THE DEMOCRAT.

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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

FOR GOVERNOR:
DANIEL G. FOWLE,
of Wake.

FOR LIEUT. GOVERNOR:
THOMAS M. HOLT,
of Alamance.

FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICES SUPREME COURT:
JOS. J. DAVIS,
of Franklin.
JAMES E. SHEPHERD,
of Washington.
ALPHONSO C. AVERY,
of Burke.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:
WM. L. SAUNDERS,
of Orange.

FOR TREASURER:
RONALD W. BAIN,
of Wake.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION:
SIDNEY M. FINGER,
of Catawba.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:
THEODORE F. DAVIDSON,
of Buncombe.

FOR AUDITOR:
G. W. SANDERLIN,
of Wayne.

ELECTORS—FOR THE STATE AT LARGE:
A. M. WADDELL, of New Hanover.
F. N. STRUDWICK, of Orange.

THE CONVENTION.

LARGEST EVER SEEN IN THE STATE.

THOUSANDS OF DEMOCRATS IN A BODY—THE THOUGHTFUL AND PAINSTAKING COMMITTEE—MUCH ENTHUSIASM—THE NOMINATIONS—TWELVE HOURS BALLOTING AT FIRST SITTING —BIG SPEECHES— ODDS AND ENDS CONCERNING THE OCCASION.

The State Democratic Convention assembled in Raleigh last week, or rather the convention assembled in a body on Wednesday 30th of May—but as to when the members of the convention reached Raleigh few could say--we suppose that the trains were carrying in loads of *Democracy* for several days before the convention came together for business.

Stronach's large warehouse was the auditorium for the speaking and grounds for the contest among the candidates for nomination. More than two thousand men were in the house when Chairman R. H. Battle, of the State Democratic Committee called the convention to order five minutes past 12 o'clock. Mr. Battle made some appropriate and cheering remarks to the convention, and then announced the temporary chairman of the convention Hon. J. Turner Morehead, of Rockingham. Mr. Morehead spoke briefly on the prospect of Democratic victory; then the roll of counties was called, and for the first time in the history of the State every county was personally represented in the State Democratic Convention. About this juncture many of the delegates who never attended a State convention held in Stronach's warehouse before, were almost startled by a heavy rainfall upon the loudly resounding roof; but their terror was soon allayed by the discovery that the thoughtful committee had arranged to have the intense heat of the room made tolerable by an occasional shower from the water supply of the city through a hose prepared for the occasion. Every few minutes throughout the day sessions of the convention the showers were repeated much to the relief of the great throng of Democrats under the roof. The committee on permanent organization was appointed:

1st district, S. B Spruill; 2nd district, D. Y. Cooper; 3rd district, C. C. Lyon; 4th district, J. A. Turrentine; 5th district, W. W. King; 6th district, R. E. Little, 7th district, T. B. Eldridge; 8th district, S. B. Jones; 9th district, R. D. Gilmer.

The committee on credentials was appointed, and upon the retirement of these committees, Gov Scales being called for, came forward and said he was glad to see the whole State of North Carolina assembled in a Democratic convention. He said the white man must rule this country.

The committee on permanent organization reported Hon. W. R. Cox, Chairman, R. M. Furman, of the Asheville *Citizen*, and W. G Burkhead, of Durham *Tobacco Plant*, Secretaries. The vice-presidents were appointed from the districts in the following order.

E. F. Aydlett, F. G. Woodward, A. B. Williams, J. D. Allen, J. T. Morehead, J. T. L. Grand, W. H. Williams, W. C. Newland, E. F. Davidson. Hon. W. R. Cox was conducted to the rostrum by F. B. McDowell, of Mecklenburg, and C. A. Moore, of Buncombe. Mr. Cox spoke *at length* and showed much enthusiasm in the cause of Democracy. The committee on credentials reported that every county in the State was thoroughly, ably, and *handsomely* represented. The committee on platform from the districts in order were appointed: C. E Parish, C. B. Watson, W. J. Yates J. P. Caldwell, B. C. Cobb, Geo. A. Shuford.

The preliminaries being over, the nominations for Governor were made.

W. A. Branch, of Beaufort, in a short, eloquent speech nominated D. G. Fowle. H. A. Gudger, of Buncombe, nominated in a handsome speech, Chas M. Stedman. W. L Steele, of Rockingham, nominated in clear and beautiful terms S. B. Alexander.

Oct. Coke eloquently seconded the nomination of Daniel G. Fowle.

W. M. Bond forcibly seconded the nomination of Chas. M. Stedman.

R. W. Winston seconded the nomination of S. B. Alexander.

F. N. Strudwick spoke for Fowle's nomination.

The convention proceeded to ballot for Governor at 2:15 p. m., and continued for twelve solid hours concluding the sixteenth ballot at 2:15 a. m. witn no nomination. The convention adjourned to 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY.

At 10 o'clock the convention was again called to order by Chairman Cox, and began at once balloting afresh for Governor.

Soon after the announcement of the 22nd ballot a telegram was received by the Mecklenburg delegation from Mr. Alexander. That delegation asked to retire and soon returned and withdrew Mr. Alexander's name from the roll.

The supreme moment of hope and expectation was now upon the friends and supporters of Fowle and Stedman.

The 23rd ballot was taken and announced at 2:15 as follows: Fowle 523 1-10, Stedman 435 9-10, Alexander 2.

The entire convention rose to their feet and sent up a loud, bursting peal of applause; and as soon as Chairman Cox could be heard he appointed to wait on Judge Fowle. R. S. Huske, F. B. McDowell, and Geo H. Brown. To wait on Major Stedman, J. B. Sawyer, R. B. Peebles, and J. S. Carr.

Soon Major Stedman came in and addressed the convention under trying circumstances; but his speech was clear and his enthusiasm for the nominee, Judge Fowle, was warm and his bearing under the defeat was sublime. At the conclusion of his speech, Judge Fowle entered the hall amid deafening applause, and Major Stedman gracefully introduced Judge Fowle as the next Governor of North Carolina. Judge Fowle made a very eloquent speech, wittily referring to "My Son Oliver," and promising the members of the convention to meet them all at their several homes before next November. His speech was one of the finest we have heard, in which he paid due and glowing tributes to the farmers of North Carolina.

At the conclusion of Judge Fowle's speech, Hon. Thos. W. Mason, of Northampton, took the rostrum and nominated for Lieutenant-Governor, S. B. Alexander, of Mecklenburg. Hon. Kope Elias, of Macon, seconded the nomination. Mr. Mason's speech, though made under difficulties of excitement and enthusiasm of the convention almost uncontrolled, was fine, and elecited from level headed men who had not heard him speak before the compliment that it was a fine effort.

Mr. Alexander's nomination for Lieutenant-Governor was made by acclamation. The convention took recess for one hour.

At 4 o'clock the convention reassembled. Speeches were limited to 5 minutes.

A committee was appointed to inform Mr. Alexander of his nomination for Lieutenant-Governor.

SUPREME COURT.

W. L. Steele nominated Judge J. J. Davis to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Ashe.

The nomination of Judge Davis was made by acclamation. For the new Associate Justices, R. B. Glenn, of Forsythe, nominated Hon. J. F. Graves. B. H. Bunn nominated James E. Shepherd. Wm. H. Day, of Halifax, nominated Thos. N. Hill, of Halifax, J. C. Buxton nominated Wm D. Pruden, E. K. Strudwick nominated John Manning, L. L. Latham nominated A. C. Avera. All the nominations were made in eloquent terms and were seconded eloquently and S. L. Rodgerton nominated Platte D. Walker.

Before the balloting commenced W. M. Bond, of Chowan, withdrew from the contest the name of Mr. Pruden.

The result of the ballot for Associate Justices was in the nomination of Judges Shepherd and Avera.

Richard Battle, Esq., J. S. Carr, Esq., Hon. Paul B. Means, T. W. Strange, Esq., were elected delegates to the National Democratic Convention.

The alternates were Col. Frank Cox, Hon. W. R. Cox, A. B. Galloway, Esq.

STATE OFFICERS.

Col. W. L. Saunders was nominated Secretary of State by acclamation.

Messrs. Bain, Finger, and Davidson were also re-nominated respectively for the offices of Treasurer, Supt. Public Instruction, and Attorney-General.

Messrs. W. P. Roberts, G. W. Sanderlin, D. E. McIver, W. A. Darden, H. C. Bourne, and T. F. Caboon were placed in nomination for State Auditor. The ballot resulted in the nomination of Rev. G. W. Sanderlin. He accepted the nomination in an eloquent and happy style.

Report of the committee on platform was made and report adopted.

Col. A. M. Waddell and Mr. F. N. Strudwick were nominated by acclamation as electors for the State at large.

A telegram having been received from Mr. Alexander announcing that he declined to accept the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor, Col. T. M. Holt was nominated, and being present appeared on the platform and accepted the nomination in a handsome speech, saying that he was in the State Legislature when the county government law was passed, and should never be sorry for the stand he took on the question.

Mr. J. H. Small moved a vote of thanks to the officers of the convention; and Mr. King, of Stokes, moved a vote of thanks to the citizens of Raleigh in their entertainment of the convention.

At 1:20 a. m. the convention was adjourned *sine die*.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Two gentlemen while speaking addressed the convention, "gentlemen of the jury."

Judge Fowle while speaking to the convention, in referring to the advertisement of the Blackwell Tobacco Company being on the pyramids in Egypt, could not think of the word "pyramids," but composedly turned to some gentlemen near him and asked, "what do you call those things out there on the plains?" Receiving the information desired, he proceeded with his speech.

It was said that the convention was the finest looking body of men ever assembled in North Carolina.

The Democratic platform adopted by the convention shows some of the sound Democracy of those two sterling Democrats W. H. Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, and W. J. Yates, of Charlotte.

At a point of some confusion in the convention, a gentleman rose and said the National Convention at St. Louis would meet and adjourn before delegates could be appointed at the present rate of procedure.

The balloting was so stubborn some one said it would be November before we got through the convention. Mr. J. C. L. Harris, of the *Signal*, said he did not care if it was. Well might he say so, for the nominations of the convention and the election to follow will seal the doom of the Republican party.

Loge Harris *hurrahed* when Fowle was nominated just like the rest of the white men.

The most patriotic soul this scribe met during the days of the convention was Mrs. P. W. Smith, proprietress of the Exchange Hotel. She gave board to delegates for $1 a day, and gave as her reason for furnishing such cheap board, that the convention was for the good of the country—for all—and that the delegates got no pay for their time and expenses, and she was willing to help the cause of Democracy all she could. Some of the other hotelists ought to blush, we suspect.

Of Mr. Gudger's speech in nominating Major Stedman, a gentleman of Fowle preference in Raleigh said that if ever he should want an office he wanted Mr. Gudger to nominate him.

The Convention was the most sober concern of the kind that has ever been seen in North Carolina.

The Democratic Platform Adopted at the State Convention

The report of the committee on platform was read by Hon. D. G. Fowle, chairman of committee, and enthusiastically adopted as follows:

We congratulate the people of North Carolina on the continued prosperity of peace, good government and general prosperity under Democratic administration of the affairs of the State which has thus enabled us to pay off a large portion of the borrowed indebtedness of the State, and to reduce the interest on the remaining bonds of the State, and to place our common school system on a footing of progress unknown in our educational history, and to increase the resources of the State. We again challenge a comparison with the state of things and the extravagance, crimes and scandals which attended Republican rule in our State government for years. We pledge ourselves to excel in the future as in the past our best efforts to promote the real interests of the people of all sections of the State. Affirming our adherence to Democratic principles as heretofore enunciated in the platforms of this party, it is hereby

Resolved, That no government has the right to burden its people with taxes beyond the amount required to pay its necessary expenses and gradually extinguish its public debt; and that whenever the revenues, however derived, exceed this amount, they should be reduced, so as to avoid a surplus in the treasury. That any system of taxation which necessitates the payment of a premium of $270 by the government on each $1,000 of its bonds, taken up with the millions that would otherwise lie idle in its vaults, and paid to bondholders who purchased, in many instances, at less than par, is undemocratic, oppressive and iniquitous and should be refunded. The course of our Democratic Representatives in Congress, in their efforts to give relief to the people from burdensome internal revenue and tariff taxation, meets with the approval of the Democratic party of this State and we respectfully recommend that if they find it impossible to give to our people all the relief [illegible] they support any just and [illegible] measure presented in Congress that will afford a practical relief from such existing burdens.

Resolved, That [illegible] the methods by which the constitutional revenue tariff shall be gradually reached are subjects which the representatives of our people of the national capital must be trusted to adjust, we think the customs and duties should be levied for the production of public revenue, and the discriminations in their adjustment should be such as will place the highest rates on luxuries and the lowest on the necessaries of life, distribute as equally as possible the unavoidable burdens of taxation, and confer the greatest good on the greatest number.

Resolved, That we, as heretofore, favor, and will never cease to demand, the unconditional abolition of the whole of our internal revenue system, as a war tax not to be justified in times of peace; as a galling burden to our people and a source of annoyance in its practical operations. We call the attention of the people of the State to the hypocritical pretensions of the Republican party in their platforms that they are in favor of the repeal of this onerous system of taxation, enacted by their party, while the Republicans in Congress are taxing their energies to obstruct all legislation inaugurated by the representatives of the Democratic party to relieve the people of all or a part of this odious system.

Resolved, That the course of the Democratic party, in furtherance of popular education, is a sufficient guaranty that we favor the education of the people, and we will promote an improve the present educational advantages as far as it can be done without burdening the people by excessive taxation.

Resolved, That, to meet an existing evil, we will accept, for educational purposes, from the Federal government, our *pro rata* share of the surplus in its treasury; *Provided* that it be disbursed through State agents and the bill for the distribution be free from objectionable features.

Resolved, That the United States being one government and ours a national party, we denounce the efforts of the Republicans to force sectional issues in Congress and elsewhere, and to promote alienation and ill will between the people of the different sections of our common country.

Resolved, That it is due to the people of our eastern counties, who have so cheerfully borne their share of our common burdens, that the present or some equally effective system of county government shall be maintained.

Resolved, That the Democratic party is opposed to any further extension of the "No fence" law, unless such extension shall have first been authorized by a majority of the qualified voters within the territory to be affected thereby.

Resolved, That the Democratic party has ever been the party of the workingman, and has never fostered monopolies, nor have "trusts" or "combinations" or "pools" ever grown up under laws enacted by it. The contest in this country being between aggregated capital, seeking to crush out all competition and the individual laborer, the Democratic party is, as it has been in the past, against the monopolists and in favor of a just distribution of capital, and demands the enactment of laws that will bear equally upon all.

Resolved, That as all taxation bears most heavily upon the laborer, it is the duty, of the legislator, as a direct benefit to the workingman, to keep the expenses of our public institutions at the lowest limit consistent with wise and efficient management. The Democratic party opposes [illegible] and all legislation that is best calculated to subvert the interests of agriculture and labor, so as to do all we will most effectually advance the interests of manufactures, manufacturers and labourers.

Resolved, That the Democracy of North Carolina cordially approve the administration of Hon. Alfred M. Scales as honest, patriotic, and conservative.

Resolved, That the shifty, wishy-washy, patriotism, independence, willingness to do anybody's errand of President Cleveland have won the admiration of all good men; and the interests of the country demand its renomination and its re-election.

THE NEW CHAIRMAN.

Sidney Whitaker, Esq., was elected Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

We have heard several comments on the selection and we have heard none that were not complimentary to Mr. Whitaker and congratulatory to the party.

Mr. Whitaker is a wide-awake man, full of energy, an able lawyer, and we hear predicted—now that he will sit as Chief Justice Art.

NOMINATION FOR 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

The fourth Congressional district held its convention in Raleigh on May 29th, and nominated that sterling Democrat, Hon. B. H. Bunn, of Nash. The district and the Democratic party are to be congratulated on the selection. John Nichols would as well say good-bye to his Republican brethren in Congress when his term expires; for there will be no hope for him or for any one like him in the district soon from the fourth district. Mr. Bunn is able and powerful and will be heard and followed by the party with enthusiasm.

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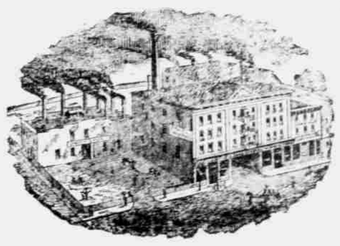

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