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ANOTHER REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Chairman Culbreth and His Crowd Pull off a Lively Convention, Most of the Liveliness Being Contributed by a Taft Republican - Efforts Made to Form New Party Failed - Convention Declared Itself Regular Republican but Endorsed Roosevelt and Johnson - A Full Ticket Nominated - A Mixed-Up Affair.

All signs pointed to a lively time at the convention Tuesday of the Republicans of Robeson county, or the Bull Moose of Robeson county - or Bull Moosers, whichever you prefer - whichever it might turn out to be, and this is one time when all signs did not fail. Some 20 men were present.

The convention lasted 3 hours and from the time it was called to order at 1 o'clock p. m. by Mr. W. K. Culbreth, for the space of two hours or more for the life of him no man might say whether it was a straight Taft Republican convention or a Roosevelt Progressive party convention. It was just one motion after another, discussion after discussion which got nowhere at all, dog-fall after dog-fall between those who wanted to call it a Taft Republican convention and those who had decided they would not vote for Taft but would vote for Roosevelt, spite'n, but still claimed to be faithful Republicans. For the space of two hours or more confusion worse confounded reigned and then right under one's nose, while one watched every move closely, it suddenly, in most bewildering manner, voted itself a Republican convention, immediately thereafter voted to endorse the candidacy of Roosevelt and Johnson for President and Vice President, immediately thereafter quieted down and sobered up, so to speak - not referring at all to any sobering from effects of "the old familiar juice" - and then proceeded to the nomination of a full ticket. It was the most confusing situation that any reporter ever tried to keep track of, and in recording what took place it is necessary, in order to give the reader a clear understanding, to go back and review things a bit.

To begin, then, at the beginning:

On August 31, last, the Republicans of Robeson county met in the court house in Lumberton and elected Mr. W. K. Culbreth of Raft Swamp township - sometimes referred to in this album of song as "Windy Billy"; not in derision, mind you, for he is a worthy exponent of Republicanism in Robeson county; as a term of endearment, rather - elected Mr. Culbreth chairman and also elected certain delegates to the Republican convention at Charlotte, and recommended that certain ones be endorsed as candidates for certain offices. All of which was duly recorded in The Robesonian at the time. All was harmony and peace and love. There was no hint of the storm that was brewing. Mr. B. F. McLean of Maxton, at that time secretary of the county Republican executive committee, presided at that convention, the former chairman, Mr. S. A. Edmond, having recently died. That convention did not adjourn but recessed, subject to the call of the chairman. So.

Shortly after the Republican State convention met in Charlotte on September 4 last a meeting of the county Republican executive committee was held in Lumberton. At that meeting some one sprung the parliamentary rule that the newly-elected chairman, Mr. Culbreth, did not have authority to reconvene the recessed convention of August 31 but that that power resided alone in the chairman who presided, Mr. McLean. Also as reported at the time this true chronicler of events, Mr. Culbreth submitted a few remarks to the effect that he would not be run over and dominated by a few Federal officeholders, and would resign. The committee decided that it did not have power to accept the resignation but empowered Mr. Culbreth to reconvene the convention, when the whole matter would be decided. At this meeting Mr. W. H. Kinlaw was elected secretary.