

Watauga Democrat.

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The prospects for a Democratic victory in the state and nation is better perhaps than it has been for 10 years. It looks now as if the democratic party would carry the next Congress, which would make the chances infinitely better for us to elect a Democratic president in 1908. It is the duty of every true Democrat to see that every Democrat is registered and then to see that every one goes to the polls. Every man ought to resolve himself into a committee of one, to see that his neighbor goes to the election, and when he does go see that he votes for the best interest of his county. It is the duty of every Democrat to see that the Democrats vote the Democratic ticket. The time has come when the people of the 8th district should see to it that a man represents them who lives in the district and can vote in it. Perhaps one half of the voters of this district do not know that Mr. E. S. Blackburn failed to vote in 1904 and the reason was that he lived in Greensboro N. C., and tried to vote in Wilkesboro. This year he will not try to vote in the 8th as no one claims him to be anything but a resident of Greensboro.

And then Mr. Farthing, candidate for the Legislature on the Republican ticket has not as far as we know, ever voted a single ticket in this County or State. What is the trouble? Is it because there is no one fit to fill the office in the Republican party in the county or district who are residents? It is not that, but it is because a few men say just who shall and who shall not run for office in this neck of the woods. It is time for Republicans as well as Democrats to join together and break up this office holding trust. Let us join hands and put them out on November 6th.

Some Democrats may decide that from the number of Republicans in this district who are coming out openly in the papers or otherwise, for R. N. Hackett, and opposing Blackburn that a walk-over is inevitable for Democracy in the coming election, and such a hopeful view of the situation, without tireless work on the part of each democratic voter, may be the means of defeating Hackett and sending his opponent back to Congress. To be sure the outlook for democratic success in the district at this time is very hopeful, but as there are full two months yet before the election, and knowing the great pressure that will be brought to bear upon each Republican voter in the district, with hard cash, etc., and with the wonderful knack of our friends, the enemy, to whip their former adherents into line, it is dangerous indeed to bank too much on the present flattering prospect. Democrats, go to work, and never stop until the victory is won. Take no chances, but let tireless work be your watchword until Hackett is elected by a decisive majority.

Republicans Against Him.
Salisbury Special Aug. 28th to Charlotte Observer.
There are some indications far in advance of the election that some of Mr. Blackburn's "boys" have outgrown themselves. If all the Republicans who are now disgusted with his attitude towards the joint canvass and his indifference to the open charges of the Democratic candidate Mr. Hackett, fail to support him, he is preparing himself for the shelf.

The attitude of Mr. A. H. Price in this campaign was made known in the June Republican convention, when after the most vigorous harping of Blackburn heard in years, he said: "But when I go into a Republican convention, I mean to abide by his choice and the stories that I shall oppose Mr. Blackburn printed in the newspapers, are untrue. I shall vote for him." This was after Mr. Price had resigned, following the activity of Mr. Blackburn against him. He thinks differently and says now that if the charges of Hackett are not replied to, either from the stump or otherwise, he will not vote for Blackburn.

Those charges are made openly. They are pretty bad. The Observer's correspondent has been shown the affidavits of an ex-sheriff's son of Wilkes county in which he says that he was promised immunity from the revenue laws, that he was forced to contribute funds to the Blackburn campaign, tells the amounts, and says that Mr. Blackburn wrote him to have plenty of blockade liquor on the grounds election day. He did all Blackburn asked him to do. Mr. McEwin, the witness in these charges, is now in Texas. There has been no denial of these things which are made in every speech Mr. Hackett.

Then there is J. Albert Harrison, who is a copper too. He left the Democratic party in 1900 and has since been very anti-Democratic. In 1904 he worked particularly hard against Newland and, if his own estimate of his political potentiality is correct, he will give Blackburn trouble in Franklinton township. He declares that he took 50 men with him two years ago and that he will see to it that Blackburn gets but one vote in the township. His complaint is the common one, that Blackburn is a graveyard of broken promises and that he is not, after all, the man "who does things" for the people. He

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promises things. Mr. Harrison is a farmer of some prominence and is intelligent. He thinks there is no doubt that Hackett will win.

Albert L. Lingle, irreverently known as Ab, will fight the man for whom he has fought always. He promises what others have lacked, the nerve to do, take the stump against Blackburn. He is now working on a phillipic which he purposes hurling at the Congressman the day of the convention here in September. Mr. Lingle does not say what he was to expect but merely declares that Mr. Blackburn is not a man who does things unless those things are things that he did not promise. There is a story told of Mr. Lingle illustrating his opposition to Blackburn. Editor John M. Julian vouches for it. Mr. Lingle has all along feared that all of the ins are for Blackburn and that every move in the party is toward the man he dislikes. When at a recent meeting, the religiously inclined chairman advanced the suggestion that the convention should open with prayer, Mr. Lingle jumped to his feet and shouted: "I object." This latter opposition of Lingle and Harrison comes of course from the ranks where the endearing "boys" are beginning to become dissatisfied. Its ending will be watched with interest here, Stanley has a number of such instances.

For months the Democracy of the United States has been looking forward to the arrival of its much beloved son, W. J. Bryan, from his tour around the world, and much money was spent preparing therefor. On his arrival last week America fairly tumbled over herself in giving the great Nebraskan an ovation. He delivered an address to more than 20,000 people in Madison Square Garden, New York, which, in the main, was considered a great Democratic argument and calculated to do much good for the party throughout the nation. But, alas, his contention for the government ownership and control of all the trunk lines of railroad in the nation was such a shock to the great multitude who heard him, and since to the people of the entire country, that it now appears, from the comments of the Democratic press, that he transformed the Bryan Presidential boom into a boomlet of the smallest denomination. The Bryan adherents are much mortified over the outcome of the return of their chief, and his ultimate defeat for the Presidency which this unguarded argument is sure to bring about.

The purchase of the Virginia and Southwestern Railway by the Southern may mean a great deal for our county, as it does not hold to reason that a great Company like the Southern would invest in a road tapping the coal fields haying for its terminus Mountain City, in Johnson county Tenn. A connection with Le noir or North Wilkesboro will evidently be sought and in either event we are in the direct route. It occurs to us that the road with either of these connections would be a paying investment for even a great company like the Southern. If the extension is made, it is almost a settled fact that it will pass through Watauga as we see no way for it to evade us.

Beaver Dam Items.
The rainfall this summer has been so very abundant, Wonder if the fall will be dry. The farmers here have seemingly suffered greatly, but guess it is all for the best.

The schools on Beaver Dams are progressing nicely. The one at Timbered Ridge under Mr. Wm. Farthing and Miss Annie Gryder at Bethel under Mr. W. Y. Perry at Forest under Messrs. George and Millard Hagaman and at Beaver Dams under Mr. Arthur Wilson and Miss Myra Jones are each trying to excel, and it is nothing but right that they should. We want the people of Beaver Dams to be able to say at the close of this school year "Beaver Dams still ahead."

Politics is raging here, and I fear Hagaman and Farthing will be talked to death for their names are on every tongue.

The Association at Shull's Mills was rather singular. It was rainy but nevertheless there seemed to be more rejoicing than sorrow for wedding ceremonies were performed. One Mr. Lee Swift was married to Miss Dora Sherrill, both of Beaver Dams. "Hurrah! Beaver Dams still ahead." "Jap."

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