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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION OPENS WITH WILSON DEMONSTRATION

Noise and Enthusiasm Breaks Loose When Speaker Recalls Former President's Forte To Lead. Balloting For Nominations Comes Today or Tomorrow.

New York, June 24.—The name of Woodrow Wilson was again the spark that fired the magazines of Democratic enthusiasm and sent the party's 1924 convention roaring on its way today.

Once again, as four years ago in San Francisco, a mighty chant of approval swept up from the crowded floor as his name fell from the lips of a party spokesman. But this time it was a greeting to a leader, dead and at peace amid his honors. Four years ago, it was to a stricken, pained chieftain, prisoned and in the White House by his infirmities.

Yet there was nothing of sadness in the uproar his name evoked today. From the moment the vast oval of Madison Square Garden began receiving its great company of men and women of Democratic faith, long before Chairman Hull banged down his gavel to begin the writing of new chapters in party history, there was a little touch of rollicking mood abroad among the delegates that augurs a wild time in days to come. The seats filled slowly; the galleries remote in the vast hall, never were entirely occupied. There were whole banks of empty seats behind the thousands of flags along the gallery rails that make the hall a riot of red and white and blue.

At the various headquarters the struggle for tickets went on even after the convention was in session and the half of the country was pulsing with radio waves that bore the sounds of its doings to far off listeners in.

Belated ones came steaming in, clutching the tickets so dearly won by argument and pleading up to the moment when Temporary Chairman Harrison declared the recess for the day in memory of Woodrow Wilson.

And they were literally steaming; those late arrivals, for it was hot in the flag-covered hall, with a blaze of sunlight pouring down through an acre of glass overhead. The lucky purchasers of window seats in the galleries on the northern and southern sides of the old assembly place alone escaped the hot air of the draped hall that kept fans and straw hats waving vigorously on platform and floor through the session in vain efforts to stir up a little cooling breeze.

But nobody minded trifles like that. Democrats from North, South, and West were assembled after four busy eventful years.

It was the feeling that animated various delegations and stirred them to song even before the session got started. The band perched in a high gallery to the west end of the hall and a little remote for synchronizing with the vocal doings of the folks crowding the seats, did its best under the circumstances.

The Georgia crowd started things, probably a purpose of nominating strategy was at the back of their heads; but the result was the same. Some time before National Chairman Hull was ready to start going officially, there arose suddenly from the Georgia standards sounds which indicated that they were singing about McAdoo.

It was much appreciated by galleries and floor alike, regardless of favorite son sentiment.

Newton D. Baker, of Ohio, was identified and given a hand; Carter Glass of Virginia, was extended a genial salute and a half dozen others were picked out by the home folk groups and duly cheered.

So the convention got going in a cheerful mood, even if it was too hot for very wild preliminary demonstrations. That was the mood in which it welcomed Pat Harrison to his job of dealing with the Republicans and all their works and ways.

"You tell 'em, Pat," came a cry from the floor as the big, young, eager looking Mississippian took his place for the keynote speech with the blazing white lights for the camera men pouring down upon him and the cameras clicking away from their hanging baskets against the gallery walls.

And Pat held 'em. He delighted in telling 'em all about what the Republicans had done or failed to do and the audience delighted in listening.

REVIVAL MEETING ENDED LAST NIGHT

Special Services At First Baptist Church Come To a Close. Strong Sermons By Dr. Pruette.

The revival services at the First Baptist church of this city, came to a close last night after continuing for the past ten days with two services daily.

In spite of the extremely hot weather, good-sized congregations attended the services and a fine interest was manifested throughout the meeting.

The preaching was done by Dr. L. R. Pruette, pastor of the Ninth Avenue Baptist church of Charlotte, and during his stay in the city he won a warm place in the hearts of all who met him. He is a preacher of extensive experience and earnestly and eloquently presented a series of messages that made a profound impression upon his congregations.

WM. COLEMAN DIES OF HURTS

Death Comes In Hospital At Gaffney. Well Known Over State.

Gaffney, June 21.—William Coleman, former prominent mill owner, lawyer and candidate for governor of South Carolina two years ago, died in a local hospital tonight as a result of pneumonia contracted after he received serious injuries in an automobile wreck last week. His home was at Union.

Coleman is survived by his wife, a son who graduates from Princeton this week, and a younger son now on the summer cruise in European waters with the United States Naval academy ships. He also had three daughters, all of whom are living in Union.

Mr. Coleman graduated from Wofford college in Spartanburg in 1895. He attended the Harvard law school two years and completed his legal course at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After being admitted to the bar he opened an office and practiced law in Charlotte until the death of his father a short time later.

Mr. Coleman returned to Union to assume the management of the estate, and in 1899 he began the erection of the Glenn-Lowry mills at Whitmire.

Mr. Coleman is survived by his wife, and the following children: William, Jr., David B., Mary Elizabeth, Ann, and Evelyn Locke Coleman. One sister, Mrs. R. R. Jeter, of Union, also survives.

Work Begun On "Baby Cottage"

Memorial Building To Provide A Home For Twenty-Four Orphan Babies.

Contractor J. B. Brownlee and his force, was on the orphanage grounds early Monday morning to start the preliminary work in connection with the erection of the "Baby Cottage," which is to be erected as a memorial to the late Mrs. F. Louise Mayes and is the gift of the ladies of the three auxiliaries of the synods of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

Active work on the building has begun and it is expected to have the job completed by the end of the year. The building will be of granite and will stand on the lower end of the campus facing South Broadway between the McCall building and the residence of Dr. Jack H. Young.

Home-Coming Day At Langston Church

A home-coming and all-day singing will be held at Langston church next Sunday, beginning at ten o'clock in the morning. All former pastors, members, singers and the public in general, are cordially invited. Langston church is one of the oldest Baptist churches in the county, having been organized over a hundred years ago. A large crowd is expected to attend the special services announced at this historic old place next Sun-

ORPHANAGE GETS SHARE IN ESTATE

Miss Katherine Blackwood of New York, Makes \$5,000 Contribution To Clinton Institution.

Miss Katherine B. Blackwood, of New York city, whose death occurred a few days ago, left a contribution of \$5,000 in her will for the Thornwell Orphanage of this city. The deceased left more than fifty thousand dollars to educational and charitable institutions in the South, and due to a life-long interest in the institution here it was named as one of the beneficiaries of her estate.

Official notification of the gift was received at the orphanage yesterday. It is to be known as the Blackwood Memorial Fund in honor of Miss Blackwood's father and mother. A number of years ago the family lived in Greenville where the father was cashier of the First National Bank of that city. Later they moved to New York where they have made their home for several years.

The amount is to be applied to the institution's endowment fund.

Laurens Editor Loses His Wife

Mrs. Allison Lee Dies At Family Residence After Brief Illness.

Laurens, June 21.—Mrs. Sarah Sullivan Lee, wife of Allison Lee, editor of The Laurens Advertiser, succumbed to a brief illness Wednesday night shortly before nine o'clock at the family residence on West Main street. News of Mrs. Lee's passing was received in all parts of the city and county with expressions of sorrow and regret.

Funeral services were held from the home at 5:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, the exercises being conducted by the Rev. C. T. Squires, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and the Rev. P. F. Kilgo, pastor of the First Methodist church. The final rites were paid the memory of the young matron at the grave side in the Laurens cemetery where the body was placed at rest in the family plot.

A large concourse of friends and relatives attended the services, and the floral offerings comprised a large and beautiful collection.

Early Settlers Near Puckett's Ferry

Cross Hill, June 22.—The recent coming of Puckett's Ferry into prominence because of the two highways to be constructed to that place and the big concrete bridge to be built near that point, has brought to mind some early settlers in this section.

Seventy-five or eighty years ago, two young men, brothers, of Scotch-Irish descent, came to this community, married, and settled here, one on the Waterloo road where Mr. B. B. Owens now lives, the other in the Longview community at what is known as the John Owens place.

These were John G. and Berry Turner, sons of Berry Turner, Sr. In a short while Berry moved West and John G. moved to the hills of the Saluda, just this side of Puckett's Ferry. There on a farm he and his wife, who was a Miss Bearden of the Bethabara section, spent the remainder of their useful lives and reared a family of five children, four boys and one girl. Rev. W. Preston Turner, late of Bethabara, Messrs. John W. and Robertson Turner of Cross Hill, Mr. Samuel Turner, who a few months ago died in Atlanta, and Miss Elizabeth Turner, who married the late Mr. R. S. Griffin, both of whom passed away many years ago. Many of the descendants of these families are still residents of this section, while others are scattered in various parts of the country, all of whom are good, law-abiding and useful citizens.

Strange to say the old home-place at Puckett's Ferry passed out of the ownership of the family soon after the passing of the original ancestor, and is now owned and occupied by Martin Watts, colored.

Time fails us to speak at length here of other names whose lives are closely linked with the early history and development of this part of Laurens county. The Cunninghams, the Watts, the Carters, the McGowans, the Simpsons, the Leemans, the Williams, the Hills, and others are familiar names whose history may be traced back a century or more ago.

Mrs. W. C. Oxley and little son leave this week for an extended visit

CHURCH WORKERS GATHER TODAY

Annual Bible Conference Opens This Evening At Presbyterian College For Three-Day Session.

The Bible Conference for Church Workers, held jointly under the auspices of the Synod of South Carolina and the Woman's Synodical Auxiliary, will open this evening at the Presbyterian College. Its purpose is to gather Presbyterians of the state for a few days of delightful Christian fellowship and of helpful Bible study. A large attendance of laymen and women is expected, all delegates to be entertained at the college.

This year's program includes some strong speakers and promises to be quite attractive to all who attend.

Dr. W. R. Dobyms, of South Highlands Presbyterian church in Birmingham, Ala., is to be the Bible teacher. All who heard Dr. Dobyms last year were anxious for him to return, and the conference is fortunate in securing him. Dr. Dobyms will speak each evening at 8:15 and each morning at 9 a. m. He will also preach the conference sermon Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

Dr. R. A. Lapsley of Richmond, Va., will have the Sunday School hour and will make three addresses on Sunday School work. His general subject will be "The Successful Sunday School Teacher," and he will speak on the following themes: Friday, "The Teacher's Personality and Purpose;" Saturday, "The Teacher's Method in Theory and Practice," and Sunday, "The Teacher and the Word of God." Rev. J. E. Purcell, D. D., the secretary of Men's Work of the Southern Presbyterian church, will be present and will be in charge of the men's hour. At this time the men and women will have separate sessions. Under Dr. Purcell's leadership the men will discuss and confer over the new plans for harnessing the man-power of the church. The laymen who are interested in the new movement, "The Men of the Church," will have here a great opportunity to inform themselves as to the most successful methods of organization and work.

At the same time under the guidance of Mrs. Leslie Stribling, of Seneca, S. C. secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of South Carolina, the women will study the problems and methods of the work among women.

One hour each day will be devoted to a study of evangelism. On Friday Rev. J. H. Henderlie, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church, Gastonia, N. C., will speak on "Evangelism in Mill Districts." On Saturday Rev. D. McIntyre, of Blenheim, S. C., will speak on "Evangelism in Mission Out-post Work." On Sunday Dr. W. H. Miley, the synodical evangelist, will speak on "The Evangelistic Church."

Rev. Flourney Shepperson, of Chester, is the conference manager; D. W. A. Neville, of this city, registrar and treasurer; H. D. Buie, synod's singing evangelist, song leader, and Miss Virginia Taylor, pianist.

Special Services At A. R. P. Church

Dr. J. M. Garrison, of King's Mountain, will preach for the A. R. P. congregation beginning Friday evening and continuing through Sunday evening. The special services are held preparatory to the communion service next Sunday morning, and a cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

DR. LYNN SPOKE IN CHARLESTON SUNDAY

Dr. L. Ross Lynn spent Sunday in Charleston where he preached for the congregation of the Second Presbyterian church at both morning and evening services.

GOES TO GREENVILLE FOR OPTOMETRY CONGRESS

Dr. Felder Smith, local optometrist, left Monday for Greenville, where he is attending the Southeastern Congress of Optometry. The program will continue through the week with daily lectures by some of the best optical men in the United States.

TO TEACH IN DARLINGTON

Miss Cornelia Blake, of Spartanburg, for the past two years a teacher in the Clinton schools, has accepted a position in the Darlington schools for the coming winter.

REPUBLICANS' POLITICS CONDEMNED BY HARRISON

In Opening Speech Mississippian Says Men In Power Condoned Corruption Carnival. "U. S. Needs a Paul Revere, Not Sphinx, In the White House," Declares Keynoter.

STATE TAX LEVY THIRTEEN MILLS

Comptroller General Of State Gives Out Figures For Present Year. Higher Than For Last Year.

Columbia, June 24.—The state tax levy for 1924 will be 13 mills, according to a statement made yesterday by Walter E. Duncan, comptroller general of South Carolina. The levy for 1923 was nine mills.

The levy is apportioned as follows: for state purposes, six mills; constitutional school tax, three mills; for 6-0-1 school law as passed by the last session of the general assembly, four mills—total, 13 mills.

The comptroller general was sending out yesterday notices of the state levy to county auditors and treasurers so that they would be enabled to enter the levy on their duplicates along with taxes to be levied for other purposes.

The valuation of the property of the state in 1923 was approximately \$424,000,000. The six mill levy for state purposes will raise approximately \$2,544,000; the constitutional three mill school tax will raise \$1,272,000 and the four mill levy for the 6-0-1 school act will raise \$1,696,000, making a total of \$5,512,000, of which the sum of \$2,544,000 is for general state purposes.

The appropriations bill for 1924 carried a total of approximately \$9,000,000, and from the direct tax, as is mentioned above, the sum of \$2,544,000 will be raised, so that to avoid a deficit, the revenue from sources other than the property tax must amount to \$6,500,000, according to the comptroller general.

In addition to the levies mentioned, in the counties of Berkeley, Charleston and Williamsburg there will be an additional levy, Mr. Duncan says, of one mill to cover the cost of the Santee bridge at St. Stephens and there will also be an additional levy in the Clarendon-Orangeburg bridge district, but this levy has not yet been fixed, pending the receipt of information from the commissioners.

The levies mentioned, Mr. Duncan said, have no bearing whatever on the special levies provided by statute for the repaying of county loans, bonds, special school levies, nor do they apply to the levies mentioned in the various county supply bills.

SEMINARY MAY GO TO ATLANTA

Plan Agreed To In Augusta. Seems Seem Reversal of Former Decision.

Columbia, S. C., June 21.—Columbia Theological Seminary, an institution maintained and supported by the Southern Presbyterian church here may be moved to Atlanta, if the four supporting synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida endorse the plan, it was announced here last night by the Rev. Hugh R. Murchison, D. D., executive secretary of the seminary.

The tentative plan was agreed to at a meeting of the board in Augusta June 13, he stated. The board indicated that it would favor removal to the Georgia capitol, "provided that the Presbytery of Atlanta assume the burden of providing the seminary with a suitable site and building," it was added. The board further asked the controlling synods to inaugurate a campaign for \$500,000 to supplement the endowment, "regardless of the location of the seminary," according to Dr. Murchison.

Coming apparently as a reversal of a previous plan outlined by the board under which the seminary was to remain here for three years during which a drive for its support was to be instituted, the announcement came as a surprise here. "The question will be presented to the four synods at a meeting to be held this fall, it was asserted. Although Tennessee has definitely thrown its support to Louisville, it is believed by the board that Louisiana and Mississippi may be interested in the seminary, according to Dr. Murchison.

New York, June 24.—America needs a Paul Revere, "not a Sphinx," in the White House, to call it back to duty and high resolve, Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, declared today in sounding the keynote at the Democratic national convention.

In an address condemning the Republican administration—its policies, both domestic and foreign—the temporary chairman called on Democrats everywhere, "with victory within their grasp," to unite against a common enemy.

"Oh for one in the White House," he said, "whose heart might be melted and courage aroused to sympathize and fight. Would that we once more might see in that exalted position one with the courage of a Jackson, the militant honesty of a Cleveland, the matchless statesmanship and the fine fighting qualities of a Woodrow Wilson."

Senator Harrison ran the gamut of the Harding-Coolidge administration in a series of biting criticisms. A large part of his speech was taken up with a resume of the disclosures of Senate investigating committees. The oil policies, in particular, came in for vigorous denunciation.

"Show this administration an oil well," he said, "and it will show you a foreign policy."

"America has taken the measure of this administration," he continued. "It might have been able to free itself from the sectional idolatry and to have looked beyond the shores of New England. It might have heard the groans of the distressed farmers of the West and sympathetically responded. It might have sought markets and removed the tariff jams in the channels through which our surplus products move. It might have visualized world conditions and courageously assumed the part befitting a great nation. It might have reduced living costs, redeemed pledges to the soldier, followed a definite domestic program, and adopted a broad and statesman like foreign policy, but, even then, it would have availed it nothing with its carnival of corruption.

"The least that the American people expect of their public servants is common honesty. They will forgive their passivity, overlook their indiscretions, and, too often, forget their impotency, but to them corruption is inexcusable, graft is indefensible."

Referring to Senate inquiries, Senator Harrison was unparing in his criticisms of former Secretary Denby and Fall, former Attorney General Daugherty, Charles R. Forbes, former head of the Veterans' bureau and former Senator Newberry of Michigan. He paid high tribute to Senator Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, prosecutor of the oil inquiry and others connected with the various investigations.

"Decry them as they will, the American people know that it was these investigations—conducted by Democrats but through Republican committees—that sent Albert B. Fall to Three Rivers a disgraced man. It was these investigations that compelled Edwin Denby's retirement from the cabinet. It was these investigations that drove Daugherty back to Washington Court House. It was these investigations that caused conspirators against their government to take their own lives rather than tell the truth. It was these investigations that pointed to the immoral orgy of Forbes and sickening scandals in the Veterans' bureau. It was these investigations that put a Republican congressman behind bars and lashed Newberry from the Senate. It was these investigations that informed the American public that the first official act of Calvin Coolidge was the appointment of a private secretary who had traded and trafficked in public patronage. It was these investigations that led a Republican senate to convict its own Republican national committee for 'farming' a Democratic senator because he dared to do the right."

Comparing the investigations into Democratic and Republican administrations Senator Harrison said it was "not graft alone that offers in the (Continued on page two.)"