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The Republican State Convention.

The Republican State Convention held at Greensboro on Wednesday of last week seems to have been largely attended and the entire session was very harmonious.

The followup ticket was nominated.

Governor, Charles J. Harris of Jackson county; lieutenant-governor, Isaac M. Meekin, of Pasquotank; attorney general, W. H. Yarborough of Franklin; secretary of state, J. J. Jenkins of Chatham; treasurer, C. G. Baily of Davie; auditor, Frank Linney of Watauga; superintendent of public instruction, C. P. Frazier of Guilford; corporation commissioner, D. H. Abbott of Pamlico; commissioner of agriculture, W. R. Dixon of Craven; labor commissioner J. Y. Hamby of Cleveland; judges Supreme court, R. M. Douglas, of Guilford; W. A. Montgomery, Warren; delegates to national convention Thomas S. Rollins, E. Spencer Blackburn, E. C. Duncan, B. F. Mebane.

On last Saturday night it was our pleasure to present and hear the address of ex Gov. Bob Taylor, at Mountain City, Tenn. His subject was "Castles in the Air" and he spoke to a crowded house for more than an hour. He has been called "The Apostle of Sunshine" and if ever a man deserved the title it is he. His flow of language is simply grand, and he has the power to carry you to the dizzyest heights on the wings of his eloquence, and to drop you suddenly into unrestrained laughter; and from laughter almost as quickly into tears. He is indeed a genius in the literary field, and is to the hearts of the people of Tennessee what our beloved and lamented Zeb Vance was to North Carolinians—the grandest and the best. May he long live to scatter sunshine along the pathway of others, which it now seems is his mission in his declining years.

To the credit of the busy little city in the mountains we would say that it has never been our pleasure to see or mingle with a nicer or better behaved crowd of people than that assembled there to hear the address.

Two preachers of Dallas Texas while on their way to the Southern Baptist convention at Nashville Tenn., engaged in a fight on the train near Texarcana Texas last Friday. It seems that both the divines were well armed one getting in two shots while the other was making a desperate attempt to get his gun. But neither shot took effect. When preachers go armed it seems the rest of us should seek some means of protection.

Why They Hate the Watts Law.

There are several reasons why the Revenuers and Distillers who assembled at Greensboro last week jumped on the Watts law, but the main reasons are two:

1. It reduced the number of jobs in the revenue service and therefore reduced the number of peripatetic roustabouts who did the bushwhacking for the Radical party. The gauger at each country still was utilized for electioneering purposes and was selected because he was a good party worker. Of course the Revenuers and Rancients hate the snicker-snee that cuts off the heads of these henchmen.

2. It tends to stop the collusion between distillers and gaugers by which the government is robbed. The recent conviction of a gauger and distiller, whose conspiracy resulted in defrauding the government of more than one hundred thousand dollars, was due in part to the fact that the frauds were practiced in a town. As long as a distiller could put up plants in the country away from police surveillance and the public eye and could get a dishonest gauger appointed at his "hell kettle" he could defraud the government without any trouble. But publicity and police surveillance make practicing fraud much more difficult. Therefore dishonest revenue office and dishonest distillers wish a return to the old system where fraud was easy and conviction almost impossible.

These two classes and their allies completely dominated the Republican convention and that accounts for the vicious attack upon the Watts law. "It is the bit dog that hollers." It seems that yellow fever is getting a fastening in different parts of the country and it will be only a question of time until it will be as common as small pox. But it is to be hoped that it will come in a mild form as does small pox. Years ago small pox was looked upon as almost sudden death. Now it is not dreaded so much as it is not so severe or it may be that medical men are more capable of handling the disease successfully than they were in former days.

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Republican State Ticket.

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A Dago band played "Dixie" among other selections, in the lobby of the Benbow at night after the convention adjourned. There were about 50 delegates present, but the usual yell was conspicuous by its absence. One commercial tourist asked another the reason for this absence of usual enthusiasm. The answer was "These fellows have no patriotism their motto is 'Pie'."—Greensboro Record.

The fight for gubernatorial honors in North Carolina waxeth warm, and on whose shoulders the mantle will fall it would be hard to predict. Steadman and Glenn are, it seems, looming up quite rapidly; Turner, of Iredell, Watauga's choice, is holding his own quite nicely, while the lesser lights are doing the best they can in the great conflict.

Major Stedman, one of the leading candidates for the nomination for Governor, is an old Confederate veteran, a man well fitted for the high position, and we are decidedly of the opinion that after Turner, he is the choice of a majority of our people for the position.

It would be a measly shame to cut our fair sex out in regard to singing in the choirs of our churches. For indeed singing without the soft tender melodious voice of the gentle woman, would not taste right. It would be like mush without salt.

Chairman Rollins at the Republican State Convention yesterday proved himself to be somewhat of a humorist when he charged the Democratic administration with being "extravagant and incompetent." How's that for a joke?—Ashville Citizen.

A government scientist has discovered that germs cannot live in muddy water. We take it then, that the average city water supply is safe.

A Colfax, Washington, dispatch of the 14th says: J. E. Brown was today released from the county jail on \$3,500 bonds signed by Hiram Gragg and wife and E. J. Bryan of Garfield. Brown has been an inmate of the county jail for more than nine months, and has been a model prisoner during that time. Monday the date of his trial will be set by Judge Chadwick of the superior court. Brown shot J. E. Turnbow at Garfield in August last.

John H. Bingham, of Sugar Grove, this county, has written a strong and very lengthy article to the Charlotte Observer endorsing the candidacy of the Hon. T. C. Bowie for Congress in this district, and had it reached us in time we would have given it space in this issue. As to Mr. Bowie's ability there is no question; he made for himself a record as a great campaigner in his fight for the Senate in this district, reducing the majority of his opponent 800 votes; he is a democrat of the strictest sect, highly educated by his own efforts, and possesses all the qualifications necessary to carry our party to success in November. He has no past record to defend, and is fully equipped for the great battle that is to be waged during the campaign, and will appear before the people as a model man and one whom each and every democrat in the district could and would support. It now appears that his chances for carrying the convention and procuring the nomination are good, which would insure his election.

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