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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

- FOR PRESIDENT, ALTON B. PARKER,
- FOR VICE PRESIDENT, HENRY G. DAVIS,
- STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.
- FOR GOVERNOR, ROBERT B. GLENN.
- For Lieutenant Governor FRANCIS D. WINSTON,
- For Secretary, J. BRYAN GRIMES.
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- For Com. of Labor and Printing, H. B. VARNER,
- For Com. of Agriculture, SAM L. PATTERSON,
- For Corporation Commissioner, SAMUEL L. ROGERS.
- For Asso. Justice Supreme court, GEO. H. BROWN, JR., W. A. HOKE.
- For Congress, WILL C. NEWLAND.

W. R. Lovill for the Legislature.

Mr. Editor:—As the time approaches rapidly when a democratic ticket, Legislative and county, are to be named in Watauga, is it not high time that we were casting about and trying to select from our large stock of good material the men who can lead the party to victory this fall?

We have a number of men, good men, too, who would make a valiant campaign for the Legislature, but it is up to us, as a party, to name the one of that number who can carry the most votes, for, while we are almost confident that Dr. Phipps will be elected to stay at home this fall, yet we are conscious of the fact that it will not be an easy walk over by any means. We have among us a young man of which any county in North Carolina might well be proud; one who has the ability to meet on the hustings of the county any republican in the district and easily carry off the laurels in joint debate; one who is known and respected by all parties for his many sterling traits of character and kindness of heart; one who has mixed and mingled with our people from his boyhood up; one who, when elected, will have the courage of his convictions to stand by what he thinks is right, and one who can in our opinion, carry more votes than any man we could put in nomination. Such a man is W. R. Lovill, of your town. He is young, full of energy, always successful in his undertakings and before he would suffer defeat, if nominated, he would almost make a house-to-house canvass of the county. He is a Democrat pure and simple, and will always be found in the thickest of the fight to protect the party when her principles are being assailed by unscrupulous Republicans who dare to cast a slur on her pure State administration.

Yes, give us Will Lovill for the Legislature and then fill up the ticket for the various county offices with good men and if we don't land the whole push in November, we will have the pleasure of seeing the worst scared set of republicans that was ever put on a ticket in Watauga county.

VOTER.

Banner Elk Letter.

MR. EDITOR: The national Democratic campaign seems to be opening most auspiciously, it one may judge by signs and tokens. The fact that the almost entire independent press of the country headed by the N. Y. Herald will support Parker, means more than any one thing in the general mix up. That class of newspapers have always in the past supported the successful candidate. Then there is another thing going to be done by the National Committee and that is to do their heavy work in the East and from one headquarter. The East is what the democracy must look to, and let the republican West alone. It is almost solidly joined to the idea of Roughriderism and imperialism. The independent press is a unit against both. Leading republicans in the East are deserting Teddy by the score and 37 leading republican lawyers of N. Y. City formed a "Parker Constitutional Club" the other day. Parker will evidently have the lawyers on his side, the whole country over. Roosevelt said of Bryan in 1900, that "he appealed to the farmers, the basest set in the land." Will any farmer who has an iota of self-respect for himself vote for him after that? Roosevelt has brought the country down from miserable prosperity under McKinley to an awful state of uneasiness ecupled with labor strikes of the very worst kind, in which there is almost uncontrollable rioting and bloodshed in Chicago and other places. He is upholding the trusts regardless of law, and trusts are doing the rest. But Teddy is as dumb as an oyster, even when appealed to by delegations of these labor leaders. He wanted to fix up large sized business fame to shove off on Mr. Parker, but the whole thing exploded prematurely—hence the large sized republican tears. That fellow Cortelyou endeavoring to fill the vacuum left by Mark Hanna is the most hideous and violent presumption that has ever presented itself in politics to my recollection. If you are a proud American citizen you will readily see that this great campaign is narrowed down to constitutionalism on one side and imperialism on the other. Parker stands for the former, Roosevelt for the latter. The question is, are you an American? If so you are compelled in your own defense to vote for the man who will sustain the constitution and existing laws at every hazard instead of the law-breaking, trust and nigger loving, constitution-hating present incumbent at the White House. "Choose ye this day whom ye shall serve." Come out and be a man, and say it! Are you an American or are you a Bazook?

PHANTOM.

—While in conversation with a gentleman from Fayetteville N. C. a few days since who has traveled extensively

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he remarked, "I am much impressed with the sobriety, morality and general trend of your mountain people to abide by the laws of the State." Nice compliment is this and is quite different from the effusion turned loose by the noted Miss Abbott upon the people of the western part of the State.

Two negroes, Cato and Reid, were burned at the stake near Statesboro Ga., on the 16 for the murder of the Hodges family. The negroes were tried convicted and sentenced to hang, but despite this fact, the infuriated mob took them from the State Militia, dragged to the place of execution; the match was applied and in a short time nothing but the charred forms of the murderers remained. Of course the negroes deserved death but after sentence had been passed on them the taking of their lives by an infuriated mob was an outrage and a shame.

Danger in Over-Confidence.

Democrats should not think that because we have had big majorities in our State in the past they will continue so without work on our part—Wilmington Messenger.

Eternal vigilance is the price of political victories as well as of Liberty. With the possible exception of indifference over-confidence is the worst evil that can befall a party, and therein lies the possible danger to the Democratic party in N. C. The negro is out of politics, but the Democrats are to maintain the advantage this gives them they must keep alive to the situation and at work even after victory is assured. To be watchful is not easy; to spend one's time and defense of principle is a burden. But somebody must attend to the public affairs of the community or nation, and if good men do not, bad men will. The party that sits down in indifference may not be defeated in the immediate future but the time will come when it will regret having permitted to slip from its grasp the majority it once enjoyed.—News and Observer.

Monroe Enquirer: We were of the opinion that there were some very large families in this county, but Mr. Richards, of Johnston County, who was here last Tuesday, told us of a Johnston county family which makes the largest Union county family look like an old bachelor. Mr. Richardson says that Mr. Applewhite Richardson, a distant relative of his, who lived in Johnston county and died a few years ago, was married three times and was the father of 34 children and at his death had 32 living children, 300 grandchildren, 190 great grandchildren, and over 90 great great grandchildren.

A Concord lady has a fat producer in corn. She declares that to eat three ears of corn boiled on the cob every day for dinner will make one fat beyond question. The corn must be eaten on the cob for dinner, and three ears. As a consequence of this discovery it is said many ladies and a few men are eating corn on the cob these days and the grocerymen have not been able to understand the rush for corn. They now know why.—Concord Tribune.

As to a Joint Canvass.

Democratic State Chairman Simmons recently wrote Republican State Chairman Rollins proposing a joint canvass for the candidates on the State ticket. Mr. Rollins replied, proposing to leave it to the candidates to arrange such joint canvass or to leave alone—as it seemed to them best. Mr. Simmons treats Mr. Rollins' letter as a declination of a joint canvass. He points out, however, that the State committee has no control over Congressional canvasses that being in the hands of district committees, Mr. Glenn, Democratic candidate for Governor had already challenged Mr. Harris the Republican candidate, for a joint canvass, and Mr. Harris declined. Mr. Meekins the Republican candidate had challenged Judge Winston, the Democratic candidate for a joint canvass, and Winston referred the matter to the State committee. Now that Rollins has declined to agree to a joint canvass between all the candidates. Winston and Meekins will not discuss jointly and the only joint campaigns promised this year will be between candidates for Congress and elector.—Statesville Landmark

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