

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING.

"Organization" Democrats Denounce Self-Styled "Reformers" and Call Mass Meeting—Prominent Democrats Sign Call.

The "organization" Democrats who met at the court-house last Saturday have issued the following call:

The undersigned Democrats hereby call for a mass meeting of the Democratic voters of Wake County, to be held at the court-house, in the city of Raleigh, on Saturday, October 1, 1910, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The purpose of this call is to nominate a ticket of straight Democrats for all the county offices and for the Legislature.

Our reasons for making this call are:

(1) Because the ticket put out by the self-styled "Reformers" mass meeting and nominated at the primaries in June is not a Democratic ticket. It is a "Mugwump" ticket. The head of the ticket, Dr. Sikes, admitted in his opening speech at the Metropolitan Hall that he had bolted the National Democratic platform in 1896 or 1900 and voted for McKinley, and that two years ago he bolted and refused to vote the Democratic county and legislative ticket. In his speech he said, in substance, that he had no apologies to make for any of these things, but, on the contrary, would do so again under similar circumstances. Such Democracy is a Democracy of disruption and disorder; yet Dr. Sikes is foisted on the Democrats of this county as their leader and as chief promulgator of Democratic doctrines! Then, too, it is well-known that both Mr. I. H. Lynn and Mr. R. E. Pace have been for several years active and recognized Republicans. We do not feel that true Democrats are called upon to vote for such men, or for those who are on the ticket with them and who aided in having them nominated.

(2) Our second reason for calling the mass meeting is, that the ticket nominated in the June primaries was nominated by the Republican votes. The so-called "reformers" a few days before the primaries, recognized that the regular Democrats of this county was the choice of the Democratic party in this county, and they began at once to run in all the Republicans that could be persuaded to vote, and at the same time had their organ, the News and Observer, to falsely and fraudulently charge in its daily issues that the regular Democratic ticket had arranged to steal the election and to vote Republicans in the primary. They knew such a charge was false and was made to hide their own fraudulent methods. It is well-known that some of the townships where their ticket got the biggest majorities cast many more votes than the total number of all Democrats living in those townships. If such methods are to be tolerated in Democratic primaries, then it will be hard for real Democrats to ever receive a nomination.

(3) Our third reason for calling the mass meeting to put out a true Democratic ticket is, that the campaign of the so-called "Reformers," for thirty days or more prior to the primaries, was one of bitter and cruel vilification, lying and misrepresentation. It was conducted, in chief, by Josephus Daniels and J. W. Bailey, but the candidates whom these two represented not only approved of what Daniels and Bailey said and did, but they also openly endorsed in their campaign speeches the false and malicious charges and misrepresentations made by Daniels and Bailey against the candidates on the regular Democratic ticket. They knew that not one of the court-house officers had done anything that would justify the charges made, yet they charged with fraud, with corruption and even with attempts to bring about murder! Was there ever such a villainous political campaign waged against Democrats by men who claimed to be Democrats? We do not believe that any man of character, whether Democrat or not, justifies such a campaign as was conducted by the self-styled "Reformers."

"We do not think Democrats are called on to support the ticket nominated at the June primaries, for the reasons above given, and we think that it would be a great misfortune to the Democratic party for such a ticket to be elected. If they are elected, then in the future primaries will be open for everybody to vote in, whether Democrats or not; if they are elected, then in the future Josephus Daniels, J. W. Bailey, Dr. Sikes, and others of their kind, will feel justified in destroying the character and reputation of any Democrat by malicious misrepresentations and false charges, whenever it suits their purpose to do so; if they are elected, then, in the future, mugwumps, Republicans and men of all kinds of political faith, will feel that they have the right to go into our primaries and seek nominations at the hands of Democrats. We claim that Democratic primaries should not be prostituted to any such purposes, and we want true Democrats of Wake County who think as we do about these matters to come to the mass meeting on Saturday, October 1st, 1910.

Needham Pool, R. M. Davis, John Stevens, J. D. Pleasants, P. V. Mitchiner, Will Taylor, Moses Foch, Alfred Powell, Joe Partin, M. E. Gooch, R. H. Blake, J. U. Horton, Sam Mitchiner, Thomas Powell, J. T. Hor-

ton, A. S. Cozart, J. C. Adams, C. F. Johnson, W. T. Hodge, Wm. H. Hamilton, O. B. Weatherspoon, J. F. Adams, F. H. Holloway, J. M. Stevens, J. B. Wilson, E. C. Horton, J. E. Stevens, J. R. Ray, L. D. Stephenson, G. G. Wall, A. L. Leonard, S. C. Sea-Groves, R. N. Griffin, C. D. Powell, M. B. Durham, J. E. Chappell, Henry Chappell, A. G. Mangum, C. T. Hester, G. H. Alford, John R. Allen, B. Harris, W. A. Gower, G. W. Pegram, J. J. Dunn, W. B. Dunn, Jr., Geo. E. Gill, J. T. Mitchiner, Thomas Griffin, Geo. D. Meares, R. H. Templeton, Jno. S. MacDonald, B. Hobgood, P. W. Dowd, J. B. Powers, Falc Mooneyham, W. N. Oneal, J. J. Lewis, Everett Loyd, O. F. Adams, R. H. Hester, E. F. Dickerson, J. W. Pegram, A. F. Taylor.

What the County Will Get.

"The size of the Democratic victory that will be announced on the morning of November 9th, will be staggering. It will include an overwhelming majority in the House of Representatives and a gain of many United States Senators. Ohio, the President's own State, will be lost to the Republicans. New York, the State of the ex-President, will be sweepingly Democratic. Majorities will be so large that people will tire of computing them."—New York World, Thursday, Aug. 25, 1910.

If the result is thus certain, and everything is over except the shouting, it is pertinent to inquire what the country will get as a consequence of the revolution, says the New York Globe. If the overwhelming majority of us are to invest our ballots as indicated what dividends will be paid? What is the Democratic programme? What will we be voting in? Practical persons desire an answer to these questions, for political matters affect business, and business conditions affect every man's material welfare.

It is hardly worth while to go back to the Democratic platform to get a statement of Democratic purpose. Mr. Bryan wrote that platform, and recent events have indicated that Mr. Bryan is no longer in command. To what, then, shall we turn for a statement? The voices of individual Democrats are numerous, but they are contradictory. No one can gather from them with any surety what is present-day orthodox doctrine. It is not going too far to say that Democratic authority can be quoted in favor of and against practically every known political and economical proposal. A sad state of muddle exists on the Republican side, but its stream is clear and crystal compared with the Democratic muddiness. Mr. Hearst has indicated that he proposes to be a Democrat this year; so have many of Mr. Cleveland's friends, so have not a few former Republicans and independents, some of them on the ground that the Republican party is entirely too radical and others on the ground that it isn't radical enough.

In the absence of other authority, one turns with some measure of hope to the Campaign Book recently issued by the Democratic Congressional Committee. Here is something official. Party funds have paid for its printing. It has been compiled by duly authorized agents and editors, and it contains what is to be regarded as the latest orthodox Democratic doctrine. It is a copious book, having no less than 515 pages. But alas! the reading of it but increases confusion. What will the Democratic party attempt to do if it gets control of the House and Senate? It is not stated—not even hinted. There is plentiful complaint, page after page, of what the Republicans have done, but not a suggestion concerning the line of conduct it is proposed to substitute.

Mexico's Brilliant Reception Greatest Event in Its History.

Mexico City, Sept. 23.—The most brilliant and costly event in the history of Mexico took place here to-day when 7,000 people were guests of President Diaz at a monster reception and ball in the national palace. The affair proved to be the most notable event of the month's centennial of independence celebration. For two hours a constant stream of automobiles and carriages poured through the three carriage entrances, while hundreds entered the building at the places designated for those who went on foot. The electrical decorations, both interior and exterior, surpassed anything of the kind ever seen in the capital. Over 30,000 incandescent lights were used in the decorative scheme on the saloons, ball rooms and dining rooms, while 10,000 lights illuminated the exterior of the palace.

Shortly after 11 o'clock the resident and visiting diplomats, including ambassadors and envoys to the celebration from foreign governments, were ushered into a special dining hall. The remaining guests were served in other apartments. Thirty-nine nations were represented in the brilliant assembly. The members of the commission of the United States were present. People who did not own their private conveyances and who had neglected to noon today to engage them were compelled to pay as much as \$100 for a carriage to take them to the palace. The feature of the celebration festivities today was the laying of the cornerstone of the legislative palace at which President Diaz officiated.

WAKE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

Declares That County's Affairs Have Not Been Properly Administered—The Jury Box Should Be Purged—Vicious and Unequal System of Road Taxation Denounced—School System as at Present Administered Unfair to the People.

At the County Convention, held August 6th, the Republicans of Wake County, adopted the following resolutions:

"We, the Republicans of Wake County, in convention assembled, do hereby adopt the following resolutions, to-wit:

(1) That we re-affirm our true allegiance to the National Republican party and its principles and commend and endorse the present Republican National administration.

(2) We hereby declare in favor of local self-government in its broadest, truest sense, and direct our delegates elected to the State Convention to use every honorable means to have the State Convention to so declare its platform.

(3) We hereby re-affirm the declaration made in our county platform two years ago favoring the putting of the county officers of Wake County on a salary basis with reasonable salaries.

(4) We hereby declare for a more economical administration of our county and city affairs and the lowering of our tax rate in both county and city.

(5) That the delegates elected by this convention as its representatives to the State Convention to be held at Greensboro on August 10th, be, and they are hereby, instructed to vote for the Hon. John M. Morehead for State Chairman of the Republican party in North Carolina for the next two years."

At the re-convened meeting on September 17th, these were supplemented by the following:

In addition to the platform adopted by the Republican County Convention, held on the 6th day of August, 1910, we hereby endorse the platform as passed by our State Convention on August 10, 1910, and we desire to further go on record as favoring in Wake County the purging of the jury box and the selection of men on juries who more properly represent the real citizenship of the county—the remedying of the present system of double taxation—the unfair manner and enforcement of road taxation—allowing school districts the selection and election of their school officers. We demand a fair election law, which will permit every qualified elector to cast one free and untrammelled ballot, without interference or dictation.

We favor the depositing of funds collected by the officers of this county and school funds in such banks as will allow 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly and hereby pledge our candidates to such offices, if elected, to so deposit said funds.

"Whereas, We learn that many farmers in Wake County in convention assembled, have resolved to request their representatives in the next Legislature to take such steps as will secure the establishment of the office of County Commissioner of Agriculture; and—

Whereas, They are the best judges of the necessity of such a commissioner; therefore, be it—

"Resolved, That the Republican party in Wake County hereby declares if its candidates for the Legislature are elected to give favorable consideration to such legislation and the establishment of such a commissioner."

Col. Harris then offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

"Resolved, That this convention condemn the action of the County Board of Education at the instigation and upon the recommendation of Supt. Judd, in consolidating the public schools in Swift Creek and House's Creek townships, against the most earnest protest of a very large majority of the patrons of these schools; and to their great annoyance and inconvenience.

"Resolved, That we demand that the law be amended so as to elect the Superintendent of Schools of this county by the voters of this county, and that the nomination of the father of Mr. Judd was for the express purpose of continuing Superintendent Judd in his present position, and we therefore urge the people to vote against him."

Then and Now. Robeson Advance.]

When the Democratic party was in control of the National Government and passed the Democratic tariff law the prices of all kinds of farm produce went down below the cost of production. The factories closed down and turned millions of laboring people out of employment, thousands of whom tramped the country and begged for bread because they could not find employment. They wanted to work, but no one was able to hire them and pay them wages. Our Democratic friends then told us that the cause of low prices and shut downs was due to the fact that our people by industry had produced an over-production in every line—too much cotton, too much bread and meat, too much manufactured goods of every description, more than the world could consume, that we were living too fast, that we must economize, diversify our crops more and return

to primitive modes. The people demanded, and even begged for relief, but the party and party leaders could suggest no remedy but free trade and free silver. In disgust the people turned about-face at the next election and elected William McKinley President and a Republican Congress. The Republicans set about to bring relief to the people and prosperity to the country. They enacted a new tariff law, one that protected American labor and American industries. They enacted into law a sound monetary system, at the same time revised and enlarged the National banking system, thereby increasing the currency of the country. Confidence was restored, the wheels of industry commenced to turn, labor was employed at fair wages, the price of farm products advanced, and for the last decade the country has enjoyed a degree of prosperity, such as the world has never seen before. Now in the midst of great National prosperity, shall we vote against our interest and elect Democrats to Congress? It is suicidal. In this district let us vote for Iredell Meares. He stands for sound, constructive business policies.

A Big Republican Club Organized at Thomasville.

Thomasville, N. C., Sept. 22.—The Republicans of Thomasville were called to meet in Finch's hall to organize a Republican club. At the time appointed it was found that the hall was too small (there are two hundred chairs in it) and the meeting adjourned to meet in the armory, where undoubtedly the largest number of voters ever assembled there were present.

E. F. Westmoreland was elected president; C. M. Hoover, J. W. Peacock, and J. T. Cramer, vice-presidents; L. B. Thomas, secretary; A. H. Ragan, treasurer.

Two hundred and forty-one gave their names in as members and J. R. McCrary, Chairman Davidson Executive Committee, gave the reasons why Davidson County should be Republican.

Aeroplanes Prove of Value to Army.

Grandvilliers, France, Sept. 17.—General Brun, French Minister of War, and the entire army are enthusiastic over the achievements of the aeroplanes and dirigible balloons during the military maneuvers which ended today.

The military experts are unanimous in the opinion that the air machines are destined not only to play an important role in the future wars but to greatly modify, if not revolutionize, army strategy. Henceforth it will be almost impossible to conceal the position and movements of troops and so will be eliminated practically the surprise flank operations which have decided so many critical battles.

Big Gun on Georgia Bursts.

Washington, Sept. 23.—While the battleship Georgia was attempting to hit a target at a distance of six miles yesterday, during battle practice of the Atlantic fleet, the left 12-inch gun in the forward turret exploded, but without injury to any of the twelve men in the turret. A brief report of the accident received today from Rear Admiral Schroeder, stated that the muzzle of the gun, as far back as the forward end of the jacket, was blown off and that the big rifle practically has been injured beyond repair.

The Drain on the State.

The Lincoln Times.] It is estimated that two million dollars leave the State every year for liquor. What do we get in exchange for it? We get, not only drunkenness and adultery and fornication which follow and go arm in arm with liquor, but we get lying, perjury and theft. It is believed our Lincoln County sends out \$2,000 or more a year of this amount.

Hon. Marion Butler's failure to show up at the county convention was a great disappointment to our people. There was a large crowd present and many people traveled for miles, a long distance, just to meet Senator Butler and hear him discuss the political issues. We learn that Mr. Butler was on his way, and by close call missed railroad connections at Wilmington, whereupon he applied to the Seaboard authorities for a special train to bring him up to Lumberton, but it was about 2 o'clock in the day before the special was gotten in readiness. Realizing that it would be at least 4 o'clock in the afternoon before he could reach Lumberton, and that the people from the country would be left town by that hour, Mr. Butler countermanded the order. However, Senator Butler is in the fight to the finish, and will visit Robeson later on before the campaign is over.—Robeson Advance.

HOW GOOD NEWS SPREADS.

"I am 70 years old and travel most of the time," writes B. F. Tolson, of Elizabethtown, Ky. "Everywhere I go I recommend Electric Bitters, because I owe my excellent health and vitality to them. They effect a cure every time." They never fail to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, invigorate the nerves and purify the blood. They work wonders for weak, run-down men and women, restoring strength, vigor and health that's a daily joy. Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction is positively guaranteed by all druggists.

COL. ROOSEVELT WINS OUT.

In an Interesting Contest With the "Old Guard" he is Named as Temporary Chairman of the New York State Republican Convention.

Saratoga, Sept. 27.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt was to-day elected temporary chairman of the Republican State Convention amidst the wildest enthusiasm.

The so-called "Old Guard" has selected Vice-President Sherman as their candidate, but it was evident early in the fight that the former President's popularity would elect him.

In his speech of acceptance, he paid glowing tribute to the administration of President Taft. His high personal tribute to the President was loudly applauded. He denounced boss rule, declared for a uniform primary, and "that the people must rule." The Convention is enthusiastic for victory, and the feeling of soreness has passed away.

Invited Prisoners Out.

Phillipi, W. Va., Sept. 17.—An unusual jail delivery occurred here, when five persons appeared on the outside and sawed out two of the bars over the outside window of the jail. Then they entered and broke the locks off of every one of the cells and invited the prisoners to depart.

George Ensminger took advantage of the occasion and made his escape, the other inmates refusing to leave.

The rescuers are supposed to be the friends of Ensminger. None of the party are known and were not recognized by the inmates of the jail at the time. The rescuing party were all armed with heavy revolvers and went about their work deliberately as though they were professionals.

"The Only Way He Could Show Himself to Be Such an Ass."

The Square Deal (Spow Hill, N. C.)

An exchange says that it is said that a Presbyterian preacher by the name of G. C. Morgan refused to speak on the platform with President Taft at a Presbyterian gathering at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 30th, because the President is a Unitarian. This lamb of God is in question, in our opinion, has distinguished himself as an ass. It goes also to show the world how contemptible the religion of some folks is. This poor old fool of an ass could not show his religion in any other way.

AN AWFUL ERUPTION

of a volcano excites brief interest, and your interest in skin eruptions will be as short, if you use Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Even the worst boils, ulcers, or fever sores are soon healed by it. Best for Burns, Cuts, Bruises, Sore Lips, Chapped Hands, Chilblains and Piles. It gives instant relief. 25 cents at all druggists.

When writing advertisers, please mention this paper.

The Dates of the 50th GREAT STATE FAIR Will be October 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 1910. Jubilee Year—Home Coming of Carolinians. See the Big Prizes in Gorn and Gotton Contest for Men and Boys. Ten thousand dollars on Reinforced Concrete Building for Agriculture and Horticulture and other Improvements. Good Roads Day Wednesday October 19th. Latest machinery from all over the country shown at work. Sensational Ballooning—Two balloons operated by man and woman—six parachute leaps, three from each. Special trains and special round-trip rates on railroads. Milway lined with high-class shows and laugh-makers. For Premium List and all information apply, to JOSEPH E. POGUE, Secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

Menz Ease Shoe For Comfort & Long Service WE can show you proof that eight out of ten men wear their MENZ EASE twelve to twenty-four months. Isn't saving the price of one or two ordinary shoes every year good enough for you? Herbert Rosenthal The Shoe Fitter 129 Fayetteville St., Raleigh, N. C.

Agents Wanted To Write LIFE INSURANCE for the PEOPLE'S MUTUAL BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA. BIG MONEY TO A HUSTLING MAN. More than \$50,000 Paid to Home People Last Year. All Money Kept at Home and Paid Only to Home People. No high salaried officers to support. Apply to H. E. KING, Sec'y-Treas., RALEIGH, N. C., Box 2