

Watauga Democrat.

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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

The discussions for and against the constitutional amendment this week have been, to say the least, very interesting. Capt. Lovill W. C. Newland and J. F. Spaulhour made stirring speeches for the measure, on Monday, and the Hon. W. H. Bower was billed for a speech on Tuesday, and attorney Davis, of Jefferson, asked for a division of time which was gladly granted by Mr. Bower. He led out in a speech of considerable length in which he denounced the amendment with all his political fervor, trying to convince our people that the measure is an unholy one, when we are reliable informed by a gentleman of high repute from Jefferson that this man who is now on the campaign denouncing the amendment, has, on different occasions stated that he intended to vote for the amendment, saying that he had seen enough of negro rule in North Carolina. Let every voter who heard his speech on Tuesday remember that this man speaks one way and intends to vote another. Mr. Davis is indeed quite a good speaker, a nice, intelligent gentleman, and we take it for granted that after his assertions he will come out on the side of white supremacy and cast his vote with the other intelligent white men of the State, and forever stamp out the curse of negro domination in the Old North State. Mr. Bower followed in a very convincing speech for nearly two hours that was indeed a marvel of eloquence and power, convincing in every paragraph that the hope of the white people of North Carolina depended on the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment, as has been evinced from the fact that since his speech several leading republicans of prominence in this and adjoining counties, have to some extent declared themselves in favor of the amendment. His speech was much enjoyed, and the effects of which will be felt at the August election. Solicitor Harshaw was billed, by Chairman Holton to speak to day, and, of course, Mose will speak against the amendment, and we hear that Atty. McNeil is to pour out his vials of wrath against the amendment to day. Guess it will be another Davis effort.

Following is the list of delegates appointed to the State Convention to meet in Raleigh on April 1900:

J. C. Horton, E. S. Coffey, T. H. Coffey, E. F. Lovill, G. H. Barstin, J. C. Fletcher, T. F. Coffey, G. R. Long, C. A. Church, T. H. Taylor, Dr. C. J. Parlier, J. B. Clarke, Z. B. Buchanan, T. P. Adams, N. L. Mast, J. H. Bingham, J. M. Moretz, T. L. Critcher, J. A. Denny, J. G. Rodgers, W. L. Hendrix, C. A. Grubb, G. C. Greene, C. P. Todd, Thos. J. Ray, H. A. Davis, J. L. Moretz, J. M. South, R. A. Thomas, J. W. Horton, Smith Hagaman, W. S. Farthing, Adam Greene, H. H. Farthing, James R. Phillips, D. C. Mast, Jones C. Greer, Thomas F. Cook, David L. Lewis, G. W. Brown, Roby Greene, R. L. Lowe, L. D. Lowe, J. C. Stinson, T. L. Lowe, W. C. Sutphin, J. Phipps, J. A. Walters, J. B. Robbins, W. D. Cook, John B. Rodgers, and R. C. Rivers.

THE JUDICIAL CONVENTION.

Pursuant to previous notice the Democratic Convention of the 10th Judicial District met in Hickory last Thursday, and was called to order by Chairman Self of the executive committee.

All the counties composing the district were represented by regular delegations, and as no contests were reported, a permanent organization was soon effected by the election of Col. P. J. Sinclair, of McDowell, as chairman and F. M. Williams, of Charlotte, Secretary.

The most important business to come before the Convention was the nomination of a candidate for Superior Court Judge, and as it was understood that Burke, Caldwell, and Watauga counties would present candidates for the honor, large and enthusiastic delegations were present from these counties, Catawba county also had a strong delegation and would present a candidate, and McDowell although having no candidate was well represented. The entire voting strength of the district was found to be 199 votes requiring 100 votes to make a nomination.

The roll of counties was called for nominations, and S. J. Erwin, of Burke, was named by Col. W. S. Pearson, W. L. Wakefield, of Caldwell, by Mr. W. C. Newland, W. B. Council, jr., of Watauga by Capt. E. F. Lovill, and E. E. Cline, of Catawba.

Strong and earnest speeches were made by each of the gentlemen named in support of his name, and by others seconding the nominations.

Upon first and second ballots the entire strength of Ashe, Watauga and Yancey counties and over half of Mitchell, making 81 votes in all were cast for Council, with 51 for Erwin, 35 for Cline, and 32 for Wakefield.

Mr. Council's friends were very strong on the Catawba delegation, indeed over three-fourths of the delegates were active and earnest support-

ers of his candidacy, and on the third ballot, Mr. Cline's name was dropped and 26 votes from Catawba were carried to Council which gave him the nomination, with several votes to spare. Immediately the votes of the counties supporting other candidates, were changed and cast for Council and his nomination was enthusiastically made unanimous.

While the friends of the various candidates were earnest and loyal in their support, this final result of the contest was really expected and conceded and it was accepted with the utmost satisfaction, and the best of good feeling prevailed.

A resolution was offered by Capt. E. F. Lovill and unanimously adopted by the Convention endorsing the candidacy of Col. W. S. Pearson, of Burke county, for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for State Auditor.

After the election of an Executive Committee the convention adjourned.

REPORTER.

Banner Elk Letter.

Editor Democrat.

After conversing with quite a considerable number of leading republicans hereabouts, I feel encouraged for the reason that most of them are going to vote for the constitutional amendment—or at least they say they will. One, however, said that none of his ancestors were democrats, but whigs, and it could not be reasonably expected that he would vote for a democratic measure. I told him that the issue was in no sense a political one, but even if it was, I could trust an old whig to vote intelligently upon it, as the predominant feature of the old whig platform was: "Let Americans rule America," while later day republicanism says "let Africans rule." But the signs are more hopeful, and are getting more so every day. The intelligent portion of the republican party are getting tired of the ignorant negro in politics, and they say so. The recent bad breaks of some of the Rep. Pop leaders is having its effect among honest men of all parties, and these leaders are growing desperate over seeing their chickens coming home to roost. The best element of the western republican party say they are white, and that they will act with the white element of all parties. It is amusing to hear them discuss the incendiary utterances recently indulged in at Newton by E. Blacker Spenceburn. They say that that asinine blather skite had just as well sit down now. Well, he does remind me more of the dog star than anything else; his baleful influence is only felt periodically. But he has succeeded in snuffing himself out with the respectable portion of his own party and the rest of mankind. He would substitute bullets for ballots so far as democrats are concerned, but thank God he has no decent following among white people anywhere. His lease is short, and he knows it. "The mills of the gods grind slowly, but grind exceeding fine."

PHANTOM.

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Wm. McKinley, President of the U. S.,

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Now, Buck, that is if your name is William H.; if not, then, Mr. McKinley, I want to say to you, you are the President of the U. S., and I am one of the sovereigns of the same, and I think the President is entitled to all the good advice of the sovereigns of his country as to how to manage his people and his possessions. And there are people who can demur your conduct without first telling you what they think you ought to do, and especially with the Philippines.

Some say that the Philippines are not fit for self government and at the same time claim that niggers are. Now my advice to you is to you is to take away the white soldiers from the Phillipine islands and replace them with niggers. North Carolina can furnish 17,000, and the other States in the South each as many in proportion. Let the niggers be armed with razors and the Filipinos with boomerangs or whatever they can get; turn them loose and get out of the way. Give both sides your benevolence, they will furnish the assimilation. Then they will have to its fullest extent what your excellency calls benevolent assimilation. What do you think of the plan?

J. W. TODD.

Jefferson, March 24.

MARRIED.

On the morning of March 14th 1900, a company of young people gathered at the home of the bride's father, Rev. E. H. Billings, and after a pleasant drive across the country to the home of the officiating functionary W. W. Holsclaw, J. P.

The contracting parties Miss Annis Billings, and Mr. Ullis Bradley were united in the holy bonds of wedlock. After the marriage ceremony, we drove to the home of the groom's father on George's Gap, where we were met by a large number of friends of the bride and groom, and after hearty congratulations and best wishes from all, we retired to the dining room, where we found everything necessary to satisfy the inner man.

After all were satisfied, we betook ourselves to the parlor, where we were entertained with music and pleasant conversation until a late hour, after which every one retired to dream of one of the most pleasant evenings they had ever spent. The bride and groom were very popular young people, and we extend our congratulations and best wishes to them, hoping that nothing will cross their path to mar their happiness.

W. P. VANDYKE.

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NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga Co. L. A. Greene, administrator of B. F. Tugman, dec'd., vs. E. C. Moody and wife, Nan nie, H. C. Miller and wife, Minnie & J. L. Tugman. By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of said county, made in the above entitled cause on the 5th day of March, 1900, I, as commissioner appointed by said court will offer for sale to the highest bidder on the premises of said B. F. Tugman, deceased on April 10, 1900, the following described lands to wit: all that part of the land of said B. F. Tugman, dec'd. not covered by the dower of the widow of deceased, adjoining the lands of Sarens Woodring, John Norris, Wm. Eller and L. D. Cole. Said sale to be on a credit of six months, with the exception of 15 per cent, which must be paid on day of sale. Title to be withheld until all the purchase money is paid. Sale between the hours of 10 a. m., 4 p. m. March 6, 1900. L. A. GREENE, Commissioner. LOVILL & FLETCHER, Attys.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Watauga Co. In the Superior Court. A. L. Sims vs. T. R. Sherrill.

The defendant above named will take notice that a summons in the above entitled action was issued against said defendant on the 15th of Mar. 1900, from the Superior court of Watauga county, North Carolina, for the sum of \$734.00 due said plaintiff by due bill and open account which summons is returnable to the Spring Term of the Superior court for Watauga county, N. C. for the year 1900 which said term of court convenes on the 26, day of Mar. 1900, the same being the last Monday in said month. The defendant will take notice that a warrant of attachment was issued by said undersigned Clerk of the Court of Watauga county on Mar. 15th 1900 against the property of said defendant, which warrant is returnable to the Spring Term of the Superior court of Watauga county, to wit, on the 26th day of Mar. 1900, the same being the last Monday in said month at the same time and place above named for the return of the summons, when and where the defendant is required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint, or the relief demanded will be granted. This Mar. 15th 1900. JOHN H. LINGHAM, C. S. C.

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