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## SPEAKING OF STATE CANDIDATES.

THE speaking at this place last Monday was listened to by a large crowd, and the day was a grand one for old Alamance. A stand was erected in the grove of the office lot, and seats arranged. The band furnished nice music, the ladies were there to lend their enchanting presence to the occasion, the sun shone out nice and warm, and a more perfect day or surroundings could not have been wished for. All the candidates except Messrs. Dixon and Grimes were present. The day was beautiful and the speakers were at their best. Their arguments in favor of the amendment were convincing. The speeches of Aycock, Turner, Gilmer Lacy and Simmons were fine. After listening to the words of these men no one can think that the constitutional amendment will not be legal or think that any white man will be disfranchised by its passage. They proved that this was a white man's government, and that the negro was sentenced by God soon after Noah left the ark to be servants the rest of their days, and that God did not slant back his brow, widen his nose and thicken his lips, without cause. That whenever or wherever he was trusted to rule, devastation followed; that our experience with him has always proven that he is only satisfied when ruled and governed by higher minds. They proved that the Amendment was constitutional, and that it would disfranchise no one but the negro. Every man born prior to 1867 can vote, every man born since that time can vote on account of his father or grand father voting before him. Every white man can register between now and 1908—and having registered he is registered for all time and eternity—he is registered for a life-time, if he lives a thousand years. The Amendment, said Mr. Aycock, was gotten up for the special purpose of disfranchising the negro, and that if he thought it would disfranchise a single white man, he would vote against it. The Amendment is a remedy gotten up to prevent the enactment of such scenes as were experienced before the election of 1898. The fight in that year was to get out from under negro rule; the fight this year is to fix things so we can stay out. After the passage of the Amendment the political battles will be fought between the white men of this State and principles will be the weapons and there will be no negro to decide the question and act as the balancing power.

For about five hours the audience sat and listened attentively. It was an audience upon which was stamped respectability and intelligence—fair representatives of our county, and we are sure that the speaking will accomplish lasting and permanent good.

The candidates, one and all, are noble looking men, worthy products of the grandest convention ever held in North Carolina, and are worthy representatives and champions of the State's Democracy. We were glad to have them with us. We were glad that the first gun of the coming campaign was fired in our county. As the first blood of the Revolution was shed upon our soil, and as old Alamance has ever been found in the midst of the hottest fighting, may the shout of battle which was raised at this place on last Monday touch the hearts of every white man with-

in her domain and cause the blood to once more course through the veins of her noble sons and nerve them for the coming conflict; may they not trail the name of old Alamance in the dust of disgrace, but may they hoist her flag high up in the heavens where it cannot be touched by the black cloud of negroism, let us remember how we came by our name, and render that name still more immortal by giving our life and our strength toward the salvation of our State from negro rule, which is ten thousand times more dreadful than that of the British. May this little noble band of speakers go on, from one county to the other, carrying their messages of truth, which, if heeded, will keep us free from the repetition of the horrors of 1898.

It seems that there is to be a fusion and confusion of the Republicans and a few of the Populists in North Carolina, or rather this is the programme of the Republicans and Marion Butler. The Republican are to name the nominee for Governor and this nominee will be either Linney or Adams and they will also name the Lt. Governor. The Butler Populist will come in on the tail end to help fill up.

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