

A NATIONAL CREED

Urged for Farmers' Union by Thomas E. Watson.

RECALLS OLD PLATFORMS

Suggestion is Made in Campground Speech Before Large Gathering. Union Must Have a National Purpose.

"The Farmers' Union is going to declare the same principles and make the same fight attempted by the old Farmers' Alliance, and in that fight I am going to help," said Hon. Thomas E. Watson, addressing an audience of some 1,000 or 1,200 people in the main tent at the Whitcomb campground, seven miles from Thomson, Ga., Wednesday. The audience included people of five counties, McDuffie, Lincoln, Wilkes, Columbia and Warren. They had met under the auspices of the Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union, and Mr. Watson was the principal speaker of the day.

The whole burden of Mr. Watson's address was that the Farmers' Union must have a national purpose. He is convinced that the time has come or will soon come, when this organization, embracing in its membership 1,200,000 farmers, cannot be held together by the restricted plans and narrow purposes which now prevail. He wishes the organization to broaden out, to take a more comprehensive view of things and to support with their united influence a national campaign, or a campaign for national officers, having in view the repeal of all laws granting special privileges, and especially those which operate against the farmer. This program he will actively urge in his periodicals. He finds this platform already framed and these principles already enunciated in the Ocala platform, which was adopted by the Farmers' Alliance at Ocala, Fla. That platform contains the following declarations:

The income tax.

The removal of tariff taxes from all the necessities of life.

Direct election of United States senators by the people.

Abolition of national banks and government loans to the people on good security at 2 per cent interest.

No favoritism or class legislation.

Mr. Watson repeatedly drew comparisons between the Farmers' Union of today and the Farmers' Alliance of yesterday, and insisted that their purposes were the same. "The Farmers' Alliance was the greatest educational factor this country ever knew," he said.

Taking up the warnings and admonitions against plunging the Farmers' Union into the maelstrom of politics in which the old Farmers' Alliance had gone to wreck, Mr. Watson said: "Politics, meaning indorsing this man for this particular office, should be avoided. But politics in its last and loftiest definition means the relationship that exists or should exist between the government and the people. Even the churches are not too good to take an occasional hand in practical politics."

"The Farmers' Union will not reach the point of its greatest usefulness and achieve the hope it entertains until the organization brings pressure to bear upon the politician and the statesman and tells them certain laws are oppressive and must be repealed. Certain other laws are needed and must be enacted."

Mr. Watson paid his respects to the politicians in no very complimentary way. He assured his hearers that when their united voice was raised for reforms the politicians would fall over themselves to give heed, as they did in the case of the immigration discussion.

TOADSTOOLS KILL EIGHT.

Victims Thought They Were Feasting on Toothsome Mushrooms.

Dr. C. P. Dinamore died Thursday and four others of his family are dying from eating toadstools for mushrooms at Deep Water, W. Va.

Dr. Dinamore gathered what he thought were mushrooms and the family partook heartily of them. They became sick shortly afterwards, the doctor being the first to die.

BLIND NEGRO; BLIND TIGER.

Peculiar Combination Exploited by Colored Baptist Elder.

Elder Croom, a preacher of the negro Baptist church at Bainbridge, Ga., and Bill Bishop, a blind negro, were both arrested by a city detective a few days ago and locked up on the charge of running a "blind tiger." It's a case of blind negro running blind tiger. These two "tigers" will serve the state and county twelve months on the chain-gang.

RACE RIOT IN VIRGINIA.

Negroes Fire Upon White Men and Latter Burn Buildings to Get at Assailants—Principals Escape

Garland Beloeate, a white man, was shot and seriously wounded Saturday night at Onancock, Va., by a negro named Uzzel, editor of a paper published at that place, and caused a small-sized riot. Large numbers of negroes prepared themselves for rioting and went into ambush.

Four white men leaving Onancock in a hack were made targets by negroes from a grocery store in the suburbs.

Their baggage was riddled with bullets. The identity of the men could not be learned.

The printing office of the paper which belonged to Uzzel, and the store house of Samuel Burton, also a leader of the rioting, were burned to the ground by the whites early Sunday morning.

Several negro dwellings were riddled with bullets, but no one was seriously injured excepting one negro, who was shot in the shoulder. The negroes, Burton and Uzzel, were thought to be in hiding places in the store which was burned. This caused the burning of the buildings, which was done in a very quick time by using oil and gasoline. The building was surrounded to make sure that if the two negroes were there they would have no chance to escape. Many whites who, toward midnight, filled the streets of the town had come from neighboring towns and county surrounding, lost no time in a search for the men who were especially wanted, being the ones that began the shooting Saturday evening. But this search was in vain in every respect.

It is now supposed that both negroes made their escape from town, as the negro village was thoroughly searched Sunday morning, and no clue could be found of them. A and cursed Kellam, then calling for to look after the situation, as it is the mass meeting was held Sunday afternoon by the town council for the purpose of taking the following action:

First, to request the governor of Virginia to rush arms for the citizens of the town.

Second, to ask an injunction to prevent the negroes from holding their agricultural fair at Teasley, Va., on the ground that Uzzel and Burton are officeholders in the fair and both outlaws.

They also appointed five extra policemen. Later advice state that the trouble began over a bill which Constable Kellam tried to collect from a man by the name of Conquest, who was in Burton's store at the time. Conquest refused with some words and cursed Kellam, then calling for assistance. At the same time Uzzel appeared on the scene and fired a shot, which missed its aim, and struck Garland Beloeate, a citizen of the town, in the hip, on the opposite side of the street, but not seriously injuring him.

PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH.

Set Forth in Current Issue Georgia and Alabama Industrial Index.

The Georgia and Alabama Industrial Index says in its issue the past week:

"The steady increase in the number of manufacturing plants, the substantial and unceasing expansion of cities and towns and the construction of more steam and electric railroads in Georgia and Alabama, to a degree unprecedented in the history of the two states, have made lands more valuable and caused them to be in greater demand. This is true alike of suburban, timber, mineral and farm lands. The existence of a new industrial era, the permanency of which is guaranteed by large and increasing investments of capital, both local and from other sections, is imparting new values to lands, thereby giving more nearly commensurate importance to property that in a large measure is not only a barometer of business prosperity, but a basis of commercial worth."

"Among land transactions reported to The Index for the week are the sale of a large number of suburban residence lots at Washington, Ga., the sale of 150 lots in South Highlands at Besemer, Ala., purchase of 50 acres of land at Waycross, Ga., to be divided into building lots, and the sale of a large tract of mineral and timber land in the Gadsden, Ala., territory, to be developed by the purchaser. In a Georgia county, a 2,000-acre tract of farm land has been sold for a price that a few years ago would hardly have been considered."

EVE IN DECOLLETTE GOWN

Satisfied Recruiting Officers and Applicant Was Accepted.

Frank Richtie, aged 21, was rejected by the United States army recruiting station because of a figure of Eve in Paradise tattooed on his arm near the wrist. Later the young man appeared with a decollette gown tattooed over the nude figure and was accepted without question.

BY A CLOSE MARGIN

Williams Won Out in Mississippi Senatorial Fight.

VARDAMAN GIVES IT UP

Governor Issues Statement Conceding Nomination—Returns Canvassed by Committee Give Williams 648 Majority.

The Mississippi democratic state committee met in Jackson at noon Thursday, and declared Congressman John Sharp Williams as the party nominee for the United States senate on the canvass of the returns, which showed a majority of 648 votes for Williams, 59,496; Vardaman, 58,848.

There will be no contest over the result. After a short caucus between the two factions, it was finally agreed to abide by semi-official returns as furnished Secretary of State Powers from the various counties, and which show that Mr. Williams has a majority of 648 votes. The motion to declare Mr. Williams the nominee was seconded by the friends of Governor Vardaman.

The committee then formally declared Mr. Williams nominated as United States senator, and this is the final settlement of the now celebrated contest.

Governor Vardaman conceded the nomination of Mr. Williams by sending the following note to the committee:

"The democratic party, through its executive committee, has declared Mr. Williams the nominee, and I accept the arbitration of that tribunal without a tinge of resentment or regret for anything done or said by my friends or me during the campaign."

"I am for the nominee, and hope that he will make the people of Mississippi a great United States senator. I have made the campaign upon living, important and pertinent principles, and while I have lost the nomination, I am thoroughly convinced that the large majority of the white democracy of this state agree with my views upon public questions, and I shall continue to fight for these principles as earnestly in the future as I contended for them in the past."

"I want to thank my friends for their loyalty, their earnestness and their zeal in behalf of the principles I represent, and for my political interests."

"No man was ever blessed by more loyal and faithful friends than those who favored my fortunes in this contest. I want them to feel as I do, that we have not been defeated, but that the victory is only postponed for a season. I have been a candidate several times in my life, and lost the fight, but never have I felt the sting of defeat, and I am not defeated today. I am sure that I am stronger with the people of Mississippi today than ever before, and God being my helper, I hope to so live that the popularity, confidence and strength with the people may grow. The only life worth living is a life of service, and to serve Mississippi and Mississippians is my chief ambition."

In the gubernatorial contest, E. F. Noel and Errol Brewer were declared as the candidates receiving the highest vote and will contest in the second primary to be held August 22. For lieutenant governor Luther Manship and Wiley N. Nash will enter the second primary and for insurance commissioners T. M. Henry and W. J. Miller. Other candidates declared nominated for the more important state offices are: Auditor, E. J. Smith; treasurer, George R. Edwards, Jr.; superintendent public education, J. R. Powers.

Mr. Williams must wait four years before being elected by the legislature and assuming his duties as United States senator.

ROOSEVELT PARDONS WOMAN.

Had Served Six Years of Ten for the Murder of Neighbor Over a Gosling.

President Roosevelt has pardoned Nancy Miller, who was convicted about six years ago in Indian Territory of manslaughter for killing Alice Brake in a dispute over a gosling. The woman was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and to serve ten years in the Ohio penitentiary. She has been imprisoned for about six years. She is the mother of six or eight children.

ATE POISONED WATERMELON.

Alabama Farmer Victim of His Own Thief Trap.

Reuben Buchanan, a farmer near Union Springs, Ala., put poison in some of his melons to catch a thief. Forgetting which ones were infected, he got one by mistake, ate it and died soon afterward.

ON INCOME OF UTILITIES

In State of Georgia Will Be Subject to Taxation if Legislative Action is Finally Approved.

All public utilities in Georgia, except telephone and telegraph companies, less than 100 miles in length, and water powers, were taxed 1 per cent on their gross receipts, by the house of representatives, Friday, which completed its labors on the general tax act, after five days' continuous work.

All steam railroads, street car lines, Pullman car, dining car, parlor car, express companies, long distance telephone and telegraph companies, equipment companies, manufacturers of patent medicines, carbonated drinks, sirups for soda fountain use bearing a trade or copyright mark, and sewing machine corporations come under this general tax levy of 1 per cent on their gross receipts, as applied by the house during Friday's double session.

The house refused on Thursday to levy a general tax of 1 per cent on all public utilities, Friday morning an amendment was offered by Mr. Alexander of DeKalb, which placed this tax only upon the gross receipts of steam and electric street railroad companies. All the morning the debate waged, and finally the previous question was called and the vote taken.

Upon the final count the supporters of the income tax were found to be victorious by the vote of 98 to 68. This placed the house on record as being in favor of an income tax. It opened the way for an avalanche of amendments for the afternoon session.

The first of these was by Mr. Way of Pulaski, which proposed an income tax of 1 per cent upon the gross income of manufacturers of patent medicines, carbonated drinks, sirups for soda fountain use which bear a trade or copyright mark.

The house on Thursday voted down a similar amendment by Mr. Persons of Monroe. It now faced the proposition again, after going on record to favor an income tax.

The aye and nay vote was called, and those who had voted for the railroad tax, almost to a man, voted for the Way amendment.

This fixes a tax on the manufacturers of coca-cola, kola ade, red rock and rainbow ginger ale, koca nola and similar soft drinks and any number of patent medicines.

After this amendment was adopted another was sent to the clerk's desk by Mr. Hill of Monroe, whereby it was proposed to tax the manufacturers of sewing machines 1 per cent of their gross income.

The vote on this amendment was the largest of them all, as many who opposed the single-shotting of railroads took the position that if one was taxed all should be.

Mr. Perry of Hall sent up to the clerk's desk another and still longer amendment, which took Reading Clerk McClatchey fully five minutes to read. This took in nearly all of the neglected corporations. Only the short distance telephone and telegraph companies and water power companies were left out. It was passed.

The state's revenue was seen to be increasing by leaps and bounds. According to the mathematicians of the house the first amendment taxing railroads will, if accepted by the senate, and collected, bring into the state treasury from this source alone a half million dollars. The patent medicines, carbonated drinks and soda fountain sirups are expected to net fully \$25,000 the sewing machine companies are expected to contribute another \$10,000, and those other corporations are expected to yield \$50,000.

This brings the total of expected revenue up to nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, if enacted into law.

GRIEF WHELMED DELAMATER.

Well Known Pennsylvanian Goes the Revolver Route.

George W. Delamater, once candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, and who served as state senator from 1887 to 1890, committed suicide with a revolver Wednesday in his office in Philadelphia.

Grief over the death of his father, at Meadville, Pa., on May 6, and the sudden death of his son, James, in June, at Connellsville, Pa., is believed to have been the cause of his suicide.

BAILEY BUYS OIL LANDS.

Texas Senator Salts Down Sum of \$165,000 for Few Acres.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas and John H. Kirby of Houston have purchased the Hammett and Hilsiepe farm in the Glenn Pool, paying \$165,000 for it. The farm comprises seventy-two and a half acres and has five wells on it producing 2,500 barrels of oil daily.

LEFT ON CALENDAR

Was Provision for Morgan Statue by Alabama.

FAILED IN LEGISLATURE

State Senate Made Every Effort to Push Matter Through, But House Seemed Disinclined or Was Too Busy to Act.

Despite the efforts of the Alabama senate to have the remaining niche set apart in statuary hall in Washington for Alabama taken up by a statue of the late Senator Morgan, it will not be. The house was either too busy or disinclined to take it up, and it went to the coasts of oblivion, "left on the calendar," at adjournment of the legislature. There was opposition on the part of one member in the senate to have the statue thus placed, but the vote was unanimous for it.

It may be that the next session will complete the work. The other place allotted to the state is taken up by a statue of Dr. J. L. M. Curry, once minister to Spain, an educator, and publicist, a man who devoted most of the productive years of his life to Alabama and its best needs.

Friends of the movement, however, are not altogether disappointed in the outcome. They believe that with a short while to discuss the life and work of Senator Morgan, the people will more thoroughly appreciate his life and services, and make it all the more a response to popular demand than it is at this time. Senator Reese of Dallas was the leader in the passage of the senate bill, which carried \$15,000, and made the daughter of the dead statesman one of the commissioners for the selection of the type and design.

Members of the legislature and the citizens of Alabama as a whole have been greatly pleased at the way Lieut. Gov. Henry B. Gray tended to his position as president of the senate. He worked regularly, being out of his place less perhaps than any man filling a like position in any of the states. He took the work as seriously as he does the running of his bank, and gave to the state a constant service.

Mr. Gray is the only announced candidate for governor. He has taken the position in the place he holds that the state is just as much entitled to regular attention to its business as a commercial house or a manufacturing enterprise. He got out of the chair a very few times to work for special measures, and those only when he desired to further bills that he regarded as essential to the welfare of his own city. His first vote to break a tie, resulting in the passage of a bill in the senate to provide indigent school children with books; his last, to pass the Greater Birmingham bill, upon which so great a fight was made pro and con.

When will the legislature be back? is a question often asked. It can be said upon reliable information that it will not be long if the railroad question is not well settled. If the juries indict, and there is a conflict with regard to the laws now restrained, and things get mixed up, the word of the governor is out that an extra session will be called in a few weeks. If the roads get an agreement with the state to wait until litigation is disposed of there will likely be no more of the lawmakers until next year. In any event, they may be locked for a year or so hence.

Now that the session is over, the distribution of the increased funds for education will begin. It is going to be a hard job to get the most out of the money, however, as several acts that were very much desired were not passed.

ALMOST CAUSED A RIOT.

Brownsville Negro Troops Create Disturbance in San Francisco.

Members of the twenty-fifth infantry, colored organization, who figured in the Brownsville riot, created a disturbance at San Francisco Friday night and at one time it was feared a riot would result. The riot call was sounded for extra police and eighteen of the negroes were arrested.

The twenty-fifth, which had been stationed at the Presidio, left Saturday for the Philippines on the transport Crook.

NEW YORK TICKERS CEASE.

Strike of Telegraph Operators Effective in the Metropolis.

The strike of the telegraph operators which has affected many cities throughout the country, was extended to New York Monday when the men employed by both the Western Union and Postal companies quit work. Ninety per cent of the Postal and 50 per cent of the Western Union quit.

DANCING RIOTS CHURCH.

Baptists in Valdosta, Ga., Have Sensational Split-Up Because of Dismissal of Erring Members.

An unexpected split-up in the First Baptist church of Valdosta, Ga., has been the subject of much discussion locally.

At the conclusion of his 11 o'clock sermon, Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. L. R. Christie, announced that he had been requested to call a conference of the church, which he proceeded to do. Rev. Graham Forrester acted as moderator. Rev. Christie then read his letter of resignation from the pastorate, giving as his principal reason that he believed the time had arrived for the establishment of another church in the city, and that much good could be accomplished by the step.

Fifty-three other members, including some of the most influential and prominent communicants, called for their letters and withdrew from the church. The entire board of deacons and church clerk also followed the pastor.

The First Baptist church is probably the leading church of Valdosta. It has a membership of about 700, and its church building is one of the handsomest in southern Georgia. Rev. L. R. Christie has been the pastor for five or six years, and he is regarded as one of the leading preachers of the denomination in the state.

The split-up is generally believed to have sprung from the dismissals from the church some months ago of a number of young members for dancing, though all had not been in harmony before that time.

It is understood that the members withdrawing from the parent church will begin work at once on the plans for a new church, of which Dr. Christie will be pastor. He is known to favor the building of a new church on the tabernacle order, and it is believed will make a stronger effort to reach the masses of non-church goers.

BRUIN PAYS VISIT TO TEDDY.

Real Live Bear Makes Home in the Woods of Sagamore Hill.

A live bear, of whom no one claims ownership, has taken up his home in the woods of Sagamore Hill, and in the early foggy hours Monday morning he paid a visit to the residence of President Roosevelt. The trampling of the underbrush near the edge of the cleared knoll on which the president's summer home is situated, roused the secret service guard to activity. He hastily organized the household dogs and stablemen into a hunting party. For three hours the hunt lasted, but the bear got away.

MOROCCO SULTAN GRIEVES.

Ready to Accord Any Satisfaction for Assassination of Europeans.

The sultan of Morocco, through Ben Sliman, the Moroccan foreign minister, has transmitted to the French consul at Fez an expression of the grief with which he learned of the assassination of the Europeans at Casa Blanca, saying that no one more than he condemned "the act which cost five French lives."

The sultan said he was ready to accord any satisfaction demanded, even to the dismissal of the pasha of Casa Blanca and the punishment of the guilty persons.

UNCLE SAM AFTER HARRIMAN.

Move Made to Force Railroad Magnate to Answer Questions.

United States District Attorney Stimson filed in the United States circuit court in New York Monday a petition that E. H. Harriman and Otto Kuhn of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., be summoned in court to show cause why they should not answer certain questions relating to the control of the Chicago and Alton railroad. Mr. Stimson acted for Attorney General Bonaparte in filing the petition.

JUDGE ARRESTED IN COURT.

Taken from Bench on Indictment Charging Murder.

Judge S. B. Short was arrested at Center, Texas, while holding court, on an indictment charging him with the murder of Dr. Mike Paul last fall. The arrest caused a postponement of court until he could furnish bonds of \$10,000. Dr. Paul was one of a crowd pursuing a negro, Dick Garrett. Garrett took refuge in the home of Judge Short and fired on his pursuers, killing Dr. Paul. Garrett was hanged for the murder.

BARRETT SERIOUSLY ILL.

President of National Farmers Union Forced to Bed in Conway, Ark.

Griffin, secretary of the Arkansas Farmers' Union in Conway, Ark. Mr. Barrett is in Conway attending the meeting of the state convention of farmers.

Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmers' Union of America, is critically ill at the home of Ben