

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 1900.

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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

Governor—CHARLES B. AYCOCK, of Wayne. Lieutenant-Governor—W. D. TURNER, of Irwell. Secretary of State—J. BEYAN GRIMES, of Pitt State Treasurer—B. R. LACY, of Wake. State Auditor—B. F. DIXON, of Cleveland. Attorney-General—ROBT. D. GILMER, of Haywood. Superintendent of Public Instruction—Wm. S. TOON, of Robeson. Commissioner of Agriculture—SAMUEL L. PATTERSON, of Caldwell. Commissioner of Labor and Printing—HENRY S. VARNER, of Davidson. Chairman of the Corporation Commission—FRANKLIN McNEILL, of New Hanover. Corporation Commissioner—SAMUEL ROGERS, of Macon. Judge for the Tenth District—W. B. COUNTELL, of Watauga. Electors at Large—DAN HUGH McLEAN, of Harnett, and LEE S. OVERMAN, of Rowan. COUNTY TICKET. For Representative—Edgar S. Coffey. For the Senate, 30th Dist.—Wiley H. Swift. For Sheriff—John Green. For Treasurer—W. L. Hendrix. For Register of Deeds—Calvin J. Costrell. For Surveyor—James C. Greer. For Coroner—Thomas F. Cook. COMMISSIONERS: Hugh A. Dobbin. Will W. Holsclaw. James P. Taylor.

In this issue will be found the call of the Board of County Commissioners for an election to be held in Watauga county on Thursday, Aug. 2nd 1900, for the purpose of deciding whether or not the county shall take stock in the Carolina & North-western Railroad to the amount of sixty thousand (\$60,000) dollars. The whole agreement is before you, and, in our opinion, a fairer, more just or more reasonable one, could not have been drafted. The Company only asks this small issue of bonds for the purpose of obtaining the cooperation of our people in the enterprise, and to help them out in the way of taxes, etc. As you see the bonds will draw no interest until the road is completed through the county, and entering at at Cook's Gap, this means that we will have from 35 to 40 miles of railroad within our borders. The assessed value of the road will be about \$12,000 per mile, and you can easily count the tax the Company will annually pay into our treasury. Study the proposition well, from every standpoint; consider the influx of population and capital into our county when the road is completed; the enormous amount of money paid out each year in marketing our products, pikage etc., to say nothing of the wear and tear of teams, wagons, etc., and surely you will be for the road. This question is of more vital importance to our people than local politics.

We note with pleasure that our former countymen, J. E. Finley, is a candidate for commissioner in Wilkes county, and if a clean record and fine business qualifications are considered by the people there, he will be elected by a large majority. Mr. Finley was inducted into the office of county commissioner in Watauga county December 1, 1883, and was made chairman of the body. At that time the financial condition of the county was in a desperate condition; the county paper being far below par, but soon under his wise management as chairman, the affairs began to improve, and long before he resigned (7 years later) a claim on Watauga county was as good as a check on a National bank. You still often hear his offi-

cial record in Watauga commented upon, and it is conceded by republicans as well as democrats that he was one of the best commissioners the county ever had, and if Wilkes does her duty she will elect him to this position that he is so eminently fitted to fill.

What the Radical Election Law Did.

All over North Carolina the radical gang of orators are going around denouncing the new election law and misrepresenting its provisions. On this week one of these hired hobo statesmen was in Raleigh telling that under the new election law no man could vote unless he could give the name of the former occupant of the house in which he lived. He was "shut up" by being offered ten dollars to point out that requirement in the election law. But so few people have read and studied the election law, that his ridiculous assertion might deceive some people. This is a fair sample of the falsehoods they are telling about the election law. Let us see what right the Radicals have to denounce election law or election methods.

When the Republicans wrote an election law the Canby Constitution was declared adopted, they not only appointed poll holders, but they had the ballot-boxes sealed up and carried to Military Headquarters to be counted. Before doing that they disfranchised about twelve thousand of the best men in North Carolina and permitted many thousand newly emancipated slaves to vote. Even then they did not permit the residents of the State to count the ballots, but sent them to Columbia, S. C., to be counted by soldiers. Of course the count was in favor of the Reconstruction and Negro party. To show the dishonesty and farce of the whole proceeding, we may mention that the first return sent back to North Carolina showed the election of Mr. E. C. Bartlett, as member of the Legislature from Ashe county. When he reached Raleigh, he acted with the Conservatives. That displeased the Radicals beyond measure and they thereupon sent word to Columbia and in a few days word was received that there had been a mistake in the count and Mr. Bartlett had not been elected, but Mr. John G. Marler was the man elected. When Mr. Marler got to Raleigh it was found that he was even a better "Conservative Democrat" than Mr. Bartlett. Then the Radicals were a mad crowd, but they never stopped at wholesale fraud to carry their point. They needed a better Radical from Ashe and so after Marler got to Raleigh, the leaders of the "hands" notified General Canby, and a new count was ordered. Pretty soon word came from Columbia that Marler had not been elected, but that a man by the name of Marshall had been elected. And Marshall, who was a true mossey

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back Radical, took the seat and held it. It took three fraudulent counts to give him the seat, but the "gang" was equal to the emergency.

It took the united struggle of the best white men in North Carolina to throw off the yoke of Militarism, Carpetbagism and Negro Rule which the Canby gang put upon the people when they had an election law that was warranted to count out a Republican majority, no matter how the ballots went into the box, and a law that was so adjusted that they could "un-elect," so to speak, any person elected who did not do the bidding of the thieves and knaves who were in control of the State government.

In the face of this record, Radical orators are trying to inflame the people against the present election law. The real objection Radicals have to the new election law is that dead negroes, eighteen year old negroes, negro convicts and imported negroes cannot vote under it. That's the secret of their hostility!

The consolidation of sections 4 and 5 of the constitutional amendment have some what trimmed the sails of the anti-amendment advocates in Watauga. They are simply at sea and are now making their last final appeal to the voters to protect the interests of the poor twelve-year-old boy, who, they say, will be disfranchised in 1908, provided the amendment is adopted. These leaders, remember, have no children whom they fear will be disfranchised, and are simply playing on the prejudices of others for party gain, only. Their days are numbered, and they know it, but they are determined to fight to the last, despite the fact that the intelligence, manhood and the patriotism of the county is against them. The amendment is on gaining ground, notwithstanding the fact that every means, both fair and foul, are being brought to bear against it by the revenue officers, and other officials of the G. O. P.

NOTICE OF RAILROAD ELECTION.

The qualified voters of Watauga county are hereby notified that at an adjourned session of the regular meeting of the board of commissioners of Watauga county, held this day in pursuance of a resolution of the board passed at its regular meeting on Monday, June 4th, 1900, for the purpose of acting on certain petitions for the citizens of Watauga county there in asking for an election on the question of subscribing to the capital stock of the Carolina and North-Western Railway Company, and of issuing coupon bonds to pay for said stock, a majority of the members of the board being present and voting in favor of the order hereinafter set forth:

Upon hearing the written application and petition of more than three hundred of the qualified voters of Watauga county praying that the question of 'subscription' or 'no subscription' of the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) to the capital stock of said Carolina and North-Western Railroad Company be submitted to the voters of Watauga county;

It is ordered by the Board of commissioners of said Watauga county, in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners and in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 190 private laws of 1895 and the further provisions of Sections 1906, 1907, 1898, 1999 2000 of the Code of North Carolina that an elec-

tion be held on Thursday the 2nd day of August 1900 at the polling places prescribed and provided by law in said Watauga county to determine whether a majority of the qualified voters of said Watauga county are in favor of authorizing the Board of commissioners of said Watauga county to subscribe in the name and on behalf of said Watauga county under the provision of the statutes aforesaid, sixty thousand (\$60,000) dollars to the capital stock of the said Carolina and North Western Railway Company, and of empowering said Board of commissioners to issue coupon bonds of said Watauga county of the denomination of one hundred (\$100) dollars each, bearing interest at the rate of five (5) per cent, per annum, payable annually, by which the faith of said county shall be pledged to the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, as they may fall due, and also whether a majority of the qualified voters of said Watauga county are in favor of authorizing said Board of county commissioners to levy and collect such taxes as it may be necessary to levy and collect, in order to pay the interest on said bonds, and provide a sinking fund and ultimately discharge the principal and interest of such bonds at maturity.

It is further ordered that said subscription is to be made, if at all, by said Board of commissioners upon the condition that the bonds issued in payment of said subscription are to bear no interest until after they are delivered to said railway company and are to run for 25 years from the date of issue, with the option on the part of the said Board of commissioners of paying off and discharging all of said bonds or any number thereof at any time after five years from the date of issue upon giving notice to the holders of said bonds by publication for four successive weeks in newspapers published in the town of Boone, N. C. and Chester, S. C., which notice shall describe the bonds called in by number and shall designate some National Bank along the line of said Carolina and North Western Railway where said bonds may be deposited for payment; and the bonds so called must be deposited at the designated bank for payment within sixty days from the time said publication is completed.

It is further ordered that said subscription is to be made, if at all, upon condition that said bonds are not to be delivered to the C. & N. W. Railway Company unless and until said company shall have constructed its railroad of standard gauge width from the town of Lenoir, Caldwell county, continuously through Cook's Gap in the Blue Ridge in Watauga county and thence through Watauga county either down Watauga river or up Cove Creek near Zionville to the Tenn. line within three years from the 31st of Dec. A. D. 1900, and shall have completed said line to Cook's Gap in Watauga county within two years from Dec 31st A. D. 1900, and shall have also widened that part of its railroad from Lenoir, North Carolina, continuously to Chester, South Carolina, and made the standard gauge, and shall have delivered to the Chairman of the Board of Watauga county \$60,000 in stock in said Carolina and Northwestern railway company full paid and non-assessible.

It is further ordered that at the election held in pursuance of this order those in favor of empowering the Board of commissioners of Watauga county to make said subscription and issue the bonds in payment therefor upon the conditions aforesaid and to levy and collect the taxes necessary for discharging the principal and interest of said bonds as a-

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foresaid shall vote a ballot whereon is written or printed the words "no subscription." It is further ordered that the chairman of this Board give notice of said election and the terms and conditions thereof by publishing the foregoing order in the WATAUGA DEMOCRAT for six successive weeks.

It is further ordered that the following be and they are hereby appointed judges to hold election and to make returns thereof as provided by Section 7, Chapter 190 Private Laws of 1895, to-wit: Boone township, J. C. Ray and John Hardin, Beech mountain, George Brown and J. F. Reece, blowing rock, Kilby Hartley and J. Millard Hodges, bald mountain, J. I. Wilson and J. L. Tatnm, blue ridge, J. Smith Ford and G. H. Harstin, beaver dams, James C. Shell and L. W. Farthing, cove creek, A. Roten and N. L. Mast, Elk, Noah Hampton and L. M. Hodges, Laurel creek, J. L. Glenn and J. O. Mast, meat camp, W. W. Blackburn and John H. Brown, north fork, W. N. Thomas and Roby Thomas, shawneehaw, Charles Vuncannon and R. L. Lowe, stony fork, Andy J. Wilborn and J. F. Luther, watauga, J. B. Johnson and W. H. Mast. This 25th day of June 1900.

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