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LOCAL DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN.—Rev. E. B. McGilvray, pastor. Preaching every second and fourth Sunday, at 11 a. m. and at night. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Sunday School every Sunday at 9 a. m.—A. C. McIntosh Superintendent.

METHODIST.—Rev. T. J. Dailey, pastor. Preaching every third Sunday at 3 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9 a. m.—W. T. Nelson Superintendent.

BAPTIST.—Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, pastor. Preaching every fourth Sunday at 3:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at 9 a. m.—E. A. Womble Superintendent. Prayer meeting Thursday nights.

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Statesville and Wilkesboro, daily. Matter for either of these mails should be in the office by 9 p. m.

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Boomer—Arrives Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same days at 1 p. m.

Beatty—Arrives Tuesdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same days 1 p. m.

Hamptonville—Arrives Tuesdays and Fridays at 6 p. m. and leaves Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6 a. m.

Rock Cut—Leaves Fridays at 8 a. m. and arrives Saturdays at 4 p. m.

Brusy Mountain—Arrives Wednesdays and Saturdays at 12 m. and leaves same days at 1 p. m.

DIEMOND AIR LINE.

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Condensed Schedule in effect April 1.
[Trains run by 75th Meridian Time.]

NORTH BOUND.	Freight Daily ex Sun.	No. 51 Daily.		No. 53 Daily.	
		Daily.	ex Sun.	Daily.	ex Sun.
via S. C. R. R.					
via Charlotte	6.00pm	9.30am			
"Augusta	6.09	9.39am			
"Granville	6.56	10.15			
"Trenton	7.28	10.48			
"Johnston	7.51	11.05			
"Columbia	4.50am	1.40pm			
"Win'sboro	8.52	3.19			
"Chester	12.30am	4.29			
"Rock Hill	1.08pm	5.12			
"Ar. Charlotte	4.25	6.15			
"Salisbury	6.44	8.05			
"Gr'n'sboro	8.28	9.40			
"Richmond	3.45pm	6.15am			
"Washington	8.23	8.10			
"Baltimore	11.25	10.03			
"Philadelphia	3.00am	12.30			
"New York	6.20	3.20			

SOUTH BOUND.	Daily.	No. 18 Daily.		No. 17 Daily.	
		Daily.	ex Sun.	Daily.	ex Sun.
via New York	4.30pm	12.15nt			
"Philadelphia	6.37	7.20am			
"Baltimore	9.42	9.45			
"Washington	11.00	11.24			
"Richmond	2.30am	3.10pm			
"Gr'n'sboro	9.48	10.44			
"Salisbury	11.23	12.37nt			
"Charlotte	1.00pm	2.30am			
"Rock Hill	2.02	3.23			
"Chester	2.45	4.03			
"Win'sboro	3.47	5.00			
"Columbia	5.42	6.55			
"Johnston	7.51	9.01			
"Trenton	8.08	9.18			
"Granville	8.38	9.46			
"Augusta	9.15	10.30			
"Charlotte	10.55	10.35			

No. 52, SOUTHWARD.		No. 53, NORTHWARD.	
STATIONS.	STATIONS.	STATIONS.	STATIONS.
8.25 a. m. live	Statesville	8.40 pm ar	Statesville
8.40 " "	Trounman	8.24 " "	" "
8.58 " "	Shepherd	8.06 " "	" "
9.19 " "	Mooreville	7.55 " "	" "
9.28 " "	Mt. Mourne	7.45 " "	" "
9.39 " "	D'n College	7.37 " "	" "
9.47 " "	Huntersville	7.25 " "	" "
10.01 " "	Croft	7.17 " "	" "
10.14 " "	Sec'n House	7.03 " "	" "
10.27 " "	C. C. Junction	6.38 " "	" "
10.30 " ar	Charlotte	6.35 " live	" "

No. 18, MIXED.		No. 17, MIXED.	
STATIONS.	STATIONS.	STATIONS.	STATIONS.
6.50 a. m. live	Taylorsville	10.20 pm ar	Taylorsville
7.09 " "	Hiddeite	10.01 " "	" "
7.28 " "	Sloan	9.44 " "	" "
7.50 " "	Iredell	9.20 " "	" "
8.15 " ar	Statesville	8.55 " live	" "

Trains on the Western North Carolina road pass Statesville for the east at 6.25 p. m.; for the west at 12.20 p. m.

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Columbia, S. C.
SOL HLAAS, Traffic Manager.

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRACY.

The State Convention.

The State Democratic convention met Stronach's warehouse in the city of Raleigh, at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, May 30. Delegates and other prominent Democrats poured into the warehouse until its spacious interior was crowded to overflowing, and still they came and filled the aisles. When the time for calling the convention to order arrived there were over two thousand Democrats in the building. The convention was pronounced the largest ever assembled in the State. There was an air of business which plainly told that the convention had come to put in good work.

At five minutes past the stroke of 12 o'clock Chairman R. H. Battle, of the State Democratic Executive Committee, rapped the table with the gavel and called the convention to order. The call for the convention was read and Chairman Battle proceeded to state that he did not think it amiss to say a few words of encouragement to the party before him assembled. Mr. Battle spoke of the convention of four years ago which placed in the field a man of honor, virtue, integrity and high-born manhood who had for four years since occupied with such honor to his State the gubernatorial chair. He alluded to the administration of Grover Cleveland, at the mention of whose name the convention broke out into furious applause. He concluded his remarks by stating that in accordance with the prerogative of his office he would announce the temporary chairman of the convention, Hon. J. Turner Morehead, of Rockingham, whom he alluded to as the son of an illustrious father, who was a prominent manufacturer and a good Democrat.

Col. Morehead came forward and addressed the convention in a short, ringing and enthusiastic speech. He prophesied the success of the Democratic party in the coming campaign and said that the Republican party in its desperation had gone back to the days of past to unroll the dark panorama of sectional strife.

After Col. Morehead had taken seat the roll of counties was called and it was ascertained that every county in the State was represented. This was an occurrence never known before in a North Carolina State Democratic convention.

Committees were appointed on permanent organization and on credentials, who retired for deliberation, and the convention called loudly for Hon. F. M. Strudwick. There being no response Governor Scales was vociferously called and came forward amid loud applause and addressed the convention. He was glad to see the whole State of North Carolina assembled in this convention. He predicted a grand success for the Democratic party, both State and National, and said that though there might be minor differences among the party all would unite to bring about a common victory on the final muster. This was a white man's country and as such must be ruled by white men.

At the conclusion of Governor Scales' remarks the committee on permanent organization reported as follows: Chairman, Hon. W. R. Cox, of Wake; Secretary, R. M. Furman; Assistant Secretary, W. G. Burkhead. The report was adopted.

The State Democratic press were also appointed assistant secretaries.

Also, one vice president from each Congressional district was appointed.

The committee on credentials reported that every county in the State was "thoroughly, ably and handsomely represented."

The chair then announced that if there were no further preliminaries to be arranged the convention would proceed to the nomination of a candidate for Governor of North Carolina.

W. A. Branch, of Beaufort, was first recognized and in a brief, pointed and handsome speech placed in nomination Hon. D. G. Fowle, of Wake.

H. A. Gudger, of Buncombe, nominated Lieutenant Governor C. M. Stedman, of New Hanover, in a strong, compact and logical speech.

Hon. W. L. Steele, of Rockingham, nominated Hon. S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg.

There being no other nominations, the roll was called with the following result: Fowle, 374; Stedman, 331; Alexander, 245.

No candidate having received a majority of the number of votes cast, the convention proceeded to take a second ballot, which resulted: Fowle, 403; Stedman, 326; Alexander, 230.

The balloting proceeded with but little variation in the result, and upon the announcement of the eighth ballot, which was reached at 8 o'clock, a motion prevailed that the convention take a recess of one hour.

At 9:30 the balloting was resumed and kept up until 3 a. m., when the sixteenth ballot was announced and an adjournment was taken till 10 o'clock.

The convention reassembled promptly at 10 o'clock and proceeded with the seventeenth ballot, which resulted as follows: Fowle, 401; Stedman, 326; Alexander, 233.

On the twentieth ballot Judge Fowle fell off to 372, Stedman was steady at 336 and Alexander rose to 251.

The changes in this and other ballots were various.

On the twenty-first ballot Judge Fowle rose to the highest vote he had ever received, scoring 437. Stedman received 317, while Alexander fell back to 295.

The balloting now came to be unusually interesting and developments were expected, and the delegates were eager for the next trial of strength. When the roll was being called, as some new changes were made from one column to the other, the excitement increased and occasionally there was a fervor applause. When the result was announced it was realized that on the twenty-second ballot Fowle had risen still higher and Stedman as well, while Alexander had fallen away. It stood: Fowle, 449; Stedman, 330; Alexander, 180.

As the long continued cheering for Fowle reverberated through the hall, while the clerks were casting up the count, a telegram was handed to Mr. F. Brevard McDowell, Mayor of Charlotte, chairman of the Mecklenburg delegation, which it soon came to be understood was from Cap. Alexander, and expectation was high when he asked leave for the Mecklenburg delegation to retire for consultation.

It was now apparent to all that the end was nigh, and that the protracted struggle was near its close—but no one could predict on whom the good fortune would fall. Both the supporters of Stedman and of Fowle were hopeful and anxious.

The agony was now certainly about to close, and hopes and fears were mingled on every side of the hall.

At length the Mecklenburg delegation returned, and Mr. McDowell taking his place on the stand announced a telegram from Cap. Alexander, under the direction of which he withdrew his name from the consideration of the convention in connection with the nomination for Governor. In the breathless suspense of the mo-

ment, a delegate shouted, "How about Lieutenant Governor?"

As to that, replied Mr. McDowell, I say nothing now. And the convention was gratified with the hope that Capt. Alexander would still be on the ticket, aiding to secure the success all so ardently desired.

On the twenty-third ballot changes favorable to Fowle continued to be made. Anson, Buncombe, Davidson and Transylvania as they were reached in the roll call asked to be passed over, and and Wayne was not ready. But the ballot proceeded so favorable to Fowle that when Wake cast her 35 votes solid, the convention realized that the contest was closed in his favor, and the building shook with cheers. When the counties that had asked to be passed over had voted, Melville E. Carter, Esq., of Buncombe, obtained the floor and said: As a friend of Major Stedman he moved in his name to make the nomination of Judge Fowle unanimous, which motion was at once put and carried with great applause from all of the vast concourse of people. The final vote was then announced as follows: Fowle, 523; Stedman, 435; Alexander, 2.

Upon the announcement of the vote the convention rose bodily to its feet and the scene which followed was grand to behold. Thousands of men leaped into the chairs and thousands of hats waved in the air while cheers went up long, loud and deafening.

When quiet was restored a motion was made by R. S. Huske, Esq., that a committee be appointed to wait on Judge Fowle and inform him of his nomination and invite him to address the convention. The chair appointed as the committee Messrs. R. S. Huske, F. B. McDowell and Geo. H. Brown.

A motion was made by D. C. Winston, Esq., that a committee be appointed to wait on Lieutenant Governor Stedman and invite him to address the convention. The chair appointed Messrs. J. B. Sawyer, R. B. Peebles and J. S. Carr. The committees retired.

Maj. Stedman came in under escort of the committee and as he entered the hall was greeted with applause that rang and rang again through the immense auditorium and continued until the distinguished gentleman stood up on the platform. His speech was unfaltering, clear as a bell, and his words were distinctly heard in the farthest end of the building. He began by saying he was for the nominees of the convention whoever they might be, and pledge the faithful service in their behalf all know is forthcoming from C. M. Stedman at the call of the Democratic party. He said he could not find words to express his thanks for the hearty, enthusiastic and long sustained support he had received, while at the same he had no unkind feeling and no thought of reproach for any who had preferred to him another.

It matters not who the Democracy nominated so he was a Democrat tried and true. He charged the noble array of the grand old Democratic party of North Carolina before him to lay aside common differences and present an unbroken column and acquit themselves in a manner to realize the traditions, the hopes and prophecies of their ancestors.

Shortly after he had taken his seat Judge Fowle appeared, accompanied by his committee of escort, and it seemed as if the roof would be raised by the tremendous cheering that greeted his entrance. He made his way with difficulty to the platform, every hand he met being stretched out in cordial congratulation. Finally reaching the speaker's stand, however, he was introduced by Maj. Stedman in the handsomest manner possible and proceeded to speak of his ap-

preciation of the high honor that had been done him, of his readiness to go to work in behalf of the cause Democracy and Constitutional government and of his determination to write another great victory on the Democratic banner. He was eloquent and forcible, and while disclaiming any purpose to make a political speech to men every one of whom he expected to meet again at the home of each before the end of the campaign, he made some most telling against Radicalism, just by the way of a starter, let us say. He contrasted the extravagance and plunder of Radical rule with the efficiency, the economy and credit of the Democratic government and paid a just tribute to the present administration of public affairs and to those in the lead of the agricultural and industrial interests of the State.

He stood before the Democracy of the State of North Carolina to signify his willingness and intention to do all in his power for the honor and success of that party. He paid a glowing tribute to both Stedman and Alexander. He was thankful to the Great Ruler of the universe that the State of North Carolina was under Democratic control and said we ought to be proud of the constitutional party under whose banner we stood. He paid a glowing tribute to Judges Smith, Davis and Merrimon as among the great men whose names would go down to illuminate the pages of our history. He referred to the condition of our State treasury as a proof of Democratic economy. He then turned with words of highest eulogy to the farmers, whom he termed the backbone of the State. He said that he had been nearly beaten by the gallant Stedman, but the farmers had come nearer beating them all, and he believed if they had had ninety days more for the fight they would have swept the field. He referred to the great leader of the Democratic party, Grover Cleveland, and the greater era of reform inaugurated by him. He wanted the internal revenue law repealed. He closed by assuring the Democrats of the good old North State that he would find an Oliver for every shaft that "my son Dockery" might send in.

His address elicited the most enthusiastic applause and was thoroughly appreciated. He spoke to men who know what they want in a candidate for Governor and who know also that they have it in Daniel G. Fowle. When Judge Fowle had finished cries were heard all over the hall of "Alexander for Lieutenant Governor."

S. B. Alexander was then nominated for Lieutenant Governor, and there being no opposition the nomination was made by acclamation.

The convention then, at 2 o'clock took a recess of one hour.

Upon reassembling the convention proceeded to complete the State ticket. The result is given at the head of our editorial column.

A telegram from S. B. Alexander announced that he could not accept the position of Lieutenant Governor, and Hon. T. M. Holt was nominated in his stead.

At 12:30 a. m. Friday the convention adjourned *sine die*.

NOTES.

The convention was the most tremendous thing ever seen in Raleigh. Wednesday night at 10 o'clock it was estimated that there were between 2500 and 3000 people in the hall. The place was crowded to its utmost capacity and many spectators were perched upon the rafters and various other elevated points in the hall.

As the flaming electric lights shot across the sea of upturned faces, a gentleman who surveyed the scene from the rostrum said it was one of the grandest sights he ever witnessed.

Several ladies were at the door of the hall observing the deliberations of the convention. The ladies were not afraid of that crowd. There were no dusky countenances to be seen in it.

Congressional Convention—Eighth District.

This convention met in Lenoir on May 24, and was called to order by W. W. Scott, Jr., chairman of the District Executive committee, and Capt. J. W. Gidney, of Cleveland, was made temporary chairman and G. T. Bingham, of the Gastonia Gazette, temporary secretary.

Committees on credentials, on permanent organization, and on resolutions were appointed.

The committee on permanent organization recommended J. W. Gidney, of Cleveland, as permanent chairman, and W. W. Scott as secretary, with J. T. Bingham and R. A. Deal, of the Wilkesboro Chronicle, assistant secretaries.

Nominations for Congress being in order, R. W. Sandifer, of Gaston, nominated Hon. W. H. H. Cowles. The nomination was seconded by Maj. W. A. Graham, of Lincoln, and W. E. Abernethy, of Burke; there being no further nominations Col. Cowles was nominated by acclamation.

Maj. Graham and R. W. Sandifer were appointed by the chair to notify Col. Cowles of his nomination, and the Colonel came before the convention and made an elegant speech.

Next in order was the selection of an elector for the district. Maj. Graham, T. M. Vance and W. E. Abernethy were nominated. Maj. Graham withdrew his name, and T. M. Vance was chosen elector.

Messrs. G. W. F. Harper, of Caldwell, and R. W. Sandifer were chosen delegates to St. Louis.

E. B. Jones, of Alexander, chairman of the committee on resolutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we the Democrats of the Eighth Congressional district, in convention assembled, do heartily endorse the wise, just and honest administration of Grover Cleveland, President of the United States, and do express ourselves in favor of his re-nomination and pledge our best efforts to secure his re-election.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse tariff reform as proposed by President Cleveland and as embodied in the Mills tariff bill now before Congress.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the course of our able representative in Congress, Hon. W. H. H. Cowles, and especially his bold and outspoken advocacy of the repeal of the internal revenue laws, and we again declare our unalterable opposition to the present system of internal revenue and demand at the hands of our representatives in Congress a repeal of the same *in toto*.

The convention then elected the following District Executive committee: Alexander, G. W. Flowers; Alleghany, J. C. Fields; Ashe, J. D. Thomas; Burke, I. T. Avery; Caldwell, W. W. Scott; Cleveland, J. D. Lineberger; Gaston, R. W. Sandifer; Lincoln, R. S. Reinhardt; Watauga, J. E. Finley; Wilkes, W. W. Barber.

After one or two speeches the convention adjourned.

The personnel of the Congressional convention held here last Thursday showed intelligence far beyond the average conventions, and was ably presided over by Capt. J. W. Gidney, of Cleveland county. Everything moved on amicably, not a jar to mar the pleasure or happiness of anyone, and everybody went away complimenting the proceedings.—*Lenoir Topic*.

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