

Craven County Peoples Party Convention.

The Peoples Party convention of Craven County, was called to order by W. H. Smith, chairman.

The following resolutions were presented by Hardy H. Perry, and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, An important election is upon us involving the interests of which concern every voter in the State, whether he be a Populist or Republican, it is necessary that harmony should prevail.

We co-operated in 1894, with the Republican party to secure a fair and honest election law; and feel that to preserve the liberty of the people, one victory two years ago, it becomes necessary for us to co-operate in this election.

Resolved, That we, the Peoples Party of Craven County, in convention assembled, this 22nd day of August, 1896, resolve that we will support the State ticket on fusion lines as put out by our late State convention and endorsed by the Republican State Executive Committee.

The chairman declared nomination for Representative and county clerk in order. H. H. Perry placed in nomination John Allen Jackson, of Vanceboro for Representative, his nomination was unanimous.

James W. Biddle, of New Bern, was nominated and endorsed by every delegate, for Sheriff.

James F. Clark was nominated for Treasurer by W. Z. Boyd and unanimously endorsed.

H. H. Perry received the full endorsement of the past party affiliations, are requested to continue in the nomination of their respective offices.

On motion of Mr. G. L. Connors, the convention adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

The Populist convention for the 8th Congressional District met in Lenoir, on Thursday, the 20th day of August, 1896. All the counties were represented except Wilkes and Surry.

Resolved, That we stand to-day in all situations. So has patriotism organized, viz: For the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the rate of 16 to 1 and to show our faith by our works we pledge our support to the candidates nominated by the national Populist convention recently held at St. Louis, Mo. viz: Wm. J. Bryan and Thos. E. Watson for President and Vice-President.

Resolved, Further, That we pledge our support to the candidates nominated by the Populist State convention which met in Raleigh, August 13, 1896.

and White, of Alexander, were appointed by the chair to notify Mr. Linney of the action of the convention. Mr. Linney appeared before the convention amid great applause and after thanking the delegates for the confidence reposed in him, made as strong a free silver and anti-bond bill speech as could have been expected from Mr. Butler himself, and to the entire satisfaction of every Populist present.

Mr. W. W. Teague, of Alexander county, was the unanimous choice of the delegates for elector for the 8th district and he was elected.

The chairman made some fitting remarks congratulating the Populist party for the wonderful success that they have achieved for the past two years, and urging them to still greater efforts to advance the great cause they have espoused.

Resolved, That we endorse the Peoples Party platform adopted at St. Louis, the 22nd of July, 1896, and we also endorse the action of the Peoples Party national convention and congratulate the national convention in its patriotism in placing the true interest of our country above party.

Resolved, That we believe it is the duty of all true silver advocates to vote for W. J. Bryan and Thos. E. Watson for President and Vice-President regardless of past party affiliations.

Resolved, That we fully endorse the platform adopted by our State convention and also the nominees.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to stand firm by our system of county government as was enacted by our late legislature, a county government by the people and for the people.

Resolved, That we do appreciate the patriotism of our United States Senator from North Carolina, the Hon. Marion Butler, in his efforts for reform in the United States government.

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PEOPLES PARTY STATE PLATFORM. The Peoples Party platform of North Carolina, in convention assembled at Raleigh, on the 18th day of August, 1896, hereby reaffirms its unqualified allegiance to the principles of the party, and hereby approves the platform of the Peoples Party adopted at its National convention held in the city of St. Louis, July 22nd, 1896.

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Resolved, That we demand that bona fide settlers on all public lands be provided free homes and be provided for in the national Homestead law, and that no exception be made in the case of Indian reservations when opened for settlement, and that all lands not now patented come under this demand.

Resolved, That we favor a system of direct legislation through the initiative and referendum under proper constitutional safeguards.

Resolved, That we demand the election of President and Vice-President and United States Senators by a direct vote of the people.

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