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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR:
ALFRED M. SCALES.

FOR LT. GOVERNOR:
CHARLES M. STEDMAN

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:
WILLIAM L. SAUNDERS.

FOR AUDITOR:
WILLIAM P. ROBERTS

FOR TREASURER:
DONALD W. BAIN

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:
THEO. F. DAVIDSON.

FOR SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:
S. M. FINGER

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SUPREME COURT:
AUGUSTUS S. MERRIMON.

FOR CONGRESS—FOURTH DISTRICT:
WILLIAM R. COX.

THE STATE CONVENTION.

The nominations made by the democratic State convention last week have given universal satisfaction. It is a remarkably popular ticket and is sure to win. Not only that, but the nominees are men unusually well qualified for the several offices for which they are candidates. Fortunately they are so selected that every portion of the State is represented. The West is represented by the Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction; the East by the Lieutenant Governor and Auditor, and the great Centre by the Governor, Treasurer, and Secretary of State. The nomination of Mr. Bain was so peculiarly appropriate that the republicans will hardly nominate anyone against him in place of Mr. Duke who declined the nomination of their late convention. Indeed we hear that the leading republicans of Raleigh immediately after Mr. Bain's nomination, asserted that they would not have any opposition, and telegrams were received by him from Mr. Duke and from Hon. D. A. Jenkins (the republican Treasurer from 1868 to 1876) pledging him their support.

While we regret that our distinguished countryman, Mr. A. H. Merritt, was not nominated for Superintendent of Public Instruction—a position for which he was eminently qualified—yet we congratulate him upon the flattering vote given him for among the ten candidates for the nomination (and he is in no sense incompetent) he received the second highest vote. The nominee, Maj. Finger, comes from Catawba, the banner democratic county of the State, and will make a most faithful and efficient officer. The unanimous nomination of Judge Merrimon was a deserved compliment to so able a man and so learned a jurist.

The delegates to the national convention are Hon. Thomas Ruffin of Orange, Hon. W. T. Dortch of Wayne, Julian S. Carr of Durham, and George H. Brown of Beaufort. The two presidential electors for the State at large are Col. John N. Staples of Guilford, and Hon. W. H. Kitchen of Halifax, who will make an active and vigorous canvass.

The convention was the most enthusiastic body that we have ever seen, but there was not the slightest bitterness of feeling exhibited nor an unkind or harsh expression uttered by any delegate. It was decidedly the best natured if not the best behaved body of men we have ever seen assembled together. The powers of endurance seemed wonderful, and yet they did not hesitate to express their weariness of any speaker who trespassed too long on their patience. Many amusing incidents occurred, one or two of which we will recall. There was a little red headed youth from Cleveland sitting near the front, and during Maj. Latham's speech for Coke he was repeatedly jumping upon his chair and would wave his hat high above his head and yell for Coke at the top of his voice. His monkey antics caused much merriment, especially once when he mounted his chair, flourished his hat, yelled at the top of his shrill voice, and found himself alone in his glory! Another amusing incident occurred during Mr. Bower's speech in seconding Coke's nomination. He was advocating most warmly Coke's claims and exclaimed, "And who then is the best man for Governor?" At once a thousand voices yelled out "Scales, Scales." This unexpected answer rather shocked the speaker, but he quickly joined in the general laughter created at his expense.

A noteworthy fact connected with this convention was the number of delegates who had joined the "Liberals" two years ago, but had now returned to their "first love". Conspicuous among them was Mr. W. H. Day, of Halifax, who in 1882 canvassed the State in favor of the liberals, but now was a delegate from his county to this convention, and, in response to loud calls, appeared upon the stage and made a vigorous and eloquent speech. He said that the civil rights question ought to make all white men in North Carolina stand together in asserting the supremacy of the Anglo Saxon race. His remarks were greeted with loud applause.

Taken altogether it was a grand convention, and will long be remembered. It has been our pleasure to have attended every State convention of the democratic party held in North Carolina since the war, and we unhesitatingly assert that this was the greatest of them all. No man who attended this convention has any doubt as to the election of the ticket here nominated, but all have returned to their homes certain of success. The only question is how large will be our majority. Will it be twenty or thirty thousand?

YORK'S ACCEPTANCE.

After waiting nearly two months Dr. Tyre York has at last written his letter formally accepting the nomination of the republican State convention. If any of his former democratic friends had any doubt as to his political status, this letter certainly relieves all doubt and places him before the world as the sight republican to be found anywhere. He not only endorses the platform adopted by the convention that nominated him but also endorses the platform of the republican national convention with its civil rights clause and all. He has thrown off all disguise and stands before the people of North Carolina as the advocate of further legislation to secure civil rights for the negro. His defeat is certain!

REALLY REFUSED.

We mentioned a few weeks ago that the democratic House of Representatives had adopted an amendment to the Internal Appropriation bill by which small whiskey distillers could get permission to run a few gallons from distilleries and thus some relief would be afforded the people from one of the most odious features of the internal revenue system. We looking at that the republican Senate would allow this relief bill to die we are disappointed. The bill came up in the Senate last week and by the action of the republican Senators this amendment was stricken out. We call the attention of our readers to this as a proof of the fact that the republican party is opposed to any change in any way with the internal revenue system even touching the pocket of the people.

THE STATE EXPOSITION.

We hope that the citizens of this political county will not be sparing of our readers to lose no time in aiding the State Exposition. The directors of the exposition held their meeting here on Tuesday and the outlook for a good success was very encouraging. Secretary Fries reported that applications for space had been made from fifty four counties in this State and that a large number of manufacturing establishments at the North had applied for space, for which they would pay liberally. President Pearsons reported that Senator Hawley of Connecticut, had consented to deliver the opening address and that President Arthur had promised to visit the exposition if possible. Senator Hawley is a native of this State and was the son of the Connecticut Congressman Hawley, who, when he died a few years ago, was President of the Bank of Commerce in Wilmington, N. C.

The directors decided to request a former invitation to the North Carolina Press Association to hold their next convention in Raleigh during the exposition, and designated Wednesday, October 8th, as "Editors' Day" when all the editors of the State could attend in a body. This invitation will doubtless be accepted with pleasure, and the convention at Fayetteville be postponed until next year.

The main exposition building is rapidly approaching completion, and will be finished in about a month. It is an immense structure. We will give a picture of it in our next issue. Six car-loads of our State exhibit at Boston have already arrived at Raleigh and will as soon as possible be placed in the exposition building. The board of agriculture will make many additions to this famous exhibit, which of itself will be worth a trip to the exposition. Special rates have been made with the hackmen for conveying visitors to and from the grounds.

The Democratic Platform.

At the State convention of the democratic party, held at Raleigh last week, the following platform or declaration of principles was unanimously adopted, and we commend it to the careful consideration of our readers:

We again congratulate the people of North Carolina on the career of peace, prosperity and good government on which she entered after the inauguration of a Democratic State administration, and which has been unbroken for so many years since; upon the just and impartial enforcement of the laws; upon the efficiency of our common school system and the great progress made in popular education and upon the general improvement and enterprise manifested in every part of the State; and we again challenge a comparison between this state of things and the crimes, outrages and scandals which attended Republican ascendency in our borders, and we pledge ourselves to exert in the future, as we have done in the past, our best efforts to promote the material interests of all sections of the State. Affirming our adherence to Democratic principles as heretofore enunciated in the platforms of the party, it is hereby

Resolved, That we regard a free and fair expression of the public will at the ballot box as the only sure means of preserving our free American institutions, and that the corrupt and corrupting use of Federal patronage in influencing and controlling elections is dangerous to the liberties of the State and the Union.

Resolved, That we are in favor of the most extensive and free education of the whole race, but the school system as now conducted by a Republican Legislature, is a standing menace to the peace of the State, wasteful, extravagant, inefficient and corruptionist in its practical operation.

Resolved, That no government has a right to burden its people with taxes beyond the amount required to pay its necessary expenses in a frugal and economical administration, and to liquidate its public debt, and that whatever revenue, however derived, over and above this amount, they should be willing to see wasted in a surplus in the treasury. We therefore [illegible] the action of the last session of the Democratic Legislature in [illegible] the taxes in favor of [illegible] and [illegible]

Resolved, That we [illegible] the action of the Congress of the United States in [illegible] the tariff and internal revenue laws, and [illegible] the [illegible] by which these international revenues have been [illegible] which are subjects which the parties representatives at the Federal capital must be trusted to adjust on the basis of open [illegible] and be [illegible] for the protection of [illegible] and the [illegible] such as would place the [illegible] rates on imports and the [illegible] the [illegible] of the internal revenue as [illegible] as possible, the burdens of taxation as low as the [illegible] and to the greatest number of the taxed consumers.

Resolved, That the success of the Democratic party in furtherance of purpose is due to its efforts to secure public expenditures economically and the strict [illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible] in our towns and accessible centers, and [illegible] the [illegible] of our people, and we will promote and improve the present [illegible] all [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the