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For Surveyor.—J. C. Eatman.
For Coroner.—H. W. Peele.

Dangers of Discord.

At a time like this, we submit there should be no discord in our ranks. Harmony is what we need—what we must have, if we hope to succeed. Differences of opinion should be tolerated upon minor matters. Every democrat should not be expected to think alike upon all subjects. Some latitude of expression of individual sentiment must be allowed, or it is evident, that the independent element will increase, into a dangerous, antagonizing power. Bitterness and hostile criticism cannot be relied upon, to exercise a restraining influence, or to win back those who are inclined to express independent views.

It is far better, we think, to agree to disagree upon some subjects, than to keep up the fratricidal warfare, which is daily weakening the democratic party. We smile complacently at the wrangling and dissension in the ranks of our opponents, while presenting to the world a louder spectacle of disunion and want of harmony. All who claim to be democrats, and who are not seeking office under "republican endorsement," but expect to vote the democratic ticket at the next election, ought to be left to enjoy their "whim-whams" in peace.

The attempt to read out of the party men who have always heretofore been consistent democrats, and who announce their intention still to remain in the party, is a rash experiment, and if not all defensible, cannot now be afforded. If as Shakespeare says,

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
But in ourselves, that we are underlings."

Surely the great democratic party of North Carolina, so strongly entrenched in the affections of the people, and so well assured of victory in the coming contest, can afford to overlook a little propensity here and there, towards the exercise of private judgment and the expression of individual opinions.

We have purposely avoided mentioning any democrat to whom the above remarks might seem applicable, and while we do not arrogate to ourselves any authority to recommend the peace, we trust we may be permitted to remind both the critics and criticised, of that saying of the wise King of Israel, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The Position of the South.

That the South is solid for the Democracy should occasion no surprise, indeed it would be "strange, passing strange" if it were otherwise. Every instinct of gratitude which characterises a brave and chivalrous people, has impelled the South to assume and maintain an attitude of solid support of the party, which has been her steadfast friend since the close of the war.

For seventeen weary years of oppression and wrong the democratic party has stood by her, aiding and assisting her, against the tyranny and outrages of the republican party. In the dark days of military supremacy and carpet-bag misrule, the National Democratic party stood steadfast and true to the South, and now when the effort is being once more made by the republican party to oppress the South and destroy her prosperity by restoring her to the greedy clutches of her former oppressors and plunderers, the same party as represented in the Halls of Congress, stands solidly up in her defence, contesting for her every foot of ground.

The same high-toned, chivalrous feeling which prompted her heretofore, still prompts her to remain solid for the democracy. The dangers averted hitherto by the same steadfast friend are still impending. Indeed the spirit of radicalism toward the South has never been more intolerant or more notably manifest. Within the past few months, a system of political persecution has been inaugurated in South Carolina, for the purpose of stirring up sectional hate and prejudice. Juries were packed in order to secure convictions, and an attempt was made to present a picture of lawlessness to fire the Northern heart and stir up the passions of the people of that section.

In the House of Representatives we have the almost daily spectacle, of Southern Congressmen being removed from the seats to which they were elected by the people, in order that the republican majority may be increased in the House, so that they may be able to carry out with impunity, their schemes of corruption, and break down the solid support of the South for the democracy. The former they may accomplish, but in the latter they will fail. The South cannot be driven by outrage and hostility.

There would have been no solid South, if the republican party had acted in a spirit of justice towards us, and exhibited any signs of friendship, during the many years that have elapsed since the close of our civil war. But it cannot now be expected that our people spanded like, will lick the hand so long uplifted against them, and which now proposes to strike them down again. There are few Mahones in the South, who are willing to barter away principle and sentiment, for place and power. The Southern people prefer to suffer rather than sacrifice their conceptions of right, and whatever may be the persecutions their ever active enemy, armed with the power and authority of the government, may subject them to, they will stand by the national democracy, and present a solid front to the common enemy, because through good and evil report, the national democracy, has always exhibited a steadfast friendship for the South.

The Late Congressional Convention.

The Republican Congressional Convention held in this place last week, seems to have attracted general attention, and well merited condemnation on the part of the press, for its disorderly proceedings. The two days exhibition of republican methods and practices in *seeking and obtaining* nominations for office, excited in this community a general feeling of disgust. Even the better class of republicans, unhesitatingly condemned the disgraceful conduct of the delegates, during their attempt at holding the convention.

Such scenes have never before occurred in Wilson, and on account of their demoralizing effects, it is to be hoped never will again occur, anywhere in North Carolina. When it become evident that the convention was, and would be controlled by the negro delegates, we were prepared to witness scenes of disorder and confusion, resulting from their ignorance of parliamentary proceedings, but throughout the tumultuous row, dignified by the name of a convention, all sense of decency and propriety seemed to be set at naught, and the representatives of Africa revelled and riotted as their brutal instincts prompted.

Some of our citizens regarded it as a first class show of the serio-comic order, while others were overwhelmed with shame and disgust at the semi-barbarous performances. Not a few white republicans and some who had been thinking of voting the republican ticket, have been heard to say, that they were done with the republican party, and that they should hereafter vote for democrats.

Of the failure of the convention after two days session, to make a nomination in the usual way, the public is familiar, but the causes which led to this result have only been darkly hinted at. The white delegates appeared to be divided into two factions, the Hubbs or Revenue Ring faction, and the Humphrey faction, both "having blood in their eye," from the start. The negro delegates ranged themselves under the banner of these opposing candidates for such pecuniary consideration as they could obtain, and during the struggle for the nomination often changed sides as superior temptations were offered them.

But in all the struggle, they seem never to have lost sight of what ultimately appeared to have been their predetermination—to nominate a negro. The claims of the race to this recognition were openly advocated and formed the staple of many speeches. And it occasioned no surprise, that a negro should at last carry off the much coveted prize. We took no stock in the quarrel and we shall take none in the fight. We commend to them the Witches song in Macbeth.

"Black spirits and white
Red spirits and grey:
Mingle, mingle, mingle,
You that mingle may."

The Long Range Candidate.

Mr. G. W. Stanton of this county has well earned the appellation of the long range candidate for Congress. He has been before every convention since the district was formed and always with the same result. The vote of his own county has he been able to control, but in the late convention held here he even failed to carry his own county, and the controversy between Sharp and Hill, the delegates from this county, was one of the scenes of the convention. It will be remembered that at the republican county convention after considerable effort a resolution was passed instructing the delegates from this county to vote for Stanton for Congress, but it was evident it received the luke-warm support of the negro delegates. Mr. J. T. Sharp and S. N. Hill were appointed delegates.

In the Congressional convention the friends of Hubbs, O'Hara and Humphrey placed their names in nomination amid loud cheers from their respective followers; but when Sharpe proceeded to place Stanton in nomination the effect was magical.

During the convention all the proceedings were characterized by scenes of confusion and disorder and it was rarely that the speaker addressing the convention could be heard for the uproar and noise, but not so with Sharpe. When he placed Stanton in nomination there was a silent scene. No applause, but the delegates stared at each other in perfect amazement, seeming to think it a huge joke that Stanton should ask for a nomination. When Sharpe concluded his speech Hill arose and pitched into Sharpe and Stanton with vim and vigor. He said that he should not vote for Stanton: that he was just as intelligent and just as good as Stanton, and that Stanton and Sharpe could not speculate on him. He said from what he had heard speculation had been going on and that if S. & S. had sold the goods he would see to it that they should not be delivered; and Hill then announced he should vote for whom he pleased.

Sharpe replied that he would hold Hill responsible for his conduct. And thus Stanton was stabbed in the house of his friends, and presented a truly sorry spectacle as a Congressional candidate.

It is apparent that the negroes of the county are tired of Stanton's rule and are determined hereafter to make him take a back seat.

A few days ago Cocke, chairman of the Mottled (Liberal) party wrote to Captain Coke, Chairman Democratic Executive Committee to arrange a canvass between the candidates for Congressman at large. Chairman Coke very properly responded that he had written to Mott, Chairman Republican Executive Committee to arrange a joint discussion between Bennett and Dockery and that he recommended that two parties in the State, Democratic and Republican. The democrats all over the State will endorse Coke for the wise course he has pursued.

Wilson county republicans at the convention last week presented a spectacle sufficient to drive all men who desire good government away from the party. Sharpe, white delegate, openly charged on the streets that Hill colored delegate had sold out twice, and Hill said *he was not the one who had sold out*, intimating that Sharp's record on the selling question was not as spotless as it might be.

Its some of our fight and we just record it to let our readers see what is going on in the camp of the enemy.

We are reliably informed that on Thursday morning of last week, before the nomination for Congress was made, Humphrey drew $1000 out from the Bank in this place. This is the kind of political intriguing that democrats who leave their party are required to sanction.

Wilson county will send representatives to the Legislature who are instructed first, last and all the time against prohibition.

Maj. W. M. Robbin's speech at the Iredell democratic convention had the true ring. He said he had voted for prohibition, but hence forward, in any legislative office which he might hold, he would consider that upon the question of prohibition he was an instructed member, his people having voted no and should govern himself accordingly, believing that it was of more importance that the will of the people should be obeyed than that any law should be made.

Every man elected to the legislature from every county in the State, except two or three western counties, will on the Prohibition question be an instructed member, and could not vote for any prohibitory measure without showing a total disregard of the wishes of his constituents.

The Third Congressional District.

WHARTON J. GREEN, OF CUMBERLAND NOMINATED.

The convention of the democratic party of the Third Congressional District met at Warsaw Thursday the 20th inst., pursuant to announcement, and was called to order by Capt. V. V. Richardson, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Messrs. W. S. Cook, of Cumberland, Thos. J. Armstrong, of Pender, and O. L. Chestnut, of Sampson, were made temporary secretaries by acclamation.

Mr. Huske, of Cumberland, moved that as the roll of counties was called each delegation should name one member to act as committee on credentials, and also one each to compose respectively the committees on permanent organization and on platform. The following were named.

Permanent Organization.—B. N. A. Stedman, Jr., Brunswick, S. S. Garason; Carteret, J. F. Jones; Cumberland, Chas. T. Haigh; Columbus, M. Campbell; J. N. Stallings; Harnett, J. A. Hodges; Moore, J. A. Worthy; New Hanover, De Bruiz Cutlar; Onslow, Dr. E. W. Ward; Pender, J. G. Parker; Sampson, J. W. Bowell.

On Credentials—Bladen, I. H. Smith; Brunswick, Geo. H. Bellamy; Carteret, W. S. Chadwick; Columbus, T. F. Toon; Cumberland, A. A McKethan, Jr.; Duplin, J. C. Pass; Harnett, B. F. Shaw; Moore, L. P. Tyson; New Hanover, S. H. Fishblate; Onslow, A. C. Huggins; Pender, T. J. Armstrong; Sampson, A. E. Colwell.

On Platform—Bladen, K. J. Brady; Brunswick, W. Weeks; Carteret, R H Jones; Columbus, S F McDaniel; Cumberland, J W Lancashire; Duplin, B F Grady; Harnett, A L Smith; Moore, W E Murchison; New Hanover, A G Ricaud; Onslow, Frank Thompson; Pender, Bruce Williams; Sampson, J W S Robinson.

On motion of Mr. Allen, of Duplin the committee on organization was also made the committee on rules.

The committee on credentials, through its chairman, Mr. S. H. Fishblate, reported that there was only one contest, over the question of proxies from Carteret county and that the committee had decided to allow written proxies from all regularly appointed delegates. They also called the attention of the convention to an error made in the printed vote of Onslow county, it being entitled to another vote. The report was adopted by acclamation.

Mr W E Murchison, of Moore, presented the report of the committee on resolutions as follows:

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the democratic party for the Third Congressional District, in convention assembled, at Warsaw this day, the 20th of July, 1882, do heartily endorse the platform laid down and endorsed by our party in convention for the State at Raleigh July 5th, 1882.

That we believe our duty to be to adhere firmly to the doctrine and principles of the national democratic party, and to do everything in our power to advance and promote the interests of the democratic party in national, State and county government.

Mr. Bruce Williams, of Pender, presented a minority report, adding the following:

Resolved, That as a matter of safety and protection to the interest of the tax payers and property owners, the people of the Eastern portion of North Carolina; we hereby declare that a continuation of the present system of county government, or some measure equally as effective, to be politic and necessary for the welfare and protection of these Eastern counties which have heretofore been afflicted with the republican system of county government.

After considerable discussion, in favor of the majority report, as covering the question, the minority report, on a call of counties, was voted down by a vote of 254 to 79. The majority report was then adopted by acclamation.

Mr. Cutlar, of New Hanover, chairman of the committee on permanent organization and rules, presented the report of the committee as follows:

For Permanent Chairman—E T Boykin, of Sampson.

For Secretaries—C W Williams, of Bladen; J D McNeil, of Cumberland; J R Paddison, of Pender, and R A Walker, Carteret.

We recommend the adoption of the two thirds rule for all nominations, and that the rules governing the Legislature of North Carolina be adopted by this convention.

The report was on motion adopted.

Mr Boykin, taking his seat, thanked the convention for the honor conferred, and declared the convention ready for business.

On motion of Mr Newson, of Cumberland, the nomination of candidates was declared in order.

Mr J W Powell, Sampson, made an able and eloquent speech, nominating the present incumbent, Hon John W Shackelford, of Onslow.

Mr J N Stallings, of Duplin, seconded the nomination in a brief speech.

Dr E W Ward, of Onslow, spoke endorsing the nomination and thanking the other gentlemen for the kind words spoken of his countryman.

Mr A H Paddison gracefully presented the name of Hon A M Waddell, of New Hanover.

Dr A J DeRosset, of New Hanover, seconded the nomination.

Mr J F Jones, of Carteret, also endorsed the nomination.

Mr J W S Robinson, of Sampson, spoke, advocating the claims of Col Waddell.

Mr I H Smith, of Bladen, placed in nomination Col H B Short, of Columbus.

Mr R S Huske, of Cumberland, nominated D H McLean, of Harnett.

Capt J W Ellis, of Columbus, seconded the nomination of Col H B Short.

Mr W E Murchison, of Moore, seconded the nomination of Mr D H McLean.

Mr N A Stedman, of Bladen, made an earnest and forcible speech, reviewing the situation and endorsing the candidacy of Col H B Short.

Mr Aredall, of Carteret, endorsed the nomination of Hon J W Shackelford.

Balloting was then declared in order.

The total vote of the convention was 333 votes; two thirds (necessary to a choice) 221; majority 169.

The first ballot stood: Waddell 107, Short 60, McLean 78, Shackelford 87, Sampson voted 18 for Waddell and 23 for Shackelford; Duplin 7 14-37 for Waddell and 31 23-37 for Shackelford; Carteret 17 for Waddell and 3 for Shackelford; Pender 11 for Waddell and 6 for Shackelford; Bladen and Columbus voted for Col Short; Harnett, Moore and Cumberland for Mr. McLean.

Mr D B Newton, of Cumberland, nominated Geo M Rose, of Cumberland.

The ballot resulted—Waddell 105 2-3, Short 69 1-6, Shackelford 64, McLean 51 2-3, Rose 42.

On the 21st ballot Bladen changed 26 votes to Rose from Short, all others voting without change.

With hardly any change the balloting continued up to the 30th ballot, when Mr W E Murchison, of Moore, withdrew the name of D H McLean, and the ballot resulted: Waddell 106 1-3, Shackelford 85, Short 70 1-3, Rose 62.

Up to the thirty-sixth ballot the changes were immaterial.

Just before the vote was called for on this ballot Mr Newton, of Cumberland, withdrew the name of Geo M Rose. The result footed up: Waddell 146 2-3, Shackelford 95, Short 91 1-3.

Thirty-seventh ballot—Waddell 153 1-3, Short 138 2-3, Shackelford 41.

Thirty-eight ballot—Waddell 157 1-3, Short 132 2-3, Shackelford 42.

Fiftieth ballot—Short 145 2-3, Waddell 128 2-3, Shackelford 55 1-2.

The changes were immaterial up to the ninetieth ballot, just before which Mr D B Nicholson, of Duplin nominated Col Wharton S Green, of Cumberland.

Ninetieth ballot—Waddell 110 1-2 Green 112 1-2, Short 65, Shackelford 45.

Ninety first ballot—Green 177 2-3 Waddell 90 1-3, Short 65.

The nomination of Col Green appeared probable almost as soon as his name was proposed.

Ninety second ballot—Green 155 2-3, Waddell 112 1-3, Short 65.

Ninety third ballot—Green 178 2-3 Waddell 89 1-3, Short 65.

Ninety fourth ballot—Green 149 5-8, Waddell 111 1-3, Short 71, Shackelford 1.

Ninety-fifth ballot—Before the result of this ballot was announced Col Green's nomination was assured, and the counties began changing in rapid succession. In the confusion incident the secretaries got the votes mixed, and on motion the ballot was ordered retaken. Before this was done Col. John D Taylor, of New Hanover, withdrew the name of Col A M Waddell and nominated D H McLean, of Harnett. Mr McLean withdrew his name and declined in favor of Col Green. The result of the ballot was—Green 215 1-3, McLean 117 1-3.

On motion of Mr McLean, Col Wharton J Green, of Cumberland, was declared the nominee by acclamation.

Col Green being called for addressed the convention, accepting the nomination and promising his efforts to lead the party to victory next fall.

The following were named to constitute the Democratic Executive Committee for the Third Congressional District for the next two years:

Bladen—K J Braddy.
Brunswick—F M Moore.
Carteret—W L Howland.
Columbus—V V Richardson.
Cumberland—Jas B Smith.
Duplin—Jas G. Kenan.
Harnett—N S Poe.
Moore—L P Tyson.
New Hanover—W B McKoy.
Onslow—S B Taylor.
Pender—W T Ennett.
Sampson—J A Ferrell.

Capt V V Richardson, of Columbus, was made chairman of the committee.

On motion, the thanks of the convention were returned to the people of Warsaw for their kindness and hospitalities, and to the chairman and secretaries for the fair and impartial services they had rendered.

At 12 M. the convention adjourned *sine die*.—*Star*.

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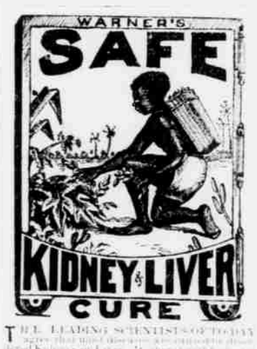

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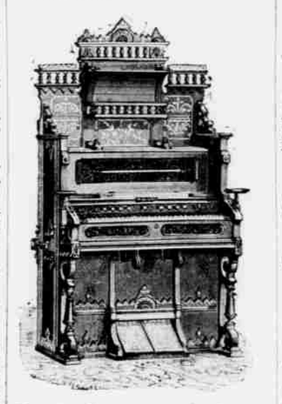

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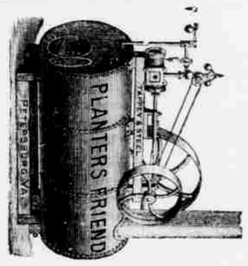

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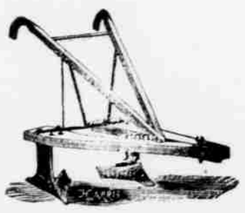

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