

THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- For Governor: ELIAS CARR, of Edgecombe. For Lieutenant Governor: RUFUS A. DOUGHTON, of Alleghany. For Secretary of State: OCTAVIUS COKE, of Wake. For Auditor: ROBERT M. FERMAN, of Buncombe. For Treasurer: DONALD W. BAIN, of Wake. For Supt. of Public Instruction: JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH, of Johnston. For Attorney-General: FRANK I. OSBORNE, of Mecklenburg. For Judge of the Twelfth District: GEORGE A. SHUFORD. For Electors at Large: CHARLES B. AYCOCK, ROBERT B. GLENN.

Our State Ticket.

Elias Carr, the nominee for Governor, is about 51 years old, a sound democrat, an Allianceman and a first class gentleman in all respects. Mr. Carr is a graduate of the State University of North Carolina, a successful farmer and has never been in politics. He was one of the first Alliancemen in the State and was State President of the order; but denounces the third party and the St. Louis platform. His democracy is sound and unwavering. He will make North Carolina an excellent Governor.

Mr. R. H. Dougherty, for Lieutenant Governor, lives in Sparta, Alleghany county. We know Mr. Dougherty personally, and he is a man of ability and sound integrity. He is a democrat from his boyhood, and has represented his county in the legislature several terms, and was elected Speaker of the last House. He is a good campaigner. He will make us an excellent officer.

Capt. Octavius Coke, the nominee for Secretary of State, is the present incumbent. He lives in Raleigh, and is a brainy man and a fine campaigner. We heard him make a speech in Boone 8 years ago.

Donald W. Bain, who was nominated Treasurer, has held the office since 1884. Most everybody in the State knows of him, and of his efficiency as a State officer.

Mr. Robert M. Furman, the nominee for Auditor, lives in Asheville, and is editor of the Asheville Democrat. He is a capable man and well known in the State.

The people of Watauga will recollect J. C. Scarborough, who was nominated Superintendent of Public Instruction. He lives in Johnston county. Mr. Scarborough held the office 1876 to 1884. He is a most excellent gentleman.

Mr. Frank I. Osborne, the nominee for Attorney General, lives in Charlotte, and is an able lawyer and a strong man before the people.

The nominees for Electors at large are Messrs. Robert B. Glenn and Charles B. Aycock.

The above ticket commends itself to the people of the State, and there is no doubt but this ticket will be elected by a good majority.

CLEVELAND seems to be holding his own remarkably well. The different States holding conventions recently have mostly instructed for him. It is now claimed that Cleveland has 511 delegates already pledged, and enough uninstructed to make his nomination sure, and giving him two-thirds of the 900 votes on first ballot; but nothing is absolutely sure nowadays in politics. Some other man may be nominated. South Carolina is the only Southern State that has instructed against Cleveland. Since North Carolina has, in her recent convention, reiterated the silver platform of 1890, still standing firmly on the silver issue, we fear that the nomination of Mr. Cleveland might be unwise. North Carolina did not instruct for anybody. However, we have no fears that her delegates will vote for a man who will be able to harmonize all differences and one whom all the county can afford to vote for and elect. Let us not have Cleveland unless he is the right man. The democratic party is bigger than Cleveland or any other man.

Read Carefully.

We have over one hundred subscribers scattered over the States of Kansas, Washington, and Oregon. These subscribers, or the majority of them, owe us from \$2 to \$3.00 each. They ought to pay us, but they neglect it. Now, friends, we ask you that when you read this it will remind you of your carelessness, and that you will send us the amount you are due us. Unless you send up our dues, we will strike your name from our list, and forward your account to some attorney for collection. This course will be pursued after the 4th day of July, next. We are not mad, but we feel neglected, and need what is due us. Don't you get mad, but send us the amount, or as near it as you can guess, and all will be satisfactory. This will apply to subscribers in Idaho, Nebraska, Texas, and Missouri. Let us hear from you.

L. L. Polk has organized a third party for the national ticket in the State, and it is probable that there will be a third party ticket in several, if not all, of the Congressional districts. Polk is endorsed by the third partyites as their choice for President of the United States; but the main object seems to be to assist the republicans in the national conflict.

BLAINE is now coming to the front again as the probable nominee of the republicans. Great opposition is now being manifested by the bosses against Harrison's nomination, but we believe Harrison will succeed, unless Quay & Co., have full power over the convention. In our next issue we may be able to tell who are the nominees at Minneapolis.

It is given out now that the republicans will not have any State convention to put out a ticket, but will only make nominations in the Congressional districts and counties. This move does not meet with full satisfaction by many of the republicans.

Hall's Hair Renewer will keep the hair vigorous and healthy, and a natural color.

A Western Letter.

Dighton, Kan., May 21.—Editor DEMOCRAT: After having been here about one mo., I will give a few off-hand shots regarding this great 'desert' country, as it is sometimes called, thinking it may be interesting to some of your many readers. If I were able to give you a description of this country, I have not been here long enough to gather much information. Lane, is the middle county of the western half of the State, and is 24 miles East and West and 30 miles North and South. The land generally lies well, mostly a rolling prairie, while a great deal of it looks as level as a floor. There is some very rough land lying along the water-courses, which run from West to East. It is claimed that 90 per cent of the land is tillable. I have been along Walnut Creek for several miles, which is about in the centre of the county, and at this time there is quite a lot of water in it. It is a very sluggish stream and during the dry weather there is but little, and in places no water. This country has been having plenty of good rains for the past two weeks.

Stock-raising is fast becoming a lively business, when only a few years ago the buffalo herds could be seen here in great numbers, and their trails can be plainly seen yet, where they traveled from north-east to south-west, but alas! to the Indian, buffalo and wild horses, for when emigration set in, they had to move farther west and give way to the white man with his herds of cattle.

The first settlers came here about 1878, and engaged in cattle-raising. The grass, while it is short and looks very dry, it is quite nutritious, and stock thrives wonderfully on it both winter and summer. This is a very cheap country in which to raise stock. Horses and cattle are carried through the winter here for less than one-half the expense that is required for us eastern farmers to get our stock through the winter. During last year there were 52 car loads of stock shipped from Dighton, and it is only one of the shipping points. There is no timber. I haven't seen a tree since I came here, only some bushes, and they are being cultivated. Lumber is worth \$25 per thousand feet, and coal is used principally for fuel. Small-grain is the chief product. The soil is better adapted to small-grains, such as wheat, rye, oats, barley, millet, etc., but very little corn being planted. It is claimed that for the year 1891 there was raised in the county 312,000 bushels of wheat, an rye 33,670; oats, 31,710; barley, 37,734. The wheat yield for last year was from ten to 33 bushels per acre; reports show that. There are 50,000 acres in small grain this year, and if I am allowed to judge from the present indications, there will be a wonderful harvest. It is not an unusual thing to see fields of wheat ranging all the way from one to three hundred acres. They often sow the same piece of land four or five times without plowing; in fact there is but very little land here in wheat that has been plowed the second time.

The people are intelligent, kind and industrious, and a

great many came here without capital, and are now doing well, though they lost 2 or 3 years work before they found out what to do—most farmers from the east wanting to raise corn. The majority of farmers seem to be in easy circumstances. They are marketing their wheat, and they cash it at from 55 to 68 cents per bushel. Dighton shipped 217 car loads of grain during 1891, and there are other shipping points in the county that run a good business. One of the worst 'stumbling blocks' to this country is that a great portion of the country is covered with mortgage. Men come here and file a claim, then mortgage it for every dollar possible and then leave it. Some few men did not do this, and they are in good shape.

The statistical report for 1892, I haven't at hand, but it is much larger than for '91. Already there has been 200 car loads of wheat shipped from the county this season, and the farmers claim that only two-thirds of the crop is sold. Land is advancing rapidly. Claims that sold for \$400 a year ago, are now worth from seven to eight hundred dollars.

Everything is done here by machinery in the way of farming, except plowing and that is optional with the farmer. He can run the sulky or gang plows if he likes, there are several in use. There are three steam plows in the Co. and more are coming. Large steam threshers are being shipped in for the incoming crop. The harvest is all cut by steel binders and headers. The headers are the slickest machines for harvesting I have seen. They are run with four to six horses, and one man drives and operates it. The cuts are ten, twelve and fourteen feet in width, and they harvest 25 to 40 acres per day.

The population of the county is about 2,400. There were 38 or 40 schools taught in the county last year, and there are a number of good school houses, 20 or more, costing four to five hundred dollars each, and those I have seen are well furnished with desks, maps, charts, and Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. Dighton is the county-seat and is in the centre, having 400 inhabitants. It has a \$15,000 brick school house well furnished; a good hotel; two grocery stores; two hardware stores; two dry goods stores; a meat market; two livery stables; a lumber yard; depot; post office; two bank buildings; (one in successful operation, in which the farmers have nine thousand dollars deposited. Dighton is situated on a branch of the A. T. and Santafee R. R. The Mo. Pacific R. R. runs through the county from east to west, and has three stations in the county.

The politics of this county is a conglomerated mass of third party men and moss-backed radicals. Democrats are not here. Politically, I feel quite lonesome, as I suppose there is not more than a dozen democrats in the county. I ring every time alike giving out no uncertain sound. The third party claims 47 percent of the votes and the republicans 50 percent, so the democrats don't claim anything. As I have made this letter much longer than I intended,

I will close. I have endeavored to give you these scattering items as I have seen them; not intending to misrepresent anything. To all who may want to come west, I advise them to come and see for themselves before selling out, as it is impossible to form a correct idea by reading some one's description of it. There is room a plenty. Thousands of acres of land can be bought for less than \$10. per acre. Wages range from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per day, and a man can get work every day. If I have intruded on your space, I will promise not to say so much next time. Success and a prosperous year to to the DEMOCRAT and its readers. Hurrah! for Grover Cleveland and tariff reform. Respectfully, J. M. SHULL.

NOTICE.

Whereas at a sale of real estate for taxes made by J. Lark, Hayes, Shiff, of watauga county, in noone, on the 5th day of May, 1890, the undersigned became the last best bidder for the following lands. One tract listed in the name of Baker & Co, on the waters of North Fork, adjoining the lands of Brown and E. B. Miller and others containing 95 acres more or less, lying in wild mountain township. Another tract in said township listed in the name of the heirs of Ailey Norris containing 206 acres. Another tract in watauga township listed in the name of Patterson Gilliland containing 107 acres, more or less; also three other tracts sold by said J. L. Hayes, shiff, of watauga county may 4th, 1891. First tract listed in the name of Alved Edledge on the south fork of new river in wild mountain township, adjoining the lands of E. Ratam and others containing 50 acres more or less; also a tract listed in the name of Wm. Thompson, colored, in meadow dam township containing 15 acres more or less, also a tract listed in the name of Leander Carmichael heirs in noone township on the waters of howard's creek containing 37 acres more or less, adjoining the lands of Coffey's E. B. Miller and others. This notice is for the above named parties to come forward and make settlement, and show cause why the sheriff aforesaid shall not make me deeds to the same as the law provides in such cases. W. L. BRYAN. April 18, '92.

ATTENTION, BUYERS!!

We wish to call attention to our line of second-hand Buggies, Carts, wagons, Hacks, Harness Etc. They are almost good as new; and persons wishing to buy can secure bargains by calling on us: We have a big lot of NEW BUGGIES, WAGONS, CARTS, HARNESS &c on hand, which will be sold on reasonable terms. If we have not got what you want, we will take pleasure in getting any thing for you in our line. We buy direct from manufacturers and can, therefore, give you very close prices. We have a full line of new Harness—Collars, bridles, etc.—everything in the harness line. Can beat the world on prices. We will take in exchange, horses, mules, and also good beef cattle. Give us a call. HENKEL, CRAIG & CO. Lenoir N. C.

NOTICE

whereas at a sale of real estate for taxes made by J. L. Hayes, shiff, of watauga county at the court house door in Boone N. C., on the 5th day of May, 1890, the undersigned became the last best bidder for the lands viz: one tract listed in the name of P. W. Turnure on the waters of new river, blue ridge township, containing 25 acres more or less. Another tract lying in Laurel creek township on the waters of watauga river listed in the name of J. E. Mansford. Also another tract sold by J. L. Hayes shiff, of watauga county may 4 1891 listed in the name of J. M. C. Davis, lying in wild mountain township containing 39 acres more or less. Also one other tract sold may 4, 1891 lying in watauga township listed in the name of Joseph Campbell containing 25 acres more or less. This notice is for the above named parties to come forward and make settlement and show cause why the sheriff aforesaid shall not make me deeds to the same as the law provides in such cases. W. L. BRYAN. April 18, '92.

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I wish to call the attention of the trade to the fact that I am now offering some rare bargains in boots, shoes, hats, ready-made clothing, prints, worsteds, etc., hardware, such as plows, hoes, shovels, spades, tracechains, and, in fact, anything you need in this line.

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I keep constantly on hand a full supply of groceries consisting in part of Sugar, Coffee, Rice, etc., which will be sold as cheap as they can be bought in the mountains.

I cannot, in this small space tell you of half the bargains I am prepared to offer, but invite you, one and all, to come and see. Thirty-six inches to the yard and sixteen ounces to the pound has ever been my motto, and I hope to receive in the future, what I have so much enjoyed in the past, the liberal patronage of the public. Most Respectfully, C. D. TAYLOR. Valle Crucis, May 10, '92.

BOSTON CHEST WEIGHT FOR YOUR HOME.

