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OLDEST AND BEST PAPER IN THE COUNTY.

CAPT. GLENN THE NOMINEE.

Gained Steadily From the First and Wins on the Fifth Ballot.

CONVENTION BALLOTTED ALL NIGHT.

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For Associate Justices of Supreme Court:

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S. L. ROGERS.

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S. L. PATTERSON.

For Presidential Electors State-at-Large:

F. S. SPRUILL.

W. A. SELF.

The delegates-at-large are: Julian S. Carr, of Durham; Locke Craig, of Asheville; John E. Woodard, of Wilson; E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville.

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THE CURRENT TURNS.

A very unique feature or stunt of the rally round was introduced by Col. J. R. Blair, of Montgomery, who had held out till that time for Turner, his first choice. He joined the Forsyth people and fastened his placard bearing the name "Montgomery" to that motto bearing "Forsyth." The storm—and a wild storm it was—broke out in earnest. The yells of the Forsyth boys who stood like men to their man, almost mounted to heaven. The roof of the house trembled above the shouting and tumult. Then came another county, Davidson, I

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F. S. Spruill, of Franklin county, and W. A. Self, of Catawba, were nominated by acclamation as presidential electors for the State at large, and the convention adjourned at 2:30 o'clock, after having been in almost continuous session since 12 o'clock yesterday.

While the convention has been the largest and noisiest in the history of the State, every matter considered was without heat, and congratulations are heard from all classes and assemblages of Democrats over the final outcome on all questions considered.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION NOT PERFECTED.

At a meeting of the newly-elected members of the State executive committee, held here this afternoon, it was deemed inexpedient to perfect the organization, or to elect a chairman and State central committee until some further date. Chairman Simmons was requested to continue to act in the interim and to fix a date and issue a call for a meeting of the full committee in Raleigh at an early date as possible after the St. Louis convention. Unless he is made national committeeman at St. Louis, it is said he will be urged to accept a re-election as chairman of the State committee.

DEMOCRATIC STATE PLATFORM.

The Platform Endorses the Administration of State Government by the Democrats—Declaration on National Question.

The following is the full text of the State Democratic Platform adopted by the Greensboro convention:

THE PLATFORM.

The Democratic party of North Carolina, in convention assembled, declaring anew its allegiance to the fundamental principles of government as expressed in former platforms, congratulates the people of the State that a Democratic administration has again established throughout their borders the reign of law and liberty and the reign of peace and progress. Radical rule with its nightmare of horrors, has passed away. Our people are no longer employed in guarding their homes and protecting their lives, liberty, and property as they were under Republican rule; but safe in the protection of the law, breathing the air of liberty, and enjoying the freedom which comes from security, our men and our women are devoting their energies to the peaceful pursuits of honest industry, to the education of their children, and to the care of the hopeless and unfortunate. Agriculture, manufacturing, and commerce are bounding forward in helpful rivalry, neither receiving nor desiring subsidies or protection except that afforded by a stable and honest government. Nowhere in North Carolina is there riot or disorder; nowhere is there suffering or destitution. Such are the fruits of peace and order, of honesty and efficiency, of intelligence and patriotism, of Democratic administration under the leadership of the peerless orator, statesman, and educator, Charles Brantley Aycock, and the other honest and efficient public officials associated with him in the State administration in all three departments of government.

We re-affirm our constitutional declaration that "religion, morality, and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools, and the means of education shall forever be encouraged," and that the people have a right to the privilege of education, and that it is the duty of the State to guard and maintain that right," and we express our hearty approval of the educational work of the present administration, and our gratification at the great improvement made in our educational conditions under the present Democratic administration, and would call attention to the fulfillment of the former promise of the party to provide at least a four months' school term for all the children of the State. And we further express our cordial commendation of the work of the teaching profession for the mental, moral, and material advancement of the people, and pledge for the future our best endeavors to strengthen and increase the usefulness and efficiency of our whole public educational system.

TEMPERANCE.

We approve the general principles of the Warts law regarding the manufacture and sale of liquors, and limiting the same to localities in which there may be adequate police protection. The principle that no saloon or still shall operate except under police protection is as sound as that whiskey shall not be sold to minors, to drunkards, or on Sundays, or near the schools and churches. The General Assembly has the power, and when controlled by the Democratic party, can be trusted to make all amendments that experience and conditions may demonstrate to be wise and proper.

THE STATE'S PRISON.

The contrast between the present and the preceding administration of the State prison speaks trumpet-tongued of Democratic efficiency and Republican rascality and imbecility. In all the history of the State the lowest level of immorality, venality, and inhumanity was reached in the management of the State institution under the administration of Daniel L. Russell. To-day the institution is free from debt and has on hand a surplus large enough to pay the bonds necessitated by Republican speculation and inefficiency. We pledge the party to continued business-like and humane management of this institution.

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

We call attention to the success that has attended the establishment of the Insurance Department which has increased our annual receipts by \$90,000, and furthermore, in addition to this increase, that fees now received by the State in the department which formerly were allowed to the official collecting them, are more than enough to cover all increases and additions in salaries of executive and judicial officers.

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We pledge the party to a fair and just system of taxation in which all subjects of taxation shall bear their just and equal proportion of the burdens of government.

THE STATE DEBT.

After long and careful deliberation and conference with many of its creditors, the State of North Carolina adjusted its debt upon a basis so fair and honorable as to win the approval of the financial world, and to secure ratification by nearly every creditor of the State. During the present year attempts have been made to reopen the question settled at that time by the State's wisest and best men. The Democratic party in 1904 approved the settlement made in 1879 and will forever oppose any and all attempts from any quarter to set aside the settlement then made. It will abide the mandates of the courts, but it will not consent to reopen the settlement that was alike creditable to the State and fair to the holders of its securities.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

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