

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

Delegates Chosen for the State, Judicial and Senatorial Conventions—Speech by Hon. W. H. Bower—Other Speeches.

The Democratic county convention to elect delegates to the State, judicial and senatorial conventions convened in the Court House at 1 o'clock last Saturday. It was a large gathering of Democrats and all but one or two of the townships of the county were represented. J. W. Wilson, Jr., county chairman, called ex-Judge A. C. Avery to the chair, and L. M. Hull and T. G. Cobb were made secretaries.

On motion, a committee of five—J. W. Wilson, Jr., J. E. Coulter, Sheriff McDowell, J. F. Spainhour and L. A. Thomas—were appointed to select delegates to be voted on by the convention to represent the county at the State, judicial and senatorial conventions. The following lists were selected by the committee and unanimously elected by the convention.

State—W. C. Ervin, S. T. Pearson, A. C. Avery, Sr., J. W. Wilson, Sr., M. N. Hennessee, Moulton Clark, H. M. Rhyne, J. C. Mills, J. E. Ervin, F. E. Cook, Vance Powell, J. H. Holloway, J. H. Hoffman, E. H. Tilley, R. V. Michaux, Joe Tate McGimpsey, I. T. Avery, J. C. Mull, C. F. Brown, John Tull, S. J. Ervin, A. N. Dale, R. Parks Nantz, Robt. T. Claywell, W. E. Abernethy, H. W. Connelly.

Judicial—H. W. Connelly, W. L. Hardin, D. J. Hicks, S. R. Collett, J. R. Anderson, J. A. Dickson, Jno. Tull, P. L. Murphy, J. H. Hoffman, J. D. Cassells, G. A. Hauss, W. E. Abernethy, Lewis Warlick, W. W. Aiken, J. M. Stephens, W. B. Berry, Vance Powell, W. P. Corpening, W. W. McConnaughey, Davis Alexander, R. Parks Nantz, M. N. Hennessee, J. C. Mills, A. H. Giles, T. G. Cobb, Anderson Loven, Chas. Edmonson, S. F. Puett, J. M. McGalliard, H. M. Rhyne, J. H. Pearson.

Senatorial—J. T. Perkins, Jno. M. McGalliard, J. A. Perry, Joseph Poteet, L. A. Thomas, D. F. Denton, D. B. Mull, C. A. Poteet, Clem Nantz, I. T. Avery, J. A. Lackey, H. H. Golloway, Alex Wilson, F. M. Scroggs, W. T. Meacham, T. Tilley, T. L. Duckworth, Will Powell, J. R. Rust, H. C. Bennett, A. H. Giles, R. G. Presnell, Wm. Avery.

On motion the committee of five recommending the above lists were added as delegates to each convention.

I. T. Avery offered the following resolution and spoke on the same. It was also heartily endorsed in speeches by J. C. Mull, W. E. Abernethy and W. E. Walton:

Whereas, Col. William S. Pearson, a distinguished citizen of Burke county is a candidate for the nomination for the office of State Auditor at the hands of the Democratic State Convention, and

Whereas, we know Col. Pearson to be a man of learning, industry and high moral worth; and also know him

to be a zealous and enthusiastic Democrat, whose labors for the party both as editor and orator in many campaigns have largely contributed to its success; and

Whereas, we know him to be in every way thoroughly equipped and qualified to discharge the duties of the office he seeks in a manner that will reflect credit both upon his county and the State, now therefore

Resolved by the Democrats of Burke county in convention assembled, that our delegates to the approaching Democratic State Convention be and they are hereby instructed to cast the vote of Burke county as a unit for Col. William S. Pearson for Auditor, and to use all honorable means to secure his nomination.

The following resolution was offered in a speech by W. E. Abernethy. Speeches supporting this resolution were also made by J. F. Spainhour, I. T. Avery and J. E. Erwin:

Resolved, That this Convention ask the nomination of Samuel J. Ervin, of Burke, as Judge of the 10th Judicial district at the hands of the delegates chosen to meet in Hickory on the 22nd instant. We feel confident that no more fit selection can be made for the place, whether character, capacity or temperament be the applied test. Mr. Ervin has lived in this community from his early youth and by industry, self-denial, and fine natural sense, has forged his way to the very front of his profession. He is a learned lawyer and an honest man, he is patriotic, he is moral, and the county tenders his name as the united wish of the Democracy that he be nominated, and the delegates are instructed to use all honorable agencies to effect the purpose of this resolution.

Both resolutions were unanimously and enthusiastically adopted by rising votes.

After the convention had finished its work good speeches on the constitutional amendment were made by J. F. Spainhour, W. S. Pearson, A. C. Avery and W. H. Bower.

Mr. Bower came from Le-noir by special invitation to address the convention and fully sustained his reputation of being one of the finest speakers in the State. He made a magnificent argument for the amendment and we have no doubt but that many votes were gained for that measure. In the course of his remarks he said he did not see how any white man, be he Democrat or Republican, without he be a Republican office-seeker, could after a careful study of the question, vote against it. He could very readily see why Senator Pritchard, Congressman Linney and other Republican office-holders opposed the measure—they wish to be continued in office; but he believed if they were in for a life term they, too, would favor the amendment.

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