

USE OF CHURCH FOR POLITICAL GATHERINGS

District Conference Disproves of the Idea.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE SESSION OF THE BODY AT OLD FORT.

Old Fort, N. C., July 25.—The Methodist district conference assembled at 9 o'clock and was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. L. Bain.

The order of the day having arrived, the lay delegates proceeded to elect lay delegates to the annual conference to meet in Greensboro November 21. The election resulted in the choice of Dr. J. A. Reagan, F. Stikleather, J. L. Walsh and R. P. Walker, with C. W. Brown and J. A. Wild as alternates.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. E. L. Bain and was adopted with enthusiasm:

"Whereas, in the present and previous political campaigns in North Carolina it has occurred that the houses dedicated to the worship of God have been used as places for political speaking; therefore,

"Be it resolved, That, as preachers and laymen, we use our influence and create a proper public sentiment against the prostitution of churches for any other than holy purposes, and that we use our authority to prevent any further desecration of our houses of worship.

"Resolved, That our trustees of church property be advised by the pastor whenever necessary as to the extent of their authority in the premises.

"E. L. BAIN.

"F. STIKLEATHER.

"C. W. BROWN."

As the place for holding the next district conference Central and Haywood Street churches, Asheville, Hot Springs, Democrat and Burnsville were nominated. Burnsville was chosen.

The committee on quarterly conference records made a report offering various criticisms on the records.

The report of the committee on Sunday schools was submitted by Rev. R. B. Shelton. There are 56 schools, with 3700 scholars enrolled, on the Asheville district.

The following resolutions were offered by Rev. R. M. Taylor and adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

"Whereas, by the law of the church the time limit of our beloved preaching elder, Rev. Daniel Atkins, D. D., will expire with this conference year; and

"Whereas, we have found Dr. Atkins to be a true model of christian character, whose pious walk and Godly conversation is eminently worthy of all imitation; and

"Whereas, we have found Dr. Atkins to be a faithful and successful expounder of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as well as a painstaking and efficient presiding officer, looking carefully after every detail of the church, sparing no labor, toll nor sacrifice to do his whole duty as a leader of the district; therefore,

"Resolved— That we commend him to God and to those whom in the providence of God he may be called to serve in the future.

"That we regret to give up Dr. Atkins from the district, but bow with submission to the law of the church which requires his removal.

"That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our journal, a copy furnished to Dr. Atkins and a copy sent to the North Carolina Christian Advocate and also to the Epworth News, with a request to publish.

"R. M. TAYLOR, "E. L. BAIN."

The following resolutions were offered by Rev. J. J. Gray:

"In view of the afflictions through which our brother, Rev. D. V. Price, is passing—ill health, disappointment and bereavement—we, the members of the Asheville district conference, tender him our deepest sympathy and pray God to vouchsafe to him sustaining grace.

"We assure him of our appreciation of his labors among us, and of his high character as a christian gentleman and minister.

"We desire that these resolutions be spread upon our book of records and a copy sent to Brother Price.

"J. J. GRAY, "R. B. TUTTLE, "R. B. SHELTON."

Dr. L. W. Crawford, editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, was introduced and represented the Advocate in a strong speech.

At the close of the speech the preachers pledged to try to secure new subscribers, with the understanding that the paper be sent for \$1 per year, cash for the first year.

Prof. W. K. Boyd of Trinity Park High school was introduced and represented his school in a neat, clear, strong speech.

Rutherford college was represented by Dr. Chas. Weaver, while Rev. G. F. Kirby spoke on behalf of Weaverville college. Both these speeches were good.

Dr. Atkins spoke briefly on behalf of Brevard Epworth school, of Crooked Creek academy, McDowell county, and Bald Creek academy, Yancey county.

Rev. John W. Jones, financial agent for Rutherford college, addressed the conference with reference to the twentieth century thank offering. Quite a sum was subscribed.

The minutes were read and adopted and the conference adjourned sine die at 1 o'clock p. m.

CALL FOR THE NINTH DISTRICT CONVENTION TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS.

A convention of the Democrats of the ninth congressional district is hereby called to meet at Asheville, N. C., on Wednesday, the 8th day of August, 1908, at 12 o'clock m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for representative from said district in the 57th congress; to name a candidate for elector for said district and to transact such other business as may lawfully come before it.

DEMOCRACY'S GREAT PARADE

(Continued from page 1.)

uted, when in order to relieve the pressure word was passed around that the torches had given out. Those already supplied and a large part of the crowd then moved up to the square. The distribution then began again more successfully and a batch of torches was sent to the old depot to be distributed. The remainder were then sent to the square and given out there. There were more than 1000 torches, yet probably double that number could have been used.

These arrangements all required time and it was after 9 o'clock when the parade left court square. In the parade, in addition to the torchbearers, there were about 100 mounted men, although no effort had been made to enlist horsemen. The original route of the procession was adhered to, but the speeches along the line had to be omitted, owing to the lateness of the hour, and the difficulty of getting all the crowd near enough to the speakers to hear. The procession halted a few minutes at the old depot and then returned up Spring street. At this end of the route there was a pretty display of lights extending up the hillside, arranged by the ladies of that section. The procession was three-quarters of a mile long and would have been much longer but for the fact that several hundred of those who were bunched together and made the procession for some distance as wide as the street. It required over 100 gallons of oil to supply the torches.

A great many transparencies were carried in the procession and they made a great hit. Some of them read:

"Colonel Lusk's ward Democratic, 16 to 1."

"We are for disfranchising negroes; Pearson disfranchised white men."

"Revenue officers cannot intimidate our judges, registrars and voters."

"All coons look alike to us."

"Butler can't whip this gang out' of the Old North State."

"Give white supremacy 1000 in Buncombe."

"Craig, Curtis and the county ticket by 1000 majority."

"Needed, Another faithful liar. Price \$5000. Apply to Pritchard, Harkins & Co."

"White supremacy is life; black supremacy is death."

A carriage drawn by four beautiful horses contained Mr. Crawford, Mr. Craig and Gen. Julian S. Carr. The occupants had to respond to the applause of the crowd all along the route.

While the crowd was waiting for the parade to return to the square a very pretty scene was presented. Dozens of little girls, dressed mostly in white and bearing torches and flags, marched about the square. Hundreds of men, women and children lined the sidewalks, and what with the firing of the anvils, the blowing of tin horns and the wall of innumerable rubber balloons there was a demonstration such as has seldom been known in Asheville.

The parade reached the square at 10:45. Part of the procession was delayed somewhat by the incident near Millard & Lasater's stable, but these soon came up and joined the crowd that thronged the space in front of the library, from the steps of which the speaking was held. After the long and tiresome march the crowd stayed and hurrahed for the speakers to an extent that was remarkable. The speaking was not concluded until after 12 o'clock and at that time there were over 500 men on the square.

THE SPEAKING. County Chairman Murphy presented the speakers. The first was Hon. W. T. Crawford. He received great applause. A yell of derision at the expense of his opponents went up when he asked, "Is this the crowd that is to be driven out by the fusion cohorts in North Carolina?" "Fellow citizens," he said, "the only issue is whether the white man or negro shall rule in North Carolina. By their intelligence, their manhood and their right, the white people will rule in this state. All the combinations of the black man with a few white men—I say they cannot, will not, rule the destinies of this grand old state of ours. In behalf of good government we are going to defend the cause of white supremacy. In the galaxy of states we are going to make the star of the Old North State shine brighter and brighter. We will all rejoice together after August 2."

Gen. J. S. Carr of Durham was introduced. He said in part: "I am a stranger, perhaps, to many of you, if any North Carolinian whose every impulse bends for the welfare of the people of the state can be a stranger anywhere in North Carolina. I congratulate you on this magnificent demonstration by the untimely Democracy of Buncombe county. For 60 days the people of North Carolina have been crying,

"Watchman, tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are."

"Fellow Democrats, I am here tonight to tell you that the day is already breaking and on the 23 day of August the white manhood and the white womanhood of North Carolina will march under the banner of white supremacy. The battle has not yet been fought to a finish. Let every man go to the polls determined that he will devote one day to the good of his country and to the success of his party. It is now only a question of majority."

D. M. Luther, esq., was introduced. He said: "I am proud to stand before this great audience tonight and join my voice in the cause of white supremacy. We are on the threshold of a better and more glorious day. We find that some of the very best men of the Republican party of the state are with us. We find that 95 per cent. of the ministers are with us, and there is a better and fairer class that is with us—the womanhood of North Carolina."

Harry Martin said that this was a time for action and not for argument. He said that the opposition to the amendment by the Republican leaders was based on the fact that their jobs were in danger. He made one of his characteristically incisive and scathing speeches and was warmly applauded by the crowd.

There were continued calls for Hon. Locke Craig and when he was presented there was a demonstration lasting several minutes. He said that the magnificent demonstration of the evening was an expression of the verdict of the people that the white men should rule forever in North Carolina. On August 2 the people of North Carolina would settle this question right and for all time. Mr. Craig said that whether or not it was true that trade followed the flag, it certainly was true that white men's government followed the flag. He said that the Republican administration had thousands of soldiers in the Philippines to prevent the colored people from raising their native country.

It was after midnight when Mr. Craig concluded. The square literally swarmed with people even at that hour

THE BIBLE IN SCOTCH

From the Montreal Herald.

The Scriptures have been translated into Scotch—to speak accurately, the New Testament, for the experiment is to extend only to that now. Such a translation must be one of two things; it must be either in a dialect that is impure and unliturgical, or in a dialect that is no longer familiar to the multitude. As we learn from the publisher, Mr. Alex. Gardner, Paisley, the experiment is to be in the latter, in the Scotch of the early century that is to say.

Interviewed on the point on behalf of the London Leader, Mr. Gardner said his Testament in the braid Scotch—orbraid Scots, as the pedant has it—which is still only in manuscript, would not be in the Glasgow or Paisley Scotch of the present day, but would more resemble Burns. It would not be archaic, but neither would it be corrupt. "Here, for instance, is the Lord's prayer," said Mr. Gardner:

"Faither o' ous, biddin' Aboon! Thy name be holie! Lat Thy reign begin! Lat Thy will be done, baith in Yirth and Heevin! Gie us likka day oor needfu' feudin'. And forgive us a' oor ill-deeds, as we een' fargae thae wha did us ill; and lat us no be sifit; but save us frae the ill-Ane; for the croon is Thine-ain; and the micht and the glorie, for evir and evir, Amen."

"Presumably the author is a Scotsman?" Mr. Gardner was asked.

"He is a Scotsman, but a Scotsman resident in Canada, who has acquired his knowledge of Scotch from books only. He is a retired minister. Mr. Smith his name is and he is over 80 years of age."

"Do you really think Scotch people will understand it, Mr. Gardner?"

"Those who know their Burns perfectly will; others may be puzzled by it."

"And English people?"

"I showed it to an English minister the other day and he was greatly tickled. His knowledge of the Scriptures aided him a little, but even at that he was beaten to read it intelligently."

"You don't count, then, on any great demand for a book of that kind?"

"Not in the sense that there is any desire for it," said Mr. Gardner. "There is no need for a Scotch Testament, as for a Gaelic one; and you can guess whether it will ever be used or recognized by the churches. But it will be an interesting and curious book, and on that account may have some vogue." In answer to a further question Mr. Gardner mentioned that the publication would probably come out in the autumn.

Asked if the Scotch rendering of the Scriptures was in any way ludicrous, Mr. Gardner remarked that that would depend on the reader and his knowl-

edge of the dialect. "I'll show you the manuscript," he said, "and you can judge for yourself."

TRANSLATION OF THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

And seein' the thrang o' folk, he gaed up intil a mountain; and when he was suttin-down, his disciples gather't about.

And he open't his mouth, and instructit them; and quo he: "Happy the spirits that are low and cannie; for the kingdom o' Heevin is waitin' for them!"

"Happy they that are making their maen; for they sal fin' comfort and peace!"

Happy the lowly and meek o' the yirth; for the yirth sal be their ain badden!

"Happy they whose hunger and drouth are a' for holiness; for they sal be stegh'd!"

"Happy the pittfu'; for they sal win pity theirsels!"

"Happy the pure heartit; for their een sal dwell upon God!"

"Happy the makers-up o' strife; for they sal be countit for bairns o' God!"

"Happy the ill-treatit anes for the sake o' gude; for they'se hae the kingdom o' God!"

"Happy sal ye be when folk sal mis-ca' ye, and ill-treat ye, and say a' things again ye wrangouslie for my sake!"

"Joy ye, and be blythel' for yere meed is great in Heevin! for e'en sae did they till the prophets afore ye!"

"The saut o' the yirth are ye; but gin the saut hae tint its tang, hoo's it to be sautit? Is it no clean useles? to be cuisten oot, and traucht' under folk's feet."

"Ye are the warid's licht. A toon biggit on a hilltop is aye seen. "Nor wad men licht a cruise, and pit it neath a cog, but set it up; and it gies licht to a' the hoose."

"Sae lat yere licht gang abraid among men; that seem yere gude warks they may gie God glorie."

"Think-na I am come to do awa' w' the Law, or the Prophets; I'se no come to do awa, but to bring to pass!"

"For truly say I 'y, Till Neeven and Yirth dwine awa, ae jot or ae titlle falls na o' a' the Law, till a' comes to pass!"

"Than, wha breks ane o' thae wee't saul be ca'd sma' i' the kingdom o' Heevin; but wha sal keep them, and spread them abraid, he sal be ca'd heigh i' the kingdom o' Heevin."

"For I say till ye, Gin yere gudeness gang-na, yont the Scribes and Pharisees, ne'er sal ye win intil the kingdom o' Heevin!"

"Ye ken hoo it was spoken till the folk of yore: 'Ye maunna kill; and whasa' kills is in danger o' the Court."

A DEMOCRAT APPEALS TO DEMOCRATS

For the Adoption of the Proposed Amendment.

REASONS FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE DEMOCRATS IN THIS ELECTION.

Editor The Citizen:—I deem it my personal duty to ask of all loyal Democrats to be faithful to their party and for the passage of the proposed constitutional amendment on August 2 at our next election. I deem it to be one of the most important elections that has been held in our state for a number of years, and if every true Democrat will do his duty I have no doubt that the result will be a complete Democratic victory for white supremacy and good government.

There are various reasons why we should be successful at this election. I think that every well informed man can easily see that the ignorant negro has been used as a means for biased politicians to be elected to office, without the ignorant negroes stopping to really consider the issues of the election, but voting mostly as their party leaders may advise them. The Republican campaign orators, in order to deceive, have tried to prejudice the uneducated white men by telling them that they would be disfranchised if the amendment is carried, but they will not be deceived by that untruthful statement as they will find that most white men do not believe these ridiculous statements. Some of our leading men who now represent North Carolina have tried to frighten or scare our people by their assertions that the amendment was unconstitutional, and that if carried would be null and void.

I will state that the people of North Carolina do not want to violate the constitution of the United States, but will ever be found true to it, but they claim the right of saying who shall be qualified voters just as Massachusetts or any other state of this union would.

Another important reason why we should succeed at this election is the fact that our next legislature will decide who shall be our next United States senator. While I do not believe in using unjust criticism of our public officials because of different political views, still we are to judge them by their actions. I believe there are great and patriotic men in the Populist as well as in other parties, but I do contend that their actions in fusing with the Republican party of this state are open to suspicion, as the Republican views are those which the Populists have pretended to dislike. There was a time when Mr. Butler and his chief party leaders could exert a great deal of influence, especially in middle and eastern Carolina. I think they have so acted that their political power is coming to a close, and it will not require a Daniel to read the handwriting upon the wall. North Carolina will want her best and most patriotic men to represent her, both in the state and in the national congress, and she will want men who will uphold the great principles of the Democratic party, as taught by Jefferson and other great leaders. I am sure the intelligent voters of

this state will condemn the unjust efforts of some Republican leaders for trying to have federal troops to control their elections. The people of this state think they are capable of holding their own elections without federal interference. The people of this state believe that when they elect their national representatives by a majority of voters that they should not be disfranchised by a partisan congress. The Democratic party will stand true to its principles, and though we may get into our ranks some traitors and demagogues who sell their principles and honor, I am glad the great masses of that party condemn all such, and denounce their actions.

In conclusion I will urge all Democrats to stand firm for the party which gave us good and honest government in our state for 20 years in succession, from 1876 to 1896, and upon the decision of our countrymen we will abide. Respectfully,

W. J. WHITE.

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