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BUNCOMBE REPUBLICANS MEET.

Feature of the Convention a Resolution Calling Upon Legislative Candidates to Introduce a Special Act in the Legislature Calling for an Election for Buncombe County—A Full County and State Ticket Nominated—State Chairman Adams Addresses the Convention.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Aug. 25.—The Buncombe county Republican convention was called to order in the country court house at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Chairman R. B. Roberts of the county executive committee presided, and there was quite a good-sized crowd of Buncombe Republicans present to hear Chairman S. B. Adams, of the State executive committee, speak.

The following ticket was nominated: For the Senate, Col. V. S. Lusk; House, W. B. Candler and S. W. Redford; sheriff, William H. Wilson; register of deeds, Byron C. Reed; auditor, J. N. Bradley; treasurer, Samuel Ballard; clerk of the court, Dr. J. E. Baird; coroner, Dr. Z. B. Robinson; surveyor, A. A. Hamlet; board of county commissioners, S. J. Luther, chairman, John Kimberley, C. E. Black, Jas. O. McElroy and James Brown; board of education, A. J. Merrill, A. M. Penland, Dr. R. A. Harris.

Resolutions were adopted denouncing the Democrats for using money and whiskey in the last election. The candidates for the Legislature were instructed to introduce in the General Assembly a special act calling for an election, in which the entire county shall participate, to decide the question as to whether whiskey shall be manufactured or sold in the city of Asheville. The resolutions embodied other matters but the whiskey question was the one on which it was feared there would be a split when it came up for consideration in the convention.

CHAIRMAN ADAMS' ADDRESS.

Fellow Republicans: In my opinion, to insure good government and a proper protection of the rights of the people, there should be at least two strong and aggressive political parties in this country. The parties should be so close in point of voting strength as to serve as a continual warning to the leaders of the party who are entrusted with the office that they will be held to a strict account for their stewardship, and will be deprived of power by the people if they prove recreant to the trust committed to them.

There are two great political parties in this country to-day. There is the Republican party and the Democratic party. These parties are before the people, and are on trial. The issues are drawn, the jury empaneled, and the people must render the verdict. One of the greatest rights of the people is their estimate of greatness, the country has ever produced, said upon a great occasion that he had but one way of judging the future, and that was by the past. This proposition being true, the only safe way by which we can judge for what the parties stand and what they will do if entrusted with power is to take their professions as enunciated in their platforms and their records in the past.

I hear men say, "I know the Democratic party has shown that it is incompetent to formulate a tariff law, and has demonstrated its inability to administer the affairs of the national government. I will vote for your party nationally, but the Democrats of the Democratic party say that your party cannot run the State government, that when you get into power you squander the people's money by extravagance, etc. When you are in power in the State, crime stalks through the land as a pestilence, and our property is not safe, and that you spend too much money in all the branches of the government." Now, let us see how that is. Let us look at the records and see how much truth there is in these statements.

In 1897 and 1898, the Republican party in this State had the Governor and a majority of the Legislature, and of course is responsible to the people for the record they made during that period. The Democratic party, through questionable methods, which I will refer to later on, carried a majority of the Legislature in the election of 1898. We still retained our Governor and State officers who had been elected in the fall of 1898 until January, 1901, when the Democrats took full possession of all the branches of the State government. Since that time they have had possession, and of course are responsible to the people for the record that party has made since that time. This record I propose to discuss briefly, and draw a comparison as between the Republican and Democratic State administration. The total expenses in 1898, the last year in which the Republican party was in control of the different branches of the State government, was \$1,237,441.18, while the expenses last year of the State government, when the Democrats had full possession of every branch of the State government, was \$2,548,918.85, which is within but \$22,000 of being just twice what it cost to run the State government under the Republicans in 1898, and is more than was spent during

the entire four years of Governor Jarvis' administration. What has become of this enormous amount of money which would have been sufficient to have run the State government the entire four years of 1877, 1878, 1879 and 1880. It has been wasted and squandered in many ways, by increasing the salaries and expenditures in all departments, by the multiplication of offices and officeholders, by increasing the judicial districts and judges, and the department of public instruction, by the employment of additional help in almost every branch of the government, and by extravagance and waste in every department.

EXPENSES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

I will now analyze and show you the different items of expenditures, and draw the contrast. The Republicans spent in running the agricultural department, in 1898, \$61,377.94. Last year the Democrats spent \$96,522.06, showing that the Democrats spent \$35,144.12 more than the Republicans.

The auditor's department cost in 1898 \$3,500. It cost last year, under Democratic administration, \$5,494.31. The care of the Governor's mansion and grounds in 1898, when a Republican Governor resided there, cost \$1,833.43, while last year, when it was occupied by Governor Glenn, who boasts of his Jacksonian simplicity, it cost \$9,308.78, making a difference in one year in keeping up the Governor's mansion grounds, in favor of the Republican economy, and as against so-called Democratic simplicity, the enormous sum of \$7,475.35.

The judiciary, which cost in 1898, \$63,061.88, cost last year \$77,326.59. I desire to say here and now, as far as the increase in the expenses of the cost of the judiciary, that I have not one word to say, and simply use this because it appears in the reports. It is a well-known fact that we did not have enough judges in the State to meet the demand of the growing population, and I think it was wise to increase the judges and their salaries, especially the Superior Court judges, as I know of no class of officers in the State who are worked harder and receive poorer pay than the judges of the Superior Court of North Carolina. The Republican party is always in favor of progress, and never complains when the money of the people, derived from taxes, is expended economically, and for the benefit of the people.

What is the greatest crime in the manner in which the Democrats have spent the people's money. During Governor Russell's administration it was hurried throughout the State that he and his council of State were wasting the people's money in employing private counsel to represent the interests of the State. In view of these charges, I wish to draw the contrast as to the amount expended for legal services in 1898 by the Republican administration, and that spent last year by the Democratic administration. In 1898 there was paid for legal services \$5,206, while last year the Democrats paid for private legal services \$7,061.80, showing that our Democratic friends, with all of their boasted wisdom, learning and patriotism spent more money for legal services than the Republicans did.

The laborers pay roll around the capital cost in 1898 \$6,722.54, while there was paid out of the public treasury on this account last year \$7,415.39.

The public printing, which in 1898, when the Democrats charged we were extravagant, especially in this particular, cost the State \$10,596.69, while last year our Democratic friends spent for this purpose \$30,916.78, which shows that the Democrats cost \$20,320.09 more than the Republicans did, and yet they have the audacity to charge the Republicans with extravagance, and claim that they are economical.

The treasury department, which cost under the Republicans in 1898, \$6,250, cost last year \$7,737.

The State department, which cost under the Republicans, when the entire corporation business was transacted through that department, \$3,000 for the State department alone, and \$3,000 additional for the commissioner of insurance, which really made that department cost \$6,000.00 and against \$3,989.54 under the Republicans.

The department of public instruction, which cost under the Republicans \$8,000, cost last year \$4,453.72.

In other words, the sum total of the expenses of the departments as above enumerated for the year 1898, under a Republican administration, cost the State \$184,581.05, while under the Democratic administration last year the same departments cost the State \$255,330.84, showing that the Democrats spent \$70,749.79 more than the Republicans did, and yet they talk about being the party of economy and charge us with extravagance.

EXPENSES OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

This showing is bad enough, but it is worse when we come to examine and compare the expenses of the charitable institutions, which appear as follows:

For the care of the deaf, dumb and blind at Raleigh, the Republicans spent in 1898 \$40,000 and took care of 211 children. In 1903, the Democrats spent \$45,000 and took care of 221, that is, just 20 more than the Republicans took care of in

1898, and yet they spent \$40,000 more than the Republicans did.

Take the Insane Asylum at Raleigh. The Republicans spent in 1898, \$55,450 and cared for 323 patients. The Democrats spent in 1903, \$78,750 and cared for 397 patients, or just four more than the Republicans did, and yet they spent \$23,300 more than the Republicans.

In caring for the insane at Morganton, the Republicans spent in 1898, \$88,821.98, and had 754 patients. In 1903 the Democrats spent \$109,491.91 and cared for 763 patients, or just nine more than the Republicans had, yet they spent \$20,670.53 more of the people's money in caring for these nine extra patients.

In caring for the colored insane asylum at Goldsboro, the Republicans spent in 1898, \$39,990.41 and had 461 patients. In 1903 the Democrats spent \$52,742.31 and had 481 patients, that is, just 20 more than the Republicans had, yet they spent \$12,751.91 more of the people's money than the Republicans had used.

In running the deaf and dumb asylum at Morganton in 1898 the Republicans spent \$25,000 and had 252 children. In 1903 the Democrats spent \$40,000 and had 262 children.

Thus, we see that in these five institutions with but few more patients and pupils, the increase under the Democrats in 1903 over the amount paid by the Republicans in 1898 is the enormous sum of \$102,723.44.

The Democrats in 1898 were vigilant in their abuse of the Republican party because the Legislature of 1897 cost \$70,760.75, when their Legislature last year, as shown by the auditor's report, cost \$72,013.99, showing that they were grossly extravagant, if they were just in the complaint they made against the Republicans.

The auditor's report shows that while the expenses of the State last year were \$2,548,918.85, but total income was \$2,029,898.99, showing that we spent last year \$518,019.86 more than we actually received, which condition can only be met by another sale of bonds in the near future, which will mean an additional burden upon the backs of our people, but when our Democratic friends met in convention they said that they had been utterly astonished when I examined these reports in detail. When their speakers come to you, pleading for your votes, insist upon their explaining to you where the money has gone. You have a right to know.

INCREASE OF CRIME.

There is another subject I desire to discuss briefly. It is a subject that brings the blush of shame to the cheek of every true North Carolinian. It is a subject that appalls with a feeling of sadness, and would not but for the fact that our Democratic friends have raised the issue. I much prefer the outside world not know of these troubles and shortcomings of our people, but when our Democratic friends met in convention they said that they had been utterly astonished when I examined these reports in detail. When their speakers come to you, pleading for your votes, insist upon their explaining to you where the money has gone. You have a right to know.

THE DEATH RECORD.

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Now, my fellow citizens, this is no party question. It is a condition that appeals to every God-fearing, liberty-loving citizen of North Carolina, and it is the duty of every citizen, I care not what his political affiliation may be, to do what he can to wipe out the terrible conditions that exist to-day. The newspapers are discussing it; the preachers are discussing it from their pulpits; I read in last Monday's Charlotte Observer a sermon preached on last Sunday by Rev. Dr. Durbin of that city. I do not know Dr. Durbin personally, but I do know from his remarks that he is a God-fearing, fearless man. In the course of that sermon he assigns certain reasons for all this lawlessness. One of the reasons he assigns is the fraud upon the ballot box. In discussing this he says that one of the reasons which tend to demoralize public sentiment and make the mob spirit prevail is the lawlessness with which the laws of the land are regarded.

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ANOTHER GOOD MAN GONE WRONG. He neglected to take Foley's Kidney Cure at the first signs of kidney trouble, hoping it would wear away, and he was soon a victim of Bright's disease. There is danger in delay, but if Foley's Kidney Cure is taken at once the symptoms will disappear, the kidneys are strengthened and you are soon sound and well. A. R. Bass, of Morgantown, Ind., had to get up ten or twelve times in the night, and had a severe backache and pains in the kidneys, and was cured by Foley's Kidney Cure. R. H. Jordan & Co.

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