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The Democratic County Convention, recently in session, nominated Messrs. T. J. Finch and J. Rom Smith as their candidates for the Legislature. Mr. Finch was present and a delegate to the Convention and declared that it seemed impossible for him to accept the nomination, but he considered the matter, his final decision being based upon business matters which closely engaged his attention, and engagements from which he could not release himself forced him to decline the nomination. Mr. Smith was not present at the convention which nominated him, and it was only after such nominations that the Executive Committee was advised of the illness of two members of his family, one of whom has been for some time in a hospital, which together with pressing business interests made it impossible for him to accept the nomination.

A short time ago Chairman Miller received as final the decisions of the gentlemen above named, and the Executive Committee being called together, (the County Convention having relegated to the Executive Committee the power to fill any vacancy that might occur on the county ticket) and unanimously agreed to tender the nomination for the Legislature to Messrs. O. R. Cox and H. B. Carter. These gentlemen after carefully considering the matter have both agreed to accept the nominations, and we are pleased to call the readers' attention to their card appearing in this issue in another column. Both Mr. Cox and Mr. Carter are making material sacrifices in thus becoming the Legislative candidates.

While the nominees chosen by the county convention are loyal true Democrats and good men, yet Messrs. Cox and Carter are splendid types of men and Democrats who are unsurpassed in standing and character by any citizens of the State.

The falsehoods circulated about the Democrats "hunting the woods for candidates" is of like character to the other false statements circulated throughout the county, as no man other than the candidates named above, have been approached by the Executive Committee, are solicited in any way to accept the nomination for the Legislature.

We call attention to Chairman Miller's card, in this issue, referring to the matter.

BACK TO THE SCHOOL ROOM

For the past two weeks back to the schoolroom has been the all-consuming thought of thousands of the studious North Carolina children. Back to the pursuance of routine drudgery and the instructions of bookish professors will be their portion for the many months that are yet to come and truly a richly portioned it is. They have cast their long summer vacation in the background and for the next seven or eight months they will spend their precious time in an entirely a different field of endeavor. A field that opens up the avenues of opportunity in many directions and bids them travel while they may. Though seemingly long they are to the average youth, they soon speed by, and then you must squarely face the so-called tough old world. And upon the issue of how well you have played your part in the school-room, will much depend as to how adroitly you can ward off the knocks that await you when once you step into the whirl of the business world of this—the 20th century.

It is therefore incumbent upon every school boy to heed the mark of the old adage, "make hay while the sun shines", by taking advantage of every opportunity that the school-

room offers—and then some. Let not the "unknown quantity" of the mathematical problems or the dryness of poetry or prose serve as a stumbling block in cheating you out of a thorough school training but meet the many apparently perplexing problems squarely and ferret out the solution in detail. By so doing you are preparing a safe road to travel when once you are called upon to fight life's battles in earnest, and in later years you'll fully realize the rich harvest that such a course reaps.

WHAT THE PLATFORM MEANS

Some Republicans in Randolph and elsewhere are troubled about the jargon of words about "local self-government" in the State Republican platform means. Mose Harshaw, the leader of the Republican party in the legislature says it means county local option and "likker." Tom Settle, who succeeds Judge Pritchard and Tom Rollins of the leader in charge of the Republican party in Western North Carolina, says it means town option, township option, mint juleps and "likker" everywhere, some of the smaller potatoes say first one thing and then another.

To be certain about some of the Republicans in this and other counties, have written Chairman Morehead to know what he and Butler meant by the platform as it is understood that Butler wrote it. Morehead did not know what to say and called the state committee together to tell him what to say. They did not know, so Dr. Mott, Tom Settle and Harry Skinner were appointed to tell him what to answer. They are now wrestling over the situation and an answer may be expected later on.

The first article of a thick and thin Republican creed, that is, the bosses who control it, is a blind inveterate prejudice against the fellows who belonged to some other party. According to their views no Democrat can do a praiseworthy thing. Loyalty to party does not mean blind, bitter abuse or disregard for the opinions of others. Such fanatical devotion to party is the ideal manner of conduct necessary to win the favor of those who are now going it wild and in charge of affairs of Republican policies in this bailiwick. If a Republican wears the label of fair dealing and takes off his hat to a good man elected to office. There are Republicans, and good men, too, who render unto Caesar that which is due him. They honor a public official who manifests a genuine desire to serve the people honorably and fearlessly, and any good citizen will respect such an official, and it makes little difference whether he be a Democrat, Republican or Missourian. The real people, not the two by four politicians, admire him and praise him, and take off their hats to him.

HOLTON AFRAID TO FACE THE MUSIC.

Mr. Editor: While in Greensboro to attend Federal court I found that it was advertised that District Attorney A. E. Holton, who has been in office 15 years, was to speak at the court house with the county candidates, in a big blow off on Friday night, Sept. 9th.

The wicked Democrats challenged the District Attorney to a joint discussion but District Attorney Holton was like his nephew down in Randolph, he didn't want to help furnish a crowd for Democrats to speak to. Judge Bynum was to preside and chairman Morehead was there and bless your life, what happened, the poorest speech anyone ever listened to. Bynum was there, Holton was there, Morehead was there and about half the candidates, and 95 other people, that was the full crop, half of the 95 being Democrats. If Charlie Holton, who thinks he is running for solicitor, draws crowds like Gene Holton drew here tonight in this great big city it will be gratifying to standback. I am an old-fashioned fellow and do not believe in these new fangled methods introduced in Randolph by Holton from Yaddin and Lewis from Montgomery. But they say up here that Butler has given out orders not to permit joint discussions, but most of the people think it is because Holton is too weak to defend their side.

Republicans who are ashamed of it and tired of not being permitted

to hear the other side, and of having to sit silent when their candidates are being accused of cowardice. It may that Republicans are more sore over being ordered by Butler not to permit any joint canvass, than they are over receiving invitations from Democrats.

Reluctant acquiescence is a new if not a dangerous disease. Treatment, bandages on the head and limbs, and a quiet retreat where further acquiescence or embarrassing suggestions or propositions cannot be made.

Day by day the number of Republicans increase in this county who prefer to let the little boys tarry at Jericho to let their beards grow.

An Announcement to the Public.

To the people of Randolph County: After having been chosen by the Democratic county executive committee as the Democratic candidates for the Legislature, we desire, in thus accepting the nominations, to say that any reluctance we may have felt in standing for these honors has proceeded not from lack of deep interest in Democratic principles, and belief that the best interests of our country are best served by that party; not from concern or apprehension of defeat at the polls, as Democratic success in this county this fall is certain; not because the foolishly false and wholly absurd statement and rumor has been circulated that Randolph is boss ridden and ring ruled, but from the fact that until very recently our private business affairs have seemed to demand our immediate and continuous personal attention, and that even now we are making sacrifices such as few men in the county understand in thus responding to what comes to us as a surprisingly spontaneous call of our countrymen throughout the county.

We have been solicited by all classes of our citizenship to make this race. Representative men of the county have urged us. We have been approached by men who are known as leaders of the Democratic party, but our duty was not made plain and imperative until all former arguments and representations had been reinforced and emphasized by the call of the brawn and sinew, that popular and most worthy body of citizens generally spoken of and known as the working class, and of the farmers of our county. The combined influences brought to bear upon us have convinced us that no personal sacrifice on our part can stand in the way of the duty that has thus been made plain to us, the duty that we owe to our country and to our countrymen, and now that we have yielded we enter the race to WIN, and we appeal to our citizens to aid us, not only by their votes, but that they use their influence in securing the attendance of their friends and neighbors at the polls.

Never in its history has the national Republican party been so flagrant in its abuse of power as now; never has it enacted more pernicious and injurious laws, resulting in the clogging of the wheels of industry, and consequent suffering of the cruelly oppressed hordes of unemployed, than at the recent sessions of Congress; never has its very life been in such jeopardy as now, brought about by internal warfare, dissensions and hatred. The people have awakened to the situation. Recent elections show that the laboring man of the North has aroused himself to the true situation, and is no longer the subservient pawn as in days gone by; the men of wealth and importance and of great influence have deserted the Republican ranks, and these have stood together and have hurled the malefactors from office and from trusts which have been betrayed.

The great West will return more Democrats to the next Congress than has before been known in its history, while the South will present the former solid Democratic front. Our own State will more sternly than ever rebuke that party which has chosen for one of its leaders a man who has been of any party and of all parties, and whose history shows that his membership in each has ended sadly.

Fellow citizens, our loins are girded for battle! We expect to make this an interesting campaign, and with the co-operation of the Democrats of the county we shall give the Radicals such a beating as they have not had in many years.

We regret that our opponents have refused a joint canvass. They confess, by that refusal, that they are unable to meet the array of incriminating charges that will be brought against their party, and seek by making reckless charges, and more reckless claims, at places and at times of their own selection, refusing to divide time, and free from the fear of question and contradiction, to denounce the people. Such methods are unfair, and fair

men with thinking minds will repudiate the party that insists upon such methods.

Very respectfully yours,
O. R. COX,
H. B. CARTER.
September 14, 1910.

NEWS OF ALL SORTS

Items of Interest Picked Up Here and There and Condensed

The contract has been given for the building of another cotton mill at High Point.

James A. Trexler, a well known citizen of Salisbury, died in that town last week.

S. W. Cooper, of Fayetteville, has been commissioned paymaster general of the North Carolina National Guard.

The Sothernal Traction Company have proposed plans on foot for building an electric road from Gastonia to Asheville.

The bridge just finished for the South Bound Railroad over the Rocky River is 750 feet long, and cost about \$110,000.

Zeb Griffin, in Wilson superior court last week, was given 20 years in the penitentiary for killing of his neighbor with an axe.

Contracts have been awarded to the Elliott Building Co., of Hickory by the Southbound Railway for depots on the line of the railway from Winston-Salem to Wadesboro at these stations: South Winston-Salem, Eller, Lexington, Fairmont, Tuckertown, Whitney, Albemarle, Norwood and Ansonville.

Mr. S. R. Winters has resigned and A. L. Fletcher succeeds him as associate editor of the Lexington Dispatch. Mr. Winters has accepted a position with the Asheboro Courier. Both are young men of ability and character, and we wish them success.—Greensboro Daily News.

A Very Small Affair

Work on the walls of the new passenger station is being pushed and a few more weeks will see the building completed. We have heard expressions of disappointment on all sides at the size of the building. Many thought the plans of the station called for a much larger building than the one that is being erected. Should Sanford grow in the next few years to be a town of 10,000 or 15,000—and it no doubt will—and should there be much increase of passenger business at this place; this station will be entirely too small to accommodate the public.—Sanford Express.

To the Public.

In view of the misleading and false rumors which have gone forth throughout the county, to the effect that the Democrats have been hard pressed in pursuit of candidates for the Legislature, to take the place of Messrs. Finch and Smith, who were forced to decline the nominations made at the Democratic County Convention, I desire to say that the Executive Committee has approached no man in any way with any suggestion or offer of the candidacy for the Legislature, except Mr. O. R. Cox and Mr. H. B. Carter to whom the nominations were tendered by the Committee at their last meeting, which nominees, I am pleased to state, after some hesitancy on their part on account of large business affairs, have accepted.

W. J. MILLER,
Chm. Dem. Co. Ex. Com.
Sept. 13, 1910.

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TRINITY NEWS.

Everybody is looking forward to the picnic and rally to be held at this place on the 17th. Jeffrey N. Elder, after spending a few days with his parents, has returned to the Medical College of Virginia.

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. McLamb with us for a few days.

Miss Ethel Fisher, of Fayetteville, is visiting her uncles, W. N. Elder and Ben Parker.

D. L. Elder has returned to the University of North Carolina.

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