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The State ticket has now been named and it is the duty of every Democrat in the State to come forward and give it loyal and active support.

The candidates are all men of strong character and well known to the people. One of them, B. F. Aycock, of Wayne, we almost claim as one of Wilson's citizens, so frequently do we see him in our county.

By this time next week the great gathering of Democrats at Chicago will have met and outlined the course which shall govern the action of the party in the coming campaign.

That that course will be based upon the silver plank appears to have been conceded.

It is our earnest hope that, should silver carry the day, the platform will be so clearly drawn that even the most willfully blind may be forced to acknowledge its presence.

Straddles and double reading sentences are an abomination and should be frowned down by all honest citizens.

If we are again to be called upon to send men to Congress to give us free silver legislation, then in the name of peace and prosperity make the words of the platform so plain that no circumstance, which may arise after their election, will be sufficient to excuse them from enacting the law that they were elected to make.

That the immediate result of the passage of a law for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, at 16 to 1, will be disastrous is conceded even by the silver advocates, but the suspense which now hangs over us is quite as destructive to all business enterprises as the most foolish or corrupt law that it were possible to pass.

THE CONVENTION AND ITS NOMINEES —NOTES OF THE OCCASION.

It was a great convention—great in size, in intelligence and in purpose. It was very much of a mob at times; more like a general convention of howling Dervishes than any Democratic convention that can be recalled; but the boys were duly sober and it was a good-natured mob which always pulled itself together at the right moment, or when they got right ready, and attended to business. It had sense too—more sense than it seemed to have. In fact, it did nothing foolish and was never in great danger of doing anything very foolish. It was out for a frolic, as well as for business, and it had all the fun that the occasion was capable of furnishing. That was a good deal.

The convention got started right. Chairman Pou is a man who grows upon the public. The better he is known the more he is regarded. His speech in calling the convention to order was exceedingly impressive and his lecture to both the gold-bugs and the silver bugs on the subject of factional strife became him. It came with good grace from him as the head of the party and was accepted in good spirit by those to whom it was addressed. Mr. Klutz, in his speech as temporary chairman, quite

swept the convention off its feet.

The afternoon of speech-making would have been much enjoyed under other circumstances. Some of the speeches were excellent. Some of the speakers took a pretty rank hold, but none of them were personally offensive. All swore undying loyalty to 15 '01.

The public has read the platform. It knew in advance what it would be. Col. Means' substitute for the financial sections was in substance a protest. He presented his case temperately and with manly dignity. Nothing could have exceeded the grace with which he yielded to the majority and after what had passed nothing but the grace of a Christian man could have enabled him to move, with the good humor and heartiness which he manifested, to make unanimous the adoption of the committee report. He made it clear, however, that he yielded no convictions. But what had passed? Why, when he had mentioned, in his remarks, the name of Cleveland, it had been hissed. It was a shameful performance, which Col. Means at the moment fittingly rebuked. Let the memory of it perish.

The contest over the governorship was interesting—even exciting. The contradictory reports about Judge Clark's attitude toward the nomination lent the element of uncertainty in the earlier stages of the conflict, and even after it was announced, finally and authoritatively, that he could not be the candidate, there was a strong purpose on the part of some of the delegates to nominate him, they holding the belief that if he were nominated nolens volens he would feel impelled to accept. This sentiment accounts for the highly complimentary vote which he received. Mr. Watson did not at all desire the nomination and would have been glad to have escaped it. He had been in person to see Judge Clark, had urged him to accept it and offered him his services for the campaign. As was said in a wired editorial in yesterday's paper, his speech of acceptance was one of stately dignity. It was touching in some of its passages and calmly impressive throughout. The candidate quite won the heart of the convention by the frankness with which he showed it his own. Those who know him know that this speech furnished an index to his character. The people will like him when they become acquainted with him. He is a plain man, from the body of the people, in full sympathy with them and their aspirations. He is not only an able man, but a bright one, and is sincere believer in the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. His canvass of the State will be a memorable one. We have no man better grounded in the principles of Democracy; none better informed upon the issues of the day; no more aggressive or agile debater. A strange argument advanced against his nomination was that as a member of the Legislature he had introduced and pressed a bill the effect of which would have been to drive the tobacco trust from the State. It was urged that this monster trust was more hostile to him than to any other man in North Carolina, and that it will pour money into the State to defeat him. The fight that he made upon it is easily recalled. It was in the Legislature of 1893 and he got his bill through the lower house, of which he was a member, it failing in the Senate. This righteous and almost successful warfare of Watson upon this iniquity is a crown of glory to him. So far from being a source of weakness it should give him the greater strength. At all events the people of North Carolina will be apt to see the tobacco trust when it comes into the State to beat their candidate with money. Quitting Mr. Watson for the present it remains to be added that he ought to be elected and if the true people do their duty he will be elected handsomely. He

will get every Democratic vote that anyone else could have gotten and there is no cause, based on reason, why every Populist should not vote for him.

The ticket is a good one all the way through. Capt. Mason, an elegant gentleman and an engaging speaker, will give strength to it. B. F. Aycock, Esq., of Wayne, the candidate for Treasurer, is a farmer and one of the best men in the State. The other candidates for the State offices—Messrs. Cooke, Furman, Osborne and Scarborough—hold now the places for which the convention named them Thursday night. It was a special pleasure to note the enthusiasm with which the name of Attorney General Osborne was received by the convention. Like several others he was nominated by acclamation, and it was remarked that while in other cases some "noes" were heard when the negative was put, but not one was heard when the noes were called for on his nomination. He has splendid standing throughout the State and Charlotte and Mecklenburg are entitled to be proud on account of his popularity.

It is a winning ticket. The people of North Carolina do not often go wrong and when they do they soon right themselves. There is good ground for confidence that they will right themselves next fall.

NOTES OF THE OCCASION.

Perhaps no lot of human beings ever suffered greater heat for a longer time than did the delegates to this convention in the Academy of Music. Perhaps half of them were in their shirt sleeves and some were without vests and collars as well as coats. It was funny to see coatless men on the platform, making nominating speeches gesticulating and perspiring. In the early hours of yesterday morning a delegate stood on a chair in the body of the auditorium, well toward the front, and made a speech of great vehemence. Nobody could hear a word he said, on account of the hubbub, but it was observed that he was without coat, vest, collar or cuffs, and that both of his suspenders were loose behind.

The State conventions ought to be moved from Raleigh. This is serious. There are many reasons why they should be. Before adjournment yesterday morning a Buncombe delegate invited the next convention to Asheville, promising plenty of room and fresh air. The Iredell and Union delegates thereupon shouted, "Charlotte! Charlotte!"

It is noteworthy that all of the schemes of the extremists miscarried. Nobody, not even a fool, could be induced to believe that the vote upon the Means financial substitute offered an indication of the strength of the sound money sentiment in the State. It is well known, that except in a very few counties, the sound money men by a tacit understanding, turned everything over to the free coiners, making no contest.

From different parts of the State there were reports of Populists returning to the Democratic party. They may not be returning in droves but some are doubtless coming back.

Oratory is not a lost art in North Carolina. Among some very poor ones some excellent speeches were made before the convention. But nearly all the speakers said "North Carolina" too often.—Observer.

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LITERARY NOTES.

July Eclectic.

The July Eclectic opens with an essay on "Art and Life," by Vernon Lee. Among the longer articles in the number we may mention "The Genesis of Expression; being Thoughts on the Evolution of the English Language," by Maurice L. Johnson; "Fate in the Face" by Louis Robinson, M. D.; a review from Blackwood's Magazine on Lecky's book, "Democracy and Liberty;" "America as a power;" "Men and Manners in Florence," and "Agricultural Depression Unmasked." Fiction is represented by two complete stories—"Captain Francis Lawton" and "A King's Daughter," and there are a dozen or so of miscellaneous papers on travel, biography, and topics of general interest.

Crime in the United States.

The Washington Times which has been giving some attention to collecting the statistics of crime in this country, says that there is no other country in the world where as many murders are committed, in proportion to the population, as in the United States. Within fifteen years the number has increased over 1,000 per cent. In 1880 and the years preceding that, about 1,000 murders were committed; in 1886 the number was 1,449, and gradually the horrible list has swollen until the record for 1895 stands at 10,212. England, with a population about half as large as ours, has only 380 murders on an average every year, and Italy has less than one-fourth our number.

Our contemporary asks, what is the remedy for crime? and proceeds to answer its own question by saying that "the remedy lies in the hands of the courts and jurists. It is they who must make the murderers understand that for their crime there is but one penalty, and that certain, and that extenuating circumstances will be but few and far between."

Certainly the frequency with which murderers escape the penalty of the law for such crimes has led the vicious to regard the law with less fear than should be the case, and until a more vigorous system is observed in its execution there is little reason to hope for the abatement of crime.—Virginian.

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