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The next Democratic State convention will be held at Greensboro on the 16th day of next month.

This was decided at a meeting of the Democratic State executive committee held at Raleigh on last Tuesday. There was quite a contest between Raleigh and Greensboro, as to which place should be selected for the convention, and in the committee meeting the vote was 37 for Greensboro and 32 for Raleigh.

The committee took no action on the Senatorial question, but left it to be determined by the State convention whether that body will nominate the Senatorial candidate or select a primary.

The date for the convention is later than heretofore, so as to avoid a long and exhausting campaign, which this year it is hoped will be short, sharp and decisive. Most of the counties will hold two county conventions—one to select delegates to the State Congressional and judicial conventions and another later to nominate county candidates. The first conventions will be held in most of the counties during the spring terms of their respective county commissioners.

The candidates to be nominated by the State convention are Chief Justice and two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, a Corporation Commissioner, and Superintendent of Public Instruction. The convention will also formally ratify the resolutions for superior court judges made by their respective judicial districts conventions. Means of holding these judicial conventions must be held before the State convention is held. In several of the judicial districts there will be quite a contest over the nomination of judges.

There is now no reason why former Democrats who joined the People's party should not return to their old home. There is certainly no reason or excuse for them any longer recognizing with the Republicans both.

Why do we say this? Simply because the expenses and expenses for such cooperation no longer exist.

No man can truthfully claim this.

The reasons heretofore given by Populists nor cooperators with Republicans were two:

One was in order to secure local self-government by protecting the county government system adopted in 1890. This has been accomplished and the people now have more county commissioners and magistrates than they did from 1890 to 1900. So that reason or excuse is removed.

The other reason given by Populists co-operating with Republicans was to secure the election law. This was accomplished. The election law that was passed with the last legislature is undoubtedly the best that any of our legislatures has passed in ten years. It has substantially denoted it is much fairer than the election law that the Populists and Republicans themselves passed. Not only is this probably the fairest state amendment to the Constitution that was proposed for by the Republicans and Populists.

White has been convicted of the murder of Miss Thompson and sentenced to be hanged on the 27th of April, but he will not be hanged then as unprepared has been taken to the Supreme court to do so.

The jury deliberated on their verdict for about six hours, then showing that some of them had serious doubts. The parties gave credit for their statements of conviction, instead of being acquitted and released by the strong outside for impeaching the prisoner as to returning verdict of guilty without any consideration. Seemingly any. They expected a different verdict—not because of the evidence, but because of the intense popular feeling against Wilcox. This feeling was manifested in a highly improper manner by a large number of the spectators, according to a press report.

After hearing the argument, the attorney began the following

early rebuked this demonstration as a contempt of court.

It is a remarkable case both in the mysterious circumstances of the alleged malice and in the wonder of self-possession of the convicted prisoner.

The statute has passed through the hands of the House, Senate and the Governor, and is now awaiting the signature of the Governor. It is a bill to prohibit the manufacture of tobacco products upon Representatives, members of Congress, and similar persons, and to prohibit the manufacture of tobacco products in the State of North Carolina.

This will affect the business men of the United States of considerable tax but will not affect the tobacco manufacturers.

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