

CAMPAIGN OPENS IN CLEVELAND

Populist-Republican Fusion - Caldwell, Wetmore and Hamrick Speak.

The campaign opened in Cleveland county August 8th, under very bright auspices. At the call of the County Chairman of the People's party, the nominating convention met in Blanton's Hall, in Shelby, at 11 o'clock, a. m., while that of the Republican party met at same time in the court house. Every precinct in the county was represented at both these conventions by a full delegation. Complete co-operation was agreed upon. The following ticket was nominated for county officers and will be elected in November by a safe majority:

For Member of the House, D. J. Hamrick, (Populist); Clerk Superior Court, J. H. Quinn, (Populist); Register of Deeds, B. A. Barber, (Republican); Treasurer, J. B. Byers, (Populist); Surveyor, W. P. Beam, (Populist); Coroner, John Green, (Republican); Commissioners, Capt. Jno. A. Roberts, (Populist); P. W. Hamok, (Republican), and G. F. Hamright, (Republican).

At 1:30 p. m. an immense crowd gathered in the court house to hear the issues of the day discussed by L. B. Wetmore, Esq., nominee for Solicitor in the Eleventh Judicial district, and Morrison H. Caldwell, Esq., Populist nominee for Congress in the Seventh district.

Mr. Wetmore spoke for forty-five minutes, paying a high tribute to the Judiciary of the State and outlining the duties of a Solicitor. He reviewed the past history of the Democratic party in this State—its fraud and corruption, and pointed out the open declarations of the Democratic party that, if again restored to power, it will repeal the laws enacted by the last two legislatures and give us a Mississippi or a South Carolina election law. The speaker was frequently interrupted by applause.

Mr. Caldwell opened his campaign with a speech of one hour and a half. He began in a very cool and deliberate manner, and as he proceeded became more enthused with his subject till he became eloquent and pathetic. He showed the insincerity of the Democratic party in its pretended devotion to the "white man and white metal," that they had been tried by the Populists and found wanting; that while the platform declared for certain reforms, the party is being dominated by goldbugs and monopolists; that his opponent had forced State issues, with which Congressmen have nothing to do, into this campaign instead of discussing National issues; that he would meet his opponent, by agreement, in a joint canvass in October; that the penitentiary was never under better management than at present. The speaker made a fine impression on his hearers and we predict his election by a handsome majority.

Labor Commissioner J. Y. Hamrick was called for and responded in his usual happy style in a short spicy speech. Our people always know what to expect from J. Y. He gave the Democrats some runs to crack in regard to the penitentiary which had received from the legislature under Democratic control an extra appropriation of \$35,000 a year, while at present it is run without any appropriation. He pointed out instances to show that the Democratic party has never failed to put negroes in office if, by so doing, it could carry its points, notwithstanding it has so much to say about "white supremacy" and "negro domination." Excellent music was furnished by the Bowling Springs Cornet Band—the boy band.

A JOINT DISCUSSION.

Correspondence of the Progressive Farmer. I heard a joint discussion down in Harnett county on Wednesday, Aug. 10th, between Rev. Baylus Cade and D. H. McLean, Esq., Mr. Cade representing the Democratic party, and Mr. McLean the Populist party. Mr. Cade discussed the issues in a fair, honest and high-toned way. Mr. McLean made the same speech he has been making in that section for twenty years. He made no points to justify the Democratic party in refusing the fair proposition of the Populist party for co-operation, but talked "white supremacy," "negro domination," John R. Smith, Jim Young, "manure pile," &c. The Democratic speakers are without anything to go before the people on in this campaign unless to misrepresent honest men and make a great bluster about conditions that do not exist except in the imaginations of these would-be Democratic pie eaters.

Mr. Cade, in his speech, made the following points: 1. The Democrats are not willing that the People's party should continue to exist as an organization. 2. Reasons why the People's party should exist.

1. It is the only party that stands, without division, for free silver. 2. It is the only party that stands for the repeal of the National banking law. 3. It is the only party that stands for the policy of providing such an increase in the monetary circulation of the country as will keep pace with the increase of the population and the growth of business. 4. It is the only party that stands for constitutional money, emitted by the National Government itself. 5. It is the only party that stands betwixt the people and the trusts. 6. It is the only party that advocates government ownership of natural monopolies.

III. Co-operation betwixt the People's party and the Republicans this year was forced upon the People's party by the Democrats refusing to unite with them, which would have secured white supremacy. IV. The drawing of the color line in politics by the Democrats is wrong because— 1. It is unpatriotic. 2. It is insurrectionary. 3. It is immoral.

Mr. Cade's speech was listened to by the Populists of that section with pleasure, and he evidently had the ear of the thinking part of the crowd present. D. H. SENTER.

THE COAST LINE GETS AN INJUNCTION.

Order Reducing Fares Temporarily Held Up.

The Atlantic Coast Line has appealed to the United States Court from the decision of the North Carolina Railway Commission reducing fares on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad to two and one half cents.

Yesterday a temporary injunction, staying the order of the Commission, was filed with Clerk N. J. Riddick, of the United States Circuit Court, in this city.

The injunction, which is temporary, was granted by Judge Simonton at Asheville. It will come up for hearing October 16th, at Greensboro, as to whether or not it shall be made permanent.

Several days ago the Coast Line gave notice to the Commission that appeal would be taken from the decision reducing rates. It was expected that the company would resort to the Federal court, for there the real questions at issue must of necessity be finally determined.

The contention of the railroad and the Commission is based on the Nebraska decision. It will take some time for the case to make its way through the courts and in the meantime the old rates will remain in effect. The Coast Line will doubtless be required to give a bond to the Commission to justify the public.—Raleigh Post.

As it will require eight or ten weeks to bore the necessary artesian wells, and put the plant in successful operation, a number of small wells, reaching from 100 to 150 feet in depth, will be driven immediately, so as to furnish water of tested purity for the opening of the term in September. D.

HAD THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE BORROWED IT?

On November 30th, 1897, the then Secretary of State paid into the State Treasury what the auditor's voucher accompanying the payments said was collections on the accounts to which credited "to date." This was his last payment into the Treasury. When Dr. Cy Thompson was inaugurated January 12th, 1897, the same outgoing Secretary of State turned over to Dr. Thompson on the same accounts (which, as the last payment Nov. 30th was "to date," should have been for the amounts collected on these accounts between Nov. 30th, 1896, and Jan. 12th, 1897,) the sum of \$3,304.05. The books in the office of the Secretary of State show that on these same accounts the total collections between Nov. 30th, '96, and Jan. 12th, '97, were only \$835.98. These being facts, it is evident that \$2,568.07 of the cash turned over to Dr. Thompson was collected before Nov. 30th, 1896, and should have been turned over to the State Treasurer then or before, and the mystery is, where was this \$2,568.07

on Nov. 30th, 1897? It is easy to account for smoke to hide such facts as these. We are simply seeking after the truth, and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is ready to publish any satisfactory explanation.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Perhaps nothing has shown the wonderful adaptability of the average American more than the way in which the men of the greatest differences in training, birth, and condition, drawn from all over the country, and now composing the already historic "Rough Riders," have been able to sink every consideration of personal preference or habit to join heartily in the spirit of discipline and daring which has brought the troop to its present condition of effectiveness. From the cowboy, whose feats in the saddle have been the admiration of a border people who have known the Apaches, to the college man who has been cheered from the "bleachers" for his track athletics, we believe a large span may be fetched; but the unanimity of spirit and high patriotism prevailing throughout the troop has brought them together shoulder to shoulder, man to man. This is rarely fine, and preaches a whole religion for the success of what is best in our republic. When



COLONEL THEODORE ROOSEVELT

one inquires what centralizing force has been able to bring this singleness of aim about, the answer is unavoidable that it has been the convincing personality and charm of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

Since Theodore Roosevelt graduated from Harvard in 1880 he has played many parts. In political life he has been a New York State Assemblyman, United States Civil Service Commissioner, Police Commissioner of New York City, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy. In literature he is well known as the author of several historical works, and descriptions and stories of Western frontier life.

When Roosevelt organized his troop the President offered to make him colonel, but he declined the commission. "I am not fitted to command a regiment," he said, "for I have had no military training. Later, after I have gained some experience, perhaps that may come." It has come now, and also recommendation for the medal of honor for gallant conduct in action.

Pictures of the Rough Riders and the other forces that took part in the siege of Santiago, from photographs taken during the engagement, will be found in the Santiago (July 30) number of Harper's Weekly.

Boes Croker, of New York, says that every man who runs for governor this fall will need the evidence that he was wounded in the battle. It seems that Col. Roosevelt now possesses the qualification. One of the Rough Riders who has returned to this country says the Colonel was slightly wounded at San Juan. He bound his handkerchief around the wound and said:

"Well, that's the first one. They'll have to do better than that next time."

"Just as he said that," continued the Rough Rider in relating the story, "a young officer standing near him was killed by a Spanish bullet in the top of one of the trees. The same sharp-shooter picked off several of our men before he was killed by a private of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, one of the colored regiments.

"About that time I was sent up into the trenches. O, but it was hot! After I'd been there for some time I was relieved to go back to take a little rest. On the way I met Colonel Roosevelt. He noticed me and asked:

"Where have you been, my boy? Up in the trenches? It's hot as the devil there, isn't it? Now, I'll tell you what to do. You go back there and tell my cook to make you some good coffee and give you a bite to eat. We can't spare any good men and they must have enough to eat. Go along, now." I tell you, you can fight for a man like that. What's good enough for you is good enough for him. He'd give up his own blanket to make one of his men comfortable."

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