

Saint Mary's Beacon.

LEONARDTOWN, MD. THURSDAY Morning August 26, 1897.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR COMPTROLLER. THOMAS A. SMITH, of Caroline county.

FOR CLERK OF THE COURT OF APPEALS. J. FRANK FORD, of St. Mary's county.

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGES: C. C. MAGRUDER, of Prince George's county. JOHN H. MITCHELL, of Charles county.

For the Senate. DR. WALTER B. DENT.

For the House of Delegates. GEORGE W. L. BUCKLER, WILLIAM S. COPPAGE.

For Clerk of the Circuit Court. JAMES J. GREENWELL.

For Sheriff. WILLIAM C. MATTINGLY.

For Register of Wills. PHILIP H. DORSEY.

For County Commissioner. JAMES R. RALEY.

For County Surveyor. JOSEPH H. JONES.

Of course, there are regrets over the defeat of friends in the recent Democratic primaries, but the hurt is salved by the reflection that good men and true Democrats have been chosen. All could not succeed. The votes were fairly cast, honestly counted and there is no valid reason why Democrats should not give the nominees cordial support.

COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

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Saturday, August 21st, instant, the St. Mary's Democratic County Convention assembled in Leonardtown, was called to order by Mr. J. Thos. Brome, of the Central Committee, and organized by selecting Mr. T. Lee Mattingly as chairman and F. V. King as secretary.

The committee, after reviewing the credentials, reported the temporary officers as permanent and the following list of delegates:

St. Inigo's—J. T. Brome, B. S. Clarke, Walter Wood, James C. Roach, H. F. Abell, R. T. Abell, A. P. Cullison, J. V. Richardson, J. P. Tarlton, Jr., J. R. Clarke.

Valley Lee—J. S. Bean, Jeff. D. Loker, John Redman, James B. Adams, Thomas W. Aud, L. R. Springer, Robt. Owens, R. M. Bean, W. H. Fenwick, J. Gardner.

Leonardtown—H. M. H. Yates, J. B. Drury, Jno. E. Guy, Jas. J. Norris, W. W. Abell, J. H. Drory, H. S. Jarboe, J. F. Mattingly, J. Ford Greenwell, Chas. F. Graves.

Chaptico—J. J. Alvey, J. H. Parsons, R. L. Iacy, F. C. Davis, Louis Davis, T. C. Edwards, J. L. Parr, T. B. Carpenter, Zach. Pilkerton, John K. Davis.

Mechanicville—J. W. Hancock, J. Franklin Adams, J. H. Adams, Ashby Burroughs, L. Nota Readmond, Denton Higgs, G. H. Colona, Wm. G. Gough, C. J. Hunter, T. H. Fowler.

Patuxent—Robt. A. Clarke, J. W. Latham, Willie Buckler, Jacob Hess, Harry Alvey, Jos. C. Wible, V. O. Cusic, F. A. Adams, Wm. U. Goodwin, William D. Heard.

Milestown—J. H. Bailly, J. T. Blair, R. M. Swann, Edley Thompson, Samuel Palmer, Frank Simpson, John T. Herbert, G. G. Hill, L. K. Mattingly, J. M. Dent.

Bay—Thos. Fenhagan, W. W. Cecil, Conrad Cole, Harry Tabman, D. Hayden, A. G. Sanner, Ed. Fish, J. D. Greenwell, J. T. Cox, Ben Abel.

Island—Chas. F. Poe, C. E. Brorecht, Alonzo Taylor, J. T. Crowder, Joseph F. Brorecht, B. R. Moore, Jos. C. Hobbs, Jr., T. Lee Mattingly, Derby Lynch.

Mr. H. S. Jarboe, of Leonardtown district, presented the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, our esteemed fellow-county and favorite son, B. Harris Camaller, Esq., having received the warm and cordial support of the Democratic party of St. Mary's county at the primary election held on Thursday last for the position of Associate Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland;

Resolved, That we heartily and enthusiastically re-endorse the action of the party at the polls, and urge and request the delegates from the county, hereafter to be selected, to do their utmost to secure the nomination of Mr. Camaller, knowing him to be in every way fitted to perform the responsible duties of the position, and believing if nominated, he will be elected by a good majority.

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REPUBLICAN. There were hot times in Leonardtown Monday. The county Republican convention met, organized by making John F. Cecil chairman and Enoch B. Abell secretary. There was one contesting delegation, but the contest was arranged by seating the delegates who had received the highest number of votes. Resolutions, authorizing Judge Crane to select the delegates to the Judicial convention, enjoining Mr. McKinley and prosperity, and saying something complimentary of nearly every prominent Republican in the State, except Gov. Lowndes were adopted. Judge Crane appeared before the convention, made a speech, and named as delegates to Hughesville: Dr. Zach R. Morgan, Wm. T. Wilkinson, George A. Thomas. The alternates are: Arthur C. Combs, Ignatius Smallwood, William C. Smith.

Next came the selection of delegates to the State convention. Nick Briscoe, Joseph H. Ching, John T. Ballenger, Abram Smith and W. F. E. Long were put in nomination. Then the ball opened. Mr. Wilkinson obtained the floor and began a speech by saying, that he desired to perform a duty, made incumbent upon him by a concession he had made a few days ago. He had had great difficulty in getting the central committee to call the primaries. He had been told by a member of the central committee, Mr. Ching, that Mr. Mudd must be consulted before the primaries were called. Went to Baltimore and couldn't find Mr. Mudd. Saw Mr. Mudd in Hughesville, and was informed by him that we could pre-our primaries on the 21st. Mr. Mudd said Mr. Ching and two other delegates acceptable to him must be sent to the State convention, and Mr. Ching and Mr. Henry Carberry must be continued on the central committee. Mr. Wilkinson said he told Mr. Mudd that the selection of delegates and committees belonged to the people, but he promised him to vote for Mr. Ching as delegate and committee-man. That promise he was forced to make, and he would vote as he was made to promise, but it was the right of the convention to do as it saw fit. His promise bound him alone. Capt. W. F. Chesley said, that as the Senator has stated that he would support Mr. Ching, it would be in the interest of harmony to close the episode at once by electing Mr. Ching by acclamation. Senator Wilkinson objected to this and insisted on a ballot. Mr. Ching obtained the floor and began speaking very excitedly. He said that Mr. Wilkinson had made the proposition to Mr. Mudd. Mr. Wilkinson interrupted him by saying, "That is false." After a few more remarks, Mr. Ching stated that Wilkinson had told an "infamous lie." This created great excitement. Major Bradshaw cried out, "Put him out! Put him out!" Tobacco Inspector, William Frank Ford, started towards Mr. Ching, and for a time it seemed that a free fight was imminent. Mr. Ching repeated the "infamous lie." The chair called him to order. He withdrew the offensive expression. He said he would be heard and would explain his position. Then continuing, he said, "There is no question but that Mudd would have carried the county had a fight been made, and a fight would have been made and we would control this convention but for the arrangement made by Mr. Wilkinson himself, which stopped the fighting. In stead of keeping a solemn agreement, Mr. Wilkinson, by his 'trickery, chicanery and base deception,' put up delegates in every district he possibly could subservient to him. I found that Mr. Wilkinson, though he openly proclaims himself for me, has sneakily put into the hands of his henchmen tickets on which my name does not appear. He proclaims his devotion to Judge Crane, but by violating his solemn agreement today, he defeats the man he professes to love and delights to serve. Under these circumstances I withdraw as a candidate for the State convention."

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