

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

A VERY TAME AFFAIR, AND SLIMLY ATTENDED.

Only a Skeleton Ticket Nominated—T. H. Whitaker was the Only Speaker—He Did Not State the Facts.

The Republican County Convention which was called for last Monday met, that is about twenty-five men calling themselves Republicans, assembled in the Opera House about 1 o'clock. It was called to order by R. R. Harris, Chairman of the County Executive Committee, and T. H. Whitaker was elected permanent Chairman. A. O. Perry, of Franklin, was elected Secretary. The assembling of the Convention was done so quietly that very few spectators were attracted, and altogether there were not fifty people in the hall at any time during the deliberations. In fact in the language of one of the participants, "it was a very tame affair."

J. R. Shearin of Hayesville township, was nominated for the House—the same man who ran two years ago and received the enormous vote of 276.

It was then agreed to nominate five men for County Commissioners, and a number of names were suggested. The following were nominated: J. J. Wilder, of Franklinton, Peter Stainback, of Hayesville, Grif. Gay, of Cypress Creek, A. D. Williams, of Gold Mine, W. H. Green, of Youngsville. The two last named are Democrats, and Mr. Williams is the Registrar for Gold Mine township in the coming election. He is a staunch Democrat, and phoned to the editor of the Times on Tuesday morning (as soon as the news reached him that he had been nominated by the Republicans) that under no circumstances would he accept such a nomination. Everybody who knows Mr. Williams is not surprised at his action. We dare say that Mr. Green will take the same course.

Upon motion the nomination of candidates for the various county offices was left to the Executive Committee composed of the following: R. R. Harris, T. H. Whitaker, P. R. Hatch, E. F. Yarborough, L. S. Alford. After the adjournment the Committee met and re-elected R. R. Harris, (postmaster at Louisburg) as Chairman. There were no new faces in the convention, and only one speech and that was made in a wrangling sort of fashion by T. H. Whitaker, who told a "whopper" when he said the County's indebtedness was thirty thousand dollars. The Times can't believe that he intended to make such an outrageously erroneous statement, and we attribute it only to his ignorance.

The fact of the matter is the county's present outstanding indebtedness is as follows.

On the \$20,000 bond issue of 1897, there remains only \$2,000 now due—\$18,000 of the entire amount having been paid off since the present Treasurer went into office, and the remaining two thousand dollars will be paid off next July. There is an outstanding indebtedness of \$10,000, known as the "Bridge Bonds" which were floated at 4 per cent interest, under the Democratic administration of 1901. These will fall due in 1921, so it will be seen that the total outstanding indebtedness of the county is only \$12,000, and there is now in the Sinking Fund over five thousand dollars to pay off these bonds when they come due. Four thousand dollars of this amount is bearing 6 per cent interest, while the county is only paying 4 per cent on the \$10,000 Bridge Bonds. Deduct the amount in Sinking Fund from the \$12,000 outstanding indebtedness, and the real debt of the county will be just \$7,000.

In addition to the above the pres-

ent Treasurer has paid \$3,300 and interest, which was due on the bond issue of 1884, and during the past eight years the county scrip has been worth one hundred cents in the dollar, and the county has been run on a cash basis.

And for the information of the public the Times will state further that there have been built in the county, since 1899, seven iron bridges at a cost of \$14,645, and they are all paid for.

All the above are facts and can be proven by the records.

Death of Little Francis Cooke.

The Times regrets to have to chronicle the death of little Francis N. Cooke; son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Cooke, which sad event occurred on Saturday night last. He was a bright boy, 11 years of age, and was the pride of his parents and grandparents. The funeral, which took place at the Cemetery, on Sunday afternoon was conducted by Rev. Josiah Crudup, and was attended by a large number of the friends of the family. The following were the pall-bearers: M. F. Houck, T. B. Wilder, E. F. Yarborough, Dr. D. T. Smithwick, T. W. Watson and W. P. Neal. The bereaved parents have our most sincere sympathy in their sad hour of bereavement.

The Cotton Growers.

Last Tuesday was the day appointed for President C. C. Moore, of the State Cotton Growers' Association, to talk to the cotton growers, merchants and others interested, upon the question of establishing storage warehouses in the towns located in the cotton belt. On account of the very short notice given of the appointment there was not a very large attendance, but the "faithful few" were very much interested in the address of President Moore, and requested him to call another meeting in Louisburg for Saturday, October 13th. At the conclusion of President Moore's sensible talk last Tuesday, a committee, with F. N. Egerston as Chairman, was appointed to take under consideration the building of a storage warehouse in Louisburg and report to the meeting on the 13th.

Tobacco Notes.

Tobacco, tobacco, tobacco! The town was full yesterday, and our warehousemen were making things "hum."

A number of farmers from adjoining counties who sold tobacco on the Louisburg market the past week were highly pleased with prices, and say they are coming again.

Mr. J. W. Hight, auctioneer for Harris & Ford, desires to see all his friends when they are in town, and especially when they have tobacco. We make a lively sale almost every day.

"It's Only a Joke"

Our correspondent from Katesville says that he has interviewed Messrs. Joe Strickland and James Abbott, Sr., regarding the answer of "Sal Skinner" to the query in a former issue of the Times, as to "what would make old folks young and ugly ones pretty?"

At first they were in doubt as to what action to take, but after fully considering the matter they came to the conclusion that "it was all a joke" in THEIR cases, and therefore no further action was necessary. They can't speak, however, for Moses Neal, Tom McGhee, and Henry Clifton, but Messrs. Strickland and Abbott are of the opinion that those three are very "huffy" and are very anxious to know who "Sal Skinner" is, as the "truth hurts."

Mr. Aaron Deitz has returned from the North and his new goods are rolling in.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON LAST MONDAY.

In Addition to Routine Work, an Election for a Special School Tax was Called in Youngsville Township.

The Board met on the 1st, all members present. After reading and approving minutes of former meeting the following business was attended to:

J. H. Cooke recommended that repairs be made at Gill's mill dam, and E. M. Gupton was appointed to have a bridge erected across same, and also to have Whitaker's bridge repaired. W. H. Pierce was appointed Constable of Youngsville township, to fill the unexpired term of S. E. Pierce, he having resigned. The newly appointed Constable tendered his bond which was accepted and he appeared before the Chairman and took the oath of office. Report of Dr. Yarborough Superintendent of Health, was received and recorded. Dennis Kearney was placed on the pauper list at \$1 per month, recommended by Commissioner Cooke. The clerk was instructed to purchase a barrel of paint from Manhattan Paint Company, to be used on roof of jail. E. N. Williams, Superintendent of Home, reported 4 white and 18 colored inmates. E. M. Gupton was authorized, to buy harrow of McKinne Brothers now in use at the County Home. The special committee to settle with Sheriff and Treasurer reported that all funds have been fully settled and receipted for by the Treasurer. The County Attorney and the Sheriff were appointed to investigate the insolvent lists reported by the Sheriff. An election for a special school tax in Youngsville township, was called for Tuesday, November 13th. C. Hogwood was appointed Registrar for said election and June Jones and Charles Alford, poll-holders, the voting place to be at the residence of June Jones, and the registration books to be opened according to law. The boundary of the district is as follows: Beginning at the place where Middle Prong creek empties into Little River, thence along said river to the Youngsville Graded School district, thence along said district to the Wake line, thence along said county line to Middle Prong creek, thence along said creek to the beginning. The levy to be 20 cents on property and 60 cents on the poll. This election was recommended by the Board of Education, upon a petition of one fourth of the freeholders of the district. Claims to the amount of \$825.97 for bridges and general expenses were allowed and the Board adjourned to next regular meeting.

Teachers' Meeting.

The regular monthly session of the Teachers' Association of Franklin county will be held at the court house in Louisburg on Saturday, October 13th, beginning at 11 a. m. The topics to be discussed will be in regard to the opening of schools, including the teacher's preparation, the use of register, the classifying of pupils, the grading of pupils, etc. Discussion will be led by Superintendent Mills, Sams, Conley and White.

School Building Completed.

Superintendent Mills, the teachers, the children and the parents, are all highly pleased that the Graded School Building, which presents a beautiful appearance in the large grove, is about completed. All the classes occupied the new building for the first time last Tuesday morning. The people of the town should be proud of this monument, and we have no doubt but that they are.

THE MOVING PEOPLE.

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

And Those Who Come and Go, Some for Pleasure, Some for Business and a Large Number Because They Like It.

Mr. J. A. Sheets, of Raleigh, was in town yesterday.

Mrs. T. F. Terrell, of Raleigh, is visiting her people here.

Mrs. W. H. Waddell and children are visiting in Goldsboro.

Mrs. F. S. Spruill made a short visit to Raleigh this week.

Miss Lydia Anderson is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. S. Masey.

Capt. T. W. Davis, of Raleigh, is a guest of Mr. T. W. Bickett.

Mrs. M. C. Pleasants returned home from Wilson last evening.

Mr. F. B. McKinne has returned from a visit to his people in Johnston.

Arch Joyner, of Raleigh, came over this week to visit his people near town.

Dr. F. K. Cooke is back home, from Baltimore, where he went on a professional visit.

"Old man" Will X. Coley, of the Raleigh Evening Times, was in to see us Wednesday.

Mrs. T. B. Wilder and children, returned yesterday from a visit to her people in Aberdeen.

Dr. Singleton C. Ford left last Saturday for Baltimore to complete his course in dentistry.

Miss Sue Cheatham, of Franklinton, visited her sister, Mrs. A. W. Alston, this week.

Messrs. F. S. Spruill, T. W. Bickett and W. M. Person, attended Vance court this week.

Miss Zelma Edwards returned a few days ago from New York, where she went to visit her brother.

Mrs. C. R. Church, (formerly Miss Lelia Johnson) of Norfolk, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. D. F. Cooke.

Mr. O. C. Gregory returned Monday from Auburn, where he spent Sunday with his wife and "little daughter."

Mr. Jno. A. Tucker and wife, of High Point, and Mr. Walter Tucker, are here, having been summoned on account of the severe illness of their sister, Miss Genie Tucker.

Mr. J. T. Clay returned Wednesday from Chase City, Va., where he was called to the sick bed of his mother. We are glad to know that her condition has improved.

Mr. J. A. Taylor and wife, of Littleton, will make Louisburg their home for a while and have taken rooms at Lancaster's Hotel. He is traveling for Cohen, Goldman & Co., of New York.

The editor had the pleasure of meeting his good "old" friend, R. M. Fuller this week. He tells us that he will make his home with his son, W. M. Fuller, who will move to town in the near future.

Mr. K. P. Hill, accompanied by his little son Kemp, left last Sunday for Frankport, Kentucky, where he will put Kemp under treatment of a specialist. Before returning he will buy a number of head of horses and mules.

Judge Cooke came home last Saturday, but left Monday to hold court in Vance, having exchanged with Judge Long. He will also hold Franklin court, which convenes October 15th, when only civil cases will be tried.

His friends here were glad to shake the hand of Mr. Geo. W. Hayes, who spent last Saturday and Sunday in Louisburg. Since leaving here five years ago he has been engaged in the watch-making business in Plainfield, N. J., and Richmond, Va., the latter city being his present abode. We are glad to know that he is doing well.

Board of Education.

The Board met in regular session last Monday, all members and Superintendent White present.

The report of Superintendent White that plans for building Mt. Zion school house had been drawn was received. J. H. Harper will superintend the erection of the same.

A. T. Wilson and J. F. Pearce were appointed as a committee to superintend the new school building at Kearney, which is to cost about \$250—one half to be paid by the Board.

White Districts Nos. 4 and 6 of Louisburg, and No. 2, Gold Mine, filed applications for libraries. The county only being entitled to 18 libraries, and already having 19, it was ordered that the Superintendent order libraries for all, and await for next appropriation from the State. He was also authorized to purchase six book cases for libraries. A petition for a special tax election in Youngsville township was approved, and sent to the county commissioners.

The boundaries of the district will be found in the proceedings of the commissioners in another column.

Earp-Smith.

The home of Mr. L. D. Bowden, the father of the bride at Justice, this county on Wednesday night was the scene of the marriage of Mrs. Mamie B. Smith to Mr. Geo. S. Earp. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. C. Williams in his usual impressive way. Only a few intimate friends were present. Congratulations.

Lyceum Association Course.

The Lyceum Association of Henderson has arranged for a number of high-class entertainments in that town for this fall and winter, and the Times learns from Mr. F. C. Toepelman, the General Manager, that the first of these attractions will be by the International Grand Concert Company on October 9th, when they will render the Grand Concert Programme, which will indeed be a treat to all lovers of music. The second attraction will be given by John B. Demott, Illustrated Lecturer, on November.

Third, DeKoven, Quartette and Lady Reader, in January.

Fourth, John Thomas Concert Company, in February.

Fifth, Hon. Benjamin F. Tillman, in March.

The price of season tickets, which covers two reserved seats, is \$5.00, (single admission 75c and \$1.00,) and these can be secured by addressing the Manager at Henderson. No doubt a number of our citizens will avail themselves of the opportunity of witnessing some or all of these high class entertainments.

The County Canvass.

The Democratic candidates for the Legislature and county offices will open the canvass on Wednesday, October 24th, in Dante township. The appointments are as follows:

Poplar Springs, Wednesday, October 24.

Clifton's Mill, Thursday, October 25.

Youngville, Friday, October 26.

Franklinton, Saturday, October 27.

Rocky Ford, Monday, October 29.

Laurel, Tuesday, October 30.

Centerville, Wednesday, October 31.

Stallings, Thursday, November 1.

Gatesville, Friday, November 2.

Louisburg, Saturday, November 3.

Congressman Pen, Solicitor Dan Cole and other prominent speakers will join the county candidates at some of the appointments. The people are cordially invited to attend and hear the issues discussed.

J. A. Thomas, Chairman
Dem. Executive Committee.

I will attend the above places on the days named for the purpose of collecting taxes for 1906.

H. C. REARNEY, Sheriff.

A GRAND STATE FAIR

TO BE HELD IN RALEIGH ON OCTOBER 15 TO 20.

Midway to be Alive with High Class Shows—Many Other Attractions—Hon. Harvey Jordan to Speak Wednesday.

The next State Fair Oct. 15 to 20 will be the best one ever held in North Carolina. The Fair will be opened by Governor R. B. Glenn on Tuesday Oct. 16.

There have been great improvements in the grounds and buildings, particularly in the accommodations for the agricultural and live stock displays, and an abundance of good water.

The features of the displays will be the competitive County exhibits in handsomely decorated booths.

The general displays, particularly of labor saving farm machinery will repay anyone's careful inspection.

On the Midway there will be no gambling games, but it will be packed with high class shows and amusements. Every foot of space will be taken, and the midway will be a brilliant scene with the carved and gilded fronts and flags and bunting of the best shows ever seen here.

Cane and Baby Racks, Nigger Heads, Shooting galleries, Merry-go-rounds, Ferris wheels, Rattle-dance etc. galore. Electric Theatres, Galatas, Old Plantation Shows and the great animal show of Francis Ferrar, the finest in America.

The trials of speed will be fast and exciting, and the open air attractions, featuring Dare-devil Doherty leaping the gap, balloons, and platform work.

Hon. Harvey Jordan will address the Cotton Growers' Convention on Wednesday night in the Hall of Representatives.

The annual meeting of the Society is held on Thursday night and on Friday night Madame Nordica, the world renowned singer will give a concert, and afterwards will be held the Grand Marshall's Ball, with Chief Marshal James Vernon Hinds, of New Bern, and a brilliant corps of assistants in the rooms of the Capital Club.

It is desired that any Veteran who has not yet received his cross of honor send in his application at the earliest date possible, else it cannot be ordered in time for presentation on the next appointed day.

Mrs. R. H. Davis, Secy
Joe J. Davis Chapter U. D. C.

Resolutions on the Death of Mrs. Clifton.

At a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's church Louisburg, N. C. the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved—That the death of Mrs. Lucy Clifton, on August 12th, 1906, brought a keen sense of loss to a wide circle of friends and particularly to the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church.

Resolved—That we deeply deplore her loss and appreciate her loyalty to the Auxiliary, and her love for her church, her deeds of charity and her hearty support of every good work the church called on her to sustain.

Resolved—That we deeply sympathize with her son in his great sorrow and pray that our Heavenly Father may comfort him in his bereavement.

Resolved—That fitly may we say of Mrs. Clifton, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

Resolved—That a copy of these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary, that a copy be sent to Mr. Alex Clifton and also for publication to the FRANKLIN TIMES and the Progress.

Mrs. L. L. Lewis, Pres.
Mrs. F. S. Spruill, Sec.