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COUNTY CONVENTION.

Old Officers With Few Exceptions Renominated by Democrats Saturday.

The democratic convention held Saturday was one of the largest, most spirited but at the same time most harmonious meetings ever held in Davidson county. Not less than one thousand of the untainted assembled to express their choice for the offices for the next two years. With the exception of Mr. D. T. Fritts, treasurer, and Messrs. J. Mendenhall and F. S. Lambeth, commissioners, the present officers were renominated. Messrs. Mendenhall and Lambeth were not candidates.

The ticket therefore is as follows: For representative, Col. G. E. Hankins; for sheriff, Mr. T. S. F. Dorsett; for clerk, Mr. S. W. Finch; for register, Mr. S. L. Owen; for treasurer, Mr. E. A. Rothrock; for coroner, Dr. C. A. Julian; for surveyor, Mr. J. W. May; for commissioners, Messrs. C. A. Davis, J. C. Ripple, J. A. Green.

Only one ballot was necessary to decide each contest except that for the office of treasurer, which called for six ballots before a choice was named. After the first ballot, Mr. Stone, of Thomasville township, dropped out; ex-Sheriff C. M. Griffith withdrew at the end of the third ballot; Mr. Fritts after the fifth, leaving the contest to Messrs. Godwin and Rothrock, the latter receiving 46 1/2 votes on the last ballot, and the former 40 1/2.

Ten names were presented for county commissioners; Messrs. T. G. Kindley, D. C. Sharp, J. C. Ripple, J. A. Green, C. A. Davis, Chas. Sechrist, W. B. Hunt, E. I. Nance, W. G. Penry, and F. S. Lambeth. The three receiving the highest votes were Messrs. Penry, Davis and Green. Mr. Penry finding it impossible to serve; the next highest candidate, Mr. J. C. Ripple, was declared the nominee. In the ballot for register, Mr. Owen received 60 votes, Mr. Finch, for clerk, received 47, taking no account of fractions; Sheriff Dorsett, 49; Dr. Julian and surveyor May were nominated unanimously by acclamation, as was Col. Hankins. All nominations were made unanimous.

When ex-Sheriff Griffith withdrew from the race for treasurer, he expressed himself wittily and with the utmost good humor, saying in part that he had a good deal of hunting to do later and perhaps after all would not have time to attend to both hunting and the money bags. Mr. Fritts gracefully withdrew and expressed gratitude to the people who had supported him in the past. He will retire from the office with the esteem of everybody and his manly speech in the convention will be remembered to his credit. When the time came to nominate a representative, Mr. F. S. Lambeth put Col. Hankins before the convention for renomination. Mr. R. P. Hepler took the floor and in a stirring speech advocated the nomination of Mr. F. S. Lambeth. Mr. Archibald Johnson was also nominated and Judge H. T. Phillips was brought forward. There ensued a very laughable discussion among the candidates themselves as to who should go to Raleigh. Mr. Johnson excused himself, and Judge Phillips wanted to rest from the cares of office and show the folks how he could work for the ticket without being on it. Mr. Lambeth protested against the presentation of his name and with drew it himself. Col. Hankins did likewise and for a time there was no name before the house. Finally Col. Hankins was named amid applause, his nomination being unanimous by acclamation. He made one of the finest speeches of the convention, however, before the good-humored contest was over, and displayed a most admirable spirit. He declared that, while he wanted to go to Raleigh again, he believed that the democracy should name Mr. Lambeth. He was willing to drop out and help send another whom he thought a better man for the place. It was a most creditable position to take, but the convention proceeded to nominate Col. Hankins.

The following resolution was offered in a vigorous speech by Mr. Archibald Johnson, who moved

that the convention pass it. His motion was seconded by Capt. F. C. Robbins and the convention passed the resolution with applause.

The democracy of Davidson county has thus placed itself on record as against vote-buying: Whereas it is generally known that both political parties or some members thereof have, at various times, yielded to the temptation to buy votes at public elections in this county, and that this evil continues to grow and widen in its demoralizing influence; and whereas we believe this practice, if permitted to continue, will surely and rapidly tend to lower the moral tone of our people and exert a most vicious influence upon the character of the rising generation; and that, because it is both demoralizing and illegal, it should at once and forever be suppressed.

Therefore, the Democratic party of Davidson county in convention assembled do resolve: That we emphatically disapprove and condemn the practice of buying votes, either directly or indirectly, at any and all elections:

That we do everything in our power to suppress this evil: That we require every candidate for office, nominated by this convention, to promise that he will keep this resolution by neither buying votes himself nor winking at or permitting any of his friends to buy votes for him or in his interest or by any trick or device attempting to corrupt the suffrage at the approaching election in November; and the acceptance of a nomination of this convention by a candidate shall be regarded as a pledge on his part that he will abide by this resolution.

Mr. Emery E. Raper presided over the convention with ease and made a splendid presiding officer. Messrs. Chas. Lambeth, B. H. Finch and G. F. Cochran were secretaries.

Following the adjournment of the convention, Hon. R. N. Page addressed the democrats on State and national subjects.

Speech of Hon. R. N. Page.

Davidson democrats were pleased to have with them Saturday their popular Congressman, Hon. R. N. Page. Mr. Page has not been well for several months, but is improving rapidly and will soon be in shape for the campaign, which, according to republicans who go to Washington and give out prophecies, will probably result in sending a republican from this district, as Mr. Page has only seven thousand supporters in the seventh.

In his speech, Mr. Page thanked Davidson democrats for his nomination. He congratulated them on their large and harmonious convention, especially upon the resolution against vote-buying which they had passed. Defeat with honor, he declared, was better than victory with dishonor. Turning to the republican party, he said that there had not been such bickerings and dissensions in that party in this state in 20 years. However, the democrats were not depending on that, as the republicans had a habit of getting together in the first Tuesday in November, however much cussing they indulged in between times. He deplored their unseemly squabbles, however, because it lessened the chance of there being two strong parties in the state. He was loyal to the democracy, and never wanted to see the republicans in power in this state, but he declared it good for the state that there should be two strong, respectable political parties.

Mr. Page said he had hoped that the republicans would make Mr. Z. V. Waiser their state chairman, and was applauded by the convention.

Speaking of his record, he said it was open for every man to see. His attitude toward some matters had aroused criticism. He had but voted as his judgment and conscience dictated, and he would continue to do as he thought best. A republican rag called him half knave and half fool for voting as he did on the fast mail appropriation. Coming from the source it did, he declared that this vilification and abuse was a decoration of honor. Mr. Page spoke about three-quarters of an hour and was heard with attention and interest, and roundly applauded.

Mr. James Skeen is at his home at Jackson Hill on the sick list. Mr. Chas. Weaver is filling Mr. Skeen's place as clerk for Mr. J. C. Smith.

Stokes A. Smith is spending two weeks with his aunt, Mrs. Jacob Cook, of Winston.

CONTEST CLOSED AMID A STORM OF BALLOTS.

Rev. J. D. Newton Takes First Place With Nearly Forty Thousand Votes—Other Winners are Rev. Henry Sheets, of Davidson; Rev. W. M. Robbins, of Davie; Rev. K. C. Horner, of Montgomery; Rev. C. M. Cambell, of Randolph and Rev. J. J. Beach, of Yadkin.

The Third Annual Voting Contest of The Dispatch, to send six ministers to New York City for ten days, closed at noon last Saturday, amid a perfect storm of ballots. The last day in a contest is always a strenuous one and last Saturday broke all records. The winners are Revs. J. D. Newton, of Thomasville, and Henry Sheets, of Lexington; W. M. Robbins, of Advance; K. C. Horner, of Troy; C. M. Cambell, of Randleman, and J. J. Beach, of Boonville, the first two being from Davidson county, the third from Davie, fourth from Montgomery, fifth from Randolph and the last from Yadkin county. These six gentlemen will spend ten days in New York City on a tour of the world's greatest metropolis and its interesting vicinity.

In these contests The Dispatch always does all it says it will do, and a little bit more. This time there will be no exception to this generous policy, and the three ministers who received the next highest vote to the winners will be sent to Asheville for one week, where they will be entertained at the famous Kenilworth Inn, the finest hotel south of New York. These three gentlemen will be Rev. H. C. Byrum, of Coolemeec, Davie county, Rev. W. E. Swain, of Asheboro, Randolph county, and Rev. Jefferson Lanning, of Denton, Davidson county.

This contest has been a successful and interesting one. People in five counties have been watching its progress and working zealously for their favorite preachers. In a way the contest has been profitable. It has filled a gap in an otherwise dull season and given the paper added interest to its readers. It has added several hundred new subscribers to The Dispatch's already long list and introduced The Dispatch to the people in surrounding counties. The Dispatch is satisfied with the result and hopes that the successful gentlemen will thoroughly enjoy their outing.

The outing will be made the time of their lives, if The Dispatch can possibly do so. Complete arrangements have been made for a thorough itinerary of New York City. The ministers will leave their respective homes on the evening of the 23rd of August. They will arrive at Norfolk on the morning of the 24th. The day will be spent in Norfolk, visiting the various points of interest around the city, the resorts, Jamestown Exposition grounds, navy yard, etc. On the evening of the 24th at 7 o'clock, the party will sail on the Old Dominion Steamship Company's steamer to New York. There the party will be taken in charge by The Dispatch's New York representative, Mr. Frank R. Northrup. One day will be spent on Coney Island; a days sail will be made up the Hudson river to West Point; the city itself will be toured in automobiles. The party will have seats in Madison Square Garden at the great Bryan reception. Ten days will be spent sight-seeing. The trip will be full of interest from start to finish.

The total vote cast in the contest was more than 294,800. The following shows the final vote, as counted Saturday by a committee composed of Rev. J. C. Leonard, Rev. Geo. H. Leyburn and Mr. D. J. Sipe:

DAVIDSON COUNTY.	
Rev. J. D. Newton, Thomasville.....	39810
Rev. Henry Sheets, Lexington.....	34420
Rev. Jefferson Lanning, Denton.....	31430
Rev. W. H. Causey, Lexington, R. F. D. No. 1.....	7755
Rev. J. H. Moton, Yadkin College.....	7570
RANDOLPH COUNTY.	
Rev. C. M. Cambell, Randleman.....	35695
Rev. W. E. Swain, Asheboro.....	28300
Rev. N. R. Richardson, Asheboro.....	12815
Rev. B. F. Fincher, Farmer.....	1885
Rev. S. T. Lassiter, New Hope Academy.....	1685
Rev. Frank H. Wood, Trinity.....	800
Rev. J. F. Craven, Climax.....	616
Rev. M. A. Baldwin, Franklinville.....	400
MONTGOMERY COUNTY.	
Rev. K. C. Horner, Troy.....	20445
Rev. S. T. Moyle, Mt. Gilead.....	4200
Rev. W. R. Royal, Troy.....	600
Rev. W. F. Stafford, Pekin.....	400
DAVIE COUNTY.	
Rev. W. M. Robbins, Advance.....	18900
Rev. H. C. Byrum, Coolemeec.....	12965
Rev. J. F. Rogers, Mocksville.....	1490
Rev. C. S. Cashwell, Mocksville.....	600
Rev. W. R. Ketchie, Kappa.....	600
YADKIN COUNTY.	
Rev. J. J. Beach, Boonville.....	9545
Rev. T. C. Myers, Martin.....	8085
Rev. Wade H. Adams, Yadkinville.....	7670
Rev. W. L. Dawson, Yadkinville.....	1470
Rev. Evan Adams, Republic.....	600
Rev. J. H. Martin, Longtown.....	400

The "Mob Arrested".

The honor of North Carolina has been redeemed, the outraged dignity of the state has been satisfied, and the mob whereof Governor Glenn spoke has been "arrested and identified" by the trial, conviction and sentence of one lone convict named Hall. Gaze on the culprit and you will see embodied in him the five thousand howling outlaws who defied the state soldiery, stormed the county jail, dragged out therefrom three negroes and hung them to a tree. For doing all that, alone and single-handed, Hall will go to the penitentiary for fifteen years. You see, he was a jail bird anyhow, had no friends to speak of, and as somebody had to be made a scapegoat of, he was "arrested and identified" as the mob. It was an easy matter to get a jury to convict him, and the other 4,999 "good citizens" who trampled on law and order will be lost in that indefinite haze which every now and then envelops the judicial machinery. Oyez! oyez! "God reigns and the law is still supreme!" Of course. And "the mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly fine." Tubbyshore, tubbyshore! So fine did they grind that out of a harvest of five thousand, a mob consisting of one ex-convict was ground out.—Asheville Citizen.

Superior Court.

The August term of court for two weeks opened Monday with Judge Ferguson on the bench. Judge Ferguson delivered a very interesting charge to the jury, emphasizing the crime of mob violence, which he denounced. It was a fearful crime to murder men deprived of the power of self-defense and lynchings were the worst sort of criminals. Lawlessness had reached a climax when a mob took prisoners almost from the presence of a court and lynched them. The Rowan lynching was a blot on the state and the individuals composing the mob were marked with the mark of Cain. Men should realize the significance of the oath they take as voters to support the law and the constitution.

So far there has been nothing tried worth talking about, as there are no interesting cases up. P. J. Ellis was found guilty of retailing and fined \$50 and costs, and required to give a bond of one hundred dollars for his appearance at next court to show good behavior. R. D. Rogers, charged with assault, was fined \$10 and costs. Will Long gets eight months on the road for larceny. Henry Birdell, for same gets four months, and Jim Neal two months for retailing. Walt Lindsay was fined \$25 and costs for retailing. Several other minor cases were disposed of.

ROWAN COURT ENDS.

Special Term to Try Lyerly Murderers Convicts One Lyncher and Adjourns.

Saturday the special term of Rowan court which was called to try the negroes who were accused of murdering the Lyerly family, finished its business with the lynchers and adjourned. Six men were arrested for taking part in the lawlessness of Monday night the 6th. Of this half-dozen Geo. Hall, an ex-convict and bad man, whom numerous communities and counties refuse to claim as a native, and on whom the burden of the lynching penalty falls heaviest, was found guilty of indulging in lynching, and was sent to the penitentiary for fifteen years. George Gentle, another of the half-dozen, is held for murder, and until the regular August term convenes he will be in the penitentiary. Francis Cress was put out on bond, and the jury failed to find true bills against Bud Bully-boy, John Cauble and Henry Goodman. Others may be arrested and tried at the court that convenes on the 27th.

The trial of Francis Cress was interesting. It was claimed that he had a weak head and didn't know right from wrong. Under excitement he was irresponsible. In short he was an idiot at times. The jury was told to decide his case on two issues, that he was not responsible on the night of the lynching, but that he was all right now, and the jury so decided. This made it difficult to dispose of Cress. If he is a wild man, he ought to be confined in an asylum, but if he is sane now, how can he be sent to an asylum? The judge finally decided to make him give a \$500 bond, which he did.

One man whom the authorities would like to get acquainted with is a "nice looking young man, tall and muscular, with a panama hat." He appeared to be leading the mob, but when three of the rioters were arrested at the jail, he promised to call off the rest if these were released. They were released, and Mr. Panama Hat disappeared with his personal followers, but the tougher element led by George Hall, returned to the attack. Great mystery surrounds the man with the panama hat.

The military companies spent the week in Salisbury, but left Saturday. The Statesville Blues, Company D of Charlotte, and a company of artillery from Charlotte guarded the jail, the last with two Gatling guns.

Judge Long and Solicitor Hammer were tireless in their efforts to wipe out the disgrace of the mob and bring the lynchers to just punishment. The state applauds them both and with one accord condemns the lynching as an inexcusable outrage.

Killed by a Train.

Wm. Wilson, a negro who lived at 403 Maple street, Greensboro, was killed between seven and eight o'clock Monday morning at the trestle over Leonard's creek. He was on the trestle and had stopped to look at some hands working below when train 37 came along. Instead of stepping to one side as he had time and opportunity for doing so, he turned and began running down the track. The train soon caught him and hurled him upward, and as he came down struck him again and threw him to one side, killing him instantly. Wilson was an aged darkey, about 65 years old, and was employed with Dillard's camp of railroad hands. He was going to his work at the time of the accident. He had a wife and three children in Greensboro and had a son-in-law here, James Moore, a highly respected colored man who fires at the Nokomis mill. Wilson had only been working on the railroad one week. He was in the civil war as servant for his master.

Deputy Collector J. D. Albright, of Charlotte, has been here this week fixing up bonds for brandy distillers. Collector Albright is one of the best known and most efficient officers in the revenue service.

Mr. Chas. P. Jones, of The Dispatch here is taking his vacation at Catawba Springs and Hickory this week.

ALL OVER THE STATE

News of North Carolina Gathered From Murphy to Manteo and Condensed for Busy Readers

The aldermen of Statesville have retained the prohibitory tax of \$750 on druggists that sell whiskey and whiskey will not be sold in Statesville. The druggists themselves are against it.

Oil has been discovered in Stanly county between Albemarle and Whitney, and a Pittsburg concern has had surveys made and will install machinery. It is declared that the soil is full of petroleum there.

John Campbell, white, aged 15, sent from Surry county to the penitentiary for five years for obstructing a train, escaped last week from the state farm. He has a deformed right hand. The usual reward is offered.

Claud Hill, alias H. W. Jones, an employe of the Birmingham, Ala., street railway company, was arrested Monday for the murder of Ralph Wells, of Waynesville, this state, two years ago. It is said he admitted his guilt and then denied all knowledge of the crime.

Postmaster C. A. Reynolds, of Winston, who was nominated again by the republicans in the fifth district to make the race against W. W. Kitchen, has refused to entertain the idea of making a joint canvass with his opponent, saying he has not the time to spend.

The state auditor has received 800 new applications for pensions for old soldiers, most of the fourth class, with some widows. The auditor expects the fourth class pensioners and widows will get \$20 this year. There have been about as many deaths as there are new applications.

Mrs. J. M. Monroe, wife of ex-sheriff Monroe, of Rowan county, was severely shocked and burned by a bolt of lightning Monday afternoon while she was in her yard. There was almost a calm and the stroke came most unexpectedly. It is thought her injuries will not prove fatal.

The Governor decided not to interfere with the sentences of Samuel and Hasty, who assaulted Editor Deal, of Wilkesboro, some months ago. Both must serve their time in jail, one three months and the other six. The Governor also declines to pardon C. D. Whitley, of Stanly county, who is sentenced to three years on the roads for seduction of his cousin.

The American Tobacco Company seems to have been caught napping in the Blackwell Durham Tobacco Company case. The trust has never domesticated its company under this name, but it was chartered in New Jersey. Lately a company bearing the same name was chartered in this state. Then the trust applied for a charter under the name and the state refused, saying there was already a company chartered. It looks like the trust is up a tree.

John Nalls, of High Point, disappointed in love, tried to kill himself Monday afternoon by drinking the contents of four bottles of laudanum. He went to an isolated place near the city and drank the poison, and laid down to sleep himself into eternity, but persons passing found him an hour later in a dying condition. Physicians were summoned and finally brought him to. A smaller dose would have fixed him. He drank too much.

The charges against the Southern and Western railroad contractors for holding Italians against their will have been perfected but Attorney Holton has consented to a postponement of the trial. More than 140 Italian laborers left the camps last week when they were told that they could go by the federal officers. They each one left behind a month's pay. It has been the practice of the contractors to hold back a month's pay and then hold the ignorant foreigners in peonage. Some of them were shot, as will be recalled, for attempting to get their money and leave. On the whole it is a bad business.