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POLITICAL.

From the Raleigh Standard.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION

Thursday, Dec 14th, 1843

This body assembled to-day at 12 o'clock at the Hall of the House of Commons, in the City of Raleigh, and was called to order by W. F. Leake, Esq., of Richmond, on whose motion Gen. Barzillai Graves, of Caswell, was called temporarily to the Chair, and Wm. W. Holden, of Wake, appointed Secretary, *pro tem*.

On motion of Mr. Busbee, of Wake, the counties were called in alphabetical order, when the following gentlemen appeared as Delegates:

Bladen—Robert Melvin.
Beaufort—Matthew Shaw, and Benjamin Runyon.

Burke—Waigstall W. Avery.

Chatham—O. L. Birch, J. J. Jackson, Levi S. Tower, Dr. Hanks, S. W. Cotten, and Thomas De Graffenreid.

Crawen—D. K. McRae, Perrin Busbee, and Wm. W. Holden.

Cumberland—Dr. Thos. N. Cameron, Isaac Myrthison, Benjamin F. Atkins, Wm. H. Bayne, James Strange, Alex. McLeod, A. A. McKethan, David Reid, Bryant Barnes, Arthur Melvin, and Mr. Harrington.

Caswell—Gen. Barzillai Graves, Thomas L. Lea, Nathaniel J. Palmer, and Col. Wm. Lea.

Franklin—Guilford Lewis, Wm. A. Jeffreys, Jeremiah Solomon, Josiah Bridges, Tilden Glenn, Wm. Joyner, and John E. Twitty.

Granville—Gen. W. S. McClanahan, Wm. O. Gregory, Thomas Miller, Alex. Butler, Jas. Cooper, Stephen Beasley, N. E. Cannady, Samuel Rogers, John S. Eaton, Rich'd Sneed, and T. P. Duke.

Hulifax—Dr. Wm. F. Skelton, and Dr. L. W. Alston.

Johnston—Dr. Josiah O. Watson, James Tomlinson, Kedar Whitley, Josiah Boulder, Lunsford Richardson, B. F. Ballinger, A. Mitchener, H. H. Hobbs, Wm. Jernigan, J. W. B. Watson, Avera Walton, A. J. Leach, B. Smith, and T. W. Whitley.

Jones—Wm. P. Ward, and Benj. Askew.

Lincoln—Leonard E. Thompson, and Jno. Webster.

Lenoir—Gen. George Whitfield.

Moore—Daniel McIntosh, Arch'd McKethan, Wm. D. Harrington, and Cyrus Harrington.

Montgomery—Col. D. R. Cochran.

Martin—A. S. Moring, and Col. J. G. Caraway.

New Hanover—Stephen Costin, and E. Hall.

Nash—Samuel L. Arrington, Absalom B. Baines, and James W. Lancaster.

Northampton—Thomas Bragg, Jr.

Onslow—Jasper E. Heridge.

Orange—Gen. Joseph Allison, J. Sydney Smith, Col. Wm. Horner, Benjamin Hurdle, Capt. John Berry, Maj. James M. Palmer, Gen. Benj. Trollingr, Patterson M'Dade, Joseph Baker, and Capt. A. Horn.

Person—Sydner Walton, and Samuel D. Chambers.

Rowan—John W. Ellis.

Randolph—John Fruit.

Rockingham—Wm. P. Watt.

Richmond—Walter F. Leake.

Sampson—A. B. Chesnut.

Warren—Henry Fitts, John Daley, Gen. Micajah T. Hawkins, S. Sutherland, Henry J. Macon, Geo. D. Baskerville, and Wm. Eaton.

Wayne—Dr. Samuel A. Andrews, Spices Singleton, and John Exum.

Wake—Allen Rogers, Sr. Seth Jones, Louis D. Henry, Kimbrough Jones, Jno. H. Wheeler, John M. Fleming, Wm. B. Dunn, J. G. Jeffreys, Hillary Wilder, Saml. Whitaker, Sr. P. B. Burt, B. B. D. Sims, Joshua Rogers, John B. Johns, Burwell Temple, Col. Willie Pope, Anderson Clements, Tignal Jones, Matthew Jones, Isaac Rowland, Green Beckwith, James B. Shepard, Perrin Busbee, Gaston H. Wilder, Alpheus Jones, B. B. Smith, John Hutchins, Wm. W. Holden, Wm. White, D. K. McRae, John O'Rourke, Alsey Hunter, Henry Hayes, Gen. James M. Mangum, Wm. R. Poole, M. Thompson, Jno. Hayes, and Jas. D. Newsom.

On motion of Dr. Cameron, of Cumberland,

land, the chair appointed the following gentlemen a committee (one from each Congressional District) to report Officers for the convention, and also Rules for its government: Messrs. W. W. Avery, L. E. Thompson, Nath'l J. Palmer, Walter F. Leake, J. S. Smith, T. N. Cameron, George Whitfield, Thomas Bragg, Jr., and Sam'l L. Arrington.

Whereupon, on motion of Mr. Avery, of Burke, the convention adjourned until half past three o'clock.

Half past 3 o'clock.

The convention again assembled, when Dr. Cameron, from the committee of nine, submitted the following Report:

The committee appointed to designate Officers, and to suggest Rules of government for the convention, beg leave respectfully to recommend Louis D. Henry, of Wake, as President, Walter F. Leake, of Richmond, Sam'l A. Andrews, of Wayne, Joseph Allison, of Orange, and M. T. Hawkins, of Warren, as Vice Presidents; and Wm. W. Holden, of Wake, and Wm. H. Bayne, of Cumberland, as Secretaries.

They also recommend that the convention be governed by the Rules of Order which governed the House of Commons at its session of 1842-'43, so far as the same may be applicable, with this addition, that each county represented in this Convention shall be entitled to the number of votes, on any proposition, corresponding with the number of Representatives to which they are respectively entitled in the House of Commons by the last apportionment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. N. CAMERON, Chairman.

The report was unanimously concurred in, whereupon Gen. Hawkins and Dr. Cameron conducted Mr. Henry to the chair, who returned his acknowledgments for the honor conferred upon him, and addressed the convention for more than half an hour, with singular ability and eloquence.

On motion of Mr. Avery, it was Resolved, That the President appoint a committee to consist of two delegates from each Congressional District, to prepare matter for the consideration of this Convention.

The President stated that the above committee would be announced at the next meeting; whereupon on motion of Mr. Reid, of Cumberland, the convention adjourned until half past seven o'clock.

Half past 7 o'clock.

The President called the convention to order, and announced the following gentlemen as the General committee of 18:

First District—W. W. Avery,
Second District—John W. Ellis and L. E. Thompson,

Third District—Barzillai Graves and Nath'l J. Palmer.

Fourth District—Walter F. Leake and John Fruit.

Fifth District—Thos. N. Cameron and J. B. Shepard.

Sixth District—George Whitfield and Robt. Melvin.

Seventh District—Wm. O. Gregory and G. D. Baskerville.

Eighth District—Matthew Shaw and S. L. Arrington.

Ninth District—Thos. Bragg, Jr. and A. S. Moring.

Mr. Thompson, of Lincoln, suggested the importance of having a full representation in the General committee, from the First District, and inasmuch as Mr. Avery was the only delegate in attendance from that District he presented a proposition to associate Mr. Busbee, of Wake, with Mr. Avery, as a member of the committee. The proposition was unanimously concurred in, and Mr. Busbee was therefore added to the General committee.

The communication of Thomas Loring, Esq., to the convention, was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Avery, the convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

Friday, Dec 15th, 1843.

The President resumed the chair at 11 o'clock, and the convention was opened by prayer offered by the Rev. J. E. Edwards, of Raleigh.

Mr. McRae, of Wake, presented a letter from the chairman and Secretaries of the late democratic meeting in Craven county, addressed to Messrs. T. Loring, D. K. McRae, Perrin Busbee, and W. W. Holden, requesting and empowering them to represent Craven in this Convention. On motion of Mr. Palmer, of Caswell, the names of the gentlemen present were recorded as delegates and representatives from said county.

At this stage of the proceedings, at the request of the convention, it was addressed by Messrs. Smith, of Orange, and McRae, of Wake, in an able and eloquent manner; after which, on motion, the convention adjourned until half past three o'clock.

Half past 3 o'clock.

The convention again met—the President in the chair.

The absence of Mr. Bayne, one of the

Secretaries of the convention, having been suggested, on motion of Dr. Cameron, of Cumberland, Wm. A. Jeffreys, of Franklin, was appointed in his place.

Mr. Palmer announced, in an appropriate and feeling manner, the death of the Hon. William Montgomery, one of the Delegates from Orange to this convention, and submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this convention have learned, with feelings of deep regret, of the death of the Hon. William Montgomery, of the county of Orange, one of the delegates from that county to this convention, and that we sincerely sympathize with his family in the loss they have sustained; and, with the democratic party of the county of Orange we deeply regret the loss of a gentleman who, for an almost unbroken period of 20 years, has been their faithful and efficient Representative either in the State or National Legislature.

Resolved, That the Secretaries of this convention transmit to the family of the deceased a copy of these resolutions.

Mr. Baskerville, of Warren, from the general committee of eighteen, submitted the following Report:

The committee to whom it was referred to report subjects proper for the consideration and action of the Convention, having, as far as circumstances permitted, bestowed their reflection upon the duty thus assigned them, beg leave to report, that in their opinion the subjects proper for the action of the convention, consist in the nomination of a candidate of the Democratic Republican party for Governor of the State, the appointment of two delegates to represent the State at large in the National Convention of the party, to assemble in Baltimore in May next, and in the concise and explicit avowal of our principles; and for the action of the convention upon these subjects we submit to their consideration the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That this convention, confiding in the unsullied private character of Col. MICHAEL HOKE, of Lincoln county, his eminent ability and unflinching devotion to democratic principles, nominate him as the candidate of the democratic party of this State in the approaching gubernatorial election.

2. Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the President of the convention to inform Col. Hoke of his nomination, and request his acceptance of the same; and further, that they express to him the hope of this convention that he will thoroughly canvass the State.

3. Resolved, That this convention approve the call that has been made for the assembling of a democratic national convention at the city of Baltimore on the fourth Monday in May next, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the United States, and that we will support, with a becoming zeal, the nominees of that convention.

4. Resolved, That we hereby appoint Louis D. Henry and Charles Fisher to represent the State of North Carolina in that convention, leaving to the people, in their respective Congressional Districts, the appointment of the other delegates from this State to said convention.

5. Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention, a National Bank, apart from the Constitutional objections to such an institution, is uncalled for in the present state of the country, either as a fiscal agent for the government or as a regulator of the exchanges, and is unnecessary to secure a sound circulating medium; and that such an institution would be detrimental to our best interests, and dangerous to the liberties of the country.

6. Resolved, That while we are uncompromisingly opposed to a tariff for protection, we are not the advocates of direct taxation to raise the means wherewith to administer the Federal Government; that a tariff of duties, laid solely with a view to the raising of a sufficient revenue for the economical administration of the government, and not to afford bounties to a particular class or classes, is what we approve, and what we are at all times willing to support.

7. Resolved, That we regard the Tariff act of 1842, as passed in the main for protection and not for revenue, and that we are opposed, not only to the principles but to the details of said act.

8. Resolved, That in the existing state of the country, the worse than exhausted state of the Public Treasury, and an already large and increasing National Debt, the distribution of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands would be a measure as absurd as impolitic; that we deprecate the proposition made by some of our opponents for the assumption of the Debts of the State by the Federal Government, whether the same be proposed directly by distributing the proceeds of the public lands, as a specific fund for that purpose, or indirectly by the imposition of high duties upon foreign imports, with a view to the creation of surplus, to be divided.

9. Resolved, That the Veto Power

conferred upon the President by the Constitution of the United States, is a salutary feature of that instrument, sanctioned by reason and experience, and that we regard the ruthless attack made upon it by the whig party, as an attempt to change the existing form of our government, in order to secure party objects, and gratify ambitious and exasperated party leaders.

10. Resolved, That the fine imposed on General Andrew Jackson, by Judge Hall, ought to be refunded, with interest, unconditionally and without delay, as an act of justice to a brave and meritorious officer.

11. Whereas, The attempt on the part of some of our political opponents to misrepresent the opinions of the democratic party upon the subject of the State Banks, has made it necessary that the charge should be met and repelled, Resolved, therefore, That the democratic party is not opposed to properly regulated State institutions, based upon a specie capital; and we repudiate the charge that we are the advocates of an exclusive metallic currency, as gratuitous and unfounded. But the late disorderly condition of the exchange of the country has convinced us that two things are necessary to secure the benefits, and at the same time to avoid the abuses of the system: First, such charter obligations imposed by the Legislature as will correct the redemption of their notes under a heavy penalty; Secondly, an individual liability imposed on the stockholders for the notes which they issue; and further, that no bank ought to be chartered without these provisions and restrictions.

12. Resolved, That the President of this convention appoint twenty-one persons to act as a State Central Committee of the democratic party, to issue one or more addresses to the people, and to take such other steps as, in their opinion, may be conducive to the success of our principles.

The Report and Resolutions having been read, on motion of Dr. Cameron the sense of the convention was taken on them separately, and they passed the convention unanimously—the question on the fourth Resolution being put by Dr. Andrews, one of the Vice Presidents.

On motion of Dr. Cameron, the name of the President of the Convention was added to the State Central Committee hereafter to be appointed.

Mr. Avery, of Burke, rose to respond on behalf of the western democracy, to the nomination of Col. Hoke. He said that although Col. Hoke would incur considerable sacrifices in accepting the nomination and going forth as the bearer of the democratic banner, yet he knew so well the attachment of that gentleman to the principles of the party, that he could venture to assure the convention he would not decline the nomination. He would canvass the State—he would bear any burden the cause might require him to bear—he would go into the campaign, and labor night and day, with that zeal and eloquence which so highly distinguish him, for the advancement and glorious triumph of the democratic party.

After Mr. Avery had concluded, a call was made for Col. Wheeler, of Wake, and Mr. Ellis, of Rowan, both of whom in succession addressed the convention in an able and animated manner.

The President announced the following gentlemen as the Committee to inform Col. Hoke of his nomination, and request his acceptance: Messrs. John Webster, of Lincoln, W. W. Avery, of Burke, and Gen. B. Graves, of Caswell.

On motion of Gen. Graves, of Caswell, the convention adjourned to meet at seven o'clock.

Seven o'clock, P. M.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment, the President in the Chair.

Mr. Thompson, of Lincoln, submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the democratic party throughout the State of North Carolina the formation of democratic Associations in each county in the State, for the purpose of diffusing information among the people.

The Convention was here entertained, at its request, by spirited and appropriate speeches from Messrs. Busbee, of Wake, Reid, of Cumberland, Bragg, of Northampton, Jackson, of Chatham, and Fitts, of Warren, all of whom responded with great warmth to the action just had by the Convention, and urged upon the party the importance of union and harmony, and high and persevering effort in the approaching campaign.

Mr. Palmer, of Caswell, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the democratic papers of North Carolina, and also in the Washington Globe.

Gen. Graves, of Caswell, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the President, Vice Presidents, and Secretaries, for

the able and faithful manner in which they have discharged their duty.

On motion of Mr. McRae, of Wake, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

LOUIS D. HENRY, President.

M. T. HAWKINS,
JOS. ALLISON,
S. A. ANDREWS,
W. F. LEAKE, } Vice Pres'ts.

WILLIAM W. HOLDEN,
WILLIAM H. BAYNE, } Secretaries.

Wm. H. Mayhew, Esq., has taken charge of the editorial department of the Newbernian, a Whig paper, published in Newbern, formerly edited by Mr. R. G. Moore, deceased.—*Wash. Rep.*

D. K. McRae, Esq. having withdrawn from the Editorial department of the Democratic Signal, that paper will hereafter be conducted by Perrin Busbee, Esq.—*Rat. Stand.*

We have been informed by Rev. L. K. Willie, of Granville, that the communication which appeared in the Richmond Enquirer, relative to the cultivation of Tea in that County, is all a hoax.

Clerical Depravity.—The Oberlin (Ohio) Evangelist announces to its readers that the Rev. H. C. Taylor, its late editor, has betrayed the confidence reposed in him by having been guilty for two years past of pilfering money from the Evangelist office, of embezzling funds sent by mail from subscribers, of pilfering from the drawer of the post office, to which he has had access, and of seduction under aggravated circumstances—all of which crimes he has fully confessed since his arrest and imprisonment. Of this person the Cleveland Herald says:

"He was in easy circumstances, respected and beloved, an active and honorable member of society, benevolent and useful, and devoted to the great work of 'doing good.' But in an evil hour he took the first false step, and he now confesses and mourns his crimes in a degraded felon's cell, while a multitude of friends to whom he had knit himself as with hooks of steel in the days of his uprightness, are pierced to the heart's core that in truth,

Who stole the livery of the court of heaven To serve the devil in."

His first false step was taken about two years ago. He was employed to go to Washington, and wanting more funds than were in his honest possession, he made up the deficiency from the Evangelist office, with the intention of accounting for it on his return. On arriving at home, and learning that no suspicion rested on him, instead of refunding the money he took another step in crime. The road to infamy became broader and swifter at each successive step, until the outward mask of virtue was finally lifted by the boldness of undetected and increasing depravity, and revealed to a shocked community the deformed and loathed hypocrite. Beware of the first false step!"

Fire and loss of life—Probable Murder.—The N. Y. Commercial of Tuesday says:—We understand that the house of Captain Housman of the schooner Whig, who arrived here this morning from Virginia, situated at Staten Island, north side, near Port Richmond, was burned to the ground last night. The wife and child of Capt. Housman perished in the flames. When the steamboat left the Island this morning, a general impression prevailed that the house had been robbed, the inmates murdered, and the premises afterwards fired. Captain Housman was known to be well off, and particularly to have received \$1,000 just before he sailed, which, with a handsome gold watch, he left at home. This and other property in the house is supposed to have led to the horrid crime, as neither watch, nor money, nor the silver spoons, of which there was a dozen and a half, nor Mrs. Housman's jewelry, or any other property, had been found."

Sad Death.—A young man at Lumberland, Sullivan county, New York, was drowned a week or two since by breaking through the ice. His brother was within reach of him, but could not aid him. A young lady to whom he was to have been married the next day, was attracted by his cries and saw him sink for the last time. The clergyman, who had been invited to marry them, preached his funeral sermon at the house appointed for the wedding. The young lady has since become insane.

John W. Jones, who has been sentenced to the Kentucky Penitentiary for living with two wives, excuses himself by saying that when he had one, she fought him; but when he got two, they fought each other.