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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

A LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC GATHERING.

A Full Ticket Nominated.

The Democratic convention met in Halifax Monday. Every township in the county was fully represented, and it was perhaps the largest convention that has assembled in the county in several years.

Dr. I. E. Green, Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, called the convention to order and stated that the object of the meeting was to nominate county officers, representatives to the General Assembly and appoint committees to State, Judicial and Congressional conventions.

W. A. Dunn moved that Col. F. M. Parker be made permanent chairman. It was carried and Col. Parker took the chair and declared the meeting open for business. E. E. Hilliard and D. E. Stainback were made secretaries.

W. E. Daniel read tabulated statement of the townships showing the number of delegates each township is entitled to for the different conventions and moved that each township be allowed to vote its strength instead of by so many delegates at large. Carried.

W. A. Dunn moved that the delegates to the Judicial Convention be instructed to support Mr. W. E. Daniel, of Weldon, for Solicitor of this district. It was carried and Mr. Daniel thanked the convention for the confidence expressed.

Delegates to State, Judicial and Congressional Conventions were elected by townships:

BRINKLEYVILLE.—State Convention: H. S. Harrison and W. V. Bobbitt. **Congressional Convention:** C. A. Williams, F. M. Parker, W. V. Bobbitt, W. P. Sledge, H. S. Harrison. **Judicial Convention:** F. M. Parker, W. V. Bobbitt, H. S. Harrison, L. Vinson, Dr. G. E. Matthews.

BUTTERWOOD.—State Convention: W. T. Jenkins. **Congressional Convention:** L. D. Morris. **Judicial Convention:** T. C. Alston.

CONOCOCARA.—State Convention: J. R. Tilley. **Congressional Convention:** W. H. Carter, C. P. Tilley, P. C. Gregory, J. T. Riddick. **Judicial Convention:** W. H. Randolph, J. R. Tilley, J. P. Ehlen, E. V. Bishop.

ENFIELD.—State Convention: Dr. John A. Collins, S. G. Whitfield, J. B. Ricks, S. Meyers. **Congressional Convention:** Dr. J. A. Collins, C. E. McGowan, B. C. Dunn, David Bell, J. B. Ricks, L. C. Bullock, J. R. Pettit, S. Meyers, S. D. Meacham, Junius Hardee, J. J. Whitaker. **Judicial Convention:** W. F. Parker, S. S. Alsop, J. A. Collins, C. E. McGowan, H. S. Harrison, S. Meyers, J. W. Hardee.

FACETS.—State Convention: F. H. Taylor. **Congressional Convention:** K. E. Kilpatrick, E. C. Shearn, F. H. Taylor, J. E. Daniel. **Judicial Convention:** W. A. Hux, K. E. Kilpatrick, W. R. Nevill, W. C. Daniel.

HALIFAX.—State Convention: J. M. Grizzard, J. H. McIver. **Congressional Convention:** M. H. Clark, F. W. Gregory, J. H. McIver, W. T. Eure, C. H. B. Howerton. **Judicial Convention:** W. T. Eure, F. W. Gregory, T. N. Hill, E. L. Travis, S. M. Gary.

LITTLETON.—State Convention: S. Johnston. **Congressional Convention:** Whit Johnson, J. W. Northington, Eugene Johnson, J. N. Thornton. **Judicial Convention:** J. A. House, T. W. Myrick, T. W. Hawkins, R. H. Walker.

PALMYRA.—State Convention: Dr. W. R. Wood, B. I. Ailsbrook, E. W. Hyman. **Congressional Convention:** C. V. Andrews, R. J. Shields, B. T. Harrell, L. J. Baker, R. E. Robertson, Joshua Bell, E. Boney, L. C. Bell. **Judicial Convention:** C. V. Andrews, R. J. Shields, B. T. Harrell, L. J. Baker, R. E. Robertson, Joshua Bell, E. Boney, L. C. Bell.

ROSENATH.—State Convention: W. T. Whitehead. **Congressional Convention:** Dr. M. T. Savage, W. T. Vaughan, Walter Cherry. **Judicial Convention:** J. J. W. Mitchell, A. J. Whitehead, S. H. Strickland.

SCOTLAND NECK.—State Convention: W. A. Dunn, Claude Kitchin, R. E. Hancock. **Congressional Convention:** J. P. Futrell, E. E. Hilliard, W. F. Butterworth, Joe Stern, N. Biggs, E. W. Hyman, T. W. Fenner, A. McDowell, J. W. Leggett, W. A. Dunn. **Judicial Convention:** R. H. Smith, W. A. Dunn, R. C. Josey, W. R. Walston, J. A. Pittman, J. W. Leggett, G. S. White, J. P. Futrell, Dr. J. R. Pope, J. H. Futrell.

WELDON.—State Convention: W. H. Day, W. E. Daniel, Dr. J. L. Ivey. **Congressional Convention:** B. F. Gary, A. H. Green, E. A. Cuthrell, D. E. Stainback, J. B. Brickell, G. W. Fulghum, J. A. Smith, B. L. Sharp, E. Clark, R. W. Young, L. T. Gainer, J. D. Medlin. **Judicial Convention:** A. L. Allen, E. H. Day, Jesse Rhea, J. A. Holford, E. T. Clark, L. A. Smith, Jesse S. Medlin, S. Trueblood, J. H. Pearson, J. W. Sledge, R. A. Pope, T. A. Clark.

Dr. M. T. Savage moved that the

chairman and secretary be made honorary delegates to the State Convention. W. F. Butterworth moved that the convention proceed to nominations of the different county officers and for the Legislature.

W. A. Dunn amended by a motion that nominations be postponed to a future convention subject to the call of the chairman.

W. C. Thorne said nominate now. W. E. Daniel spoke for postponement. E. C. Bullock favored nominations now.

Mr. Dunn again spoke for postponement, and so did David Bell. Claude Kitchin spoke for nominations at once.

E. L. Travis said that while he saw no good reason for postponing he was in favor of following the advice of such trusted leaders as Mess. Dunn, Daniel, Bell and others, and was therefore in favor of postponement.

Dr. W. O. McDowell favored nominating now.

Dr. G. E. Matthews said postpone. The vote was taken by townships 63 for postponement and 69 against.

The convention adjourned for an hour.

At 2:30 the convention reassembled and Mr. W. B. Drewry moved a reconsideration whereby the motion was carried against postponing nominations.

Dr. McDowell moved to table Mr. Drewry's motion. The vote was taken and was a tie 66 to 66. The chairman decided against postponement. There being some misunderstanding of the vote Mr. F. H. Taylor moved that the vote be taken again. The vote resulted in 63 for postponement to 69 against it.

The chair declared nominations for county officers in order.

Dr. J. A. Collins nominated Mr. S. M. Gary for Clerk of the Superior Court, seconded by W. F. Butterworth.

E. L. Travis nominated John T. Gregory, seconded by two. The vote was taken, resulting in 90 for Gary and 41 for Gregory. Mr. Gary was declared the nominee for Clerk. Mr. Gary thanked the convention and promised if elected to serve in his best capacity, saying that he would make as good a clerk as Mr. Gregory has made.

W. E. Daniel nominated W. F. Parker for Treasurer, and by motion of W. A. Dunn the nomination was made by acclamation, and Mr. Parker was declared the nominee for Treasurer.

F. H. Taylor nominated S. J. Clark for Sheriff, seconded by two. W. E. Daniel nominated A. H. Green, seconded by two. The vote was taken which showed 78 for Clark and 54 for Green, and Mr. Clark was declared nominated for sheriff.

W. A. Dunn nominated J. Frank Brinkley for Register of Deeds and he was nominated by acclamation.

Dr. Green nominated B. F. Gary for Coroner and the nomination was made by acclamation.

W. A. Dunn nominated W. R. Nevill for Surveyor and the nomination was made by acclamation.

The chair announced that nominations for the General Assembly were in order.

Claude Kitchin nominated Dr. W. R. Wood for the Senate seconded by several.

E. L. Travis nominated J. M. Grizzard which was also seconded.

W. E. Daniel nominated Dr. I. E. Green which was seconded by several amid applause. Mr. Travis withdrew the name of Capt. Grizzard, and seconded Dr. Green's nomination.

Dr. Wood's name was withdrawn and Dr. Green was nominated for the Senate by acclamation.

W. A. Dunn nominated Dr. W. R. Wood for the House, Dr. Collins nominated J. M. Grizzard, W. E. Daniel nominated J. A. House, David Bell nominated F. H. Taylor, Dr. Matthews nominated H. S. Harrison. Mr. Harrison withdrew his own name in favor of Mr. House.

The balloting commenced and when it became apparent how the vote was going all names were withdrawn except J. A. House and J. M. Grizzard, and they were nominated by acclamation.

A motion was made to adjourn. The convention was adjourned just in time for delegates to catch the 4 o'clock train.

The convention showed good and kindly feelings throughout. Want of space forbids our printing the most excellent short speeches that were made in nominating some of the candidates.

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BISHOP WILSON'S ADDRESS.

Bishop A. W. Wilson of Baltimore spoke before the Christian Teachers' Assembly in Littleton last week on Christian Education, and his address was well timed. He said that with many Christian education is inferior and inadequate to the notion of education itself. With them it is rather conformity to custom than to the proper uses of education. Education means to many a cramming of some kind of knowledge. They don't see where Christian education comes in. They think that education means some college curriculum without regard to the moral side of the question. There is much apathy and indifference among the people to the efforts of those who wish to bring education and religion together.

Our fathers were simple minded, straightforward men, and education meant to them the interests of souls with reference to the highest and best part of nature. In olden times every minister was a teacher. Certain matters of education were wholly in the hands of the ministers.

The division between laymen and preachers has not worked very well. Laymen may carry on the work of schools without special attention to the Christian features of education, but the minister must not obligate himself save to both. So we get confused.

We face Romanism on the one hand, wishing to exclude the Bible, and infidelity on the other, which seeks to put the whole idea of Christianity out of education and leave it to later years of life.

If you wish to make men, real men, it is altogether another question from studying the distant stars, their sizes, etc. The first business of education is to make men and women. We can't tell what grade of manhood and womanhood will result in after years. But it is the business of education to train the mind for the best possible life.

It was boasted to Douglas Jerrold that a certain man knew 27 different languages. "Yes," replied Jerrold, "but he never said a sensible thing in a single one of them."

The speaker here referred to what he observed in travelling in the East. He said boys speak English, German, Spanish, etc., without ever having looked into a book; but it did not make them any better. "I lost respect," he said, "for mere language."

Men may speak many languages without putting into them any common sense. Language alone does not make men. Education wants to find what men can do, and seeks to bring out these capacities. Said the speaker, "How to do this and make men and women such as you want and leave out Christian development is more than I can understand."

An educated man not religiously trained is hurtful to a community. The worst things do not lie on the top. The most subtle in the human life are the most pernicious. The devil is the keenest persecutor this side the throne. Nothing is truer than that nothing is true out of Christ. Christianity has taken charge of the capacity of man as completely as of his mind and will.

Repentance means a change of mind—not simply sorrow for sin. It is a complete reversal of man's attitude towards all things, and this constitutes conversion. Repentance does not touch one's feelings and conscience only, but his innermost thoughts. Otherwise it is deceptive. Did Christ say repent because of the danger of hell? No. He said repent because the kingdom of God was at hand and it was necessary to repent in order to see it. When you preach you preach to men who can think.

We hear much talk about "freedom of thought." The gospel comes with its demands upon the conscience. The first effect of Christianity upon the human mind is to free it from superstition and falsehood and leave it free to pursue its investigations on right lines. Scientific investigation on wrong lines brings wrong results, however scientific the investigation. Christianity takes falsehood out of the way.

There is great talk in the world about the credulity of Christianity. It is alleged that Christianity is narrow. But outside of Christianity there is no antagonism to falsehood in this world. The gospel asserts truth and will hear nothing but truth. A lie has no part in the gospel. It will not do anything in falsehood—it works by truth and that only. It was as a witness of the truth that Jesus Christ died. All bolstering up by argument was overthrown ages ago.

The progress of Christianity has not stopped since Luther flung out the gospel to the world and never will until our Bibles are chained where Luther's was found.

Christianity's frankness and honesty in dealing in all questions makes men worth much more than they would be without it. Discoveries that have been made by nations apart from Christianity are conceded, but they amounted to naught until taught by Christianity. The heathen mind reaches a certain stage of human development and stops. It proceeds no further until touched by Christianity, which gives it higher development.

As an example of the lack of progress in the absence of Christianity, the Chinese education has been the same, without improvement, for the last

two centuries. The forms of speech handed down by Confucius still prevail. Only graduates in China are eligible to any office. It matters not whether practical or not the man who has not graduated cannot hold office. A man was chosen to manage certain interests connected with Yang-tse-kiang river because he knew Confucius, whereas an engineer would have saved millions, so poor is their progress without the touch of Christianity.

The Chinese had the compass before we had it. They discovered gun powder but fire crackers were all the use they made of it until Christianity made its way into the country.

Edison may not be a Christian, but had he been born in China he never would have known what lightning meant. The power of Christianity in this country has made possible the great results of his labor, whereas in a heathen land it would have been impossible because it would have lacked the touch and power of Christianity.

The wonder is that Christian people allow their children to attend schools where these things are not taught. We must come to it.

If the gospel is true it is awfully true, and it ought to be first in every school instead of being put off with one hour on Sunday morning in the Sunday-school.

There is great uncertainty as to these things in this country. It would puzzle the most prophetic mind to tell anything now of the issues ten years hence. There is only one solution, and one possibility of solution. Political economy does not satisfy the nation. The problems presented are far beyond the reach of secular thought. They cannot be solved without Christianity. No government can satisfy the demands of this people that does not embody the gospel. Political parties have tried it and failed.

Make children what they ought to be by teaching them under Christian influences. Teach them that the first thing in philosophy and science is Christianity. Until this shall be done we are to have civil commotions and riots and strikes, for there is no solid government without Christianity. Don't let us mix Church and State. Let the State rule in the fear of God.

"I have said enough," concluded the speaker, "to intimate what I wish. I assert the futility of education that does not recognize the transforming power of Christianity and incorporate it into its system."

Our troubles have been growing through generations. It took four centuries to prepare for the French Revolution because the people could not see the tendencies of the times.

Our tendencies now are hurtful. We need to combine Church and schools so that neither will interfere with the other. "I am no prophet," said Bishop Wilson, "nor am I a pessimist. I believe in God and I have faith that God will work out his wise plans at last. And so working with him we may reach the end more peacefully."

We must have the firmest faith in Christianity asserted by those who believe in it. Christianity must have all or none. Our work is to bring Christianity into all the relations of life.

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