

THE BEACON.

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E. S. WHITE, Editor and Proprietor.

COUNTY TICKET.

- For the Legislature, C. C. LYON. For Sheriff, W. S. CLARK. For Treasurer, J. M. BENSON. For Register of Deeds, W. J. MCKAY. For Surveyor, A. A. TROY. For Coroner, L. A. REGISTER.

National Democratic Ticket.

- For President: GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York. For Vice-President: ALLEN G. THURMAN, of Ohio. For Electors for the State at large: HON. A. M. WADDELL, of New Hanover, F. N. STRUDWICK, of Orange.

State Democratic Ticket.

- For Governor: DANIEL G. FOWLE, of Wake County. For Lieutenant-Governor: THOMAS M. HOLL, of Alamance. Secretary of State: WILLIAM L. SAUNDERS, of Wake. Treasurer: DONALD W. BAIN, of Wake. Auditor: GEO. W. SANDERLIN, of Granville. Superintendent of public instruction: SIDNEY M. FINGER, of Catawba. For Attorney-General: THEODORE F. DAVIDSON, of Beaufort.

Associate Justice of Supreme Court.

- JOSEPH J. DAVIS, of Franklin. ALMONSO C. AVERY, of Burke. JAMES E. SHEPHERD, of Beaufort.

District Democratic Ticket.

- For Congress—3d District: CHARLES W. McCLAMMY, of Pender. Presidential Elector: CHARLES B. AYCOCK, of Wayne.

We commence with this issue the publication of the BEACON in the place of the ENTERPRISE. The BEACON will be all home print. It will be conducted under the same management and its principles will be the same. Whether the change be wise or not, it is a necessity. The ENTERPRISE as a four-page paper has not paid the expenses of publication. Its owners have not been paid for one moment's time spent on writing or working for the paper. We believe that a paper of this size, all home print, will be self supporting. We think that the people of the County have pride enough in their section to sustain a home paper.

We do not think there is any thing in a name; and as we had to buy a head for our paper, we preferred a short one, not common in this part of the Union, and we decided, as we have "Stars" and "Suns", to call it the "BEACON."

The person who remarked that the New York Star as a Democratic champion combines the executive ability of a battering ram with the business end of a hornet, was not far out of the way. It is a great Star!

ALEXANDER McDONALD.

The Republican party has nominated Alex. McDonald for Register of Deeds. It therefore, becomes the duty of every voter to ask the questions, is he honest, is he incorruptible. If he is dishonest, if he is corrupt, no good man should support him for office, however well qualified he may be in other respects. While it is unpleasant to refer to a man personally, yet when a man becomes a candidate for office his record belongs to the public, and every man has an inalienable right to enquire into it, and learn whether it be good or bad. The light of the BEACON will ever shine on the dark ways of corrupt men, and make them plain to the public.

We say boldly, and we will substantiate it before we get through: THAT ALEXANDER McDONALD, REPUBLICAN NOMINEE FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS, IS TOO DISHONEST, TOO CORRUPT, TO BE ENTITLED TO THE VOTE OF ANY GOOD CITIZEN IN BLADEN COUNTY. Why do we say so?

Because, 1st. HE HAS FALSIFIED THE RECORDS OF HIS OFFICE. In 1887, R. H. LYON, acting as Attorney for C. & G. Cooper & Co., sold a saw mill to M. I. P. Clark. To secure the purchase money, he took two mortgages on the mill and fixtures, one to himself for \$150 to secure his fees, and one to Cooper & Co., for about \$650 to secure the amount due them. He did not intend that either mortgage should have priority. To show that he was acting in good faith, he took both mortgages to the Clerk's office, and probated them at the same time, and left them with the Clerk to be delivered to the Register of Deeds for Registration. The two mortgages were in one package, and the Clerk, Geo. F. Melvin, who is a man of truth and probity, says that he did not separate the mortgages, but delivered to Mr. McDonald at the same moment of time. But what does the probate book show?

The following is the Record from the probate book, and the receipts are both in Alexander McDonald's hand writing:

Grantor: M. I. P. Clark. Grantee: R. H. Lyon & Co. Date of Probate: 30th July 1887. Register of Deeds: A. McDonald. The receipts which are in McDonald's hand show conclusively, that he received the two mortgages on the same day, and Mr. Melvin says he gave them to him without separating the mortgages. The mortgages were, therefore, placed in his hands on July the 30th 1887, but what became of them. He took them to his office, reads them, and sees that they are on the same property and that one of them is in favor of R. H. Lyon, the surety on his official bond, and the other in favor of C. & G. Cooper & Co., whom he cared nothing for, and who had never done him a favor. The time was coming on when it would be necessary to renew his official bond. So, he records the two mortgages, and records the filing for registration as follows:

M. I. P. Clark to R. H. Lyon & Co., Filed for Registration at 3 o'clock p. m. on 30th day of July 1887. A. McDONALD, Register of Deeds. See Book of Chattel Mortgages page 68. M. I. P. Clark to C. &

G. Cooper & Co. Filed for registration 1st day of August at 8 o'clock a. m. 1887, and registered on the 5th day August 1887.

A. McDONALD, Register of Deeds.

See Book of Mortgages, No. 4 pages 778-779. These records can be seen in the Register of Deeds office by any one who desires to read for himself. The filing of the mortgage to R. H. Lyon & Co., was true; and it follows as a matter of course that the date of filing of the mortgage to C. & G. Cooper & Co., was false. McDonald's receipt on the Probate Book in the Clerk's office shows that both mortgages were recorded for on the same day. He received them at the same time. The law fixed them when they went into his hands. Did he act corruptly? Judge him by his own confession. During the following fall he went to Capt. R. B. Lyon to ask him to sign his bond for renewal. Captain Lyon told this writer that Mr. McDonald remarked to him about the time that he wanted him to sign the bond, that he noticed that the two mortgages referred to above were on the same property, and that one of them was made to him, and that he had put the R. H. Lyon & Co. mortgage ahead of the Cooper & Co. mortgage as a favor to Mr. Lyon. Mr. Lyon said that he had intended no priority, and that McDonald was responsible for the way in which the mortgages were placed on the records.

Because, 2nd. His treatment of Archie McArthur col. shows that he was, and is now fully capable of making false entries on his records whenever he can accomplish any object by so doing. HE DEFRAUDED ARCHIE MCARTHUR OUT OF HIS ONE THIRD INTEREST IN THE TOWN LOT ON WHICH S. M. LLOYD & BROS. NOW DO BUSINESS. Some years ago McArthur and two others bought the lot from Nick Bizzell and wife. Bizzell said that there was a mistake in the deed, and that it conveyed more land than he intended to sell, and refused to allow his wife to have her privy examination taken. By some means McDonald claimed that he owned an interest in the lot. McArthur had decided to sell and his partner, in his possession. Thinking that, as McDonald was Register, he would act honestly, he gave his deed to him to have the privy examination of Nick Bizzell's wife taken, and the deed probated. Not getting his deed back, McArthur became suspicious, and sent to McDonald for the deed. McDonald pretended that the deed had been misplaced. Again and again, day after day, and some times more than once a day McDonald sent for the deed, and after he was put off with some excuse. The deed was finally produced and surrendered to McArthur, but not until Alex. McDonald had procured a deed to himself for the same property, and had recorded the deed and felt safe in his attempt to steal McArthur's land. We use the plain old fashioned word, for such nefarious practices deserve no softer term. He then sold the lot to the Lloyd Bros., and pocketed the money.

This transaction shows that McDonald is void of every principle of honor. No doubt, McArthur had voted for him. He had run on the Republican ticket, as the colored man's candidate, and as his special friend. McArthur, therefore, reposed special trust and confidence in him. He betrayed that trust, and defrauded McArthur out of his land. Now, what are the colored voters going to do about it? Elect him, and thereby stultify themselves, and give their indorsement at the polls of his treatment of one of their own race! What will all voters do about it? Elect him, and thereby endorse him in the falsification of the Records of his office! No. We have a better opinion of the voters of Bladen County, both white and colored. The

colored voters are much better educated than they were twenty years ago when they blindly followed the lead of a few white men. The time has come when the interests of their own race demand that they should vote intelligently and not as so many machines worked in the interest of the Republican party, and voting for the ticket regardless of the want of honesty in the men that they vote for. They ought to show the world that their educational improvement has better qualified them for the exercise of the ballot.

Voters should recollect that when they elect a man to office, that it is a recommendation of him to the rest of the world that he is honest and worthy of trust and credit. In other words, it gives him credit with the world. Now, what will other people, the outside world, think of the judgment of the people of Bladen county if we elect such a man to office. Your own self respect, fellow citizens, demands that you defeat such characters and set your self right with the rest of the world.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

The delegates met in Court House at 12 10 p. m. and were called to order by Hon. John Newell Co. ex. member of the Legislature and Chairman of the County Executive Committee, who explained the object of the convention. On motion, John Newell was elected permanent chairman, and M. J. H. was nominated for secretary. McKeithan declined on the ground that he and the Chm. were from the same township and nominated Rev. W. H. Graham. Graham declined the nomination. S. M. King Jr., was placed in nomination and refused to act. B. M. Roberts—late democrat—was nominated and elected. Roberts declined the election, and nominated W. H. Sykes. Sykes declined the nomination and gave as a reason that he had a sick child at home. At this stage of the proceedings,

Rev. J. W. Davis who had been previously nominated and who had excused himself was again nominated and elected. Moved, not to allow any one, except delegates in the bar. Moved, that the roll of townships be called. Roll called, and all townships found to be represented except Turnbull. No contest. The chair orders the roll of townships to be called on nominations for Representatives. Rev. Thos. Brown takes the floor to nominate J. A. Sutton. Says that the Republican party is a party of backbone, and has never been fairly defeated in Bladen County. He was going to nominate a man whose character was good. Did not believe in anything but Republicans. At this point, some delegate interposed the objection, that we are here to nominate men not to make speeches. The chair overruled the objection. The speaker continued, and placed the name of J. A. Sutton before the Convention. Dan McKeithan reads a note from J. A. Sutton pledging himself to abide by the action of the convention and to support the ticket. S. M. King Jr., nominated W. J. Sutton. He claimed that the Republican party had a right to carry the County; that his candidate had never been defeated; that his nomination meant the defeat of the democratic nominee. June McKay attempted to speak, and was interrupted by the chair who objected to personalities. The chair seemed to have an idea that something unpleasant was going to be said by the speaker—McKay explained that he was going to second the nomination of J. A. Sutton. The chair then allowed him to proceed. He made a strong speech. He said that he had come to nominate a true Republican; that we are tired of having voters bought like turpentine, and then sold out to the highest bidder.

J. W. Davis addressed the convention urging the nomination of the strongest man, but did not

name him. He appealed to the convention to transact its business with dispatch, and in a gentlemanly manner.

Gibbs Shaw seconded the nomination of W. J. Sutton, and referred to J. I. Cain.

John Guyton attempted to address the convention. Some one raised the point of order, that Mr. Guyton was not a delegate. The Chair ruled that the objection was well taken and Mr. Guyton was silenced.

On motion nominations were closed. On the first ballot, J. A. Sutton received 20 1/2 votes, and W. J. Sutton 18 1/2.

On motion, the nomination of J. A. Sutton was made unanimous.

Alex. McDonald was nominated for Register of Deeds by acclamation. W. J. Sutton placed B. M. Roberts—late democrat—in nomination. He said that Mr. Roberts had been a democrat, but had repented (for the sake of an office—the brackets are ours—). That he had been a democratic magistrate appointed by the last Legislature against his protest, and had some influence which he would use.

On motion Mr. Roberts was nominated by acclamation.

John W. Downing was placed in nomination for Surveyor, by W. J. Sutton. Mr. Sutton said in his behalf that he had been studying surveying, and was apt to learn—Did not say that he had learned—He too had some influence which would help the ticket. On motion, Mr. Downing was nominated by acclamation.

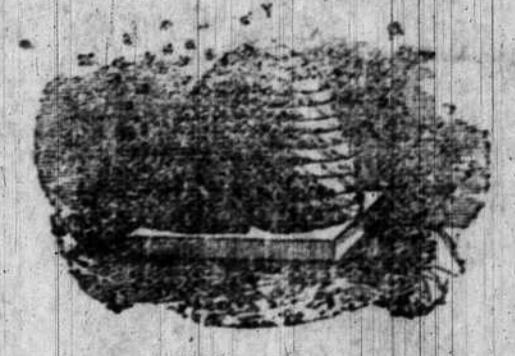
Mr. C. B. Pridgen was placed in nomination for Treasurer, but declined. S. M. King Jr., was placed in nomination and declined to accept. W. J. Sutton addressed the Convention complimenting Mr. Pridgen, and claiming that he was sold out two years ago. Mr. Cashwell was placed in nomination. Rev. Tom Brown took the floor, and asked in an insinuating way, what Cashwell had been placed before the convention. This brought John Hayes to his feet. He told Brown to set down, and not to talk, to the convention all day that the Cashwell spoken of was a parson just like Brown, a good man, and was named James.

W. J. Sutton says that no good Republican could make a bond before this Board of Commissioners, and moves that the nomination of Treasurer be left open and referred to the Executive Committee with power to make a nomination if they should think proper. Adopted.

H. H. Barnhill was nominated for Coroner, by acclamation. W. J. Sutton said that Mr. Barnhill had been a Republican up to two years ago, when he voted with the Democrats, but had come back to the Republican party, and would accept the nomination.

On motion the Convention adjourned.

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