

B. H. Swain is not responsible for the debts of this paper contracted since Nov. 8, 1895.

The waves of reform and prosperity struck the shores of Windsor Township last Thursday. As is well known the only results likely to flow from a Populist Convention are more money, better times, and happier homes. At least that is what they claim. If this is true every pocket in the County is now full, the times are better, and every home hilarious with joy and gladness, because a typical third party meeting was held in Windsor last week.

A real first class Populist meeting is one in which no one from the locality, in which it is held, takes part. If it is in Lewiston, then the delegates are all from Roxobel. This meeting was held in Precinct No. 1, and was composed of Bro. James M. Early, of Aulander; Bro. James E. Tadlock, of Precinct No. 2; and brothers Joseph Swain, A. W. Snell, John Tarkington, Joseph Tarkington, and R. E. Tarkington, of Washington County, but now sojourning in Precinct No. 2. So it will be seen at a glance, that the conditions of membership were fulfilled. Then too, there is always a spirit of brotherly love and fraternity in such meetings. Generally this calling of one another brother is an ideal, evolved out of the Omaha platform, and relates to an era of universal peace. But in this instance, the ideal gave way to the unreal substantial; and made the title of brother secure in name and in fact, the Convention was composed mainly of Bro. A. W. Snell, and his three brothers-in-law. The returns from Washington County all being in, Bro. A. W. Snell called the meeting to order and asked Bro. J. M. Early to state the object of the meeting.

Bro. Early arose with an expression of longing on his face. There seemed to be a void in his oration. The absence of Bro. Ben Askew from town must have caused a pall to settle over the sky of his oratory. At any rate Bro. Ben was absent and Bro. Early could not get up a full head of steam. He accounted for the smallness of the crowd on the ground that they were all at home busy. This is the favorite dodge of the Populist, when he arises to address a thousand, and sees a half dozen of his followers present. The absent are all busy. After this self-accusation that those present were loafers and idlers, Bro. Early stated that the object of the meeting was to organize the township. Bro. Snell's notice did not say so. Bro. Snell was made Chairman after Bro. Swain declined owing to an impediment in his speech. Bro-in-law R. E. Tarkington was made Secretary. His duties were laborious and lengthy. Here Bro. J. M. Early arose and suggested that a want of interest might have kept some away; that the political pot was boiling and people might be waiting to see where to go. This dead give way of Bro. Early's own personality did not evoke tremendous applause. It seems that every one present had formed that idea for him in advance. The longing look of his eye plainly told that Bro. Ben had not arrived.

After a dead calm of a few moments it was suggested that an adjournment be in order. Here Bro. Early arose and gave

his third installment of reasons why no one was present and that he said was owing to want of notice. The result of the business was that only six men were there who did not seem to know what they met for, or to have any idea of how to proceed.

Under instructions from Bro. Early the meeting adjourned.

Bro. Early, in speaking of the smallness of the meeting, said he had seen less than those present in his old party—himself and two others. We believe bossism is one of Bro. Early's complaints. Himself and two others running a township and then quit on account of bosses! We know Bro. Early is honestly opposed to bosses by the way he came from his township and run this Washington Co. affair meeting in Windsor. So enthused did Bro. Swain get, he even intimated that he had bossed a township in his old party. What a fine spectacle—these two gentlemen fleeing from political persecution and bosses.

Our citizens learned that Precinct No. 1, did not contain a Populist in it. The Lord be praised. Many years ago a certain Republican candidate for Sheriff, it is said, expected a big swelling of his vote in Bertie County, when the returns from Plymouth came in. It may be that his success in that direction has emboldened the Populists of Precinct No. 2, to import from Washington Co., five sixth of the members when they meet in Precinct No. 1. The whole thing was a farce. It was however tame and harmless.

There will be a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of this the Second Congressional District at Rocky Mount, on Thursday May 21, 1896 at 8 p. m. The object of the meeting is to fix the time and place for holding the Congressional Convention. Mr. Francis D. Winston is the member of the Committee from this County. He will attend the meeting.

THE Northern Settlers Convention at Southern Pines was a complete success. About six hundred Northern Capitalists were present as were also a number of leading Southern men. Ex-senator Walsh of Georgia was there and delivered an able address, giving the many Southern advantages and inducements to Northern manufacturers and capitalists. Capitalists of Bertie, you had better get a hustle on or your yankee friend will be here and start the band playing and you will have to sit aside and listen to the tune of all for the Yankee and none for you. Arouse yourselves and start the industrial wheels agoing and we will all take a swim in the tide of prosperity.

AFTER a turbulent, violent and stormy session of three days and nights, the Republican State Convention nominated D. L. Russell for Governor, Zeb. V. Walsler for Attorney General, Ruff Henderson for Auditor, and R. M. Douglas for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. This is a combination of hate and bitterness, youthful incompetence, and uncouth demagoguery and a moderate drop of respectable carpet-bagism.

There has never been a day when this ticket could be elected in North Carolina. We do not believe that day will ever come. As it duty bound the LEDGER will from now on lay before the people the private and political characters of the men composing this ticket. As a sample of Russell's violent opinions we simply recall his assertion that all the negroes were savages and that

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At the County Convention delegates to the State, Congressional and Senatorial Conventions will be appointed and a convention called later by the County Committee to nominate County Candidates. The same delegates will meet in the convention. E. B. OUTLAW, Chr. Dem. Ex. Com.

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NOTICE!

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