

ROCKINGHAM FOR SUBMISSION.

Proclamation Sentiment is in the Minority.

HARRISONBURG, VA., April 26.—(Special.)—In no county in Virginia probably was the pledge of submitting the work of the Constitutional Convention to the people for ratification or rejection more strictly required or more distinctly given by both the Democratic and the Republican parties than in Rockingham. The white electorate of the county is pretty evenly divided between the two parties, and the colored vote as such has never cut a large figure, except in the town of Harrisonburg, where it holds the balance of power. The closeness of the county as between the two parties is proverbial, and when delegates to the Constitutional Convention were chosen, after a bitter fight, one Democrat and one Republican were elected. A large majority of both parties originally favored submission to the entire electorate, and the Democratic County Convention that nominated Mr. Keezell so declared in express terms. Since the people have some opportunity to examine the provisions of the new Constitution it has been received with distinct favor, and this feeling is growing in the county. Many influential Democrats, save for the embarrassment of party pledges, would be pleased to see the instrument proclaimed, and not a few Republicans privately express a preference for proclamation. Generally speaking, however, the sentiment for submission to the present electorate is the dominant one in Rockingham, though there is decidedly more of a spirit of acquiescence, both as regards the provisions of the Constitution and the possible proclamation than there was in the earlier stages of the agitation.

FAVORS SUBMISSION.

Talfourd N. Haas, attorney at law, personally has no objection to the proclamation of the Constitution, but the Democratic party of the State having promised its submission—and the Democrats of Rockingham county having pledged their convention nominees to vote for submission to the present electorate—he would regard the violation of that pledge as improper and dangerous.

J. C. Staples, real and insurance, is outspoken for proclamation.

Dr. E. A. Hering, physician and farmer, also favors proclamation.

James B. Stephenson, attorney, favors submission to the present electorate.