

*The Easley Messenger.*

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THAT REPUBLICAN HORNET  
NEST.

On Saturday afternoon last, according to appointment, the republicans assembled to hold their County Convention. In the early part of the day the delegates began coming in, and skirmishing, manoeuvring and button-holing was the order of the morning. During the day groups of 'our brothers in black' could be seen, talking or being talked to, by the leaders of the two sections, into which this small mass of people had been divided. On the ground were 19 blacks and 13 whites. And while the colored race was in the majority, it was ruled generally by the minority. The whites, as almost all know, were divided against themselves. Negroes were allied with each party, and during the campaign each one worked hard to gain the victory.

Well, the convention was called at 2 o'clock by E. H. Barton, Esq. It was held in the old bar room, next door to post office. While they met in one body they did not meet in one mind. Dissension found its way, and though bodily bound by the would-be everlasting ties of republicanism, they were separated in heart by the high barricades of personal hatred or deep-rooted ill-feeling.

They met, and after some minutes, upon motion of A. W. Folger, the editor of the MESSENGER was invited in, to report for said paper. Mr. E. H. Barton moved to invite some one to represent the 'Pickens Sentinel,' whereupon W. F. Gary remarked that it was too soon for Almanacs. The meeting was presided over by A. M. Folger, the regular County Chairman, with E. H. Barton as Secretary. According to the laws regulating the Convention, there had to be at least 32 delegates present. This number was not present, and H. B. Hendricks who led one party wanted to know how the deficiency would be supplied. A. M. Folger, the chairman, and one of the leading men on the other side, said that they would go to work without supplying the deficiency.

The chairman appointed as a committee on credentials, Jeremiah Looper, D. Barris, E. H. Barton, J. Sullivan, J. A. Stewart and P. Mooney. H. B. Hendricks objected to this proceeding, and claimed that the Convention should have the power of appointing this com-

mittee. Here the stinging was intense, and H. B. Hendricks called attention to the fairness of the measure as, or about the time, the committee retired. Upon examination of the credentials the Dacusville delegation was excluded because they were signed by a chairman not appointed by the county chairman. Hurricane's delegation was also excluded because it had forgotten to bring its credentials. Ire waxed hot and the contest all through was heated. Henry Lawrence colored, a Hendricks ally, of Pickens, said to the chairman that he was not exactly right, and coolly remarked that he would be chairman and would drive the rest out. He said that there was no use in squabbling. He also remarked that a drowning man grabs at a straw. He saw that the Folger element was strongly opposed to that of the Hendricks.

After the report of Committee on credentials was made, and Dacusville and Hurricane delegations made their egress, with one old brother bearing his carpet sack (valise), an election was entered into for delegates to State Convention which meets next Tuesday. The vote was taken by ballot, though H. B. Hendricks wanted to vote by acclamation. Mr. Hendricks, anticipated fraud in voting by ballot, and such was the case if he is correct in his statements. He acted as one of the tellers. He says there were 21 votes to be put in, and on 5 votes there was not the name of Warren Jenkins, but yet he received 20. He claims that there were double votes cast.

A. W. Folger nominated for State Convention W. F. Gary and Warren Jenkins, and for Congressional Convention, in addition to those mentioned for State Convention, A. R. Folger.

Henry Lawrence nominated for State Convention, H. B. Hendricks and A. R. Folger. For Congressional Convention, H. B. Hendricks, A. R. Folger and Warren Jenkins.

The delegates chosen are Warren Jenkins, Congressional Convention, and A. R. Folger and W. F. Gary, for State Convention.

Alternates appointed by the chairman are the following: Jeremiah Looper; E. H. Barton to State Convention, and P. Mooney to Congressional Convention.

The chairman was endorsed by the Convention as County Chairman for two more years.

BLAIR EDUCATIONAL BILL.—The discussion regarding this bill was resumed on Monday. The de-

bates were long, but when the vote was taken it stood, yeas 38; nays 12. This bill has been amended by Senator Hoar. It provides that \$82,000,000, as we understand it, shall be divided between the States during the period of eight years. The first year there is to be distributed \$7,000,000; the second year \$10,000,000; the third \$15,000,000, and after this the appropriation shall diminish \$2,000,000 per year until the eighth year expires, when the appropriation will be cut short.

## WITNESSES SUBPOENAED.

About 55 witnesses from this County have been summoned to Charleston to appear in the United States Court, the April term of which is now in session. When the notices were served upon these witnesses, no certain reason was assigned for calling them to Charleston. The subpoenas did not give the name of any party against whom this horde of witnesses was to testify and accordingly the people were left in the position to speculate, as regards the object the Government had in calling these men to Charleston.

Well the boot is now placed upon the other foot. Men have been tried for the violation of election laws, and now certain deputy United States Marshals are to be tried for swindling the United States Government by making false charges for cost against it. About 250 witnesses from the different portions of the State have been summoned to Charleston to testify in these special cases.

This should give encouragement to the law-abiding citizens of our State to see the men who have swindled the U. S. Government out of its money, brought to justice. The garden should be weeded, and we are glad to see the Government taking steps in this direction. Let it pull up the weeds and throw them out, and leave the garden free from the rank growth that wants to take possession of it.

[COMMUNICATED.]

## Meeting of Executive Committee.

Pursuant to a published call by the County Chairman, the County Executive Committee of the Democratic party met at Pickens C. H. on Monday last. The entire Committee was present, except the member of Cross Plains Club. The State Convention is to meet on June 26th, and the Executive Committee fixed Saturday, June 21st, as the time for the meeting of the County Convention, and the Saturday previous, which will be on the 14th of June, as the time for the Township clubs to meet and organize, and elect

delegates to the County Convention.

The Easley Township Club will be entitled to sixteen delegates to the convention. The county convention will elect delegates to the State convention and transact such other business as it may deem needful and necessary.

The attention of the Township clubs was called to the proposition to divide the county into three divisions, and that one candidate be nominated from each division, at Primary Election, for county commissioner. It is expected that the Township clubs will discuss this proposition in their primary meeting, and that they instruct their members to the county convention as to their views in regard to this division of the county.

The Executive committee respectfully suggested that the county be divided into three divisions, as follows:

First division—Easley and Dacusville Townships

Second division—Liberty, Central and Hurricane Townships.

Third division—Pickens C. H., Pumpkintown and Estatoe.

The Executive committee will very soon issue an address to the Democratic voters of the county, urging them to an early and efficient organization for the coming campaign. G.

—On Tuesday, March 25th, Mr. E. S. V. Briant and wife, of Gainsville, Ga., arrived here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Black, the sister of Mr. Briants. After attending the funeral and returning to the residence of D. H. Sloan, Mrs. Briant was taken violently ill and in 22 hours was a corpse. We sympathize with Mr. Briant, our former townsman, and with the whole family in double distress. Mrs. Briant was in splendid health up to the time of the fatal attack. She was the oldest daughter of Mrs. Nancy Poole and sprang from one of the oldest families of our county.—Spartanburg Herald.

There is an old Russian proverb which says: 'Where is the best place?' Wherever we are not.

—Candidates, have your tickets printed at the MESSENGER office.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE.

PIEDMONT INSTITUTE, March 28. A Memorial meeting of the students of Piedmont Institute was held this day in the Chapel room of the Institute. Miss Marie McCaslan was called to the Chair. A Committee appointed to prepare a Memorial for our schoolmate, MAGGIE ANTHONY, offered the following Preamble and Resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty God in His infinite wisdom and mercy to remove from our midst our little friend and schoolmate, Maggie Anthony, and thereby breaking a link in the chain of friendship by which we have been united here on earth. Therefore, be it Resolved,

1st. That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to the parents and friends of the deceased in their sad bereavement.

2nd. That we, the students of the Institute, recognize in this dispensation, a Providence speaking to us, and admonishing us, "Be ye also ready," and as mark of our affection, and our resignation to the will of Him who doeth all things well, we will wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days.

3rd. That a copy of this Memorial be sent to the bereaved household, and also a copy to the EASLEY MESSENGER and "Pickens Sentinel," with request to publish.

W. L. BOGGS,  
MISS MINNIE MORGAN,  
MISS OLA HOLLINGSWORTH,  
Committee.