

STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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R. J. JUSTICE, of McDowell.

COUNTY DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

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The Durham Sun says: "When a party substitutes expediency for principles, it is handling a very dangerous weapon." Right. If Democrats in making up a ticket were to do like the Republicans did at their meeting in Morganton last Saturday we would leave the party.

Senator Prichard and Hon. Locke Craig are now engaged in a joint canvass of the State. They opened the canvass at Kinston Monday and spoke at Smithfield Tuesday and at Fayetteville yesterday. So far there have been good crowds to hear them and at times the discussion waxed warm. It is hoped that an appointment may be arranged for them at Morganton. We are not in the present list of appointments.

In the Republican meeting last Saturday, while the ticket was being selected, a member of the body—a man who has always voted the Republican ticket—arose and protested strongly against nominating independent Democrats. He said the Republicans were coming to a pretty pass when they could not find material enough in their own ranks to make up a county ticket, and gave notice that he would support the ticket nominated by the meeting.

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A Reply to the Card of Maj. Conley.

The reason assigned by Maj. Conley for his becoming an independent candidate in this Sen. Dist. and the charges of unfairness contained in a card signed by him are a rehash of statements heretofore made by G. G. Eaves and P. J. Sinclair, and the epithets and style of the article, as well as other evidence, which I am in possession of, lead me to believe that it was written by Col. Sinclair. I ask Major Conley who wrote it? He has been blindly and childishly controlled by them, and his grievances are what they said and not what really exist. Such men as M. F. Tate, George Conley, Dr. Morpheus and R. T. Clay will have advised him that he should stand by his agreements not to run as an independent candidate for the Senate, while such men as Col. Sinclair, George Eaves and John Pool have advised him that he had a grievance and that he could not refuse to run.

The grounds upon which he has been made to say he must run are that there were irregularities in the primaries at Old Fort, Buck Creek, Marion and in the county convention and in the convention at Morganton. He was not a candidate before the convention at Morganton and has no just cause for complaint at what was done there, but I attach bold statements showing conclusively that there is no foundation for any of his alleged grievances. As to Buck Creek, Mr. R. W. Brown was the regularly accredited delegate of a proper primary and cast the vote of the township as such. There is no truth in the charge that there was any irregularity in that primary. Neither the call for the convention nor party law required it to be held at the voting place. It was held at Mr. Brown's mill—the most public place in the precinct. I denounce them as being without the slightest foundation and demand that he meet me on every stump in the Dist. and particularly in McDowell county and sustain if he can the charges he has made. I take it for granted that he will not be willing to put himself in the position of using Mr. Eaves' personal organ to make charges against a person when its columns are closed to a reply, and then not come forward when a demand is made that a joint discussion be had. If it be said he is not a public speaker, then as Col. Sinclair has written for him, let him be his Aaron and speak for him. If he desires and can use him he can bring Mr. Eaves along also. The primaries were held on July 12th. Mr. Eaves spent a part of Sunday, July 13th, at Major Conley's house—July 14th, Major Conley had in his possession the "Asheville Gazette" containing substantially the same charges that are set out by Mr. Eaves and Col. Sinclair in the News and by Maj. Conley in his card. After he had read them and heard Mr. Eaves' statement, as he no doubt did on Sunday, he signed an agreement with me which is in the following language:

"We, W. A. Conley and E. J. Justice, agree that on a vote between us in the Democratic county convention this day, that the one of us who has not a majority of the votes will withdraw from the contest and ask the convention to instruct for the one having majority of the votes, and will support the one who has a majority in this convention. (Signed) E. J. JUSTICE. W. A. CONLEY."

July 14, 1902. As he aspires to go to the legislature, it is not complimentary to him to say he did not understand what he was doing. When the county convention met that day, G. G. Eaves, though not a delegate, made a speech in which he stated the charges practically the same as contained in Maj. Conley's card, and when his attention was called to the agreement above set out, I offered to release Maj. Conley from any obligation to abide by it if he desired to be released or did not understand it, and he then stated to Mr. Price, the Chairman of the convention, and to the entire convention that he would not repudiate his contract or bolt the convention. Mr. Eaves stated there publicly that Maj. Conley wanted to be released from this agreement, when I said to him that he was not fit to be guardian for Major Conley or any one else, and I demanded that Major Conley answer for himself. He did so and every delegate in the convention saw that, at the time, Mr. Eaves was imploring him to violate his agreement and bolt the convention. He did not do so then and now has no right to do so. It has always been regarded as highly improper to go into a convention and then bolt it. That is a game of "heads I win, tails you lose."

Col. Sinclair is not supporting any of the Democratic nominees and is said to be a standing candidate for the Republican endorsement to the legislature and has spoken to various persons about running. G. G. Eaves is out of the Democratic party, and they realize, that while they are making a great fuss about their departure, their influence amounts to five votes—their own and three boys, unless they can handle Major Conley, which they have so far done.

To the people of McDowell the sight of these two men manipulating the Major, is not agreeable to those who have respected Major Conley's manhood. Major Conley's announcement of his independent candidacy was begged for by them, and was finally procured by Mr. Eaves going to his house for it and bringing it back with him on Wednesday before it was published on Thursday. They now hope to use the Major as a "decoy duck" to toll his relatives out of the party. The sight of George Eaves and Sinclair with a string around the Major's neck leading him toward the Republican party for the purpose of tolling other good Democrats to follow them is too ridiculous to be effective. Long since Col. Sinclair and Mr. Eaves wrote their complaints in which they stated every charge which Major Conley now states, Major Conley told Mr. R. T. Claywell, Dr. Morpheus, Mr. W. F. Wood and others that he would not run. Since he published his announcement that he would be an independent candidate, he prepared a card in the presence of his nephew W. C. Newland, in which he stated he would not run, and this was made public by Mr. Newland; and Mr. Newland stated emphatically last week in Marion that Major Conley said he would not run and would not deny it. The Major was to bring this announcement of his purpose to withdraw to Marion and have it published. He did come, but that announcement disappeared—he spent some hours in Col. Sinclair's office, and in lieu of it was published Col. Sinclair's supposed fulmination. The statement in Mr. Eaves' editorial that I proposed to withdraw from the race if Major Conley would, is without the semblance of foundation. I never said a word that would justify Mr. Eaves' statement. Major Conley and I have not talked about politics recently but he stated to a number of persons last Wednesday that he would withdraw if I would, and I believe Mr. Eaves knew that he said it when he stated in his editorial that I had made the proposition. If Mr. Eaves takes issue with me about this, I ask him to support it by Major Conley's statement. My obligation to the Democratic party as its nominee would prevent my making a trade that would leave it without a nominee for Senator. If the people who desire to turn Republicans wish to be open and fair about it, they should say, it seems to me, they have changed their political beliefs and oppose the party to which they formerly belonged. This would be much more creditable than to follow the lead of such men as Sinclair and Eaves, declaring that they are Democrats until they have landed in the midst of the Republican party. It will be amazing if those of the Republicans of McDowell county who believe anything, and think their party stands for any principle are willing to give their support to a few disgruntled Democrats as their candidates. Since these two conspirators have baited their hooks with the Major, and landed him their way, they are so gleeful over it and so apprehensive that he may escape, that they remind one of two boys with an eel on a sand bank shrieking with mingled delight and fear at their catch and the apprehension that he will escape. Some may support this crowd for mercenary motives and some for other reasons, but I believe that the Democrats of McDowell county and of the district will stand true as they have ever done, and none of them will have more regret or be more loyal and further from being influenced by this pair than Major Conley's relatives.

My answers to all assaults on the Democratic party or its nominees will hereafter be on the stump and not through the press or by letter. I stand for straight Democratic principles and ready to fight the enemies of my party whether they be sore-headed Democrats or Republicans. I have more respect for the latter class than for the former. E. J. JUSTICE. Sept. 12, 1902. Mr. Justice: I belong to the faction of Old Fort Democrats that was not in the primary in which the candidates for the Senate and Congress were voted for. I took to Marion a protest signed by fourteen men asking that a part of the Old Fort vote be counted for Gudgeon for Congress. Both the Gudgeon and Campbell factions were for you for the Senate with the possible exception of one man.

Maj. Conley has no just cause of grievance on account of these fourteen not joining the other crowd, as what strength was represented there was for you, and if voted at all would undoubtedly have been so voted and when we came to Marion on Monday the Campbell and Gudgeon factions compromised and none of the delegates desired to vote other than as they did in the Senatorial matter. Yours truly, THOS. G. LYTLE.

MR. JUSTICE: In reply to your inquiry as to whether I knew of any foundation for Mr. Eaves' statement in his editorial in last week's paper to the effect that you had proposed to withdraw from the race for the Senate if Maj. Conley would, I have to say that I heard you say, at some time, your first obligation was to the Democratic party as its nominee, and you could not withdraw without your party's consent. I heard it currently reported in Marion that Maj. Conley had made such a proposition to Mr. W. C. Newland, his nephew, on last Tuesday or Wednesday, and was not to further commit himself as an independent candidate until after the Senatorial committee's meeting in Lenoir on Sept. 16th, and I know some of his friends were greatly surprised to see his letter in last week's paper. I had several conversations with Mr. Eaves in which he asked if I thought you would withdraw and I told him I had no idea you would and he expressed the same opinion. M. F. MORPHEW. Sept. 15, 1902.

MR. JUSTICE: You ask for expression from me in regard to what occurred at the primary in Marion and at the county convention. I was present at both, and, knowing the facts, have been surprised and disgusted at the false statements appearing in the papers from Mr. Eaves and Col. Sinclair, the most of which have been copied by Maj. Conley in his card. In the township convention Col. Sinclair endeavored to dominate it, and succeeded in confusing matters until your friends actually voted contrary to your interest in minor matters, and when he endeavored to put through other schemes you explained to the convention why he was making the fight, what he was attempting to do by his methods, and stated that Col. Sinclair did not have the interest of the Democratic party at heart but desired to injure you for personal reasons. It appears to me impossible that anyone was misled by your statements; but the fact is, the majority was for you and so expressed themselves outside, and by their votes. In the county convention you took no part until after the vote. Then your friends stated that you and Major Conley had agreed that the one having a majority of the votes should have the entire county vote. Mr. Eaves objected to this and made one of his high-flown speeches. You arose, read the plain agreement, and asked Major Conley if he would stand by it. Mr. Eaves said the major would not. You told Mr. Eaves that you didn't recognize in him a proper guardian, that Maj. Conley was of age and ought to speak for himself. You then said to Major Conley that if he wished, or if he said he had not understood it, you would release him from the agreement. He said "I didn't want to run anyhow, and guess I will have nothing more to do with it." Mr. Price asked if he then withdrew, and he said yes.

It may be of interest to you for me to state that I felt Mr. Eaves was trying to make trouble in the convention and I was reminded then of a statement that was made to me by Mr. W. F. Craig, of Marion, in the presence of another gentleman, that Mr. Eaves had agreed to turn Republican and use his paper for the Republican party if they would endorse him for Solicitor. Subsequent events indicate that there was truth in this statement. It is generally understood that Major Conley would not have run if he had not been over-persuaded by Col. Sinclair and Mr. G. G. Eaves, and what I saw in the primary and in the county convention causes me to feel this is true. J. M. ELLIS.

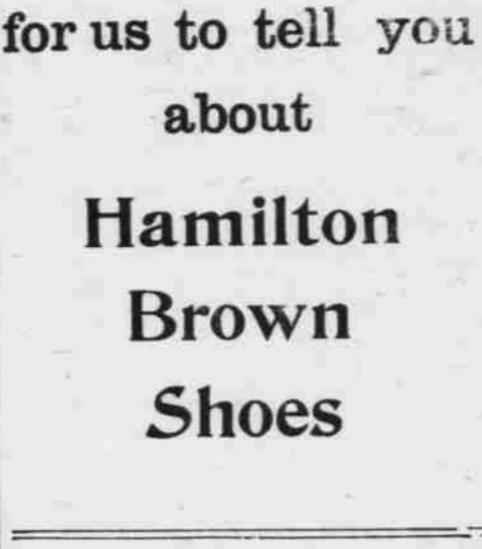
As Secretary of the Democratic Executive Committee of this Senatorial District I called on Mr. W. E. Landis to inquire about the charge that Mr. Justice had misled him in the primary at Marion as to Maj. Conley's being a candidate before the primary. Mr. Landis stated to me this day that he was not misled or deceived by Mr. Justice and that he and Mr. Justice had a conversation about the matter before the primary and that

they both stated that in their opinion Maj. Conley would not have been in the race at all if it had not been for Col. Sinclair and Mr. Eaves urging him. Mr. Landis said that he was in business with Maj. Conley and his friend, but in justice to Mr. Justice he stated this was what occurred between them. J. A. McDONALD.

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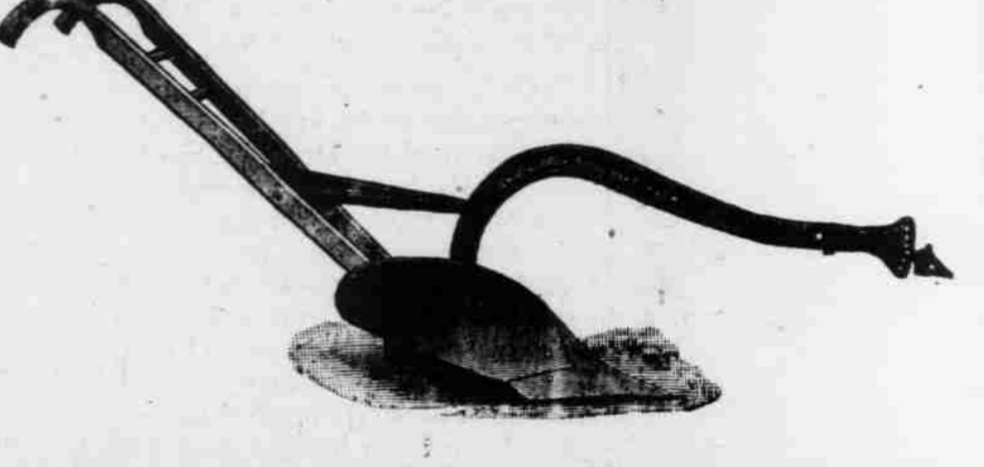
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