COUNTY CONVENTION MEETS.

Democratic Delegates from Mecklenburg County Instructed to Cast Vote for Re-Election of Senator F. M. Simmons, Congressman E. Yates Webb, Commissioner Franklin McNeill, Judge James L. Webb and Solicitor Heriot Clarkson.

While nothing out of the ordinary transpired at the meeting of the Democratic County Convention, which was held in the court house yesterday at noon, the session was a most interesting one. The marked feature of the meeting was the spirit of harmony and good feeling that was manifested on every hand. Most of the time was taken up in passing resolutions endorsing those who are now in office. Mr. T. C. Guthrie, presided, and Mr. F. M. Shannonhouse acted as secretary.

After a few remarks from Mr. Guthrie, Gen. T. R. Robertson introduced a resolution endorsing Hon. F. M. Simmons, for re-election to the office of United States Senator. This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. J. D. McCall moved that the entire vote of the county be cast for Mr. E. Yates Webb to succeed himself as Congressman from this district. The resolution which he presented, and which was adopted unanimously read as follows:

"Resolved, That the course of Hon. Heriot Clarkson as solicitor of this district meets with our approbation and that we endorse him for re-election."

Hon. Franklin McNeill was endorsed for re-election to the office of chairman of the corporation commission of North Carolina and the delegates for the judicial district were instructed to cast the vote of the county for Hon. James L. Webb, to succeed himself as judge. When the name of Hon. Heriot Clarkson was mentioned, the convention, by a rising vote, unanimously endorsed him for re-election to the office of solicitor.

The delegates recently elected to the State, judicial and congressional convention, were ratified. Those who are to represent Charlotte are as follows:

WARD 1, BOX 1.

State Convention. F. R. McNinch, W. T. Smith, F. M. Brown, A. M. Craig.

Judicial Convention. W. I. Henderson, E. L. Keesler, John A. McRae, W. E. Bradley, E. D. Campbell, J. P. Hackney, J. E. Darsey, F. R. McNinch, J. E. Little.

Congressional Convention. E. L. Keesler, J. W. Wadsworth, R. F. Stokes, L. L. Sarratt, Clarence Kuester.

WARD 1, BOX 2.

State Convention. W. B. Rodman, Heriot Clarkson, Dr. I. W. Faison, J. A. Means, A. L. Smith, John B. Ross, D. Baxter Henderson.

Judicial Convention. C. A. Misenheimer, D. T. Ritch, Chase Brenizer, C. H. Duls, C. A. Moseley, C. F. Childress, R. A. Dunn.

Congressional Convention. W. C. Maxwell, H. M. Victor, W. W. Phifer, W. M. Warren, J. Arthur Henderson, D. A. Johnston, W. H. Hall.

WARD 2, BOX 1.

State Convention. E. T. Cansler, J. P. Caldwell, B. F. Withers, J. K. A. Alexander.

Judicial Convention. Dr. A. J. Crowell, T. T. Smith, L. L. Hackney, T. S. Franklin, J. G. Shannonhouse, J. W. Lewis, T. T. Allison, L. W. Sanders.

Congressional Convention. O. F. Asbury, John McNeely, Plummer Stewart, F. B. McDowell, W. J. Chambers, McD. Watkins, T. M. Shaw, W. L. Long.

WARD 2, BOX 2.

State Convention. T. C. Guthrie, B. S. Davis.

Judicial Convention. Samuel Stokes, T. C. Guthrie, A. M. McDonald, H. C. Long, George Clifford.

Congressional Convention. W. G. Rogers, B. S. Davis, F. D. Lethco, H. C. Long, Joe Garibaldi.

WARD 3, BOX 1.

State Convention. R. J. Brevard, G. H. Brockenbrough and Brevard Nixon.

Judicial Convention. W. R. Cochrane, W. A. Gresham, and W. W. Ward.

Congressional Convention. R. J. Brevard, R. J. Sifford, and Wilton Jamison.

WARD 3, BOX 2.

State Convention. T. R. Robertson, J. H. Weddington, C. W. Hunt, P. S. McLaughlin, Thomas Stewart, Baxter Ross.

Judicial Convention. J. H. Weddington, C. C. Bates, J. W. Zimmerman, H. C. Irwin, J. E. Henderson, William Anderson, W. F. Strange.

Congressional Convention. W. R. Robertson, Luke Seawell, Z. T. Smith, Richard Stewart, W. A. Pearce.

WARD 4, BOX 1.

State Convention. T. W. Dixon, Wade H. Harris, C. A. Matthews.

Judicial Convention. F. M. Shannonhouse, T. W. Alexander, A. C. Summerville.

Congressional Convention. A. B. Justice, James A. Bell, P. M. Cave.

WARD 4, BOX 2.

State Convention. J. L. Chambers, H. N. Pharr, S. S. McNinch, J. D. McCall, W. M. Smith, John P. Alexander, W. F. Harding, T. P. Ross, E. S. Williams.

Judicial Convention. H. N. Pharr, W. M. Smith, J. D. McCall, W. H. Harris, W. F. Harding, E. S. Williams, S. S. McNinch, C. W. Tillett.

Congressional Convention. E. S. Williams, W. M. Smith, T. P. Ross, J. B. Alexander, D. H. Anderson, S. S. McNinch, J. D. McCall, C. A. Withers, H. N. Pharr.

MR. WILLIAMS CAN'T COME.

Democratic House Leader Unable to Visit Davidson and Charlotte.

It was stated in yesterday's Observer that after the delivery of an address at Davidson on May 29th that Hon. John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, the Democratic House leader, would come to Charlotte and make a speech to the Greater Charlotte Club. Both engagements, however, have been cancelled, as the following letter received yesterday by a member of The Observer staff shows:

"Washington, D. C., May 12, 1906.

"My Dear Sir: Yours of the 15th at hand. I am not going to Davidson College at all. I originally accepted the invitation upon the expressed condition that Congress would not be in session at that time. Congress will, beyond all doubt, now, as we all think, be in session until about the middle of June. It is impossible for me, for obvious reasons, to leave here during the sessions, unless the place is so close to Washington that I can run there after the House adjourns one day and get back before 12 o'clock the next day, when it re-convenes.

"Very truly yours,
"JOHN S. WILLIAMS."

Seventeen Rattles.

Mr. F. B. McDowell has just returned from Lincoln county, where he visited Capt. Alex. Brevard. While at the Brevard place a negro presented Mr. McDowell with 17 rattles from the tail of a moster rattle snake that was killed in the road near Iron Station several days ago. The indications are that the snake was 20 years old. He was horny and rusty.

No fascination equals that of a clear brained, tender-hearted, lovable woman. Just as there is no picture like a beautiful girl, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes lovable women, beautiful girls. 35 cents. H. L. Jordan & Co.

TO DEDICATE CHURCH.

Ninth Avenue Baptist Church Will Be Dedicated To-Day.

Ninth Avenue Baptist church, which has just been completed, will be dedicated to-day at 11 o'clock with a special dedication sermon by Rev. Dr. W. T. Tyree, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Raleigh. The programme announced calls for three services during the day. At 3 p. m. there will be a song service and short talks by Mr. G. B. Pruett, a brother of the pastor, Rev. L. R. Pruett, by Mr. N. S. Shaw, of Drake Branch, Va., who is the father-in-law of Rev. Mr. Pruett, and Dr. W. C. Tyree, of Raleigh. The service at night will be a union service of all the Baptist churches of the city when short addresses will be made by Revs. J. F. Davis, C. T. Willingham, S. F. Conrad, J. Q. Adams and D. M. Austin. All the services will be attended by a special selection of songs by the choir and solos by well-known singers. All these services will be largely attended.

Historical sketch of the church: The church is the outcome of a mission Sunday school and special Evangelistic work done by Rev. L. A. Pruett and Dr. T. L. Pritchard. It was organized, June 15, 1896, with 18 members, and took the name of Twelfth Street Baptist church, which it retained until the church moved to the corner of Ninth avenue, when it assumed its present name. Since its organization, 508 persons have been added to its membership. Its present enrollment is 311. Out of this congregation, the church at Belmont, known as the Louise Baptist church, was largely formed. The present church property is valued at $18,000, with a debt of about $1,500. The heroic sacrifice of the membership of this church is really remarkable. The Ladies Aid Society has been an important factor in the work, having raised about $2,500 towards its erection of the new building.

The Sunday school numbers about 200 and the general work of the church is in a most prosperous condition. The work has been most harmonious and the unity and co-operation of the members most desirable. All this has been largely due to the inviting margin, prudence and good management by the pastor, Rev. L. R. Pruett.

ST. MICHAELS' SCHOOL.

Creditable Closing Exercises Held Last Friday Night.

The closing exercise of St. Michaels Training and Industrial School of this city were held Friday evening and proved a most interesting and enjoyable affair. The exercises consisted of happy songs by the whole school; essays, recitations and plays, all of which was of a high order and very entertaining. When just half of the exercises had been rendered, The Rev. Mr. Harris Mallinkrodt, of St. Peters Episcopal church, delivered before the school a most impressive and interesting address, which was highly enjoyed by the large audience that heard it.

After the exercises had been rendered the Rev. Dr. Harpeares, of Biddle University was asked to present the certificates to a class of 14 girls, ten from the cooking department and four from the literary, who had finished their courses in those departments.

The exhibits from the cooking and dressmaking departments were very attractive indeed, and gave evidence of much care and pains-taking, and reflected much credit on the instructors. The tone of the exercises was of a high order and the parts well rendered. The commencement reflected much credit upon the principal and his co-workers.

The principle states that this has been the most successful school term in the history of the school and the largest enrollment.

WHAT CAPT. JACK SAID.

He Talked in the Hearing of Miss Susannah Smart Who Lived on the Old Bell Place.

An interesting story was told, yesterday by Col. L. S. Williams concerning a statement made to the late Dr. John H. Gibbon about the 20th of May event of 1775. Col. Williams says that in the store of H. B. Williams, of Charlotte, about the year 1843 or 1844, Mrs. Susannah Smart, a resident of Mecklenburg county, on the Bell place, in conversation with Dr. John H. Gibbon, Sr., then assayer of the United States Mint, said that Capt. Jack came to her house for supper from Charlotte and told the family in her hearing that the meeting in Charlotte had declared independence of Great Britain, and he had been appointed to carry the papers to Philadelphia. She saw him ride off the next morning, starting for Philadelphia, and assisted him in packing his saddle bags. She was 12 years old at the time, but was about 80 when she talked to Dr. Gibbon.

This bit of tradition will do to tack to the story of the Mecklenburg declaration.

IN THE CITY POLICE COURT.

Son Owen a Blind Tiger—Brown Little Faces the Recorder.

Son Owen, the negro, who gave Sergeant Pitts and Patrolman Johnston and Henderson a lively chase in Ward 2, was arraigned on the charge of dispensing the forbidden liquid. Owen was bound over to the Superior Court in two cases and sent to jail in default of a bond of $200 for his appearance for trial. Owen is a young negro, but he has been a regular customer of the police department for years. He is considered a shrewd offender by the police.

Brown Little has treated himself too freely to booze, quality and quantity unknown. The bug-juice had the effect of making Little forget himself to the extent of cussing some. The recorder assessed the defendant $5 and the costs.

DR. I. H. ALEXANDER COMING.

Great-Grandson of President of the Declaration Convention to be Here This Week.

A letter from Dr. I. H. Alexander, of Camden, S. C., requesting copies of programme for this week's celebration was recently received by The Observer, and incidentally the writer spoke of being a son of Isaac B. Alexander, whose father was Dr. Isaac Alexander, the first president of Queen's Museum. The Southern Home, published at Charlotte by General D. H. Hill, in an issue immediately after Museum. The Southern Home, published at Charlotte by General D. H. Hill, in an issue immediately after the centennial celebration of the Declaration, in 1875, said, under the head, "Distinguished Descendants":

"There were present at the Mecklenburg centennial the only two surviving grandsons of Abram Alexander, the president of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, viz: Isaac B. Alexander, Esq., of Camden, S. C., and Dr. Cyrus Alexander, of Cabarrus, N. C. Isaac B. Alexander is a son of Dr. Isaac Alexander, the first president of the Queen's Museum. Dr. Alexander graduated at Princeton College in 1772 in the same class with James Madison and Aaron Burr, afterwards President and Vice President of the United States. He served one year at Queen's Museum, resigned and went to practice his profession at Camden, S. C. He was present at the convention of May 20, 1775, and saw his father sign the Declaration. This he always told his children as an undoubted fact, not dreaming that notoriety hunters would a hundred years afterward try to prove it a myth. Dr. Alexander became a surgeon in the continental army, was in Camden at Gates' defeat and rendered important service to the American wounded. He waited on the unfortunate General DeKalb, dressed his wounds and cared for him until he died."

The Ancestors Joker Here.

The 20th of May celebration is coming on in glorious style. The ancestors joker is here. Last night, at the Central Hotel, a toter of the grip was heard to ask a negro, "Say, boy, have you the ancestors?" The negro never answered for he didn't think it worth the while. The joke is bewhiskered and ancient. Some original fellow got it off and made people laugh long ago and now the chaps who travel on freights are handing it out. The crowd is getting right when the ancestors joker arrives.

POSTMASTER ROBBED.

G. W. Fouts, Postmaster at Riverton, Ia., nearly lost his life and was robbed of all comfort, according to his letter, which says: "For 20 years I had chronic liver complaint, which led to such a severe case of jaundice that even my finger nails turned yellow; when my doctor prescribed Electric Bitters, which cured me and have kept me well for eleven years." Sure cure for Biliousness, Neuralgia, Weakness and all Stomach, Liver, Kidney and Bladder derangements.

A wonderful Tonic At R. H. Jordan & Co.'s drug store. 50 cents.

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SERPENTINES

Frost Severe in Catawba.

Mr. M. M. Cline, one of Catawba county's leading farmers, who resides about ten miles southeast of Newton, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Cline stated that the recent frost in his section was severe on cotton and other young stuff. He had 50 acres in cotton and found it necessary to replant 47.

Going to Have a Terrible Time.

Mose Shipp is here and the 20th can be pulled off in proper style. In talking about the coming celebration Mose told a friend that it looked like the people of Charlotte were going to "have a terrible time" this week. That is about the situation.

Will You Visit Charlotte During the 20th of May Celebration?

As this day commemorates one of the days that has made American history, read one of the last letters from the immortal Southern General whose name will live as long as history:

"Lexington, Va.

"Dear Sir—The piano of your manufacture, which was sent to me in 1866, still retains the excellent tone and melody it possessed when first received, and continues to afford great satisfaction to ourselves and friends. I can therefore testify to its good qualities.

"Yours respectfully,
"(Signed) R. E. LEE.

"To Chas. M. Stieff.
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100 Iron Beds from	$4.50	to	$40.00
200 Mattresses from	1.75	to	15.00
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100 Cots left from	2.00	to	4.50
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Everything to make home beautiful and comfortable in Bedroom, Parlor, Dining-Room and Hall. Special prices on Parlor Furniture and Leather Furniture. See us to-day.

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YOUR WANTS IN HOME FURNISHINGS CAN BE SUPPLIED AT McCOY'S At A Great Saving in Price

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Springs of all kinds, as well as Cots, from the $2.00 kind up to $4.00.

Our mammoth stock of Rockers is by far the best assortment of Rockers of all grades ever offered the Charlotte trade before, and prices are very low.

You save money by trading at McCoy's.

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See our line of Suits, Hats, Collars, Cuffs, Ties, etc.

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BIDS WANTED

The town of Leaksville, N. C., will receive bids and specifications for the next fifteen days for the construction of $10,000.00 worth of cement sidewalks. For further information, apply to

J. W. NORMAN,
Treasurer Town of Leaksville, N. C.

Notice to Concractors

Bids will be received until Thursday, May 31, at 12 o'clock, for the erection and completion of a Brick Graded School Building at Florence, S. C.

Plans and specifications are on file in the office of J. L. Mann, Secretary Board Commissioners, Florence City Schools. Each bidder will be required to file, with his bid, a certified check for $500.00. Bond for 25 per cent. of contract price will be required. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

J. L. MANN,
Sec. Board City School Commissioners.

Florence, S. C., May 16, 1906.

GOOD LUCK

Do you want good luck? Do you desire to know how you may be fortunate in life, successful in business and prosperous financially? Is it your desire to have everything to come your way? I have thousands of letters from people who were unlucky in everything and are now having good luck and are prosperous in all their undertakings. Send your name and address to Captain Rand and he will tell you all about it; it will cost you nothing to write him, and it may result in your fortune and future happiness. CAPTAIN WALTER I. RAND, 178 Q. Tremont St., Boston, Mass.; this is not astrology or fortune telling.

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