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THEO. F. DAVIDSON FOR GOVERNOR

Buncombe County Presents Him for the Nomination.

Work of the Convention of County Democracy.

RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING THE PEARSON CONTEST, AND ENDORSING THE PROPOSED SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT.

The gathering of Buncombe's Democracy in county convention was called to business at noon today by Chairman J. D. Murphy and the call to order faced one of the most representative bodies ever convened at the people's call.

In his remarks prefacing the organization of the convention Chairman Murphy called attention to the fact that an entire new registration would be held for the coming election and he briefly outlined the cogent points of the new election law. He stated that copies of the law would be mailed throughout the county.

Chairman Murphy congratulated the Democracy upon the splendid efforts put forth in the last campaign and said that the harmony prevailing throughout the entire state augured triumphant success for the banner of white supremacy in the coming conflict.

In the nominations for officers of the convention Mark L. Reed was chosen temporary chairman and J. P. Kerr was made temporary secretary.

The temporary organization was made permanent by acclamation and the work of the convention proceeded under full representation of the precincts of the county.

FOR. GEN. DAVIDSON.

L. M. Bourne, from the Fifth Asheville precinct, offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the delegates from Buncombe county to the Democratic state convention are hereby instructed to urge upon that convention the expediency and necessity of selecting the candidate for the governorship from the western part of the state, to present the name of Gen. Theodore F. Davidson of Asheville, as that of the strongest leader who could be named for that position, and to use all honorable means and to exert every legitimate effort to secure the nomination of General Davidson as the standard bearer of the Democracy in the coming state campaign."

E. B. Atkinson offered a motion that the name of J. M. Campbell be added to the resolution for the position of railroad commissioner.

W. W. Jones offered an amendment that the name of B. R. Lacey be included as state treasurer.

J. M. Campbell addressed the convention and in his remarks stated that the fact of there being two candidates from Buncombe might militate against either or both gentlemen and requested that his name be withdrawn. Mr. Campbell said that above all matters in the election the amendment was to him above all else, and that for the success of General Davidson he was ready to stake all interests.

Mr. Campbell's name was withdrawn.

Discussion followed on the amendment endorsing Mr. Lacey and urgent appeals were made by James Ransom, W. A. Baker, W. W. Jones and O. R. Jarrett that such instructions should be given the delegates to the state convention.

For the purpose of presenting a solid front in the interest of General Davidson speeches against the amendment were made by Locke Craig, J. D. Murphy, J. M. Gudger and others.

FOR B. R. LACEY.

J. D. Murphy read the following letter from the Central Labor union:

"To the Buncombe County Convention:

"The Central Labor union of Asheville, N. C., at their meeting of March 5 unanimously endorsed the Hon. B. R. Lacey for state treasurer, and most respectfully ask the Buncombe county delegation to cast their entire vote for Mr. Lacey at the state convention. Respectfully, O. R. Jarrett, president; Wm. Francis, recording secretary."

Mr. Murphy pledged himself to read the letter of the union in the convention.

Mr. Jones withdrew the name of Mr Lacey when Mr. Murphy's statement had been made.

The resolution endorsing General Davidson was then unanimously passed.

W. M. Nettles and J. C. Curtis were appointed to notify General Davidson of the action of the convention.

PEARSON CONTEST.

The following resolutions were read by J. Y. Jordan:

"Whereas, in the congressional contest now pending between Hon. W. T. Crawford and Richmond Pearson, before the house of representatives of the United States, the said Pearson has succeeded in securing a favorable report, recommending that he be seated, and that our gallant Crawford be defrauded and robbed of the position to which a majority of the votes of the ninth congressional district elected him, which said report will probably be adopted; and

"Whereas, This report recommends that 19,600 voters be disfranchised because a negro rapist was lynched by both Republicans and Democrats in Macon county on the night before election, the said negro having brutally assaulted the wife of a Republican and the wife of a minister of the gospel in the absence of their husbands; and

"Whereas, This wholesale disfranchisement of the white voters of this district, and especially of the voters of Asheville township, Buncombe county, is attempted because a negro thief and perjurer—one Jas. W. Harrison—who is now serving a sentence for larceny in the chain gang of Buncombe county, was properly arrested for having falsely and maliciously sworn that a bribe had been offered him by two of the most honorable citizens of Buncombe county; and

"Whereas, The said Pearson and his Republican supporters have by this contest and these particular acts fairly and squarely placed themselves in support and approval of wilful and malicious attacks and assaults upon the persons and characters of the good white people of the Old North State; and

"Whereas, This same Pearson has infamously slandered and caused to be slandered our honored fellow citizen, J. Harry Martin, a man of unblemished character;

"Therefore, Be it resolved, by the Democrats of Buncombe county in convention assembled:

"1. That we denounce, condemn and despise this effort to overthrow the will of a majority of the voters of this district and we denounce and condemn the false, fraudulent and malicious slanders made by said Pearson against the people of the ninth congressional district in his notice of contest and brief, and we declare that Richmond Pearson and his sympathizers, by having made themselves the champions of a negro rapist and a negro thief and perjurer, should be despised and scorned by every respectable citizen of this district.

"2. That we especially condemn and denounce the effort to attach political significance to the lynching of the negro Mosley for having made the most brutal assault upon two respectable ladies who were assaulted in their own homes, in the absence of their husbands, when it has been clearly shown that there were Republicans, Populists and Democrats all in the lynching party.

"3. That we convey to Hon. W. T. Crawford our expressions of esteem and regard and assure him that this effort to cheat and defraud him only makes his friends and followers more resolute and determined to resent this act of injustice and mete out to his traducers that which they so richly deserve.

The resolutions were carried unanimously.

THE AMENDMENT.

J. D. Murphy offered the following resolution, which carried:

"Whereas, The general assembly has submitted to the electors of the state an amendment to the constitution to be voted upon on the first Thursday of next August,

"And, whereas, We believe that the ignorant negro vote is a menace to the peace and prosperity of the state;

"Now, therefore, Be it resolved by the Democrats of Buncombe county in convention assembled:

"1. That we believe that the ratification by the people of the proposed suffrage amendment would essentially promote the peace, prosperity and happiness of all the people of the state.

"2. That we pledge the united and harmonious support of the Democracy of Buncombe county to said amendment.

"3. That we invite the attention of all patriotic men, whatever may have heretofore been their party affiliations, to a careful, wise and judicious consideration of the provisions of said amendment, believing that the conclusion will be inevitably reached that the best interests of the state will be subserved by the elimination of the ignorant and misguided negro vote and the permanent political supremacy of the white race."

A resolution asking the assembly to abolish the present Criminal Circuit court and to establish in its stead additional Superior court districts, offered by Mr. Murphy at the request of the county commissioners and many citizens, was after discussion withdrawn.

DELEGATES.

On motion of J. P. Kerr the convention proceeded with the selection of delegates to the state convention.

The list chosen is as follows:

Asheville—No. 1, S. T. Dorsett, Max VanGilder; No. 2, Jno. A. Campbell; No. 3, J. Y. Jordan, W. P. Brown, H. B. Carter; No. 4, C. A. Webb, J. W. Summers; No. 5, L. M. Bourne, O. Battle, N. A. Reynolds; No. 6, J. M. Campbell, A. S. Barnard; No. 7, R. P. Foster, C. G. Lee; No. 8, Dr. A. Crawford; No. 9, W. G. Fortune, R. L. Francis, James Ransom.

Leicester—No. 1, R. D. F. Robertson, J. S. Brown; No. 2, J. E. Hampton; No. 3, W. J. Locke, E. L. Reynolds.

Upper Hominy—No. 1, W. B. Williamson; No. 2, R. J. Gaston, Donald Gillis.

At large—J. C. Martin, T. S. Morrison.

Swannanoa—G. M. Whitson, H. A. Coggins.

Sandy Mush—J. W. Dillon.

Avery's Creek—W. W. Jones.

Black Mountain—Locke Craig, T. P. Sutton.

Beaverdam—J. D. Murphy, B. H. Sumner.

Biltmore—No. 1, R. P. Walker, Kingsland Van Winkle; No. 2, N. A. Penland.

Fairview—J. B. Bostic, T. A. Jones.

French Broad—C. N. Parker, B. M. Jones.

Flat Creek—Thos. Blackstock.

Hazel—E. B. Atkinson, W. P. Pegram.

Haw Creek—M. L. Reed.

Lower Hominy—J. M. Gudger, E. F. Vandiver.

Ivy—No. 1, G. D. Carter; No. 2, W. R. Maney.

Limestone—W. M. Nettles.

Reems Creek—No. 1, Harry Smith, O. R. Jarrett; No. 2, Hardy Chambers.

General Davidson appeared before the convention and expressed his appreciation for the honor that had been conferred upon him.

General Davidson said he thought the west was entitled to the first place on the ticket this year, not only because this honor had gone east for many years, but because the battlefield of the campaign was to be in the west. The adoption of the amendment should be the paramount issue in the fight. This matter was above party. The welfare of the state is at stake. No judicial tribunal, state or national, had ever given a decision that could be construed into a hint that the plan proposed in North Carolina is unconstitutional.

On motion of W. J. Cocke the following additional names were added to the list of delegates:

E. P. McKissick, George F. Weston, J. A. Roebling, J. P. Kerr.

Mr. Roebling declined to act as a delegate, owing to ill health.

CLASS IN PSYCHOLOGY.

To Be Conducted by Prof. Morton at the Asheville College.

Prof. W. H. Morton of the Asheville College for Women, has consented to conduct a class in psychology for the benefit of adults interested in the subject. The class will meet once a week at the Asheville college, on Wednesday afternoon, in a session lasting three-quarters of an hour. The present course will begin Wednesday, March 14, and will terminate about the middle of May.

There will be no fee for instruction, and any person, man or woman, whose interest will lead him or her to do a moderate amount of reading on the topic under consideration will be welcomed to the class.

The treatment of the subject will follow in the main the recent work of G. F. Stout (University Tutorial Series—Hinds & Noble, N. Y.), but the student will not have to procure this particular treatise.

Articles in the Enc. Brit., IXth edition, or in any recent standard encyclopedia: or the works of Baldwin, James, Dewey and others, will answer the present purpose. It is hoped that those who expect to join the class will report at the first meeting, next Wednesday afternoon.

NEW CONVENIENCE.

Arrangements are being made by which the Asheville public will enjoy additional conveniences. The Asheville Transfer company will in a few weeks be enabled to check baggage from any house in Asheville to any residence in Atlanta, or vice versa, direct with railroad checks including transfer charge in both cities. The company hopes also to extend this to northern and western cities.

COTTON MARKET.

New York, March 10.—Cotton closed steady: March, 9.50; April, 9.47; May, 9.46; June and July, 9.39; August, 9.27; September, 8.40; October, 8.08; November, 7.94; December, 7.92; January, 7.92.

CONTESTED CASES IN THE HOUSE

The Vote Makes North Carolina Contestees Cheerful.

But'er Insists That Ewart Won't be Confirmed

INTERESTING FIGURES ON THE WEIGHING OF THE MAIL MATTER IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—[Special.]—The house decided its first contested election case for this session on Thursday. The result was probably gratifying to most of the Democratic contestees, although it resulted in a victory for the Republicans. The test, however, showed that there are several Republicans who are not disposed to vote in favor of the unseating of Democrats. The contest was that of Aldrich and Robbins of Alabama. The substitute resolutions, which the Democrats proposed to retain Mr. Robbins in his seat, were defeated by a majority of four. It should be remembered in this connection that the Republican majority in the house is 14. Mr. Aldrich was finally seated when the next roll call was taken by a majority of only seven.

Some seven or more Republicans declined to vote and this emphasized their disapproval of the scandalous method of carrying on election contests in congress. The case of Mr. Aldrich was a very strong one as election contests go in the house. It was reported from a committee which is noted for its fairness, committee No. 1. These two facts probably combined to put Mr. Aldrich through and they speak a great deal in favor of the other contestees who have much more reason for being kept in their seats.

It has made the North Carolina contestees very cheerful, and while nothing can be said definitely until the vote is taken, there are good prospects for Representative Bellamy and Representative Crawford. The argument in Mr. Bellamy's case has been concluded here this week before committee No. 2, and the presentation of his case was a very strong one. Mr. Frank I. Osborne made a very strong showing and Mr. Busbee was also very cogent in his talk. Mr. W. W. Dudley of this city, who spoke for Mr. Dockery, is a pension attorney and was formerly famous in Indiana for his participation in politics there and for his notable "Blocks of Five" letter. There is small prospect that either of the North Carolina cases will be urged for some little time, as the Young-Wise contest from Virginia, is now occupying the attention of the house, and will continue to do so for a few days. If Mr. Crawford's contest is not taken up next week, it probably will go over until some time in April.

AS TO EWART.

There have been no definite developments in the Ewart case here this week, although the rumor is still strong that Mr. Ewart's nomination will be withdrawn from the senate before long and that Asisstant Attorney General Boyd of Greensboro will be appointed as judge. This program, while forecasted in North Carolina, is not certain yet, although it is very probable. Senator Pritchard, as is well known, wanted originally to appoint General Boyd to this place. It was his personal choice, and he so informed the president, who, however, took it into his own hands to appoint Judge Ewart, with whom he had served in congress. Last winter President McKinley asked Senator Pritchard to accept the nomination himself, as the letters to The Citizen stated at the time, but the senator was averse then and is averse now to accepting a judgeship, although there is little doubt that he could have it now if he would like to have it that way. The interesting status of the case, however, is that hourly Judge Ewart's prospects grow less promising, and Senator Butler is very emphatic that Judge Ewart will

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GRACE LITERARY.

Discussion on Constitutional Amendment Postponed.

There was a large attendance at the Grace Literary last evening to hear the proposed constitutional amendment discussed. Owing, however, to the absence of two of the speakers, J. F. Gulliver of the affirmative, and Captain Patton of the negative, it was decided that this discussion be postponed till next Friday evening and another question discussed.

The question discussed was "Which is the greater evil—war or intemperance?" The affirmative was upheld by W. L. Baird and W. R. Baird, while the negative was defended by E. P. Stradley and H. A. Coggins.

The judges, Major Westall, Mr. Greenwood and W. H. Masters, rendered their decision in favor of the negative.

By request S. T. Coggins recited "The Shanghai Rooster," which was enjoyed by all. John Morris, at the close of the discussion, very creditably rendered "Barbara Frietchie's Flag."

THE ROAD MOVEMENT.

Meetings of Good Roads Directors and the Special Committee.

The condition of the mountain drives near the city and plans for putting them in shape for the summer were considered by the directors of the Good Roads association at their meeting last evening. As soon as the weather will permit, the association will begin work on each drive.

A communication was read from Acting Director M. O. Eldridge of the department of agriculture, conveying thanks to the association for the resolution recently passed asking the members of congress to vote for the appropriation bill for the department.

The committee appointed to consider the question of improvement of the county roads held a meeting in the old library building yesterday afternoon. Several plans were considered, and it was decided to hold another meeting next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30, in the office of H. S. Harkins.

GROCERY BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

WILLIAM KROGER PURCHASES A. D. COOPER'S STORE, AT 32 SOUTH MAIN STREET.

A. D. Cooper has sold his grocery business at 32 South Main to William Kroger and the purchaser takes charge at once.

Mr. Cooper began business here September 1, 1885, at the old wooden building which stood on the corner now occupied by Carmichael's pharmacy. After about 18 months he removed to the corner now occupied by J. Spangenberg, at which stand he remained for 12 years. He then moved to the store at 32 South Main.

Mr. Cooper says he is out of the retail business, after 15 years, "to stay out," but that he will engage in business of some sort as soon as he can find a favorable opening.

The new proprietor, Mr. Kroger, closed a very successful grocery business four years ago, on account of ill health. During the five years which he had conducted it he had gained the confidence of the people of Asheville, and had shown marked ability, especially in the fancy goods line. His health is now restored, and, after considering various localities, he decided upon Asheville as the most favorable field for again embarking in the same business.

GENERAL BULLER IS MOVING AGAIN

TWELVE THOUSAND BRITISH THREATENING BOERS FROM HELPMAKAAR DIRECTION.

London, March 10.—The only important change in the general situation in South Africa indicated by the news received up to noon today, is that General Buller is again on the move. The news comes in a dispatch from the Boer camp at Biggarsberg, dated Thursday, saying: "Twelve thousand British are threatening the Boer positions from the direction of Helpmakaar, while a party of British scouts was encountered at Waschbank, March 8."

This force is probably General Hunter's division, and it is considered quite possible that an attempt will be made to traverse the neck of Zululand into the Transvaal, thus effecting the double purpose of outflanking the Boers at Biggarsberg and threatening Vryheid and Utrecht.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW.

Decided on at a Meeting of Central Epworth League.

An important business meeting of Central Epworth League was held last evening, at which there was a large attendance. Possibly the most important business before the League was the appointment of a committee to provide for the holding of a chrysanthemum show in the autumn. For some of the workers in the League this is no new enterprise. They have had relation in such exhibits before and know how delightful a social occasion it makes and how profitable it is to the Leaguers.

According to the plans proposed all persons in the city and surrounding country, except florists, will be invited to raise chrysanthemums and enter the contest for the various prizes that are to be offered. Similar exhibits have been held in other places and have proven among the most interesting and profitable occasions ever held by the League.

For any particular information on the matter The Citizen's readers are referred to Mrs. J. H. Weaver, Aston street, who will be glad to give directions in detail. In order for the production of the most perfect plants the sooner the contestants begin the better, though they may be successfully raised as late as the first of May. As soon as the committee can complete arrangements a list of the prizes will be anounced, possibly as early as next week. It will be sufficient to state now that the exhibit will include the greatest variety, as well as the best colors and sizes.

BY HIS OWN RACE.

Hernando, Miss., March 10.—Thomas Clayton, a negro, was shot to death in this county by members of his own race because of a criminal assault on a girl. The blacks will not even bury the corpse and it remains on the ground.

E. J. PHELPS DEAD.

New Haven Conn., March 10.—Hon. E. J. Phelps, ex-minister to England, died at his residence on Humphrey street late yesterday afternoon. He had been ill since early in January with an attack of pneumonia.

GAZETTE OFF AS USUAL.

It is understood that J. H. Tucker, esq., has failed to unload his $500 horse on Dr. W. V. Powell.

TAYLOR CALLS FOR THE GUARD AGAIN

Sends No Answer to Two Messages From the Police.

Two Alleged Suspects Have Not Been Arrested.

SAID TO BE IN EXECUTIVE BUILDING AND THE SOLDIERS REFUSE TO ALLOW THE POLICE TO SEARCH.

Frankfort, Ky., March 10.—Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Captain John W. Davis, the two alleged suspects for whom warrants were issued last night, have not been arrested. They are said to be in the executive building of the state capital and the soldiers guarding the building have refused to allow the police to search for them.

It was rumored around the streets two or three hours before the police went to Davis' residence last night to look for them that warrants had been issued and they got wind of it and took shelter in the house.

The police made a second demand to be allowed an entrance to the executive building this morning, but the guards said they had orders not to admit any one today. They declined to say who gave the orders.

Governor Taylor and Adjutant General Collier sent no answer to two messages sent to them by the police.

It is reported that Governor Taylor has issued orders for all state guards who recognize him as governor to come to the state capital at once, and stirring times are apparently not far ahead.

During the morning Sheriff Suter took warrants for the arrest of Secretary of State Powers and Captain Davis to the state house and was admitted to see Adjutant General Collier. He informed Collier that he desired to enter the executive building for the purpose of serving warrants, and in the name of the commonwealth demanded that he be permitted to do so.

Collier refused, saying that acting under orders from Governor Taylor, nobody would be admitted to the executive building for an indefinite period.

Sheriff Suter at noon began swearing in a big force of deputies to aid in arresting Powers and Davis.