City, July 28.—The North Carolina Press Association held its closing sessions today, the morning meeting being marked by the election of officers and the evening by the splendid address of General Fitzhugh Lee.

An invitation to meet in Asheville at the Kenilworth Inn next year was unanimously accepted. So was the invitation tendered by Mr. James A. Bryan of a trip over the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad Friday morning.

At the morning session of the association "The Relations of the Editor and School Teacher in the present awakening" was ably discussed by Messrs. E. F. Hilliard and J. C. Caddell. Ex-Senator Jarvis was then introduced to the convention and made a pleasing speech. Hon. H. A. London followed him in a delightful talk on reminiscences of the association.

The election of officers resulted as follows:
President—H. B. Varner.
Vice-President—M. L. Shipman, R. M. Phillips and J. C. Caddell.
Secretary and Treasurer—J. B. Sherman.
Historian—T. J. Lassiter.
Orator—E. F. Hilliard.
Poet—John Charles McNeil.
The old executive committee were re-elected. Delegates to the National Editorial Convention are: D. J. Whitchard, W. K. Jacobson, C. H. Poe, W. B. Westlake, Thad R. Manning, T. J. Lassiter, H. A. London.
Alternates—H. C. Martin, R. M. Phillips, W. F. Marshall, J. A. Robinson, M. L. Shipman, J. H. Caine, Rev. J. C. Atkinson.

The Address of Lee

The event of the closing session was the great address of General Fitzhugh Lee. He spoke with the freedom and ease of the veteran of such occasions but withal with an earnestness and force that made the blood of his hearers tingle.

The speech was delivered in the spacious ball room. As General Lee appeared before the throng that crowded the vast floor space, his stately and distinguished presence and the crowding memories of his career drew from the audience a long roar of applause.

General Lee was introduced by President Varner. When the orator spoke of the gallant achievements of North Carolina's soldiery in the Civil War, his voice gathered volume and sweep and his face flushed with enthusiasm. From his own kindling eyes to those of his hearers emotion seemed to leap in glad flashes. He spoke in burning periods of Worth Bagley as the first and only naval officer killed in the war with Spain. He recalled the fact that the first North Carolina, under Colonel Armfield, was the front regiment to march through Havana. His tribute to our brave soldiers was one to make the heart swell with pride for the dear old mother, Carolina, that gave them birth.

Concluding, General Lee spoke of the relation of the North Carolina press to the Jamestown exposition and referred to our colonial struggles as making an especial interest in this great forthcoming event. The General concluded his address amid an outburst of applause.

A grand banquet followed, served in a manner to which the Atlantic may be said to hold the key. Col. J. A. Bryan was toastmaster. General Lee responded to "Our Country," and Governor Jarvis to "Our State." Other speakers were Hilliard, Bailey, Marshall, London and Archibald Johnson. The convention has been a most enjoyable and profitable one in every respect, and the manner in which the editors have been entertained by the Atlantic is beyond all praise.

THE BREESE CASE CLOSES He Gets Seven Years For Ab- straction and Misappropri- ation of Funds.

ANOTHER APPEAL IS TAKEN Hearing to be Had at November Term of Circuit Court of Appeals, Richmond.

Charlotte, July 30.—The jury in the Breese trial, after deliberating for seven hours, and a half, delivered their verdict at 12:30 this morning. Major Breese was found guilty on two indictments—abstraction and misappropriation of funds. Judge Keller's sentence was imprisonment for seven years. Major Breese has filed a notice of appeal. The day of the conviction of Major Breese is the seventh anniversary of the failure of the bank.

Charlotte, July 30.—When the United States District court reconvened this morning the attorneys for William E. Breese, convicted of misappropriation of funds of the First National bank of Asheville and sentenced to seven years in the United States penitentiary at Atlanta, made formal application for and was granted a writ of error to the circuit court of appeals at Richmond Va. An affidavit was filed certifying that the defendant was unable to bear the expense incident to carrying the case to the Circuit court of Appeals and the clerk was instructed to make out the writ of error at the cost of the government.

The bond of Major Breese, for the sum of \$15,000, was tendered by Mrs. Mae Woodbridge and Mrs. J. W. Hume of Asheville, each of whom justifies for twice the amount named in the bond. Mrs. Hume is the mother-in-law of Major Breese. The case will be carried before the Circuit court of Appeals at the November term.

CHALLENGE TO REPUBLICANS.

Chairman Simmons Sends Letter to Republican Headquarters.

RALEIGH, N. C., July 17, 1904.
Hon. Thomas S. Rollins, Chairman State
Republican Executive Committee,
Asheville, N. C.
Dear Sir:—At a meeting of the State
Democratic Executive Committee held
in this city on the 26th instant, a resolu-
tion was adopted favoring a joint can-

Lieut. General Keller Killed By Jap Shell

The Japanese Are Giving the Russians A Reception on Every Corner—War News of the week.

Mukden, Aug 1.—It is reported that Lieutenant General Count Keller has been killed east of Liao Yang.

A dispatch to the news agency from St. Petersburg confirms the reported death of General Keller, saying he was killed by a fragment of a Japanese shell at the time he was opposing the Japanese advance along the railway near Hal Cheng.

Russians Yield to Superior Numbers.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 1.—The emperor today received the following dispatch dated July 31, from General Kurapatkin: "Three Japanese armies have renewed offensive operations on our southern front. Our rear guard made an obstinate defense until the appearance of considerably superior forces of the enemy and then gradually retired in the direction of Hal Cheng. A detachment near Simoueheng, fifteen miles southeast of Hal Cheng, successfully withstood the enemy until three o'clock in the afternoon."

"The attack was directed against our right flank, which from its position at Hanna Pass inflicted great loss on the Japanese."

Japs Capture Sien On Cheng.

London, Aug. 2.—The correspondent of the London Times, with General Kuraki in the field, in a dispatch dated July 31, says:

"This army began a general attack at daylight today which lasted until sunset. The Japanese centre took the town of Simoueheng, capturing the enemy's northeastern positions. The left advanced and occupied a position jeopardizing the Russian right. "The Japanese right carried the position against superior numbers. "There was tremendous artillery firing throughout the day and the infantry finished with a brilliant march under the enemy's shrapnel. I believe that the Russian position will be untenable tomorrow."

Shanghai, July 29.—A telegram received here from Wei Hai Wei confirms other telegrams received here today from Chefoo that Port Arthur has been captured. At Wei Hai Wei there is a British wireless telegraph station and British warships are equipped with this means of communication. It is probable that Wei Hai Wei has been in wireless communication with the fleet and that information of the fall of Port Arthur was received in this manner.

Chefoo, July 29.—A junk containing thirty refugees from Port Arthur arrived here tonight, having left Port Arthur Thursday. The refugees report exceedingly heavy firing by land and sea to the east and northeast of Port Arthur, and express the belief that the general assault was begun Thursday.

ness between the candidates of the democratic and republican parties for the important political offices, and authorizing me to confer with you as the chairman of the State Republican Executive Committee upon the subject. If it is your desire to have a joint discussion between these candidates, I shall be glad to meet you at some time in the near future for the purpose of making necessary arrangements for such discussion. Yours truly,
F. M. SIMMONS,
Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee.

The Asheville Gazette-News comments upon the above as follows: "Mr. Rollins found a mass of work accumulated in his law office during his stay in Charlotte and was called to Bryson City yesterday afternoon on railroad business, and further, is of the opinion that he should consult some of the republican candidates before committing himself. For these reasons his reply to Senator Simmons will not be sent for several days. It is not known what answer he will return but it is believed that personally he favors a joint canvass. Mr. Harris has written Mr. Glenn that he personally would prefer not to have a joint canvass."

COUNTY ELECTION BOARDS.

Officers Named for Western Counties by State Board of Election.

- Raleigh, N. C., August 1.—The State board of elections tonight announced appointment of county board.
- Buncombe—H. C. Blacketter, Marcus Erwin, J. A. Wagner.
 - Cherokee—A. A. Fain, D. S. Russell, J. H. Woods.
 - City—S. H. Allison, L. S. Scroggs, J. D. Mease.
 - Graham—T. J. Rogers, W. D. Crisp, W. W. Robinson.
 - Haywood—J. F. Abel, J. D. Welch, W. A. Hartgrove.
 - Henderson—C. E. Brooks, J. S. Jones, J. Williams.
 - Jackson—V. F. Brown, M. Buchanan, J. R. Long.
 - Macon—Two blanks N. S. Thomas.
 - Madison—W. O. Conner, G. Henry Roberts, J. C. Tilson.
 - McDowell—D. E. Hudgins, J. Q. Gilkey, N. M. McSweeney.
 - Mitchell—Geo. M. Young, Sol. R. Hensley, C. F. Baker.
 - Polk—N. H. Hill, J. R. Foster, Grey-stone Arledge.
 - Rutherfordton—Sol. Gallert, I. N. Biggstaff, L. Logan.
 - Swain—J. R. Snow, E. G. Monteth, A. J. Franklin.
 - Transylvania—Welch Galloway, T. S. Wood, D. L. English.
 - Yadkin—S. H. Willmoth, J. L. Sampson, W. L. Kelley.
 - Yancey—J. Bis Ray, V. E. Anglin, A. R. Bryan.

The board prescribed the sizes of tickets to be voted as follows: Congressional, 2 by 4 inches; state and judicial, 4 by 10; electoral, 4 by 8.

A View of Parker.

National Committeeman Josephus Daniels, has returned from Esopus, where he went as one of the committee to notify Judge Parker of his nomination. When asked how Judge Parker looked, he said not a bit like his pictures, as the latter present him without expression and with an imperturbable face. He has a very ruddy moustache, rather gray haired, with a glimpse of Auburn in it, and is very ruddy in complexion, erect, spry and fine of figure. He is a whole-souled sort of a man and a fine politician too, well informed, and knows the political conditions as well as anybody. Out of the fifty-one members of the committee to notify him, he could not have known a dozen, and yet he had something to say to each one about the committee-man or his State. It is really wonderful how well informed he was. Committeeman Daniels said that the leaders in New York all pick Parker as a winner, and say he has the political sagacity of Samuel J. Tilden. They say he will certainly carry New York. The editorial in the New York Herald, favoring Parker, was telegraphed entire by James Gordon Bennett from Paris. This editorial has had a powerful effect in New York and New Jersey. The Herald being very influential and not being accustomed to declaring for candidates in such a way. Committeeman Daniels says Thomas Taggart and other leaders from the West said as to Indiana, that 20,000 gold Democrats there voted for McKinley, and these are now for Parker—Charlotte Observer.

When it is announced that President Roosevelt intends to manage his own campaign it is met by Democrats with a broad smile of approval. They couldn't be better pleased.