

WIDE MEETING.—On Tuesday last, according to notice given, a large and respectable number of the Whigs of Rowan assembled at the Court House, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Legislature. The meeting was organized by calling Dr. Samuel Kerr to the Chair, and J. E. Vogler and S. W. James, Secretaries.

A motion of Hon. N. Boyden, a Committee of two from each Captain's District, was appointed to select candidates. The Committee retired, and during their absence, Mr. Holden offered the following resolutions, and addressed the meeting in a short speech marked with ability, commenting severely upon the conduct of the President and his party.

Resolved, That the late attempt of the President by means of the Veto power, and his invention of the doctrine of "original proprietorship," to clutch the whole public domain and make it within the vortex of Executive patronage, deserving the severest reprobation of the American people, and will be sanctioned by those who desire the old States to be plundered of all their interest in the immense patrimony, acquired by the common blood and common treasures of the Nation.

Resolved, That we here again re-affirm our oft-repeated declaration in regard to the public lands, to wit:

"Resolved, That the Public Lands are the common property of the people of the United States."

"Resolved, That all should men from the legislation of Congress for the first time, admit, that the Public Lands are no longer to be looked to by the Government as a source of revenue; and that instead of squandering this extensive domain upon foreigners or upon the new States in which they lie, that the true and proper disposition would be to divide the lands or their proceeds upon some just and equitable plan, among the several States of the Union, for the purposes of Education and Internal Improvement."

"Resolved, That the most important effort against the policy of General Polk has been made in his late Anti-Slavery Measures, of making divisions of the public lands, canals, and other works of internal improvement alone to the States in which the lands lie, and declaring that the old States ought to be satisfied with such donations, by reason of the tendency of such gifts to increase the price of the lands not given away."

Resolved, That any attempt to rob Spain of the Island of Cuba, either by adopting that most injurious and disgraceful proposition of Senator Slidell authorizing the President in the name of Congress to demand the Island, or by giving Spain a sum of money to induce him to give up the Island, would dismali the American name, and establish a doctrine utterly destructive of the great fundamental principle of Republican government, the right of any people to regulate their own domestic concerns as they may see fit, uncontrolled by the feelings, wishes, or institutions of any other nation.

After an absence of some time the Committee returned, and through their Chairman, John A. Boyden, reported to the meeting that they had nominated the following persons as the Whig candidates, viz:

For the Senate—John A. LILLINGTON, Esq.
For the Commons—A. H. CALDWELL and J. G. RAMSEY.

The report of the Committee was adopted unanimously. A Committee was then appointed to wait on Messrs. Lillington and Caldwell, and inform them of their nomination. Mr. L. appeared before the meeting and addressed it at some length, pledging himself to use every effort to bear aloft the banner of the Whig party. The allusion to Mr. Clay and the duty of every Whig at this time to stand by his principles and the glory and prosperity of our good old State, were received with loud and enthusiastic applause.

Dr. Ramsay being present, made a few remarks, stating that he had not expected the nomination, and if he had consulted his private feelings he would have declined, but that nothing on his part should be left undone to promote the interests of our State or the success of the Whigs of Rowan in the present struggle.

On motion, the proceedings were ordered to be published in the Carolina Watchman and Rowan Whig and Advocate.

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It was moved and carried, that a Committee of five be appointed to prepare resolutions for the action of the meeting. The following were appointed, viz: J. F. Bell, Jr., Dr. B. White, Rev. Baxter Clegg, J. S. Patterson and Charles W. Howell. In the absence of the Committee, the meeting was entertained by Mr. Pinckney Summers, of Yadkin, J. L. Nesbit and Wm. J. Vestal, Esq. These gentlemen, like those that preceded them, were easy, and happy in their efforts.

The Committee having returned, the following report, read by the Chairman of said Committee, was received by the meeting, and the preamble and resolutions were adopted separately, and unanimously.

REPORT.

In view of the evils of Intemperance, which are now afflicting our country, we, as citizens of Iredell county, having met for consultation, have concluded that the wants of the country are such as to demand a Prohibitory Law, and accordingly have agreed, that we will vote for no one to be a member of the Legislature of North Carolina, but such as are known to be in favor of such a Law. Therefore—

Resolved, That it is the deliberate conviction of this meeting that the License System is unjust, and oppressive in its character, and that we conceive that a strong Prohibitory Law should be substituted in its stead.

Resolved, That we think the evils of Intemperance can be arrested by such a Law, and that we pledge ourselves to vote for such candidates as the friends of a Prohibitory Law shall agree to nominate.

Resolved, third, as an expression of our convictions, as to men suitable to represent us in the House of Commons, of the next Legislature of North Carolina, we propose the names of John Young, Esq. and J. C. Turner, Esq.

And fourthly, as an expression of our views, we would recommend A. C. McIntosh as a suitable candidate for the Senate. It was then

Resolved, That this meeting of this exceedingly good and patriotic Society, in its deliberations, and in their nomination of candidates, will be guided by the principles of justice, moderation, and cordiality, and that no member of the Society will be allowed to speak or act in any way that will offend any of the members.

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On motion, the Chairman and Secretary were advised to the above.

On motion of Dr. Campbell, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the Editors of the Carolina Watchman, Republican Banner and Rowan Whig, with a request that they be inserted in their respective papers.

On motion, the meeting adjourned sine die.

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