

JONES AND BLEASE IN FIRST JOINT DEBATE

STATE CAMPAIGN OPENS IN GAME-COCK CITY.

Gubernatorial Race Officially Starts, But Nothing of Sensational Nature Developed.

Sumter, June 18.—A people's government as opposed to corporation rule, a government by and for all of the people and not by one man and for his friends, appears to be the basis of contention in the gubernatorial contest, the campaign for which office, together with that for all the other State offices, began here today.

Twelve candidates for offices in which there are contests appeared before an audience of probably 1,100 voters from Sumter county and contiguous territory in this, the opening meeting of the campaign of 1912.

The features of this first clash of contesting candidates were the speeches of Governor Cole. L. Blease and Judge Ira B. Jones, candidates for governor, and the tense situation brought about between Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon and Barnard B. Evans, candidates for the office of attorney general. Mr. Lyon has issued his ultimatum, which Mr. Evans has defied, and the former promises to expose the record of the latter at Bishopville tomorrow. This is the result of Mr. Lyon's statement that he would show by court records and affidavits that Barnard B. Evans is not worthy the confidence of the public, if the latter persisted in his accusation against the winding-up commission of the old State dispensary headed by Dr. W. J. Murray. This incident was by no means overshadowed by the Jones-Blease contest.

Jones vs. Blease.

Those who expected to see the "fury" today in the gubernatorial contest were disappointed. According to his custom, Governor Blease read his platform, although he did comment somewhat as he proceeded. And those who were keyed up to the expectations of hearing Judge Jones devote his entire time to an attack upon the governor and his administration were also disappointed. Governor Blease made a strong speech, despite the fact that he read greater portion of it; it took well with the crowd; it was effective. Judge Jones stressed the point that he was not a negative candidate, but that he stood for something that would mean advancement and progress for the State. About half of his speech was devoted to a discussion of progressive legislation.

A People's Government.

It develops that the keynote of Governor Blease's campaign is his claim of being the people's governor, and the charge, by implication, again and again, that Judge Jones is the candidate of the corporations. Judge Jones makes the counter charge that Governor Blease is on strong friendly terms with one of the biggest corporation chiefs in the State, W. H. Andrews, of the Atlantic Coast Lumber company, of Georgetown, and that he dwells under the same roof with the chief counsel of the biggest corporation in the State, Col. B. L. Abney, counsel for the Southern railway. Governor Blease claims to be the people's governor; Judge Jones replies that, instead of this being true, Blease is the governor of his friends only, and not of all the people.

Charges of Fraud.

Another matter of particular interest was the charge made by Governor Blease that money and other illegal influences were being employed in this campaign to accomplish his defeat. He does not attribute the use of money to Judge Jones, but charges unqualifiedly that money, intimidation and liquor are being used to debauch the voters of the State, and frauds at the ballot box are contemplated, said the governor.

Raises Cry of Fraud.

"If we can't beat Blease we propose to count him out," is the word passed around, according to the governor. With this cry of fraud thus early in the campaign Governor Blease lost no time today in urging his friends to watch the ballot boxes at the ap-

proaching primary. The governor stated that the fight was already won, but that his supporters must combat these illegal influences. He promised to assist in the prosecution of such cases, if his assistance were needed and requested.

A Great Crowd.

Possibly 1,100 people gathered to hear the candidates today. So great was the crowd that the court house could not be used and County Chairman John H. Clifton changed plans and held the meeting in the court house yards. The people were in a good humor; they were expectant, and they were genuinely interested. If the Sumter crowd be a fair indication, the people of South Carolina are aroused over the political situation to a degree unknown in the past twenty years.

Very good order prevailed except in a few instances, while Judge Jones was speaking and even in these there were merely a few hurrahs for Blease. Governor Blease was not interrupted.

In the city today were noted Judge Jones's campaign manager, J. William Thurmond and Mr. Charles D. Jones, of Lancaster, a son of Judge Jones; also Detective C. W. Creighton, of Greenwood, appointed to that office by Governor Blease; W. P. Beard, editor of the News-Scimitar, of Greenwood, and Chief Kibler, of the Richland Constabulary. There were farmers from bordering counties; the stores and places of business were closed from 11 o'clock until 2.30, and altogether the campaign meeting was regarded as an important event here.

At a meeting of the candidates Lieut. Governor Charles A. Smith was elected chairman and Mr. Sam T. Carter, secretary. Rotation in the order of the speakers was decided upon.

According to the schedule of arrangements as perfected by the campaign party, the candidates for governor were first to speak today, coming in alphabetical order, each being allowed 45 minutes for his speech.

Governor Cole. L. Blease was therefore the first speaker and when he arose there were cordial greetings from the audience. He was given closest attention and there was no absence of Blease sentiment among his hearers.

Governor Blease's first statement was in reference to the financial condition of the State, declaring, despite the fact that it had been heralded all over the State that his election would mean financial ruin, last year had been the banner year in revenues for the State. "Only yesterday," said the governor, "I signed four notes of \$100,000 each, borrowed for the State at the lowest rate of interest ever secured, except during the previous year of my administration."

While the governor was reading his platform a local brass band passed near the court house. "I have a pretty good voice," said Governor Blease, "but I can't buck a brass band." After a moment, sitting on the edge of the speaker's table, the governor said: "I suppose it is fixed up on me." The band happened to be advertising an amateur minstrel show given tonight.

Upon being announced Governor Blease was loudly applauded and frequently during his speech loud and lusty cheers came up from the great crowd. Making a few side comments Governor Blease read his platform which is published elsewhere.

John T. Duncan, of Columbia, a one time attorney, candidate for governor, also spoke, affording some amusement to the crowd.

A hearty cheer greeted Judge Jones, who read a brief statement of the measures which he purposed advocating if elected governor. Judge Jones made it plain that he was not carrying on a campaign of negation, not merely an attack upon the administration of Governor Blease, but for the purpose of placing before the people matters of progressive legislation, which, if enacted, would mean progress and prosperity. The speaker severely criticised the governor for his veto of the measure restricting the vote of foreigners in the State primary elections. Judge Jones strongly advocates an unrestricted primary, except in regulating the vote of unnaturalized foreigners.

Pleading strongly for a government

TAFT DELEGATES STILL IN CHARGE OF SITUATION

COMMITTEE WILL RECOMMEND SEATING THEM.

Mass Meetings in Several States Pass Resolutions Against Bolt, Except California.

Special to The Herald and News.

Columbia, S. C., June 20.—The Republican convention at Chicago was in session for only four minutes today, and adjourned until 4 o'clock this afternoon so as to receive the report of the committee on credentials. The credentials committee, it is stated, will report in favor of seating the Taft delegates.

Several of the States have held mass meetings of the Republicans and passed resolutions saying that they would not bolt and did not endorse any effort to bolt, except California, and the California delegates have withdrawn from the convention.

The Democratic National committee at Baltimore has decided on Judge Alton B. Parker as temporary chairman for national convention, which meets in Baltimore next week.

Chicago, June 19.—The long expected crash in the Republican ranks came tonight. The Roosevelt forces, acting, they said, under the personal direction of the colonel, began to lay their plans for independent action in the national convention. As a forerunner of the more drastic action expected in the convention tomorrow or Friday the Roosevelt members of the committee on credentials withdrew from that body tonight—withdraw in person and in effect, withdrew all of the Roosevelt contestants, which had been sealed down from 92 to 78.

Col. Roosevelt tonight was the midst of a series of exciting conferences and was busy figuring on the loyal delegates whom he could expect to carry with him out of the convention or rather into a separate convention on the convention floor in the event the crisis is reached.

No Longer Doubt.

People who talked with the colonel declared there was no longer any doubt as to his attitude. Convinced that the credentials committee was against him and would retain the contested Taft delegates in their seats, Col. Roosevelt decided to go further with his futile fight in the regular convention.

The colonel would not issue a formal statement as to his warlike intentions in the evening, but was said to have made his position clear to his followers.

Some of the conferences at headquarters were exciting. Senator Borah, of Idaho, it was reported, declared as he left the Roosevelt rooms that he would not bolt. The Missouri delegation in the convention held a caucus tonight, at which it was reported, it was proposed to start a formal boom for Hadley. In the meantime there was much talk of Justice Chas. E. Hughes, of New York, as the candidate of the convention. Some of the leaders ventured to suggest a ticket of Hughes and Hadley.

All sorts of wild rumors were current as the crash came.

Taft Men Stronger.

The fact that the Taft forces strengthened their hold on the convention in the test today, getting 564 votes as against 558 yesterday, threw opposition forces into something of a panic. The Roosevelt vote in the convention today was 510, but it was realized that 26 votes from Wisconsin, 10 from Iowa and 10 from North Dakota must be deducted from that on a presidential ballot while but few of the Taft votes could be gained. The Taft people were exultant tonight. They denied intimations from the Roosevelt side that they were considering a compromise candidate and asserted that with a tightening of the lines it was apparent that President Taft would win the nomination on the first ballot.

Senator Dixon declared tonight that one final appeal might be made to the membership of the convention. "We shall have exhausted then ev-

ery legal and moral duty devolving upon us. The future will have to take care of itself."

The Taft forces tonight said they were prepared for an attempt by the Roosevelt people to hold a convention within the convention hall and taken steps to prevent "any such disorder." It was said that 500 policemen and 800 assistant sergeants-at-arms would be stationed in the convention hall to prevent disorder. It was said some Roosevelt leaders would plead with the convention to instruct the credentials committee to grant more time of the hearing of contests.

Col. Roosevelt, it was said, would be present in the hall at the time and, while he would have no legal standing in the convention, he might be swept into the fight by his followers. Col. Roosevelt counseled delay at a conference of his supporters just before midnight. He asked them to adjourn until later in the night, when he would have more facts to lay before them.

THE NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

Marriage of Popular Young Couple. Pleasant At Home.—Many Personal Matters.

Prosperity, June 20.—Mrs. D. E. Ridgell has as her guest Miss Annie Mae Bedenbaugh, of Kibler's Bridge.

Miss Ollie Counts, of Excelsior, is spending the week with Mrs. J. A. Counts.

Mr. E. B. Kibler has returned to Columbia, after visiting his mother, Mrs. A. M. Lester.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wise spent Wednesday in Columbia with Mr. A. Stork.

Mrs. T. F. Littlejohn has gone to the Columbia hospital for treatment.

Dr. E. N. Kibler left Tuesday to attend the meeting of the South Carolina Dental association in Charleston.

Miss Gertrude Bobb is attending the summer school at Rock Hill.

Miss Nannie Wheeler is in Columbia visiting her uncle, Mr. Brooks Miller.

Miss Dollie Davis, of St. Luke's, is the guest of Mrs. A. H. Hawkins.

Mr. B. B. Schumpert spent Tuesday in Columbia.

Messrs. W. C. Barnes, J. C. and J. A. Counts, are spending this week in Charleston.

Mr. J. L. May is in Savannah for a few days on business. Mr. Alvin Kinard, of Clinton, is relieving him during his absence.

Mrs. Herman Werts and children, of Route No. 4, are guests of Mrs. J. M. Werts.

Mr. Irwin Feagie, of Newberry, was in town shaking hands with his friends Monday.

Mr. C. F. Lathan, of Little Mountain, was in town for a few hours Tuesday.

Mr. Frank Wheeler has returned to Columbia, after a visit to relatives here.

Miss Parnell Davis, Moseley's popular milliner, has gone to her home at Reidsville, N. C., for the summer holidays.

Mrs. J. C. Schumpert has returned from a business trip to Union.

Mr. C. D. Bedenbaugh, of Atlanta, is visiting at the home of his father, Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh.

Mr. Robert Feagle, of Little Mountain, was in town Monday.

Miss Kate Thompson is visiting friends at Jalapa.

Mr. C. R. Wise, of Newberry, was a business visitor in town Monday.

Dr. O. B. Simpson has returned from a short stay to Columbia.

Mrs. B. B. Schumpert is visiting her son at Kollocks, S. C.

Mesdames A. H. Kohn and J. F. Browne spent Tuesday in Newberry with Mrs. Sam McCrackin.

Dr. J. S. Wheeler spent Monday in Columbia.

Misses Ruth and Nina Hunter left Wednesday for a visit to relatives at Clemson college.

Hunt were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Schumpert Tuesday, July 18. The wedding was of a quiet nature, only a few relatives and friends were in attendance at the ceremony. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. H. Dickson, of Statesboro, Ga. The happy couple will reside in the future at Statesboro, Ga.

The Misses Wise were "at home" on Tuesday evening. Punch was served by Misses Adelaide Werts and Marguerite Wise. A delicious ice course was enjoyed by about half a hundred guests, and all report a most pleasant evening.

THE NEWS OF WHITMIRE.

Quarterly Conference—Amateur Ball. Pleasant At Home.—Small Fire. Personal.

Whitmire, June 20.—Rev. Rosebro, D. D., and wife of Tennessee, are visiting their son, Rev. Jno. R. Rosebro.

Mr. George Cofield, of Carlisle, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cofield.

Miss Lena Young attended the closing exercises of the Sardis school at Renno this last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Smythe, of Buckhead, Fairfield county, will arrive today and visit Mrs. Eliza Nance.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Blackburn are in Columbia this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Suber visited Mrs. Inez McCrley Saturday.

Rev. W. P. Meadows will hold the third quarterly conference in the Methodist church here Saturday, June 22, at 11 o'clock. He will preach here Sabbath morning.

Messrs. Jno. Scott, J. W. Hipp and Mrs. J. C. Abrams went up to Clinton yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Fowler.

Mr. M. E. Abrams spent Sunday with Mr. George Abrams and sisters.

Miss Carrie Watson, who attended Lander college, last session is spending some time with relatives here.

Mr. T. Cofield Jeter, after a pleasant visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jeter, has returned to his post of duty at the Palmetto National bank in Columbia.

Whitmire played Lydia mill in a game of baseball Saturday evening. The game was decided in favor of Whitmire.

Mr. Walter Ruff, of Newberry, came up for the ball game. While here he was the guest of Mr. W. R. Watson.

Mr. A. J. Holt has erected a barber shop not far from his store. He has also received a car load of furniture, and opened it up in the store lately occupied by Taylor Bros.

Mrs. Bonnie Abrams stopped over last Wednesday with Mrs. McD. Metts. She left Thursday for Rock Hill, where she attended the marriage of her brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. White, to Miss Nesbitt, of Rock Hill. Mrs. Abrams returned Saturday and is spending a few days at Mr. L. D. Abrams, before she returns to Newberry.

Miss Bertha McCrley entertained a few of her friends at a pleasant at home Thursday evening. Delightful refreshments consisting of ice-cream and cake were served.

Miss Lucile Terrell is visiting her friend, Mrs. T. W. Coleman.

A fire occurred in the picker-room at the Glenn-Lowry cotton mill Thursday night, but with all the modern conveniences they have for putting out fire the flames were soon under control, and little damage was done.

Mr. W. K. Dobbins and sister, Miss Inez, of Goldville, visited friends here last week.

Newberry's Boy.

From the report of the Epworth meeting in Spartanburg:

Rev. J. W. Sneake, Bethel's live wire of a pastor, came to Columbia to meet the delegates half way, to accompany them back in their special car the rest of the trip, and to et the assignments of homes straight before reaching Spartanburg.

Explaining a Resentment.

"I am an American citizen," said the man who got into trouble abroad. "Well," replied the Oriental official, "in that case you can consult some of your own statesmen and understand our resentment of pernicious activity in politics."

ELIHU ROOL CHOSEN TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

VOTE TOO CLOSE TO SHOW CONTROL.

Both Sides Claim That Count of 558 to 502 Indicates Their Ultimate Success.

Chicago, June 18.—Again the threats, charges and bitter invective of the Roosevelt forces, Taft supporters in the Republican national convention today put through the first portion of their program by electing Senator Elihu Root, of New York, temporary chairman. In spite of the fact that Victor Rosewater, chairman of the national committee, consistently ruled out of order every motion made by the Roosevelt forces, it required more than five hours to reach a vote on the temporary chairmanship.

The roll call was beset with difficulties, but at the end, when the tumult had died away, Senator Root was found to have won by a vote of 558 to 502 for Gov. Francis E. McGovern, of Wisconsin, with 14 scattering votes and four not voting.

Tonight both the Taft and Roosevelt forces are claiming this vote, indicates that their candidate is absolutely sure to win. The advantage appears to be with the president, however, for while he is sure to lose some of the votes that were cast for Senator Root, it is claimed he will gain, if instructions are observed. Some of the votes were independently cast for McGovern.

Points to Dark Horse?

Those leaders who have been urging a compromise candidate ever since they arrived in Chicago, pointing to angles in the figures, claim they show that it is essential to name a so-called "dark horse" to save the day for the Republican party.

While Mr. Root was made chairman today and managed to deliver his "keynote" speech, the fighting is to be renewed at 11 o'clock tomorrow when the motion of the Roosevelt leaders to substitute a new list of delegates for those credited to some of the contested States is to be taken up as the unfinished business. No committees were named tonight and none will be until this motion to "purge" the convention of "fraudulent" delegates is disposed of. Today is was defeated on a point of order, but the Roosevelt forces declare that parliamentary practice will not be permitted to stand in their way tomorrow.

The Roosevelt people and the Taft people carried out their program as announced in advance almost to the letter. The Roosevelt people said tonight they are going to fight every inch of the way.

Bolt Far Distant.

There were cries of "bolters" hurled at the Roosevelt delegates at times during the session, but the contingency of a bolt again tonight seemed to be far distant.

California, under the leadership of Gov. Johnson, assumed a belligerent attitude almost with the start of the roll call, when the two Roosevelt delegates from the Fourth district, seated by the national committee, were allowed to vote. But they soon found their protest of no effect upon the vote for McGovern.

There is prospect of even more struggle tomorrow, when as "unfinished business" the convention will take up a motion of Gov. Hadley, of Missouri, to strike from the temporary roll of the convention as prepared by the national committee the names of 92 delegates seated by the national committee in contested elections, and substitute therefor Roosevelt contestants.

Day Spent in Rowing.

In was in precisely this effort, that the whole day was spent. The chaplain had hardly finished his invocation of the divine blessing upon the convention before Gov. Hadley was on his feet objecting to the personnel of the convention itself. This led to a long and intricate parliamentary argument. Victor Rosewater, chairman of the national committee, upon whose shoulders had fallen the ordinarily perfunctory duty of calling the con-

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