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THE COMMONWEALTH is informed that there is a large territory in Halifax county without proper mailing facilities. The territory is bounded by a line from Halifax to Weldon, South Gaston and Aurelian Springs.

There are good citizens of the county who have no post office nearer than eight or ten miles. Some of the citizens in the territory mentioned say their mailing facilities are so poor they cannot even take a newspaper. They are entitled to better facilities and THE COMMONWEALTH suggests that some one in that community circulate a petition for the proper mail route, and we think there would be no difficulty in getting the mail advantages which they are entitled to.

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION.

Superior court is in session in Halifax this week with Judge Starbuck, of Winston, presiding. There is a full docket for the week and a number of visiting attorneys have been engaged in the court.

Judge Starbuck is the youngest Judge in the State, and perhaps was as young a Judge when he went on the bench in 1894 as ever served the State in that capacity.

His rather youthful appearance is at great discrepancy with his ready rulings and knowledge of the law. He has won the esteem and confidence of members of the bar, suitors and witnesses. He is one of the best and readiest Judges that have been in Halifax court, notwithstanding he is so young. Added to his ability Judge Starbuck is quite courteous and agreeable to all who meet him, and he has pleased the people of the county well.

CALL OF DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION AND PRIMARIES.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Halifax county have called the Democratic County Convention for said county to be held in the town of Halifax on Thursday, the 29th day of March, 1900, for the nomination of County officers, and the selection of delegates to the State and Congressional Conventions.

The primaries for the selection of delegates to the County Convention have been called to be held in the several precincts of the county on Friday, the 23rd day of March, 1900, at such hours as the respective precinct Committees may designate.

This 24th day of February, 1900.
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AN OLD MAP.

Kinston Free Press.
Dr. H. O. Hyatt has had framed and loaned to Kinston Library a map of eastern North Carolina that was made in 1729, being 171 years old. It presents a very interesting study. The spelling of names of towns, rivers, etc., is different in majority of instances from the style of the present time. It seems that at that time only the extreme eastern portion of North Carolina had been explored. The Neuse river is put down as running only a short distance above "Newbourn." Kinston is not on the map.

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OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

STATE PRIMARY TO SELECT U. S. SENATOR.

A COMMITTEEMAN'S GOOD ADVICE.

RALEIGH, N. C. March 5, 1900.
Only little more than one month remains before the Democratic State convention will assemble in this city.

During the next few weeks the precinct primaries and county conventions in all the counties will be held.

Considerable of the space of these letters has, up to this time, been naturally taken up portrayal of the political conditions, and incidentally the views of a number of representative Democrats (most of them the most prominent men in the party and sincere workers for its best interest and success) and the outlook, the availability and prospects of the more prominent candidates, have been incorporated.

This has been done faithfully, and the friends of each of the candidates, have been freely quoted.

It was done, first, for the information of the people, the great mass of Democrats in the country and the small towns, who not being active politicians rely principally upon their home papers for correct information; and, second in justice to the splendid men (all of them) who aspire to nominations for places on the State ticket.

This duty having been discharged—to the advantage of the party and in the interest of the Amendment and white supremacy, it is to be hoped, and as intended there will now be less political discussion to indulge in through these letters, beyond keeping up with the progress of events and the developments of the campaign.

PEOPLE IN HEARTY SYMPATHY WITH PRIMARIES.

There is one feature of the campaign however, which I have been requested by members of the Democratic State Committee and other prominent party leaders, who have the best interests of the party at heart, to call special attention to at this particular juncture.

This matter relates to the free expression of opinion and preference of the rank and file of Democratic voters, and the selection of delegates by them to the county and State conventions who will faithfully and unerringly represent their views and wishes, in proportion to the strength of every proposition or question of party policy.

This can only be done through the primaries and county conventions and a fair, representative State convention can be secured in no other way. I cannot present this matter more forcibly than by using the language of one of the members of the State committee, as addressed to me this week.

Said he:

WILL OF THE PEOPLE MUST BE RESPECTED.

"There has never been a time in the history of the party when it was more important to ascertain the wishes of the great mass of voters and adopt and pursue the policy and nominate the candidates whom the majority favor.

"Not only should the counties send delegates to the State convention to vote for candidates for Governor and other State officers in proportion to the strength of each candidate in each county; but there is another and just as important matter (if we are to have harmony and good will and good work in this campaign after the State ticket is nominated) which demands attention.

"I have seen nothing on the subject from county chairmen, and have noted no reference to it in the reports I have read of the few county conventions held so far and I say plainly that many Democratic voters are interested in it as much or more than in the selection of candidates for Governor and other State offices. It would be a serious omission if not a fatal blow to let this matter go by default, and it is time, high time, that attention was directed to it.

AS TO STATE PRIMARY FOR U. S. SENATOR.

"I refer to the question of whether a State primary of the Democrats of North Carolina shall be held to express their preferences as to whom the Legislature shall elect next winter to succeed Butler in the U. S. Senate.

"This is a matter which the candidates for Senator have not agitated much, because of the suggestion that the Amendment should be first disposed of—so far as preference for Senator is concerned.

"But it should also be understood that the matter is to come before the State convention on April 11th, and will possibly be disposed of at that time.

"It is known (or it ought to be known and well understood by voters) that the State committee at its last session in Raleigh evidently favored the primary (at least a majority of the committeemen did, and doubtless because they understood it to be the will of their constituents), and the question was referred to the State convention, with instructions that in calling the State convention it should be explicitly stated in the call that this matter would then come up—for the plain reason that the people of all the counties should be no-

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tified of the fact, and remember it in selecting delegates to the State convention.

"If a county convention, or a majority of the delegates to a county convention, desire that a State Primary on the selection of a U. S. Senator shall be held—in order that the entire Democratic party and every voter in it shall have a voice in this important matter—then that convention should in naming delegates to the State convention, select only such men as are known to favor that plan.

"If the county is divided on this subject then let a fair and just proportion of Senatorial Primary men and Anti-Senatorial Primary men be elected delegates to the State convention according to the strength of the two sides, as manifested in the township primaries and the county conventions.

"We cannot be too careful to see that the will of the people (the white Democrats of the several counties and the State as a whole) is respected in this matter.

"It would certainly not contribute to the success of the party—to state ticket or the Amendment—for the State convention to refuse to a State Primary for U. S. Senator, if the majority of the Democratic voters of the State desire such a primary, or vice versa.

QUESTION SHOULD BE SETTLED RIGHT.

"It is equally plain that (laying aside the individuality of all the aspirants for the Senatorship) the good of the party and the chances of the success of the Amendment will not be advanced by the smothering, and keeping in the background this State Primary plan until it is too late to carry out the will of the voters of the party, the only result of which would be to give opportunity to a few politicians to defeat the plan in the State convention, or so hamper it that it would not furnish a free and full expression of the wishes of the Democrats of the State.

"I say that, if there are any such 'wire-puller' (and there may or may not be), we are not doing the party a service by keeping this feature of the Senatorial question in the background longer. The individuality of neither of the candidates is involved in calling a State Primary. It only assures us that the most popular and satisfactory candidates will be selected—be they Mr. Simmons, Gen. Carr, Maj. Waddell, Gov. Jarvis, or whoever he may be.

The only feature of the Senatorial matter which any of us have ever believed should be deferred was the endorsement of either individual candidate by the conventions. And I see that in one or two counties the conventions have done that.

"The Primary plan of electing Senator has proved so universally satisfactory in South Carolina and the many other States where it has been tried, that certainly a great many Democrats in North Carolina favor it, and it is our bounden duty to ascertain if a majority do, and if so then it should be ordered.

"Not to do so under such conditions would be disastrous to the party, and would endanger the success of not only the State ticket but the Amendment as well. I greatly fear it would, and therefore I hope the editors of all the county papers will at once take up this matter and fully acquaint their readers on the subject. By doing so they will perform a valuable party service."

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FORT CASEY, Wash., Feb. 22, 1900.

DEAR MR. EDITOR:—Well, here we are buried, out off, so to speak from the rest of the world, away up amongst the snowclad mountains, the beautiful Northwest of this glorious country of ours. Of course, we are still soul and body faithful and loyal soldiers 'neath the grand old stars and stripes, that proud, liberty-inspiring banner of a heaven blessed nation. You may well believe that we appreciate the honor it conveys and feel constrained to explain—like the ancient warriors of the Roman Empire, whose conception of greatness and earthly glory was to have been a Roman:—"We are Americans";—And again we cannot but be convinced, that good old Uncle Sam feels quite safe and perfectly at ease, knowing that his fertile soil, his honor and welfare are so jealously guarded and protected from a possible intrusion and insults of foreign, antagonistic hordes. Spain knows that Arginaldo is aware of it and for the rest of the world—well, so far as they are concerned, the time has arrived, when we need but say:—"Get off the earth!"

But as we rather desire to give you and the dear readers of your valuable paper a friendly, warmhearted greeting from the three Tarheels of the far, far away, let us drop eulogizing and the dangerous subject of politics and branch off into a more conventional and perhaps more welcome theme.

It is evening and the radiant sun is just setting behind the gigantic range of rosy-hued mountains, which glow in the departing solar light like huge peaks of sparkling gold. What a grand! awe inspiring panorama. We are sitting here on the veranda of our newly finished barracks and are struck with the grandeur and magnificence of God's sublime creation. Puget Sound on which our post is situated, is tonight wonderfully calm and silent. Sometimes, in fact, it is not an uncommon occurrence, this water becomes exceedingly stormy and boisterous, so much so even, that shipping has to be temporarily suspended and outgoing vessels seek the safe refuge and retreat of some quiet haven. Port Townsend, a city, which was once in the height of boom, and has the advantage of an uncommonly beautiful, spacy harbor, lies directly opposite from us, while Seattle, the Queen City of the Northwest, is only 30 miles up the sound and Victoria, B. C., 60 miles, but lying in the opposite direction. Excepting perhaps the continuous heavy fall of rain and the somewhat lonesome character of the place itself, we are able to state, that life here is indeed agreeable. Although in the middle of winter, we have had but very few cold days. That in itself is of course an advantage not to be despised. The army-grub, alas, is still the same and consists chiefly of hash, alum in full dress and overcoats. These expressions may be somewhat foreign to your readers, but we have no doubt that they can be duly enlightened and will be able to find the proper definitions in Webster's unabridged.

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