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THE DEMOCRACY ON PARADE

Three Hundred Men in Line Make a Fine Display

Some Good Speaking by Eminent Men.

The Democracy of old Richmond literally covered themselves with glory last Tuesday night. As previously announced, the Democratic Club of Rockingham township had their torchlight procession and speaking, and the whole thing was a grand success. At 7:30 o'clock the crowd assembled at the academy lot, whence the parade took up its line of march. Full three hundred men were in line, with torches, banners and transparencies appropriately inscribed. The line was formed with twelve men, two abreast, in front of the Pee Dee Band behind which followed a column full three hundred strong. Imagine a column of white men a quarter of a mile in length, with torches flaming, banners flying, and all stepping to the stirring music of a good brass band, and you have an idea of the imposing parade which the young Democracy of Richmond county inaugurated in Rockingham last Tuesday night.

By the time the procession had made the circuit of the town the clouds began to drip, making outdoor exercises inexpedient, hence the open-air platform was abandoned and the crowd repaired to Watson's Hall to hear the speeches. The largest crowd ever assembled on a similar occasion here was present, for many had made it a point to come in from the surrounding country, besides those from distant parts of the county who are here attending court. The ladies—bless 'em—had accepted the Democratic Club's invitation and were present in numbers. Inside the hall was gathered a audience of probably five hundred when the first speaker, Walter H. Neal of Laurinburg, arose for his address. We cannot attempt, for want of space and time, to give even a synopsis of the different speeches. Mr. Neal was followed by S. J. Pemberton of Stanly, the Presidential Elector of this Congressional District, then Maj. Sidney M. Finger, Superintendent of Public Instruction, took the stand.

For the two and a half hours that the speech-making continued we never saw pit more in sympathy with platform, the proof of which was attested by round and round of applause. Before the conclusion cries of "LeGrand," "LeGrand," rang out from the still yearning Democratic throats, when that gentleman—now the standard-bearer of this Senatorial District—launched upon the already high tide of feeling a burst of eloquence that rarely has been exceeded, if ever, in our town. With congratulations all around, indicating a genuine Democratic love-feast, the people quietly dispersed to their respective homes while hopes for the general Democratic victory in November next were expressed as steadfast and sure.

DOCKERY AS A FARMER.

Certificate of his Neighbors Showing Him to be a "Dead Failure."

Cor. of the News and Observer.

LAURINBURG, N. C., Sept. 13.
I see that in the joint discussion at Hillsboro O. H. Dockery in his rejoinder asserted that the Democrats of Richmond county had nominated a negro for the legislature, he declined to run, they then nominated another negro, and he was beaten by a Radical.

This was "news" to every man, woman and child in Richmond county, and there is not another man in the county who has such habitual disregard of the truth as to join "my son Oliver" in the charge, nor will he, with all his cheek, go before any country squire and make affidavit that it is true.

He poses as a farmer and in poses also in that, as the following letter to Emory E. Raper, chairman of Cleveland and Fowle Club, of Lexington, Davidson county, who would send county to the same as a radical.

farmer he was, will show. It was written yesterday and signed by his neighbors who were attending our county Democratic convention, viz:

ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Sept. 12.

Emory E. Raper:

Dear Sir:—We, the undersigned, who live in the same township with Oliver H. Dockery, and some of whose farms adjoin his, have known him intimately, the most of us, all of our lives, AND WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that as a farmer, it is well known, not only in his own neighborhood, but in the whole county, HE IS A DEAD FAILURE, and that he has never been, and is not now, anything but a professional politician:

W. F. Brookshire,
R. R. Little,
T. F. Stanback,
J. P. Little, Jr.,
Alfred Baldwin,
C. C. Capel,
D. C. Stanback.

These men are among the best of our citizens and the best farmers of the Pee Dee country. Others of his neighbors say that his crop this year will not compare with that of the average "negro cropper" of his neighborhood.

It is true he was born, and raised, and has always lived upon a farm, but he has never been suspected of being a farmer—no more than a mule.

He resembles a farmer only "as a mist resembles a rain." Pardon the paraphrase. Yours, &c.,

W. H. McLAURIN,
President Laurinburg Club
Cleveland Fowle Democrats.

OUR COUNTY TICKET.

All Democrats agree that our county ticket, placed in the field on the 12th inst., is made of men whose clever parts are not to be discounted, peculiarly well qualified for the positions for which they are named, and combining elements of strength, collectively, that probably no equal number of men in this county would have so easily commanded. It is not necessary to discuss them individually—take the ticket as a whole, we defy the Radicals, by comparison, to touch it with a forty-foot pole. Now Democrats, shoulder to shoulder, and with redoubled energy, go to work and elect your ticket. It can and ought to be done.

County Convention.

The Democratic people of this county met in convention here on Wednesday, last, 12th inst., and Christian Watson's Hall by probably the largest political gathering, in a representative capacity, that ever assembled in our town. The body being called to order promptly at 2 o'clock P. M., by D. Stewart, Chairman of the County Executive Committee, who made a few pertinent remarks in congratulation and in the interest of party duty and harmony, Col. W. L. Steele was selected to preside and the members of the Democratic press were invited to act as secretaries, whereupon Messrs. J. D. Bundy and H. C. Wall, of the Laurinburg Exchange and ROCKINGHAM ROCKET, the only papers represented, took places at the table. On motion the temporary was made the permanent organization. On a call of the roll all of the townships were found to be represented and the delegates from each properly accredited. In the case of the new township of Marks Creek, Mr. W. H. McLaurin moved to decrease the vote of Rockingham, Wolf Pit and Williamson's to the extent of one each, and giving them to Marks Creek, making the three votes represent the new township. Mr. W. H. Neal offered as an amendment that the convention accord to Marks Creek three votes, letting the respective votes of the original townships remain unchanged; and after debate, participated in by the two gentlemen named and others, the amendment was adopted by the following vote: yeas 55—nays 23. Nomination for House of Representatives, Maj. T. J. Wooten—by acclamation, no other name being offered.

For Sheriff, Messrs. B. F. Little and J. A. Harrington were placed before the convention. On the first ballot Mr. B. F. Little was chosen. For Register of Deeds, several parties were placed before the convention and on the 5th ballot Col. J. A. Nicholson was nominated. Mr. D. Gay was named by acclamation for Coroner.

Mr. Jas. A. McNeill was chosen as the nominee for Surveyor.

The nominations completed, it was moved and carried that each township elect its delegates to represent the county in the Senatorial Convention with Montgomery county, to be held on the 15th at Hillsboro, N. C.

ESQ. WERE ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolved, 1. That the Democratic party of Richmond county, in convention assembled, hereby offers its earnest protest against the policy of giving away the labor of our convicts, and demands of our Legislature the enactment of such laws as will hereafter prevent this outrage on the rights of the tax payers of the State.

2. That we demand such changes in our laws as will reduce the costs in litigation in minor cases, and as shall enlarge the jurisdiction of our Justices of the Peace.

3. That we demand that laws shall be enacted to prohibit our public officials from receiving or using free passes or free tickets on our railroads.

4. That we demand that our Legislature establish a commission for the regulation of freights and tariffs on the railroads of our State.

5. That we hereby instruct our candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives, if elected, to support the above resolutions.

The convention then adjourned.

Maj. Finger's Address.

During the recess of court on Tuesday last, 18th, a large crowd assembled in Watson's Hall to listen to a speech from North Carolina's excellent Superintendent of Public Instruction, Major S. M. Finger, of Democracy's banner county, and a candidate for re-election. Coming from the proud old county of Catawba, no man can better than he impart to the people the true Democratic faith. He made a winning speech, and simply by the power of common sense. His appeals were unimpassioned in that they sprang to the surface with all the naturalness of a face to face talk. He made no attempt at oratory and sought not to move by eloquence the plain people, white and colored, who sat attentively before him. And yet his speech was unusually impressive, for its very plainness was what the people seemed to have enjoyed most. The tariff was the speaker's chief subject, which he explained so clearly, as to leave his propositions unanswerable to the minds of his hearers. His reference to State matters was brief but to the point; and, after the speech, no man nor party could honestly have said that the vantage ground of the argument was not on the side of the Democrats.

If the Republicans by any chance should have a majority in the next Legislature, they could change the manner of electing our superior court judges, so as to give the negroes an opportunity of electing one of their own color as a judge. When the Republicans, in 1868, framed a new constitution for North Carolina they provided that the judges should be elected by their respective districts, but when the Democrats amended the constitution, in 1875, they provided for the election of all judges on one ticket by the whole State. This was done to protect the white people in negro districts from negro judges. Such is now the law, but any Legislature may change this. Section 21 of article 4 of the constitution says:

"The General Assembly may, from time to time, provide by law that the Judges of the Superior Courts, chosen at succeeding elections, instead of being elected by the voters of the whole State, as is herein provided for, shall be elected by the voters of their respective districts." If the Legislature should change the mode of electing judges, the negroes would have a majority in one or more districts and would nominate and elect men of their own race as judges. Why do we say so? Because in the only judicial district in which they now have a majority they have elected a negro as the State's solicitor, and in the only Congressional district in which they have a majority they elected a negro to Congress, and their candidate this year is another negro. Of course then, if they could, they would elect one of their number as a judge!

As the judges rotate, that is, the judges of the several districts hold court in all the districts of the State, the negro judge would hold his courts, like the other judges, all over the State. How would the white men of middle and western North Carolina like this?—Chatham Record.

Fowle and Dockery in Davis.

From the News and Observer.

SALISBURY, Sept. 17.—Judge Fowle and Col. Dockery met at Mocksville today. Notwithstanding the pouring rain a large crowd greeted them. Although it is a Republican stronghold it was evident that Judge Fowle got the better of Dockery. As Dockery left the stand he was heard to remark: "This is the hardest place I have been to yet." Those who are well posted say Fowle made at least one hundred votes, and his triumph over Dockery was complete. After the speaking was over the ladies presented Judge Fowle with a number of handsome bouquets, and he was surrounded by the immense crowd who gave him at least 20 cheers.

On the 15th at Hillsboro, N. C., the Democratic party of Richmond county, in convention assembled, offered its earnest protest against the policy of giving away the labor of our convicts, and demands of our Legislature the enactment of such laws as will hereafter prevent this outrage on the rights of the tax payers of the State.

OBITUARY.

Died, at her home near Roberdel on the 10th of August, EMMA J. TERAY, daughter of E. C. and Abigail Terry, aged eighteen years.

After a few days suffering she passed away to her home on high. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. L. Townsend. Text, 1st Thessalonians, 4th chapter, 13th and 14th verses. She was converted at a revival at Roberdel about two years ago, and from that time she was a faithful christian until the day of her death. A short time before her death she had a glorious vision of the heavenly world and loved ones who had gone before, which she testified to her friends around her, and having obtained the promise of each member of the family to meet her in heaven she was now ready to go. And while she could speak she called to her parents with delight, saying, "I hear them singing, coming after me," and thus she departed to meet her Savior and to dwell with Him and His people forever.

Dear Emma is sadly missed. She was a dutiful daughter, a loving sister and a true friend; but we should not sorrow as others who have no hope. She heard the notes of triumph. They sang upon the shore, Singing, Jesus hath redeemed us, To suffer never more.

A FRIEND.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

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Hon. Daniel G. Fowle, Democratic candidate for Governor, and Hon. T. F. Davidson, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, will address the people on the issues of the campaign at the following time and places:

Wednesday, Oct. 3, Nashville.
Friday, Oct. 5, Wilson.
Saturday, Oct. 6, Smithfield.
Monday, Oct. 8, Fayetteville.
Tuesday, Oct. 9, Dunn.
Thursday, Oct. 11, Carthage.
Friday, Oct. 12, Rockingham.
Saturday, Oct. 13, Maxton.
Monday, Oct. 15, Elizabethtown.
Tuesday, Oct. 16, Whiteville.

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Respectfully,
A. C. COVINGTON,
Roberdel, N. C.

Notice.

AN ENTIRELY NEW REGISTRATION of voters in Richmond county, for election to be held on the first Tuesday in November, 1888, has been ordered to be made and taken, by the Board of Commissioners of Richmond county

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