

NATIVE OLD BURKE.

In the county of Burke, near the
 Kimpid Catawba,
 Was the place of my birth, my pa-
 rents have told me.
 'Tis a spot to me sacred where mem-
 ories lurk,
 The home of my childhood, my
 native old Burke.
 I've wandered all over the north and
 the west,
 I've seen the rich prairies in flowers
 all dressed,
 I've been up the famed Hudson, and
 across to Dunkirk,
 But no place was as charming as
 native old Burke.
 I've lived in the south midst the cot-
 ton and rice,
 And up in the north 'mid the snow
 and the ice,
 I have shared in refinement until it
 was sick,
 Yet no place was so pleasant as na-
 tive old Burke.
 I've seen the famed cities, all over
 this land,
 Their densely thronged streets with
 an odd motley band.
 I've roamed o'er the forests where
 prowling beasts lurk,
 But to me they're unequal to native
 old Burke.
 I've seen handsome churches with
 dome and with steeple,
 With fine cushioned pews, all
 crowded with people,
 But none were to me like the little
 old kirk.
 In which we once worshipped in
 native old Burke.
 I've seen the fair ladies, the lassies
 and belles
 In beautiful costumes, with bonnets
 like shells,
 Coquettish and gay, with blushes
 and smirk,
 Yet none of them equalled the
 plain girls of Burke.
 I've been with the rich in their
 mansions of marble,
 With the poor and the lowly in cab-
 in and hovel;
 I've been with refinement, with
 rowdy and Turk
 But no social circle was like that of
 old Burke.
 And when I have ended my labors
 on earth
 And have ceased from my wander-
 ings, my sorrows and mirth,
 May my body repose near the little
 old kirk.
 That stands 'mid the hills of my
 native old Burke.
 [The above was written in 1843, by
 Rev. J. B. Anthony. Mr. Anthony
 wrote many verses.]

NO. 10 PRIMARY.

Our primary election on Saturday evening was probably the largest ever held at this place. Mr. Turner, the chairman, after calling the meeting to order, explained in terse language the object of the meeting. It was an election, he said in which he thought none should participate except those democrats who would pledge themselves to support the State and national platforms to be adopted in the future and the nominees of the party. The chairmen was then asked, should we stand by the nominee, let him be good or bad, "yes, good or bad," says the chairman. It was clear from the start that our chairman deplored the situation, seeing that almost the entire body of the one hundred democrats

were bitterly averse to making, what seemed to them, such an inconsistent and undemocratic pledge. There were in this assemblage of over a hundred people, about thirteen, who nestled close by the speaker's stand, the leaders of whom kept up a continual fusillade of derisive and presumptive epithets upon their democratic neighbors and friends who would not take the "Iron clad" oath as before mentioned. Almost a dozen motions and seconds were made that the convention proceed in the usual way and get through with the election of delegates, but in the din of boisterous discussion and tumult the motions failed to reach the ears of the speaker and it was two hours late when the convention got to the election of delegates. We should not resort to personalities to appease our wrath in a political meeting. I do not believe it is politic and I'm sure it is ungenerous, especially in a meeting of neighbors and friends. Strong insinuations were hurled at the alliance democrats, that they were adherents of "The Third Party," whatever that may be, and in view of the alarming contingency of the political situation it had become necessary to exact of every democrat an unconditional promise to keep perpetuate the democratic party even if it should involve the peril of individual happiness—and prosperity. That there is a most furious war fare brewing between Alliance democrats and non Alliance democrats, there can be no doubt, and how unjust. Allancemen in many cases are to blame for this revulsion of feeling between democrat and democrat, but more often it is the case, we fear, that these eruptive forces are brought into existence from pure, downright ignorance on the part of many of our assailants, for the want of a better understanding of the cardinal principles of the Alliance. Some seem to believe that the Alliance seeks to pervert, destroy and tear down our institutions of moral, intellectual, and financial progress, while the opposite is the case. I feel perfectly sure that there is an unnecessary apprehension hanging over the heads of some of our good, loyal democratic brethren. If a man undergoes a change politically by becoming an Allanceman it is only to solidify him more and more in the true doctrines of democracy. Therefore, why exhibit such tangible and distressing proof of a lack of confidence in your brother democrat simply because he is a member of an Alliance. Our primaries are small affairs when compared with larger elections. It is only by comparison that any thing is great or but "straws show which way the wind hails from," and so it has proven in our township election. After seeing the inevitable defeat to which they were destined, the minority squad gave way like good boys and allowed the meeting to proceed with harmony and dispatch. Following are the delegates, elected unanimously; for "the little band had knocked every bit of the wind out of their sails trying to blow out the flames of "The Third party," so when the vote was taken they would not vote pro nor con: S L Klutts, Alex. Seaborn, C M Bost, J L Austin, Esq. M C Garmon, E P Black, M W Dorton, F P Boger. After the meeting adjourned chairman Turner re-

marked that he felt badly defeated in the things had taken, but that he was going to take it easy, defeat with cheerfulness. That's right. Every good democrat ought to be willing for the majority to rule; That's democracy. I never saw a man yield a point with better grace than did our most excellent chairman. Not many men could transcend him in that respect.

H. T. B.

ADDRESS OF THE STATE COMMITTEE.

ROOMS OF THE STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Raleigh, N. C., March 10, 1892.

To the Voters of North Carolina:
 At a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee, held in this city on the 2d inst., it was resolved that the next State Convention should be held in the city of Raleigh on the 18th day of May, 1892, at 11 o'clock a. m.
 It will devolve on this Convention to nominate candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor, Treasurer and Superintendent of Public Instruction; to elect four delegates at large and four alternates to the National Democratic Convention to be held at Chicago June 23, 1892; to nominate two candidates for Electors at Large; to adopt a platform of principles, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.
 In all cases where the Congressional Conventions have not been held previously, the delegates to this Convention from each Congressional District will choose two delegates and two alternates to the National Democratic Convention, and report their names to the State Convention.
 There has been for some time a firmly rooted idea among the people that some system should be adopted by which minorities in the various counties should have their proportionate voice in the State and District Conventions, and, in deference to this fair and just sentiment, the Committee, while realizing that it had no power to add to or vary the "Plan of Organization," as adopted by the last State Convention; and bind the people to its observance, unanimously recommended to all County Conventions the following rule, and earnestly requests that it be observed.
 "In all County Conventions in which delegates shall be selected to attend any State, Congressional, Judicial or other Convention, a vote shall be taken in accordance with the plan of organization as to the candidates whose names may be presented to such County Convention. The delegates shall be selected from the friends and supporters of each candidate voted for in proportion to the number of votes he shall receive, in such County Convention, and no other instructions shall be given. Provided that where only one candidate is presented and voted for at such County Convention it shall be lawful to instruct for such candidate."
 It is urged that all county conventions shall, at the same time they select delegates to this convention, elect a county committee to serve during the coming campaign. This action is essential to perfect organization, and enables the Chairman of the State committee to at once put himself in touch with the county chairmen.
 All township and county conventions should be held at such times and places as will afford to each member of the party an opportunity for full and fair discussion. It is essential to success that animosities should not be engendered and dissension festered, and no one should be given even the semblance of an excuse for refusing to support the Democratic party, the supremacy of which is necessary to secure good government and an honest administration of public affairs.
 To divide now is to turn over the State to the enemy. Let us stand together as in the past and thus perpetuate the reign of the Anglo-Saxon.
 ED. CHAMBERS SMITH, Chairman.
 B. C. BECKWITH, Secretary.

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