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EDITORIAL ON CONVENTION

Yesterday afternoon at Tuskahoma the national convention of the Tuskahoma party, resulted in a spilt and the nomination of two candidates for governor, T. W. Hunter and Green McCurtain. When the caucusing was completed yesterday morning it was found that both Dukes and McCurtain had about an equal following, yet neither had sufficient force to nominate. It was conceded that Dukes had possibly the best chance.

When the convention met a committee on rules was appointed first by the chair. In this selection Chairman Ward favored three McCurtain men, N. B. Ainsworth, Geo. Scott and Ed Wilson. A temporary secretary was elected and adjournment taken until after dinner. The Dukes men protested that they desired to vote on the election of a temporary chairman to preside until the committee could be appointed and report.

When the afternoon session convened the committee on rules brought in a report that could be construed to make Chairman Ward the permanent presiding officer. Then the fight broke loose. Finally Mr. Ward said he did not want to take a position that would seem unfair and ruled nominations in order for chairman. Dukes' men nominated Tom Hunter, while McCurtain's followers named Mr. Ward. A division was called for and just as the house was being divided chair ruled that all contesting delegations would not be allowed to vote. This meant a loss to the Dukes men and they protested to no avail. They finally mustered their support and bolted the convention.

The McCurtain followers then preceeded to nominate McCurtain for governor and accepted the supplemental treat as their platform.

The Dukes supporters then met and nominated Hon. T. W. Hunter for governor.