

The National Convention.

As the time for the selection of delegates to the Democratic national convention is here and, in fact, some of them have already been selected, it will interest Democrats to know the states where those who believe that Mr. Bryan cannot be elected if nominated, will contest for delegates. The following is a list of states where such opposition has manifested itself, together with the number of votes to which each is entitled in the convention:

Table listing states and their number of delegates: Massachusetts 32, New York 73, New Jersey 24, Delaware 6, Maryland 16, Virginia 24, North Carolina 24, Pennsylvania 63, Minnesota 22, Louisiana 13, Alabama 22, West Virginia 14, Florida 10, Michigan 28, Utah 6, Vermont 8, South Carolina 13, New Hampshire 8, Georgia 26, Ohio 46, Montana 6.

Total.....504.

The convention will contain 1,008 votes in all. It will therefore require 674 votes to nominate; and since the rules of Democratic national conventions require two-thirds to nominate a candidate, it follows that one-third or 336 votes can prevent nomination. This old two-thirds rule was first adopted through the influence of Van Buren, and in 1840 it defeated his own nomination. Since that date the two-thirds rule has always prevailed, so as to provide that something approaching unanimity for whoever is nominated may prevent any great dissatisfaction with the candidate selected.

The Commencement.

The closing exercises of the Appalachian Training School, although very hurriedly gotten up, were very enjoyable from start to finish, and large crowds were in attendance at each and every attraction; and, in the main, the behavior was good.

To take up all the programmes as rendered from beginning to close of the interesting exercises, from the free school pupils up to and including the ninth grade, would over-tax our space, and we can only take it as a whole, and pronounce it good, very good.

The exercises were interspersed each day by short speeches from citizens of the county or visitors from adjacent counties, which added very much to the interest of the programmes.

Our much esteemed and efficient music teacher, Miss Sallie Sienknecht, with her well drilled pupils, furnished piano music for all the exercises, which did great credit to her as a preceptor, and upon her pupils for their rapid advancement.

The pay concert came fully up to the expectations of the large crowd present, the door receipts amounting to something near \$40. After which, on Tuesday night, Prof. Dougherty formally closed the eighth session of the Appalachian Training School which, in many respects, far outstripped any previous session.

Yesterday morning the sad good-byes were said, and the student body dispersed, leaving many warm friends behind, all of whom wish for them abundant success in all their future undertakings.

A Mr. Potts from Dayie county, who for years had been an inmate of the State Hospital at Morgan, ton, and a trusty who had been allowed to go to the farm alone, was found hanging to the limb of a tree dead a few days ago, having committed suicide.

Democratic County Convention

As previously advertised, the Democratic county convention assembled in the court house in Boone on Monday evening, the same being presided over by J. C. Fletcher, county chairman. Smith Hagaman was appointed Secretary, and after the object of the meeting was announced by the Chairman, the body was declared ready for business. The roll of townships being called, revealed the fact that the entire county was not represented, but a good working body was present.

The delegates to the State Convention were then named, and on motion they were instructed to cast the entire strength of the county for Hon. Locke Craig for Governor, but the delegation will go uninstructed as to the candidates for the other State offices. We were not favored with a list of the delegates to this convention, through, we suppose, an oversight of the Chairman, who handed in the other lists.

Following is the list of delegates named for the Congressional Convention:

John H Bingham, J B Clarke, R K Hartley, C J Parlier, T H Coffey, John Ward, Jim Phillips, Alex Woodie, W E Shipley, W L Hendrix, J F Salmons, John Denny, Granville Norris, L D Lowe, W S Farthing, W F Sherwood, Enoch Swift, N L Mast, C P Todd, J C Fletcher, E F Lovill, E S Coffey, J W Jones, W R Lovill, J F Hardin, T C Coffey, J W Farthing and J C Horton.

The following were named as delegates to the Senatorial convention:

C P Todd, Ben Burkett, W L Coffey, H A Davis, Roy Wilson, H C Miller, D J Cottrell, J F Salmons, R T Brickell and Luther Woodie.

It is to be hoped that as many of the delegates as possible will attend the various conventions.

There's no hope for the man who has lost his self-respect.

The more friends a man has the more he'd better not ask them to do anything for him.

A girl likes to have a man not make love to her once in awhile so she can say he did.

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Seymour, Texas, Letter.

Editor Democrat: Will you allow me a little space in your valuable paper to say a few words to my brethren and friends in old Watauga, the county in which I have spent the greater part of my life.

I now live in north-western Texas, a fine country where the land is very rich, fertile and level as far as the eye can see, and among a noble class of people, kind and courteous and easy to get along with, and where you hardly ever see a man intoxicated, although our town has a population of about 3,000.

Now, Mr. Editor, I see you are to have a prohibition election on the 26th of May, and I hope and trust that the good people of Watauga and State of North Carolina, will unite in aim and effort and vote the accursed stuff called whiskey out of the land. Friends, if any of you differ with my views on this question of prohibition, I fear you have never thought of how much trouble, sorrow and wicked deeds this stuff has caused. Success to the Democrat and its many readers. E. L. HERMAN.

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The Democratic national convention will be able to "point with pride" to the way the Democratic members of Congress forced the Republicans to enact all the reform legislation accomplished.

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Boone, N. C., Jan. 1. J. M. HODGES, M. D.

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