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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

FOR GOVERNOR:
CYRUS B. WATSON,
of Forsyth.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:
THOMAS W. MASON,
of Northampton.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:
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of Franklin.

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of Wayne.

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of Durham.

FOR CONGRESS:
EDWARD W. POU,
of Johnston.

THE RECORD nails at its masthead the Democratic State ticket, the nominees of the great convention held at Raleigh last Thursday, and it is a ticket that deserves and should receive the hearty support of all the good people of North Carolina.

This convention was a most remarkable one and proved most conclusively that the unterrified Democrats of North Carolina were full of hope and enthusiasm, and were determined to rescue their good old State from the ruin of Russell's rule. In point of numbers only one other convention ever held in this State equalled it, and that was the convention in 1892, which the exciting contest between Jarvis and Ewerett caused so many of their friends to attend. At this convention there was no exciting contest between rival candidates to cause large crowds to attend, but it was their deep interest in the success of the Democratic party—and that alone—which induced so many good men to attend this grand convention. Not only was the convention so largely attended, but the enthusiasm of the delegates was most inspiring, and the utmost harmony prevailed. One notable feature of this convention was the absence of anything like machine or boss rule, for it absolutely "ran itself" and would not have tolerated any dictation even if any had been attempted. It was truly a convention—a coming together—of the *people*, of the masses of the Democratic party and they expressed their wishes in no uncertain way. They adopted a platform which expresses the sentiments of a large majority of North Carolinians, and will doubtless receive their hearty approval. And their nominees stand squarely on that platform, and are the embodiment of the sentiments of the great bulk of our people.

Every county in the State was represented, except Brunswick, and the only reason that we can suggest for its absence is the fact that Brunswick is the native county of Daniel L. Russell and the good people of that county are so humiliated at that fact, that they are ashamed to go abroad and mingle with other good people!

Only two days before the convention met Col. Julian S. Carr published a letter, declining to allow his name to go before the convention for the nomination for Governor (which he certainly would have received), and this at first disconcerted the delegates, who had expected to nominate him. Then Judge Walter Clark also declined to receive the nomination, and this upset all calculations for awhile. But as soon as the delegates got together and consulted they decided with remarkable unanimity that Cyrus B. Watson, of Winston, was the man to lead them to victory. At first he was unwilling to be nominated, because, as he said, he was too poor a man to make the canvass. But he at last consented, and accepted the nomination. It was a remarkable instance of the office seeking the man. It is proper to state that Col. Carr declined to run because of the feeble health of his wife, whom he was unwilling to leave, as an active campaign would have compelled him to be absent from home until the election. Judge Clark would have accepted the nomination, but being dependent for his livelihood on his salary as justice of the Supreme Court he could not afford to resign that office and enter the campaign.

In this respect there is a very notable contrast between the nomination of Mr. Watson and that of Judge Russell, for the latter spent a large sum of money to secure his nomination and even resorted to fraud and corruption, as some of his own party say. And herein lay there was a marked difference between the Democratic and Republican State conventions, which should be seriously considered by the honest voters of the State. At the Democratic State convention there was not a single, solitary contest involving any delegate's right to a seat, and no credentials committee was appointed, because there was no use for one. But in the Republican convention the fiercest contests were over contested seats, and the committee on credentials was engaged for nearly a whole day and night, and many were the charges of fraud and corruption.

The nominee for Governor, Cyrus B. Watson, is one of the best citizens of the South. He is of the noblest mould, with a purity of heart and a dignity of character that make him worthy of the highest honor in the gift of the people. Free from ambition, he has loved the private walks of life, tilling the soil and practising law, with no aspirations except to be known as "One who loves his fellow man". He graduated with distinction at the University, and is a scholar of high attainment. When the Legislature, in response to popular demand, established the Railroad Commission, Capt. Mason was elected one of the Commissioners, and held the scales of justice with an even handedness that made him a model official. He had been a State Senator, but it is true of him that he never sought any office. There is no man in the State more popular with the people, both in the town and on the stump, with his hearty, manly ways, his eloquence in the forum and on the stump, with his hearty, manly ways, his eloquence in the forum and on the stump, with his hearty, manly ways, his eloquence in the forum