CONVENTION COMPLETES

Adopts a Splendid Platform For the State and Then Adjourns.

THE COMPLETED TICKET mons it was read, discussed and voted on by sections.

Lively Debate on Question of Senatorial Primaries.

ELECTORS AND DELEGATES CHOSEN

McNeil and Rogers Nominated by Acclamation For Corporation Commissioners. Col. Paul Means Protests Against the Chicago Platform.

The complete ticket put out by the Democratic State convention which met here Wednesday at noon and adjourned yesterday morning is as fol-

Governor-CHARLES B. AYCOCK, of

Lieutchant-Governor-W. D. TURNER, of Iredell.

Secretary of State-J. BRYAN GRIMES, of Pitt. State Treasurer-B. R. LACY, of Wake

State Auditor-B. F. DIXON, of Cleve-Attorney-General-ROBERT D. GIL MER, of Haywood.

Superintendent of Public Instruction-WILLIAM S. TOON, of Robeson.

Commisioner of Agriculture-SAMUEL L. PATTERSON, of Caldwell.

Commistoner of Labor and Printing-HENRY B. VARNER, of Davidson. Chairman of the Corporation Commis-

sion--FRANKLIN McNEILL, of New Han-Corporation Commissioner-SAMUEL

ROGERS, of Macon. Judge for the Tenth District-W. B.

COUNCIL, of Watauga. Electors at Large-DAN HUGH Mc-LEAN, of Harnett, and LEE S. OVER-

MAN, of Rowan. This is considered, both by the members of the convention and the people of the State generally so far as has been ascertained, as a ticket combining many elements of strength, and almost certain of a triumphant en-dorsement at the polls in August.

ADOPTION OF THE STATE PLATFORM. A Lively Debate Over the Question of Having

a Senatorial Primary. At 9 o'clock yesterday morning the

Democratic State convention for 1900 came to a close.

hours-for 18 hours there had been no recess or pause in the proceed-

From loss of sleep and lack of food the delegates looked wan and worn in the gray morning light, but there had been no softening of the look of determination in their faces or sign of diminution of enthusiasm in their proceedings.

In fact the closing debate was one of the most spirited of the whole session. It arose over the platform which was adopted as the final and crowning act of the convention's most excellent work.

The Committee on Platform completed its work and so reported to the convention early Wednesday night. This report was printed in yesterday morning's News and Observer, but it' consideration and adoption by the convention was, on motion, postponed until after all nominations had been

It was, therefore, not until 7:30 o'clock that the convention was prepared to take it up and consider it. On suggestion of State Chairman Sim-

Dyspensia 20 Years

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All Run Down - Torpid Liver.

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To the first section, endorsing and ratifying the Chicago platform of 1896, Col. Paul B. Means objected. Also he entered his protest against the third paragraph, which "denounces the recent legislation by the country of th which the gold standard has been fix-

ed upon the people."

No one else joined in these protests and the sections were adopted.

The sections denouncing "the tariff legislation of the Republican party;" condemning the policy of taxing without representation "the people in territory acquired by the United States." ritory acquired by the United States," and declaring against "imperialism and militarism," were enthusiastically adopted with applause; as were also the succeeding sections from that inviting all voters "without re-gard to past political affiliations, to unite with us in support of our candidates," down to and including that favoring the "election of United States Senators by the people." But the two sections following this

proved to be a royal battle-ground that occupied the attention of the convention for more than an hour and at one time seemed to inreaten the whole platform—in fact to make it doubtful whether any platform at all would be adopted.

The fight against the primaries was led by Mr. Zachary, of Madison, assisted by Mr. Welch, of Haywood. Boshamer, of Iredell, and others from Boshamer, of Iredell, and Ired were opposed to a Senatorial primary and had so expressed themselves.
Also Mr. Thos. G. Skinner from the
extreme east said his people in Perquimans and the surrounding counties were opposed to legalized primaries.

But the majority in favor of giving

the people a chance to directly express their choice for Senator was overwhelming and the two sections were adopted after a slight change in phraseology of one of them had been made on suggestion of Col. Means.

Before this was done, however, another amendment proposed by Col. Means was voted down. This was to have the General Assembly in June pass a law for holding primaries instead of waiting for the enactment of such a law by the Legislature of

After the adoption of the final section approving the "action of the last Legislature in submitting the Constitutional Amendment to the people," the platform as a whole was adopted and the convention adjourned, having completed its work.

The platform as thus adopted by the convention was as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

The Democratic party of North Carolina in convention assembled in Raligh, N. C., on this day, April 11, 1900, do hereby approve, endorse and ratify the principles enunciated and set forth in the platform of the National Democratic party adopted at Chicago

We denounce the tariff legislation of the Republican party which has increased the burdens of taxation upon our consumers and increased the powers of the trusts and monopolies to rob the people. Believing that under our present method of Federal taxation more than three-fourths of our National revenues are taid by people owning less than one-fourth of the property of the country, we protest against such inequality and injustice, and in order to remedy to some extent this great wrong we favor an income tax and favor all constitutional methods to sustain it.

We denounce the Republican party for its passage of the recent legislation by which the gold standard has been fixed upon our people.

We denounce the policy of the Republican party for its legislation by which the people in territory acquired by the United States are taxed without representation and deprived of the protection afforded by the principle that the Constitution follows the

We are in favor of peaceful commercial expansion, but denounce imperialism and militarism.

We cordially invite all voters, without regard to past political affiliations, to unite with us in support of our candidates for Congress and other offices, who favor the principles of the Chicago platform.

We admire the heroism and ability with which the Hon. William Jennings Bryan has defended the principles of the Democratic party, and hereby instruct the delegation from this State to the next Nationa! Democratic convention to vote for his renomination as a candidate for the Presidency.

We denounce the administration of the Republican party in North Carolina by which negroes were placed in high and responsible official positions which ought to have been fined by white people.

We approve of the passage of the act of the Legislature of 1899 to prevent the removal of suits by foreign corporations from the State to the Federal Courts.

We commend the Legislature for the passage of the Election Law of

We favor a government of the people, by the people and for the people. economy in expenditure and the abolition of unnecessary offices.

We heartily commend the action of the General Assembly of 1899 for appropriating One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the Lenefit of the Public Schools of the State, and pledge ourselves to increase the school fund so as to make at least a four months term in each year in every school district in the State.

We point with pride to the record of the Democratic party in the building and management of the institutions for the care of the unfortunate insane, and pledge the party to so increase the appropriations for this purpose as that every needy insane per-

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We condemn free passes. We denounce all trusts, monopolies and trade combinations, and demand the passage of such legislation, State or National, as will suppress the same. We favor the election of United

States Senators by the people, We favor the enacting the next General Assembly providing for the holding of primary elections for the nomination of State and county, officers, Representatives in Congress and United States Senators.

We hereby instruct the State Executive Committee to make provision for the holding of a primary on the first Tuesday of next November for the selection of a United States Senator by the Democratic voters of the State, at which every elector who has voted the Democratic ticket in the State election shall be entitled to cast one vote for one man for United State Senate, and the candidate who receives the majority of the votes so cast in the whole State shall receive the support of the Democratic members of the Legislature; and if no candidate shall receive a majority then the committee shall hold a second primary at which only the two highest candidates shall be balloted for and the one receiving a majority of the votes so cast shall receive the support of the Democratic members of the Legislature,

Provided that if any third candidate shall receive at the first primary. so held, within 2,500 votes of the second highest candidate, then in that event the three candidates shall be balloted for at the second primary, and the one of the three receiving the highest number of votes, shal receive the support of the Democratic members of the Legislature for United

States Senator. We heartily approve of the action of the last Legislature in submitting the Constitutional Amendment to the people, and we urge its adoption, because it will promote the peace, the prosperity, the happiness of the people of North Carolina.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

In addition to the above platform, the following resolutions were adopted by the convention on recommendation of the committee:

"Unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation and while the people of North Carolina submitted to the necessary taxation to carry on the war with Spain without complaint, we demand that with a surplus of \$150,000,000 in the Treasury, the odious stamp act must be at once repealed.

Resolved that we condemn the practice of Federal officers controlling and domineering conventions and using their official positions to coerce and intimidate voters, the same be ing subversive of our form of government and dangerous to the liberties of the people.

Resolved that we endorse the nomination of Hon. W. B. Council for Judge for the Tenth Judicial district. AFTER THE SUPREME COURT. Still another resolution proposed,

but one that failed to pass was the

following submitted by Mr. H. S.

Blair, of Caldwell: "We denounce the recent decisions of the Supreme Court in the "Offices Cases" as flagrantly partisan, and as seriously derogatory of the rights of a free people-holding that the legislative offices provided for in the Conof the people through their represen-

tatives. son in the State nay be cared for at 1. Mr. Blair did not send this resolu- the convention.

tion through the regular channel provided for by appointment of a committee on Platform and Resolutions, but submitted it in open convention as that body was about to adjourn. The convention, therefore, refused to

CORPORATION COMMISSIONERS.

Messrs. McNeil and Rogers Nominated by Acclamation.

The nominations of the convention ended with the naming of two members of the Corporation Commission to succeed Franklin McNeill, chairman, and Samuel L. Rogers, commissioner.

They were to succeed themselves-Mr. McNeill for a term of six years and Mr. Rogers for a term of four years. Nominations for these positions

were declared in order at 6 o'clock, and the following nominations were John M. Campbell, of Buncombe.

Samuel L. Rogers, of Macon. Franklin McNeill, of New Hanover Thomas W. Mason, of Northampton. W. F. Harper, of Caldwell. With these five gentlemen before the convention it looked to the cas-

ual observer as if a very interesting and hotly fought contest was about to take place; but this was not to be. Just as the nominating speeches were about to be made the Committee on Platforms had read to the conven tion for adoption a platform in which these words were used: prove of the passage of the Corporation Commission Act by the last Legislature, and of the administration o the affairs of said Commission, by which fairer rates have been secured which are more just to the people and to the transportation and transmis sion corporations, and such assess

dens of taxation. This utterance the delegates had loudly applauded; and this was followed, when it came to nominations, by two of the finest short speeches of the convention.

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it bear its fair proportion of the bur-

One of these was the speech of J. Frank Ray nominating Mr. Rogers. and the other was the speech of Judge Connor placing the name of Franklin McNeill before the convention. Both were plendid pleas for the re-nominaof these gentlemen, in which the speakers rose to the height of true

manhood and patriotism. But perhaps the most effective speech was that of an old gray-bearded, plainly clad delegate from an eastern county, who rose and in an awkward broken way said:

"I am glad we have at last come to a vote on this question. I have been sitting here all day and all night waiting for it. I wanted an opportunity to vote for the people against the railroads."

The applause that greeted this utterance as well the reception of Mr. Ray's and Judge Connor's speeches left no doubt as to the temper of the convention. Before a vote was taken, Mr. Blair

of Caldwell, climbed upon the rostrum and withdrew Mr. Harper's name. Mr. Campbell followed, withdrawing his name. "I have," he said, "but one candidate in North Carolina and

and I will do nothing that will en- Episcopalian. danger that. I see that the people of this great State have here today indicated their preference for the present commissioners and I say amen."

that is the Constitutional Amendment,

Mr. Travis, of Halifax, withdrew the name of Capt. Mason, and on motion of Mr. Murchison, of Cumberland, Messrs. McNeill and Rogers were stitution should be subject to the will nominated for Corporation Commissioners by acclamation.

This completed the nominations of

ELECTORS AND DELEGATES CHOSEN.

Dan McLean and Lee S. Overman Made Electors at Large.

The next business to come before the convention was the selection of two electors at large, four delegates at large to the National convention and four alternates. For electors at large, Dan Hugh Mc-

Lean, of Harnett, and Lee S. Overman, of Rowan, were selected by acclamation, all the other names suggested being withdrawn.

For delegates at large and alternates the following names were chos-

en by roll-call: Edward J. Hale, of Cumberland. Julian S. Carr, of Durham.

Walter E. Moore, of Jackson. Thos. A. Jones, of Buncombe. For alternates: Theo. F. Kluttz, of Rowan.

W. S. Chadwick, of Carteret. B. F. Aycock, of Wilson. J. G. Hackett, of Wilkes. The members of the State Executive Committee and delegates to the National convention recommended by

the various districts were accepted by the convention. This being done the platform as printed above was adopted and the convention adjourned.

CONVENTION NOTES.

There sems to be some trouble about who is the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor owing to a mistake in the News and Observer yesterday morning. Owing to some mistake, the picture of Senator Travis, of Halifax, was inserted in the News and Observer in place of the picture of Mr. Turner. As a result. Mr. Travis, who regards the News and Observer as next to his bible, woke up yesterday morning and saw his oicture in the paper over the words, The Nominee for Lieutenant Governor." He yesterday served notice on Mr. Turner that he had the credentials and would claim the nomination. "If you see it in the News and Observer, its so," is his basis for the claim. In order to avoid trouble, we will own up the mistake and shift it on the shoulders of "the intelligent compositor," who has to bear all the mistakes in a printing office.

The News and Observer of yesterday, in its report of the convention, inadvertently said that Prof. W. E. Abernethy, of Burke, was put in nomination for State Superintendent. As a matter of fact, Prof. Abernethy had before withdrawn from the race, and asked that his name should not be placed before the convention. He was not put in nomination, and the vote he received was over his protest.

A delegate, who thinks about religious as well as political predilections has figured the religious leanings or membership on the State ticket thus: Gov. Aycock-Baptist.

Lt.-Gov. Turner-Methodist. Secretary of State Grimes-Episco-

Treasurer Lacy—Presbyterian. Auditor Dixon—Methodist.

Supt. of Schools Toon-Baptist. Corporation Commissioner McNeill Presbyterian. Corporation Commissioner Rogers-

Methodist. Labor Commissioner Varner-Presbyterian-two Baptists, three Methodists, three Presbyterians and one

The vote for delegates at large to the National Convention stood: E. J. Hale, 764; Julian S. Carr, 651; Thos. A. Jones, Walter E. Moore, 446. The next highest were made alternates and the vote stood: Theo. F. Kluttz, 423; B. F. Ayeock, 255; W. S. Chadwick, 172; J. G. Hackett, 143.

Mr. George Norwood, of Wake, made one of the most effective speeches in the State convention yesterday morning that

was the first speech he ever made in deliberative body, and was delivered with the fire and zeal of the prictised orator. No adequate idea of the impression made can be made by the words for he threw life and spirit into every utterance.

The speech made by Mr. J. M. Campbell, of Buncombe, withdrawing his name as a candidate for Corporation Commissioner captivated the convention. He is one of the most popular Democrats in Western North Carolina, and the reception given to his speech was such as attested to his personal popularity in the



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