

BULL MOOSE CONVENTION.

NEW NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE PARTY IS BORN.

Although Green Hands Supposed to be at Helm Convention Machinery Works Smoothly — Proceedings Opened by Senator Dixon—Senator Beveridge Temporary Chairman.

Chicago, August 5.—The first session of the first convention of the new National Progressive party, of which Col Theo Roosevelt is sponsor, took place in the Coliseum today, and while the setting was attended by all of the usual ceremonies and paraphernalia of a national political gathering, actual proceedings were suggestive of a love feast.

Not a dissenting voice was raised during the session. The question of negro representation from the South had caused friction earlier in the day in the national committee, but there was no echo of this fight in the Convention. The delegates were at times explosive in their enthusiasm. Many of the State delegates came into the hall singing and shouting in their delight at the birth of the new party and three hours later left the building in the same happy frame of mind.

Although green hands were supposed to be at the helm, the machinery of the Convention worked smoothly and efficiently. There was no roll call of delegates, but the delegate section of the floor arranged in the same manner as at the Republican Convention a few weeks ago and accommodated nearly 1,100 persons, was filled. The alternate section had its full quota also. There was not the same crush of spectators today as at the Republican gathering, but when the proceedings began the galleries had few empty seats. Convention leaders were enthusiastic tonight over the showing made in the Coliseum today and made the claim that no better looking, more substantial set of delegates ever was seen on the floor of a national political convention.

There was a great cheer as Senator Dixon, national chairman of the party, rapped for order. This was repeated later, when the call for the Convention was read, and there was even greater enthusiasm when former Senator Beveridge was presented as the choice of the national committee for temporary chairman. The formality of electing Senator Beveridge was not necessary, and amid renewed acclaim he was escorted to a place on the stage, decorated with a gold badge and handed the Convention gavel.

Senator Beveridge then delivered his keynote speech. He spoke for more than an hour and a half, expressing some of the advanced ideas of government adopted by the new party and paving the way for the even more progressive proposals to be made to the Convention by Col. Roosevelt tomorrow. The temporary chairman was given the closest attention throughout. Once he mentioned President Taft in connection with his approval of the Payne tariff law and instantly there came a storm of jeers and groans from the crowd. Every few minutes Senator Beveridge was interrupted by applause.

The former Senator from Indiana made a most courteous presiding officer, and once when a premature motion to adjourn was made, he begged pardon of the delegate for not recognizing him at the time, promising attention later in the session.

GENERAL SUMTER'S BIRTHDAY.

Usual Celebration Will be Held on August 14th at Stateburg.

Stateburg, Aug. 6.—The usual celebration of the anniversary of Gen. Thomas Sumter's birthday will be held at Stateburg on the 14th of August. Plans are now on foot to make the occasion a success.

The features of the day will be the speeches and a baseball game in the afternoon. The particulars of the program will be given later.

SOME HOPE FOR COTTON BILL.

President May not Veto this Tariff Schedule.

Washington, August 5.—There is a strong and growing belief here that if the Underwood bill for the reduction of the cotton tariff is not greatly changed in the Senate, and the indications are that it will not be greatly changed, President Taft will sign it. The original proposition was that the President would veto all the tariff schedules straight down the line, unless possibly the sugar and excise bills, but bets are being offered without takers that if the cotton bill goes to the White House it will become a law. It is understood that the President regards the cotton bill as more along the lines of the tariff board's findings than the wool bill. The prospects are that no omnibus war claims bill will be passed by the Senate at this session.

"LOCKER" CLUBS IN TROUBLE.

COLUMBIA POLICE ARE BECOMING TOO ACTIVE.

Mayor Gibbs Issues Statement Wherein He States That Liquor Violators Will Be Prosecuted—Recent Supreme Court Decision of Help to Authorities Along This Line.

Columbia, Aug. 5.—The "locker" or "social" clubs were all tightly closed this morning, and will remain closed until after the election, according to a story told this morning by an employee of one of the clubs. According to this authority at a meeting of the proprietors of the several score such clubs in Columbia, held in the "Virginia Club," over 1,310 Main street, the recent activity of the police department in raiding the clubs was discussed. As a result the assembled proprietors adopted a resolution to close all clubs and keep them closed until after the election, after which, in the event Governor Blease is re-elected, they would re-open. If Judge Jones is elected it is presumed they will remain closed.

Thus the lid is on good and tight this morning. The patrons of the clubs found the front doors closed and locked, and there was "nothing doing" in the way of getting a drink.

Mayor W. H. Gibbs issued a statement this morning wherein he said that he was going to close up the "locker" clubs, and that they must go. The recent activity on the part of the city police in raiding these "clubs" forecasted such a course on the part of Mayor Gibbs and the city administration, and it was noised abroad on Saturday that the mayor was going to use the "mailed" fist in bringing the clubs to order. Saturday night three of them were raided and the proprietors fined \$10 each and bound over to the higher Court under bonds of \$200 each, for violation of the dispensary law. Close on the heels of this activity comes the information by way of one of the club employees that they held a meeting and decided to close up and remain so until after the election.

Some say that the police activity in raiding them is the cause of the decision to close. That instead of fining them \$10 apiece, as usual, the sending of the proprietors up to the higher Court charged with violation of the dispensary law is what is behind the decision to close up.

Mayor Gibbs based his action on a recent decision of the Supreme Court in the case of the State vs. Ed Wooten, wherein the Supreme Court affirmed a sentence of Wooten to the chain gang on the charge of storing liquor, the case having come up from Spartanburg County. With this decision coming down last week the "locker" clubs proprietors are now being sent up to the Court of General Sessions, charged with storing liquor. Mayor Gibbs declares that the city administration will stamp out this illicit whiskey traffic.

The street talk is to the effect that the club proprietors decided to close up in an effort to induce their patrons to vote for Cole L. Blease for Governor. Of course, there is no way to ascertain the real facts in the situation.

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THE NEWS FROM REMBERT.

Cotton and Corn Hurt by Unfavorable Seasons—Personal News—Peas Planted.

Rembert, Aug. 5.—Mr. J. J. Bethen of Latta, S. C., has been visiting his brother Rev. H. C. Bethen. Miss Courtenay Atkinson is off in a few days for the mountains of the "Old North State."

Mrs. Charles Jackson and children go to Harris Springs.

Rev. H. C. Bethen leaves today for Anderson, Spartanburg and other points.

Frank Wright, an aged and very respectable colored man living on the river, has passed over the line. Every body who ever fished on the river knew uncle Frank. He had a host of friends among all the white people for miles around.

Crops are held by some with considerable grass. No, they are not near so good as last year. This is especially true of corn. The army worm has not put in an appearance among us.

The long continued rains injured both corn and cotton. Succeeding it came a drought, short but severe, which caused the cotton to turn yellow and shed.

A lot of peas have been broadcast on our stubble lands and are doing well.

Watermelons in many places are gone. This crop was not near so good as last year's in size or quality. Sweet potatoes are doing very well.

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SPARTAN CITIZENS AROUSED.

NEGLIGENT POLICE OFFICERS REMOVED FROM FORCE.

Besides Disciplining Police in Howling Down Grace, Council Takes Steps to Prevent Recurrence. — Mayor Asked to Resign.

Spartanburg, Aug. 5.—Upon refusing to resign, J. Edward Vernon, chief of police, and Lieuts. W. T. Cudd and F. H. Johnson, the latter a cousin of Mayor O. L. Johnson, were summarily discharged by the city council at a special meeting, held tonight to investigate the conduct of the police Saturday night, when supporters of Gov. Blease howled down J. H. P. Grace, mayor of Charleston, and threw eggs at him without hindrance as he was making a speech in the theatre in support of the candidacy of Judge Ira B. Jones, Blease's opponent. The aldermen were unanimous in their action.

The police force was reorganized by the election of Moss P. Hayes as chief, Robert C. Hall, a former chief, as captain, S. J. Alverson as first lieutenant and Alexander Fleming as second lieutenant. The mayor was directed to appoint 100 special policemen for next Friday, when Blease and Jones will speak here, and social clubs were instructed to close on that day.

Mayor O. L. Johnson was absent from the council meeting, having left for the mountains at 3 o'clock Sunday morning, but returned tonight just before the meeting adjourned.

Petitions are being circulated and largely signed calling upon him to resign because of the failure of the police to preserve order. In an affidavit presented to the council, R. W. Knox stated that he heard Mayor Johnson say he did not care how much Mayor Grace was howled down, and "if any were arrested he would turn them loose." Johnson was surrounded by a crowd of excited supporters upon his arrival in the city and escorted to his office. He declined to make any statement as to the situation.

In view of the action taken by the council a mass meeting, which was to have been held tomorrow to express the citizens' indignation at the failure of the police to protect Mayor Grace, has been called off. Citizens express determination to protect Judge Jones Friday from the assaults of followers of Blease, who are said to have picked themselves to throw eggs at Jones and howl him down.

NEGRO SHOT BY DEPUTY.

Deputy Sheriff John Epperson Uses Shot Gun on John McFadden.

Tuesday morning Deputy Sheriff John Epperson went from here out to Stateburg to arrest a negro who had broken into Mr. L. M. King's store at that place Sunday night and stolen a quantity of merchandise. On his return Deputy Epperson had the negro with him and the negro had in his legs a quantity of bird shot with which he had been peppered by the deputy when he refused to obey orders.

Upon his arrival at the place Mr. Epperson found that there was some uncertainty as to who had done the stealing, when a little negro boy, who was under suspicion, came up and volunteered the information that he could tell where some of the goods were hidden. He said he had seen them in a field behind another negro's house. To get to the place without exciting the suspicion of the negro a long detour was made and when they arrived on the scene the negro whom they had tried to avoid was in the field with a large sack containing the supposedly stolen articles. He had a knife in his hand and warned Epperson off. Epperson was unarmed and did not care to attack the negro, but went to the store and secured a shot gun and then returned. The negro was sitting on his steps and threw a small grits sack to the deputy when he came near. The sack was full of rags and he stated that it was the same sack which he had held previously.

The deputy called on him to stand up and hold up his hands. This the darky refused to do and Epperson shot him in the legs. The negro made no further resistance, but held up his hands when told to do so after being shot and was taken in charge by Mr. Epperson who brought him to town and lodged him in jail, where he was attended by a physician.

An affidavit was taken from the little negro, Joe Johnson, who swore that he had seen the stolen articles in the sack first held by McFadden and that the two sacks were not the same. The articles were hidden when Epperson went to get the gun and could not be found afterwards.

The court house had a semi-deserted appearance Wednesday morning with several of the offices closed and all of the county officials gone to the county campaign meeting.

GRACE IN GREENVILLE.

CAMPAIGN IS CONSTITUTIONALISM AGAINST ANARCHY.

Hoodlums Who Attempted Interruption Were Promptly Removed From Court House by Police.

Greenville, Aug. 5.—Taking the now famous statement of Gov. Cole L. Blease, "To hell with the constitution," as his text, Mayor John P. Grace of Charleston delivered a forceful appeal to a crowd of 1,000 Greenville people at noon today in the county court house. It being sales day, country people largely predominated in the audience.

In the midst of the address a number of Blease supporters in the rear of the hall made an attempt to start a disturbance. A detail of police quickly put the hoodlums out of the building, with the result that the speaker was given most respectful attention.

"The issue in this campaign," declared Mayor Grace, "is constitutionalism against anarchy." Following this statement, the speaker told of Blease's alleged close relations with thieves and grafters. He reiterated the statement that Gov. Blease had told him that, acting for the Southern railway, he had paid the campaign expenses of McDuffie Hampton for railroad commissioner and then defied Blease to deny this again, declaring that he had documentary evidence in his possession to substantiate the charge.

Mayor Grace was introduced by Former Mayor G. Heyward Mahon. Mr. Mahon declared that two years ago Mayor Grace, like himself, had been one of Blease's strongest supporters. He had also been a warm friend, "so that he is in position to know the defects of the governor." Mayor Grace was greeted with thunderous applause. He said that when he comes to Greenville, he comes to his second home. "Some of the pleasantest, some of the fondest, and also some of the saddest, memories of my life cluster around this old city," said the speaker. But it was not because of the fact that he was partly reared here that he claimed a hearing but because he was an American citizen. "Our forefathers and his forefathers had fought on these hills, over yonder on King's Mountain and Cowpens, for the right of free speech for him. The charter, which gave him his liberty, was the constitution and it was written in the blood of our ancestors."

From that portion of the constitution which grants every man the right of speech and which insures the liberty of the press, he declared he would take his subject.

"This is a struggle between anarchy and constitutionalism," declared the speaker, referring to the present campaign. The governor of the State has exclaimed: "To hell with the constitution." What is the constitution? asked Mayor Grace. It is a sacred paper, given of God, and handed down to us by former generations. Much of it was written by a South Carolinian, Pinckney.

Gov. Blease in his campaign had professed his faith in the constitution. This he had to do to be elected. After his election he had exclaimed, "To hell" with it. "What does he care for the blood that was shed at Cowpens and King's Mountain?"

"Is there a man in this audience who wants his son to be a Cole L. Blease?" asked the mayor. "None, I dare say. I know you too well."

At this juncture there were two or three hurrahs for Blease. The mayor asked those who wished their sons to be like Blease to stand up. No one stood. He asked those who wished their sons to be like Grace to arise. A considerable number arose, and the court house shook with applause for the speaker. He told the men who had hurrahs for Blease but would not stand up that he did not blame them for being ashamed of the fact, for if their sons were like Blease they would be traveling the State today marked for their infamy.

Charleston Mayor Repeats Challenge to Governor and Again Calls for Repudiation of Executive.

Greenville, Aug. 5.—The feature of the address delivered before an audience of more than 1,500 men here tonight by Mayor Grace of Charleston, was the reading of a telegram stating that State Senator Clifton corroborated the story concerning Gov. Blease and the incident on the bridge at Newberry. Second in interest only to this revelation was the reading of a letter from one of the colonels of Gov. Blease's staff, substantiating a former statement of Mayor Grace that McDuffie Hampton was repeatedly drunk during the campaign of 1910. The Charleston mayor repeated his challenge of the morning, in which he dared Gov. Blease to deny again that the Southern railway played any part in the election of Hampton to the office of railroad commissioner.

Perfect order was maintained throughout the meeting, notwithstanding the fact that many Blease men

were in the gallery. From time to time as the lower floor would applaud some utterance of the speaker, the Blease men would yell for "Cole," but at no time was the yelling prolonged.

The attitude of G. H. Mahon, who presided, and of the local police force showed the would-be "roughnecks" that any effort to create a disturbance would result in trouble for the man making the effort. Several hundred men were unable to secure seats.

Mayor Grace tonight very visibly impressed his hearers, appealing especially to the cotton mill operatives. He showed them the spurious character of the governor's claim that he was the poor man's friend. After speaking for some minutes Mr. Grace asked that every man who desired that one of his sons be like Gov. Blease stand up. Not a man arose.

The audience was good natured and when an occasional yelp went up for Blease it was treated as a joke. The speech tonight was a straightforward appeal to reason. An appeal for the constitution was again made, the people being warned against a governor who would say "To hell with the constitution."

In closing Mayor Grace said that the people in August should change this, saying instead "To hell with Cole L. Blease, where he rightfully belongs."

SPELLBINDER GETS REWARD.

Sergeant of Brownsville Fame Becomes Messenger in Federal Service.

Washington, Aug. 4.—By an executive order of President Taft Mingo Sanders, who was a sergeant of the colored infantry regiment discharged from the army without honor, when several companies of the regiment likewise were discharged for participation in the Brownsville riots, has

become a messenger in the classified service and went to work at the insular department at \$79 a month. Recently Sanders took part as a spellbinder in the Ohio primary fight between President Taft and Col. Roosevelt.

Representative Rodenberg, of Illinois, said today he would introduce in the House next week a bill to reinstate Sanders in the army and permit his retirement at once. When discharged Sanders had served twenty-six years and after another year's service would have been entitled to retirement at two-thirds pay and allowances. Later Mr. Rodenberg says he will introduce a bill for the reinstatement of all the innocent soldiers discharged for participation in the Brownsville riots.

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