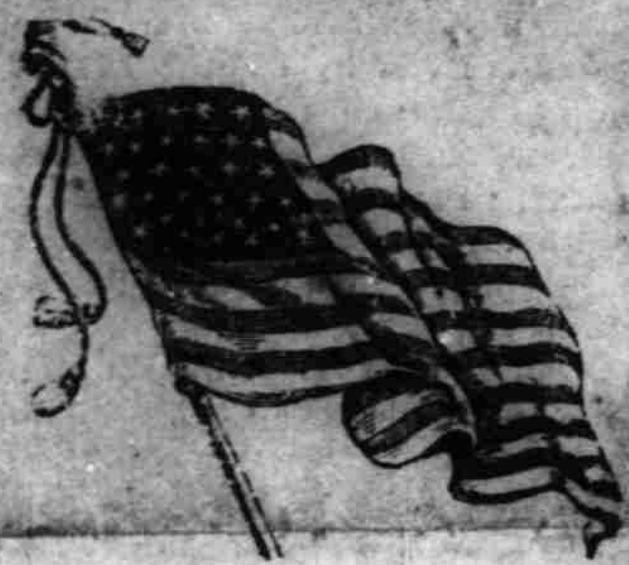


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First District.—Col. D. McD. LINDSEY, of Perquimans county.  
Fourth District.—Col. I. J. YOUNG, of Granville.

ELECTORS:

First District.—JOHN B. RESPESS, of Beaufort county.  
Fourth District.—IKE R. STRAYHORN, of Orange.  
Eighth District.—SQUIRE TRIVETT, of McDowell county.

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COL. YOUNG NOMINATED BY ACCLAMATION.

CAPT. JOE DAVIS TO STEP DOWN AND OUT.

Sharp Contest Between John A. McDonald and Ike R. Strayhorn for Presidential Elector—Strayhorn Successful.

EXPRESSIVE RESOLUTIONS.

After the ringing of the bell Metropolitan Hall was soon packed to its utmost capacity, and at 11:30 A. M., Tuesday, July 11th, 1876, the Convention was called to order by Maj. B. F. Bullock, Jr., of Franklin, Chairman of the Executive Committee, making it with some pertinent remarks.

He called Col. H. B. Guthrie, of Orange, to the temporarily chairmanship of the Convention, and M. V. B. Gilbert, of Wake, to be temporary Secretary.

Col. Guthrie was conducted to the chair by Hon. J. H. Harris and Hon. W. A. Smith. He made an eloquent and practical speech, on taking the chair.

Mr. Battle, of Nash, moved that the temporary organization be the permanent one. Unanimously carried.

Mr. Badger, of Wake, moved a committee be appointed on credentials, composed of one from each county. Carried, and the following were appointed as said committee:

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R. C. Badger, of Wake; Fred Waddy, of Chatham; P. B. Hawkins, of Franklin; David Spencer, of Granville; Wm. A. Smith, of Johnston; L. N. B. Battle, of Nash, and Lewis Jenkins, of Orange.

On motion of Gen. J. C. Gorman, O. Hunter, Jr., was made permanent Secretary.

Committee on Credentials reported, through their chairman, Mr. Badger, as follows:

We find the following counties represented:

Chatham—J H Headen, James Pace, Thos Blacknall, Fred Waddy and A B Chapin.  
Franklin—P B Hawkins, J B Tucker, J S Wynne, J B Calisher, John Williamson, T R Thomas, Judge Watts, W A Bookram, W H Ransom, B F Bullock, Jr, A J Green, M T Hawkins, H W Fuller, Junius Speed, S L Long, W Davis, Joshua Williamson, Bry Baker, W Dunston, O McCurdy, Joseph Holmes, H Person, Ben Dunston.  
Granville—T L Hargrove and David Spencer.

Johnston—W A Smith, P T Massey, John H Cotter, D W Fuller, R M Barber, John R Coats, H A Hodges, J J Stafford, Joseph Edwards, B R Hinnant, Wm Benson, Smith Brooks and Spencer Whitely.

Nash—Oran Cobb, Wm Mann, E H Wilkins, Willis Eason, Luke Morgan, J J Sharp, W W Arrington, Ben Jones, L N B Battle, Oran Brantly, Alvin Peacock, W B Walker, E D Roberts and W H Robbins.

Orange—H B Guthrie and Lewis Jenkins.

Wake—Delegates at Large: A Magnin, M W Brown, John R Oneill and J P H Adams. From the various townships and wards a large delegation present.

Respectfully submitted,  
R. C. BADGER, Ch'n.

On motion of Col. A. W. Shaffer, report adopted.

Nominations being in order, Mr. Badger nominated Col. I. J. Young, of Granville, for Congress, in a few pointed remarks.

Mr. Bullock, of Franklin, seconded the nomination.

No further nominations being made, Col. Young was nominated by acclamation.

On motion of Mr. Battle, of Nash, Messrs. Battle and Badger were appointed a committee to inform Col. Young of his nomination and request his presence in the Convention.

Hon. W. A. Smith moved that the Convention proceed to choose Elector, and he nominated therefor Ike R. Strayhorn, Esq., of Orange.

Mr. Lee, of Wake, seconded the nomination.

Pending nominations, the committee returned with Col. Young, who accepted the nomination in a few eloquent remarks.

Col. Shaffer added to the nomination for Elector, Col. John A. McDonald, of Chatham.

Gen. W. D. Jones seconded the nomination of Mr. McDonald.

Mr. R. C. Badger advocated Col. McDonald in strong terms.

Maj. Bullock favored McDonald.

Hon. W. A. Smith was sorry so many speeches should be made, and advocated Mr. Strayhorn as the stronger man.

Hon. J. H. Harris deprecated so many appeals to personal feelings being made in the matter, and wanted the stronger man.

Mr. Mitchell, of Chatham, said the good book taught us that the "weak were made to confound the wise," and he was in favor of John A. McDonald and the workingmen. Mr. Mitchell made a stirring speech, which was received with tremendous applause.

Mr. Williamson, of Franklin, ably supported Mr. McDonald. Said he never heard of his ability as a canvasser being questioned before, and he had served with him in the Convention of '63, and in a subsequent session of the Legislature, and several campaigns. He thought

Mr. McDonald was a man of influence with the people.

The discussion respecting the claims of the candidates was continued at some length.

Mr. T. F. Lee moved that the delegates at large be permitted to cast the vote of Wake county, if there were no objection. Objected to.

During the recessment of the Wake delegation, Gen. S. W. Watts, being called upon, addressed the Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for Elector, which resulted in the selection of Ike R. Strayhorn, of Orange, by a vote of 8 to 6, as follows:

	Strayhorn.	McDonald.
Chatham,	2	1
Franklin,	2	1
Granville,	2	1
Johnston,	1	1
Nash,	1	1
Orange,	2	1
Wake,	1	3
	8	6
Strayhorn's maj.,	2	

Ike R. Strayhorn was declared elected Presidential Elector.

On motion of W. D. Jones, the election was made unanimous.

On motion, a committee consisting of T. F. Lee and Gen. W. D. Jones was appointed to conduct Mr. Strayhorn to the stage, where he accepted the nomination in a few remarks.

Gen. W. D. Jones offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Be it Resolved by the Republicans in Convention Assembled: Ist. That we recognize in Gov. RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, of Ohio, and Hon. WILLIAM A. WHEELER, of New York, the nominees of the Cincinnati Convention, for President and Vice-President, men not only of sterling integrity and of irreproachable character, public and private; but men whose careers, for many years and in various positions of public trust, have embodied and illustrated the true principles of the National Republican party; that we heartily approve their nomination, and confidently commend them to the support of all fair-minded and dispassionate voters of the State.

2nd. That we cordially endorse and adopt, in every part thereof, the wise, liberal and eminently National platform lately adopted by the Republican party at Cincinnati, and pledge ourselves to a zealous and united support of the great principles of truth, impartial justice and statesmanlike policy therein set forth.

The following gentlemen were appointed as the District Executive Committee for the next two years:

Chatham—Silas Burns.  
Franklin—B. F. Bullock, Jr.  
Granville—T. L. Hargrove.  
Johnston—P. T. Massey.  
Nash—L. N. B. Battle.  
Orange—Lewis Jenkins.  
Wake—Stewart Ellison.

On motion of Mr. Badger, Mr. H. B. Guthrie, of Orange, was made a member ex officio Chairman of the committee.

Maj. R. C. Badger then offered the following resolutions, which were adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That we notice with regret and indignation, and we call the attention of the people of this District to the fact, that their Representative, Hon. Joseph J. Davis, has failed to pay any attention whatever to their interests in the National Congress.

That he has busied himself with passionate vociferating, while the National Congress has been appropriating millions to build levees to protect the rich planters of the Mississippi; to purchase and maintain canals to join the upper and lower waters of the Ohio, to make connection between the upper waters of the Mississippi and the Great Lakes; to improve the upper waters of the French Broad in this State; to make jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi, and countless other expensive appropriations for the general improvement of the rivers and harbors of the United States, and has not called attention of Congress, or asked an appropriation to clear out and deepen the Neuse, which can be made navigable to within five miles of this city

of Raleigh; or of the Cape Fear and Deep Rivers, which can be made navigable to the Alamance line.

Mr. Badger spoke to his resolutions, and in reference to the neglect of internal improvements in this District.

On motion of Gen. W. D. Jones, the proceedings were ordered to be published in the Tri-Weekly Constitution and Weekly Era, and all Republican papers in the State be requested to copy.

On motion of Capt. T. F. Lee, the Convention adjourned sine die.

H. B. GUTHRIE, Ch'n.  
O. HUNTER, Jr., } Secretaries.  
M. V. B. GILBERT, }

We need rain.

Please don't say anything about this hot weather.

What has become of the Raleigh Hayes and Wheeler Club?

The thermometer stood at 102° yesterday at the coolest place we could find in the city—Pescud's drugstore.

Couldn't the city authorities possibly spare money enough from the large amounts they are paying lawyers to keep them in office contrary to law, to put dippers on the public pumps? We think they might.

His Excellency, Gov. Brogden, has returned from the Centennial, and has been considerably indisposed since his return, caused probably by the heat, bustle and excitement incident to the trip.

SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. William Woodard, an aged and respected citizen, died suddenly at his residence, on Wilmington street, in this city, this morning at 4:15. Mr. W. went to bed last night in apparently perfect health. We have not learned the cause of his death.

THE SPEAKING LAST NIGHT.—Last night Col. I. J. Young, Ike Strayhorn, T. F. Lee, and T. R. Purnell addressed a large crowd of citizens in front of the court-house. The speakers were enthusiastically received, and the people here seem to be fully awake to the interest of the party, and are prepared to enter the coming campaign with unprecedented zeal.

DELAYED.—Our paper is delayed one day in order to enable us to lay before our readers a full report of the proceedings of the Congressional Convention. We shall issue another number to-morrow afternoon, containing the proceedings of the State Convention, which meets to-day at 12 M., at Metropolitan Hall.

The Wake county Convention of Good Templars met in their Hall in this city on Saturday. Nearly every Lodge in the county was represented, and the meeting was a harmonious one, and was highly enjoyed by those in attendance. Mr. W. J. Edwards, editor of the Spirit of the Age, was recommended to the Grand Lodge for the position of County Deputy.

THE SWEPSON CASE.—SWEPSON ACQUITTED.—The case of the State vs. Geo. W. Swebson, for the killing of A. G. Moore, in Alamance county, came to an end Saturday night about 10 o'clock, after having occupied about two weeks' time in the hearing. The examination of witnesses closed on Saturday about 10 o'clock, & M., when the argument commenced, lasting only about ten or twelve hours. The argument was very able on both sides, but not near so long as was anticipated. The very best legal talent in the State was engaged in the case. After the closing of the argument Judge

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Watts charged the jury in his usual plain and pointed way. He told them if they believed the conduct of Moore was such as to put Swebson in constant dread of his life, or that he made threats he would kill Swebson, and Swebson had reason to believe he would do so, then the prisoner was justifiable in law, and it made no difference what part of the house he fired from, for his house was his castle, and a man in his castle was already driven to the wall. When the jury retired Mr. Swebson moved about the bar and one time looked at his watch. In about ten minutes' time the jury returned and rendered a verdict of "Not Guilty," Mr. John R. Williams speaking for the jury. A tremendous clapping of hands was heard in the court room, and then a large number of people rushed up to Mr. Swebson, offering their congratulations.

THE CITY CASE.—Monday morning, in the court-house, at chambers, Judge Watts decided that the defendants, B. C. Manly and the bogus Board of Aldermen, were in contempt in not obeying the peremptory mandamus issued June 21, in that their appeal was not perfected according to law, and after considerable argument on both sides, ordered their immediate arrest, to be brought before him and dealt with for contempt. At a late hour Monday afternoon only two of the defendants had been served with the writ of attachment—acting Mayor Manly and Alderman (?) Len H. Adams. A further hearing of the case was postponed until 12 o'clock yesterday.

Yesterday morning a motion was made in the Supreme Court for a writ of prohibition by counsel for Manly & Co., and the writ was ordered to be issued. The effect of this writ is to restrain all further proceeding in the attachment for contempt in the Superior Court. Judge Watts, upon receipt of the writ, ordered the defendants to be discharged. The whole matter will come up and be reviewed by the Supreme Court, and a final decision rendered on Thursday.

OUR SUPERIOR COURT.—The Spring term of this tribunal has just closed, and only two or three cases have been tried, the Swebson case occupying nearly the whole term. Jimmie Smith, who killed a woman in Panther Branch township some time ago, submitted to the charge of manslaughter. His counsel, on the ground that Smith was insane, prayed the mercy of the court, and he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at hard labor in the Penitentiary. Spencer Perry was also sent to State's prison for two years. Three others, who submitted to charges of petty larceny, were sent to the House of Correction to work out costs. This is about all the business disposed of during this term. There now remains untried on the civil issue docket 450 cases, 125 criminal cases, and 36 bastardy cases. There are about fifteen prisoners in the jail, who are suffering a great deal worse this hot weather than they would were they in the penitentiary, and some of them, too, are no doubt innocent. The lawyers emphatically refuse to sign a petition for a special session during the heated term, but we learn that one will be held just after the regular term in October, to dispose of the numerous cases which have accumulated.

The Board of Trustees of Swain Street Free School say that no boys over 12 years old will be received, but that older girls are embraced. Yea, verily, up to twenty-two, but not often older.

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