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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

Governor—CHARLES B. AYCOCK, of Wayne. Lieutenant-Governor—W. D. TURNER, of Irwell. Secretary of State—J. BRYAN 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 B. YARNER, of Davidson. Chairman of the Corporation Commission—FRANKLIN MCNEILL, of New Hanover. Corporal Commissioner—SAMUEL ROGERS, of Macon. Judge for the Tenth District—W. B. COUNCELL, of Watauga. Electors at Large—DAN HUGH McLEAN, of Hartnett, 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. Cottrell. For Surveyor—James C. Greer. For Coroner—Thomas F. Cook. COMMISSIONERS: Hugh A. Dobbin, Will W. Holsclaw, James P. Taylor.

On last Saturday at the speaking on Meat Camp, C. W. Hodges, J. P., a life-long republican; a man of much intelligence and influence, and one who has ever stood to the g. o. p. through thick and thin, came out boldly in a speech, not only in favor of the Constitutional amendment, but for the democratic ticket from President to township constable. The speech, it is said, was very clear on the issues of the campaign, and was much enjoyed by the people. He has forever turned his back upon the party of his forefathers, as scores of others are doing daily in N. C., and cast his lot with the party that is striving so untiringly to upbuild the interests of North Carolina in every way and to overthrow the gro domination in the State that has been foisted upon us by the Republican party. We welcome him.

The Republican Senatorial Convention for the 30th Dist. met in Jefferson on Tuesday, and the nomination of L. H. Michael, of Watauga, was endorsed thereby. It is said that Mr. Michael made a very bitter and unreasonable speech in accepting the nomination (something he has intimated he never would do) and denounced the Democracy with all the fervor of his political might. When he was invited on last Saturday to meet his opponent, Wiley H. Swift, in joint discussion at Elk Knob Academy, would have been the proper time for him to have made this speech, or one of its kind, but, as is the habit of Republican candidates, he failed to be on hand.

We are pleased to learn that the political speaking at Zionville on Tuesday was well attended, and the speeches on both sides were attentively listened to by the people. This is as it should be, and we trust no bitterness will enter into the campaign, as this is a time when the people need facts instead of gaul and misrepresentations. We are confronted by great issues and they should be discussed in a mild, gentlemanly way, so that no hardness may be engendered thereby.

Well, the Chinese have only themselves to blame for the war if it comes. They invented gunpowder, you know.

The recent heavy rains have done immense damage to the wheat crops. At many places it was harvesting time and much of the grain had been cut and stood in shocks in the fields and the rain caused the grain to sprout. This will cause a rise in the price of wheat. The war in South Africa, and the one just beginning in China will do much to increase the demand for flour. It truly seems that flour will be on the upward trend for some time.

After six months of effort, the Republicans achieved a platform which was promptly repudiated from one end of the country to the other by the Republican press, and which it is now claimed was foisted upon them by shenanigan. This will do to tell. Republican discipline is too good to permit anything of the kind to be done. The Republicans are simply frightened by the unexpected scorn heaped upon their "non-glittering" generalities and are trying to hedge. That is all there is to the Quigg howl.

The train wreck which occurred at McDonough on last Saturday was a distressing affair. The floods had washed the trestle out leaving the track suspended, and when the passenger train sped along, the engineer saw nothing and dashed his train on it and into the stream below, a distance of 60 feet. All of the passengers were killed except those in the sleepers.

Yesterday, the Glorious Fourth, was republican day in Boone. The boys turned out in considerable numbers, and a horseback procession numbering 60 strong went out to meet their speakers, Adams and Walser. As we go to press the speaking has not begun, but we suppose it will be after the old sort, full of republican deception and misrepresentations.

The nominee for Governor in New York will be named by Senator Platt, and will be pledged to nullify the franchise tax law. It was for this purpose that Roosevelt was forced to run for Vice President. Corporations in which Senator Platt owns stock are now compelled to pay large sums under this tax. Possibly this may explain why Platt wanted Roosevelt out of the way.

No, of course, there is no alliance nor even understanding between Great Britain and the United States, but American troops are marching and fighting under orders of British officers in China all the same. And the British wonder why Russians do not do the same without complaint. Surely, in view of the brilliancy shown in South Africa by British generals, no one could wish more able leadership than theirs.

A western college has made Mr. Hanna a doctor of laws. Mark has been doctoring law for a good many years already. Are we to suppose that heretofore he has been on only a quack?

Is Baby Thin this summer? Then add a little SCOTT'S EMULSION to his milk three times a day. It is astonishing how fast he will improve. If he nurses, let the mother take the Emulsion. See and store all druggists.

It is announced that Governor Beckham will call an extra session of the Kentucky legislature to modify the Goebel law. This is well. It is not so much a question of what the law really is as of what the people think it is, and it is quite certain that the House of Representatives will throw out Kentucky's vote this fall (if taken under the Goebel law) should it be necessary to do so in order to elect McKinley.

A Republican judge in Kentucky has recognized the validity of one of Taylor's pardons and has turned loose a man against whom there was the strongest evidence of complicity in the murder of Goebel. This is the first time that a court has recognized a pardon issued to a man for a crime before he had been convicted.

The National Democratic Convention met in Kansas City yesterday and, of course Col. W. J. Bryan was nominated by acclamation for president, but there has been much speculation as to who the nominee for the vice presidency will be.

The Boer envoys have left the country, disappointed and disheartened. They deserted their real friends soon after they landed and went mongering after the strange gods of the Republican party and they have had their reward in neglect and slights. They will know better next time.

Broken ribs are all right once in four years, but after Platt's performance, if anyone at the Kansas City convention develops a pain in his side, the delegates will be warranted in keeping an eye upon him.

DR. W. H. WAKEFIELD, OF CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Will be in Blowing Rock, at Watauga Hotel on Monday, July 16th, for one day only.

His practice is limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

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 said 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 said 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 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 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 Tennessee 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 same 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 thereof 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 word "subscription" and those opposed to giving said authority to said commissioners 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 Bartley and J. Millard Hodges, Bald Mountain, J. I. Wilson and J. L. Tatam, 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. C. Mast, Meat Camp, W. W. Blackburn and John H. Brown, North Fork, W. N. Thomas and Roby Thomas, Shawneehaw, Charles Vancean 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.

W. C. COFFEY, Chm. Bd. Co. Coms.

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NOTICE. Having this day qualified as administrator of Hamilton Gragg dead. All persons having claims against said dead, will present them to the undersigned duly authenticated within 12 months of this notice will be paid in bar of their recovery. This June 4th 1900. N. L. MAST, Admr.

TODD & PELL, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, JEFFERSON, N. C. Will practice regularly in the courts of Watauga. Headquarters at Coffey's Hotel during court. 5-4-99.

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