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Gen. Scales Re-nominated.

As will be seen in the proceedings of the Convention held in this city last Thursday Hon. A. M. Scales was unanimously re-nominated for Congress, an action which will be heartily endorsed by the people of this district. During the four years that he has occupied a seat in Congress he has been an industrious and faithful representative, and was never absent from his seat when wanted. He was not only a conscientious and faithful representative but ranked amongst the ablest men in that body, taking an active part in all the leading debates and always on the side that he believed to be the best interest of his people and country. In the measures of reform presented and discussed, and on the great financial questions which are now agitating the country from one end to the other all his sympathies were with the people to whose cause all his energies were devoted. In the reduction of the army, the stopping of contraction, the remonetizing of silver, and in various other measures of relief attempted, his votes were always on the side of the people.

His conscientious discharge of duty not only rendered him popular with his own party but also drew acknowledgements from his political opponents. The North State, the leading Republican organ in this State, (not often disposed to give credit to Democratic officials) on more than one occasion endorsed him and made complimentary mention of his efficiency and devotedness to the interests of the people.

His unanimous re-nomination is but a just tribute to his worth, and will be followed by his triumphant election in November.

A New Dodge.

A. W. Tougee has been a standing candidate for Congress in this district for the past eight years but has never been able to muster sufficient strength in convention to secure a nomination. He did manage to bolt several years ago when Billy Henderson beat him and got a nomination from the bolters while Henderson triumphantly waved his tie and walked out in the course of the regular nomination. He and his rival had some animated and interesting discussions on the campaign in which they expressed in no polished phrase their mutual regard.

This finally became so boring to the leaders of the party that they called both off and put L. G. Lash up in their place.

Mr. Tougee's experience with conventions not being, flattering and Henderson still being in the way, he resorts to a new dodge to get around that difficult and gets his friends to circulate petitions addressed to himself, begging him to run for Congress, the very thing which he has been hankering after, as we said above, for the past eight years. Don't this look like a little farce, a trick too transparent to baffle anybody, getting up petitions barking a man to do what everybody knows he wants to do and is going to do any way? Too thin! Let him try some other dodge. He can't fool Henderson or his friends that way.

It would be safe to wager that in the petition business Henderson could beat him two to one, and not brush much either.

The fact is Mr. Tougee had decided to try his chances long ago as the Radical champion, and now resorts to this begins petition trick to avoid conventions, which his experience has taught him he can not count on.

Senator Thurman's Speech.

We present our readers in this issue a portion of Senator Thurman's speech, which we will conclude next week. It is a brilliant, pointed and forcible statement of the issues of the day, and shows in clear contrast the positions of the Democratic and Republican parties on these vital issues. It is emphatically the key note of the campaign, and the key note which is going to lead us to victory, too.

Our Platform.

We call attention to the platform adopted by the convention which nominated Hon. A. M. Scales last Thursday. It is one on which every patriotic citizen can stand, one that meets the issues of the day squarely, and which it carried out in our National administration would relieve the people from the distresses, oppressions and burdens they are now laboring under.

The yellow fever is steadily on the increase in New Orleans, Memphis and other Southern cities. The indications are, that it will prove a terrible epidemic.

Congressional Convention — Hon. A. M. Scales Re-nominated Unanimously on First Ballot.

In pursuance to call, delegates to the Congressional Convention for this district assembled in the Court House last Thursday, 15th inst., at 12 m. All the counties were represented except Person. Hon. F. C. Robbins was elected temporary chairman and T. C. Evans of the *Reidsville Times* and J. R. Webster of the *News* were chosen Secretaries. After some appropriate remarks by the chairman, it was moved that committee on permanent organization and on resolutions and platform be appointed by the chair and the following were appointed:

On permanent organization—J. Long of Caswell, J. E. Albright, of Alamance, J. M. Morehead, of Guilford, J. W. Thomas, of Davidson, F. C. Frazier, of Randolph, J. C. Vaughn, of Stokes and S. N. Hand, of Rockingham.

On platform—J. A. Gilmer, of Guilford, J. S. Scott, of Alamance, R. E. Henderson, of Caswell, C. F. Lowe, of Davidson, A. S. Hoover, of Randolph, J. E. Hill, of Stokes, J. R. Webster, of Rockingham.

On the appointment of the committee the convention adjourned till 3 p. m. On reassembling the committee of organization reported as permanent officers Col. T. M. Holt, of Alamance, President; T. C. Evans, P. F. Duffy, J. R. Webster, Secretaries.

On taking the chair Col. Holt addressed the convention briefly and notably on the importance of unity and organization in our ranks as essential to successful contests and final victory.

J. A. Gilmer as chairman of the committee on resolutions and platform then read the following which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in the united efforts of all men, &c. of all classes, in opposition to all monopolies and special privileges, in opposition to contraction of the currency, to the demonetization of silver and to wasteful expenditure, and a never ending public debt, in the earnest maintenance of equal rights and privileges and honest and stable currency, a strict economy and lighter taxes, we recognize the only sure way of effecting that change in our Federal administration and financial policy for which the people yearn and which shall best secure recognition of the dignity of labor, sympathy with the laboring, agricultural and mechanical classes, and promote the general prosperity.

Resolved, 1st That there should be no contraction of the currency, but measures should be adopted looking to the retirement of the circulation of the National Banks, and the substitution thereof of notes of the government, the volume of which at present by far too small, shall be increased, and kept equal to the wants of trade.

2nd That the Resumption Act of the Republican administration, devised in caucus, and forced upon the country, without amendment, in our opinion, has paralyzed industry, turned the laborer and producer out of employment, is a standing threat to business men and should be repealed at the ear

liest moment.

3rd. That all the bonds and other dues of government, should be made payable in greenbacks or other issue of the government, at the option of the debtor, when the obligation itself does not specify particularly otherwise; and no restriction should be made upon the exchangeable or purchasing power of anything else that remained stationary or diminished in value by the weight of the national bank system.

4th That the 10 per cent tax on all State Banks should be repealed.

5th. That there should be a reduction and equalization of taxes, and to this end the taxes upon tobacco and brandy should be reduced, and a tax on incomes of capitalists and other sources should be imposed in their stead.

6th. That we are unalterably opposed to the present system of collecting internal revenue, and insist upon such changes and amendments as may save the annoyances of corrupt and insolent office holders to the people, who are honest and can be trusted to pay their just and reasonable dues to the Government without the interference of over-

sight.

7th. There should be a reduction of the army, and such restrictions put on the use of troops by the Executive that the liberties of the people may never again be endangered, and the tread of armed men no more heard in our Legislative halls.

8th. That in the fraudulent practices by which the will of the American people was thwarted in the election of a president, the participation therein by trusted agents in the highest stations and the humiliating declarations of fraud and corruption in the general administration of public affairs we see additional reasons for laboring for the success of conservative Democratic principles.

9th. That we heartily endorse the efforts of our representative in Congress, in common with the efforts of the Democratic party, in behalf of the repeal of the resumption Act, (though the same was defeated, by a Republican Senate,) and in his efforts to substitute greenbacks for National Bank issues, in reducing taxes on tobacco and brandy, and in the passage of acts remonetizing silver, by which the currency would be increased \$2,000,000 per month, and the further contraction of the currency stopped.

After some little discussion as to the proper mode of voting participated in by Mr. J. A. Long of Caswell, who advocated dispensing with the formality of calling the

vote of the counties and nominating Hon. A. M. Scales by acclamation, and Messrs. Joe W. Glenn and Jas. W. Reid, of Rockingham, who insisted on proceeding in the usual way, it was decided to call the vote of the counties based on the vote given Gov. Vance in his contest with Judge Settle. Gen. Scales was then put in nomination by Mr. Long of Caswell seconded by Mr. Graham of Alamance and received the unanimous vote of the convention. On motion Messrs. Long of Caswell and Glenn of Rockingham were appointed a committee to inform Gen. Scales of his nomination and conduct him into the convention.

After a brief interval the committee returned escorting the Gen. who took the stand and after grace fully thanking his friends for the renewal of their confidence and the honor thence conferred upon him briefly reviewed the platform adopted, and the history of Democratic legislation in Congress in the interests of the people as against the combinations of rings, monopolies and bondholders. It was a brief but a very pointed and telling speech, the key note to the campaign in this district and State. At the conclusion of his speech the convention adjourned till 8 p. m., when a large meeting assembled to hear Hon. R. F. Armfield, Democratic nominee for Congress in the 7th district, who spoke for an hour or more on the general condition of the country in consequence of the bungling management and corrup tion of the Radical party which has brought such wide spread disaster upon us all. He was followed by Hon. F. C. Robbins of Lexington and J. A. Long of Caswell who made short, stirring addresses.

W. F. Henderson in the Field.

W. F. Henderson has announced himself as an independent candidate for Congress in this district on the National platform. The Colonel feels that he has been slighted by the managers of the Republican party in this district who insist upon bringing out A. W. Tougee whom Henderson believes he could beat in the district two to one. There is no particular affection existing between these two rivals and neither would care particularly if the devil had the other.

While Henderson labors under some disadvantages we still regard him as one of the strongest men in the Republican party in this State, and if he takes it into his head to run in earnest with his skill in organization, his powerful endurance and tireless energy he will wake things and draw a heavy vote in this district. If the contest were simply between him and Tougee, he would not stand the ghost of chance.

Gen. J. M. Leach was elected to the State Senate from Davidson by our majority—a pretty close shave, but the general hardly ever fails. Col. Thos. M. Holt was defeated for the Senate in the two counties of Guilford and Alamance by thirty-seven vote. Don't you begin to see the importance of one or two votes?

The candidates for sheriff in Wilkes county were tried. The Commissioners elected the Democratic candidate, J. T. Alexander—Charlotte Democrat.

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