

Staunton Spectator

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1885. STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET.



FOR GOVERNOR: FITZHUGH LEE, OF FAIRFAX. FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: JOHN E. MASSEY, OF ALBEMARLE. FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL: RUFUS A. AYERS, OF SCOTT.

FOR THE SENATE: ABSALOM KOINER. FOR THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES: EDWARD ECHOLS, ALEX. B. LIGHTNER.

THE COUNTY CANVASS.

TWO MORE ROUSING SPEECHES—THE WORK SHOULD GO ON WITH VIGOR—THE CITIZEN SHOULD LET THE BORDERS AWAKE TO ACTION AND TO VICTORY.

The Democrats of Augusta were animated with renewed zeal, when stirred by the great speeches of Lee and Daniel at the opening of the canvass. Capt. Burgardner and his committee have been unwearied in arranging and mapping out the work for this great county, in concentrating the strength of the party in the contest which must be waged henceforth till the close of the polls on the 3rd of November, with unceasing vigilance. No large majority nor the assurance doubly sure of a sweeping majority over all opposition to the Democracy, come from what quarter it may, should for a moment cause the sentinels on duty to be less vigilant or less determined in their duty.

In the City Democratic organization with Capt. Fowle and his active committee constantly engaged in the work of the canvass at the club room and in the wards, we have full assurance that no effort will be spared in mustering our forces in their strength. Then let the county, district, and precinct committees combine at once, and let not in their duty at last, it is the watchful vigilance of the committees which must secure a full poll of every Democratic and doubtful voter.

There was a rousing time at the club room last Wednesday night. Col. O'Ferrall and Dr. Moffett swept the field clear in aggressive and defensive speeches. At this juncture of the canvass in Augusta county, nothing could have been more appropriate and timely than the efforts of these gentlemen. They would have awakened the sturdiest of the old campaigners to renewed efforts in behalf of their country, its peace, and prosperity, if it had been so that they could have been there to carry back to their neighborhoods something of the spirit which animated these champions of Democracy in this contest. Colonel O'Ferrall has been all through the Southwest, a section of the State truly important to the Democratic party in this, and in all the other counties since 1853, the people out there are unwilling to release him from an active campaign, in every county of its immense territory. He gave glowing accounts of the progress of the canvass, in all of which there are many, very many, concurrent opinions agreeing with his close observations, leaving but three counties of eighteen which will not wave their banners to the inspiring music of Democratic majorities. Along the Piedmont, and in the great county of Fincastle, he had addressed large crowds animated with enthusiasm in the work in which they were so engaged. Delivering a special message from that county to Augusta, he said the latter would have to look to its laurels, else, in the unity which now pervades a once divided party there, its majority would be greater than the empire county of the Valley. The Democrats of Franklin intend it shall not be less than fifty hundred.

Dr. Moffett ascended the stand with many evidences of the good favor in which he is held here. He soon sailed into the stream in lively style and returned with many prizes in the way of shipwrecked brothers who had left the old family of Democracy for the uncertain realities beyond their view. He had good words for everybody and had a happy reunion of all the fold, no matter which way they had strayed, and he addressed the full protection of Jeffersonian Democracy.

With both speeches, wit, anecdote, pathos, and eloquence mingled with solid facts and arguments, charmed their hearers and gave increased impetus to the canvass in this county.

Now whilst our candidates, Koiner, Echols, and Lightner, are making their canvass, let us all go to work in deep, sincere earnestness, to do our part in the fight which is now being made for the success of the Democratic ticket, State, district, and county.

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Associated, as is its past history and as its future must ever be, with the name of a not distinguished county-man, it is a beautiful tribute to his worth and to that love with which he loved his own, that the beneficiaries of his consecrated labors in the closing years of his life should mingle one with the other in perpetuating his fame, and binding around his name new wreaths which will ever live in fadeless green. Monuments of bronze and marble and granite in time fall and crumble into dust, but a name enshrined in the affections of a whole people, because virtuous and noble deeds united in heaven-vindicated efforts to make them prosperous and happy, will forever live in their grateful hearts. His was the most God-loving sympathy, and his were the most deeply touching utterances which came to the tolling sounds of the field as with the morning lark, even to the shades of nightfall, they strive to make our earth's bosom bloom in fresher beauty, and gather in increased fullness its richer and its sweeter fruits.

REGISTER! REGISTER! While we are having our processions and bands of music, do not let us neglect the weightier matters of the law. The law requires that those who have not registered, and are entitled to do so, must do so before they can vote on the 3rd of November. The registration books are now open in every precinct, and will remain open until sundown of Saturday, the 24th of this month, when they will close, and no one can register after that date, until after the election. Young men who have become of age since the last election, or who will become of age before the day of election, will be required to register and must do so to vote. Give this your attention, and see that you have not, and are entitled to register, will do so on or before SATURDAY, THE 24TH OF THIS MONTH. We want every voter to have. Let no one escape! Local committees, see to this.

WHO SHOULD RUN THE GOVERNMENT, was Colonel O'Ferrall's pointed question in his speech last Wednesday night, when the people had placed a Democratic administration in power and held it responsible. Should it have its supporters or friends to perform the work? The Republican office-holders proposed to continue, but all save three in his district walked the plank within forty days after the inauguration of the new President.

A NEGRO DECLARES FOR WAR AND REGIONS IT.—Mr. Archer Brooks, a prominent Democrat of Williamsburg, Va., while walking along Main street Friday night, was insulted by a negro, but did not notice it. Saturday morning, however, he met the negro and a difficulty ensued. He attempted to hit the negro with the latter drew a pistol and the negro went away, but soon returned accompanied by another negro, both armed with shotguns; the first fired upon Mr. Brooks, and he was wounded in the face, but he was not fatally.

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CANDIDATE IN THE PLACE OF COL. THOMAS SMITH.—Col. Thos. Smith of Fauquier, who was the Foster candidate for the House of Delegates for the counties of Fauquier and Loudoun, having been appointed U. S. District Attorney for New Mexico, the county Democratic Committee will meet to-day—Wednesday—to nominate a candidate in his stead. The Warrenton Independent recommends the nomination of Capt. A. D. Payne.

IF NOT DONE NOW SEE TO IT QUICKLY, by having every Democrat and every man who will vote the Democratic ticket registered if necessary, his transfer made, if that is required for him to vote.

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A REVIVAL WITHOUT A MOURNER'S SEAT, is the happy state of things in the Democratic party which Dr. Moffett described as the re-union was going on in the old family which had for a few years been somewhat estranged in the make-up of the household. It was now unity and brotherly feeling, no mourning and no weeping, and no questions asked as to where you have been, and all can now sit down in the old mansion and roam in the new green pastures of a restored and united country.

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At Waynesboro' Saturday.

Announcement was made last week that George Perkins, Esq., of Charlottesville would address the democratic club at Waynesboro' last Saturday. As vulnerable as the republican-coalition bargain has been in Virginia politics of late years, and as open as the combination has been to assault, its glaring hideousness and reprehensible enormities present a picture, the present canvass which furnishes opportunities for democratic canvassing never before excelled, in which the disgraceful history of the Republican party and its malignant purposes can be sketched with more blasting effect. The lash which has been applied with vigor to the backs of the set who are vainly trying again to seize the government of Virginia, came down with increased velocity in the hands of Mr. Perkins at Waynesboro' Saturday. His arraignment, of the whole crew, from Mahone down, of the chattering plebeian screecher scattering the miserable misrepresentations of the real issues, up to the man who with imperial mandate orders his minions to more desperate efforts for his own aggrandizement, was complete and overwhelming. Turning away from this combination of iniquitous designs upon the people of Virginia, Mr. Perkins, with rare elegance of thought and style, and with increased fullness of spirit, and the county generally, as they would progress under democratic rule—national and State.

The "Little Tammany" of the Democracy of Augusta perhaps inclining too complacently upon its effective strength, needed a little warning up. Surely the busy working men of the party had in the animating utterances of Mr. Perkins, and if the importance of the contest had not before weighed upon their thoughts and inspired them with a respect for the eloquent gentleman who favored them to that occasion will not fail to awaken a proper interest and to inspire a determination to work with increased energy for a triumphant success.

THE ROCKING OF ONE was a philosophical majority in 1884 for the Democratic ticket. Let the party in Augusta work as though it were necessary to save its reputation by one majority, and then it will be nearly two majority. By the way, Dr. Moffett said Rockingham would score this time over two hundred majority.

Mahone's attack upon Cameron. W. E. Sims, chairman of the Republican party of Pittsylvania county, has addressed a letter to the Philadelphia Press, a friend of the party, in which he says: "Unless you retract the insinuations and charges made against Governor Cameron who will elect Lee by 50,000 majority. We think that your correspondent must have your own limited capacity, or you would not have believed or published his article, and therefore we must think that Mahone inspired the letter."

"We will not allow him to be slandered, and unless this outrage is publicly corrected by a negro, but did not notice it. Saturday morning, however, he met the negro and a difficulty ensued. He attempted to hit the negro with the latter drew a pistol and the negro went away, but soon returned accompanied by another negro, both armed with shotguns; the first fired upon Mr. Brooks, and he was wounded in the face, but he was not fatally.

THE FACT THAT Hon. Jno. S. Wise was interrupted to such an extent in Alexandria and in other places, that he could not attend to the duties of his office, is a fact which should be a warning to the North that there is freedom of speech in Virginia. Do Virginians think of this? The Recorder states the fact that the disturbance was due to the Republicans? That it was between John S. Wise, the Republican candidate for Governor, and his friends, on the one side, and Hon. J. Amble Smith, an old-line Republican, and Ex-member of Congress and his friend, on the other? Why did he not inform the "North," about whose opinions he seems so solicitous, that if there was any violation of "free speech" in Virginia on that occasion, it was done by the Republicans, growing out of a difficulty between John S. Wise and J. Amble Smith. The Recorder should "take care," and there is too much of the suppressio veri in this case to be creditable to the Recorder. In this matter, the Recorder does not sin alone, but has the company of all the Republican journals, so far as we have observed. It is in accordance with their general practice—to accuse the Democrats of the offences they themselves commit—i.e. the cry of "stop-thief" by the thief himself.

KOINER, ECHOLS, AND LIGHTNER, have canvassed in the North River district, speaking at several points. Now let the committee-men, minute-men, and all other men, the "start-boys," too, fall into place and have every Democratic voter at the polls.

Our candidates will go