

The Militia Law.

The following is an official and correct copy of the new Militia Law just passed by the Legislature:

An Act to Organize a Militia of North Carolina.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section 1. That the Militia of North Carolina shall consist of those liable to military duty, and that every person so liable shall be required to serve in the same unless he shall pay to the County Treasurer a yearly contribution of two dollars, or be exempted under the certificate of some practicing physician, on account of bodily infirmity.

State. Every Justice of the Peace or other peace officer shall cause all offenders against this act to be immediately arrested and held to bail to appear before the next succeeding Superior Court of the County to answer such charge.

Legislature of North Carolina.

MONDAY, August 17.

SENATE—The report of the committee to which was referred an act to punish seditions and conspiracy with the substitute proposed. Mr Martindale moved to amend by striking out certain words. The effect of which amendment was to render the length of imprisonment more discretionary with the Judge.

Mr Osborne liked some of the features of this bill, while he disliked others. He was willing to vote for anything for the preservation of peace and the protection of the property of the State, but considered that the common law already afforded ample protection to that end, and thought that this bill was designed to injure the Conservative party, and that the dominant party meant it as a bribe on the Conservative press and people.

Mr Martindale's amendment was adopted. Mr Osborne withdrew his amendment. Mr Barrow moved to amend by striking out the first two sections. They proposed to do what any lawyer in the State knew could be carried out. He characterized the bill as an attempt to check freedom of speech and was opposed to it.

Mr Blythe explained his reasons for his motion and declined to withdraw it. He was as much opposed to preventing free speech as any man in the State, but this bill did not propose any such thing. It proposed to prevent persons from inciting rebellion or encouraging sedition, and that was all. He and many other people knew that hundreds of men in this State had been kept from voting in favor of the Constitution by men banded together for that very purpose.

Mr Barrow moved to amend by striking out the bill regulating the hours of labor, fixing ten hours as a legal day's work, passed its 3d reading. Bill appropriating \$10,000 to furnish the Governor's Mansion: On motion of Mr Winstead, \$10,000 was struck out and \$5,000 inserted in its stead.

February, 1868.] The bill passed its third reading and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

TUESDAY, August 18.

SENATE—The report of the Committee on Salaries and Fees was taken up. The Secretary of State is allowed two Clerks in the bill, with salaries of \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively. On motion of Mr Osborne, one Clerk was struck out; and, on motion of Mr Love, \$1,500 was struck out and \$1,000 inserted.

On motion of Mr Sweet, the Clerk allowed the Superintendent of Public Works, with a salary of \$750, was struck out. Mr Love moved to strike out the clause allowing the Auditor a Clerk, with a salary of \$1,000. Not agreed to.

Mr Love moved to strike out the disbursing Clerk for Treasurer's office, with a salary of \$1000. Not agreed to.

Mr Lov moved to strike out the Clerk for Superintendent of Public Instruction, with a salary of \$750. Not agreed to.

Mr Sweet moved to reconsider this vote, which was agreed to; and, on his motion, \$1,000 was inserted, instead of \$750.

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The bill finally, as amended, passed by the following vote: Ayes—Messrs Barrow, Beasley, Brogden, Belamy, Burns, Blythe, Colgrove, Cook, Davis, Eppes, col, Forkner, Galloway, col, Hayes, Hynan, col, Legg, Lassiter, Long, Martindale, Moore of Carteret, Moore of Yancey, Osborne, Rich, Sweet, Welker and White.

Nays—Messrs Barnes, Beaman, Harrington, Lindsay, Love, Melchor, Purdie, Richardson, Robbins, Winstead and Wilson.

HOUSE—Mr Laffin reported back the resolution for the sale of Railroad Stocks, recommending that no action be taken until next session.

On motion of Mr Seymour, the bill for holding an election for Electors for President and Vice-President, and members of Congress, on the first Tuesday in November next, as directed by law, was taken up and passed its several readings.

WEDNESDAY, August 19.

SENATE—Mr Sweet, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, made a report in favor of J. W. Stevens, contestant of the seat of the Hon. Bedford Brown, of the 24th Senatorial District.

The report recites that certain persons were not allowed to vote, who had been convicted of larceny in 1866, or who had submitted to a verdict of guilty. The Committee don't know whether larceny is a felony, or whether submission is equivalent to conviction. The report also recites the names of twelve voters, who, it alleges, were illegally registered by Gen. Canby's Registrars.

If these twelve be taken from Mr Brown, and the convicted felons had voted for Stevens, the latter is elected, say the Committee, by 3 votes, &c.] All of the Committee are Radicals.

Mr Welker moved that, as the Committee had decided in favor of Mr Stevens, he be permitted to qualify and take his seat.

Here considerable discussion arose. Messrs. Lindsay, Robbins, Osborne and Winstead, participating in opposition to the report, and protesting that the investigation had been wholly *ex parte*; Mr Brown, whose seat had been contested, having taken no part in it.

He did not see why gentlemen, having the peace and prosperity of the State at heart, should seek to rake up those bygones, that would, if brought to the surface, revive half forgotten animosities and feuds. He deplored such legislation, because, if carried out in the letter and spirit of this bill, it would involve citizens of the State, both Republicans and Conservatives, in difficulties that are now buried, and for the sake of the public peace, had better remain so.

Mr Pou said the bill was utterly useless, as a legal instrument, and, moreover, he felt that he was discharging a high moral duty in moving to indefinitely postpone the bill. Therefore he renewed his previous motion.

The yeas and nays being called for, resulted in a vote of yeas 24, nays 14. No action was taken, as not a quorum voted.

On motion a call of the House was had, and 71 members answered to their names. After a good deal of discussion, the bill was postponed.

On motion of Mr Sinclair, the vote of yesterday, appropriating the sum of \$5000 to furnish the Executive Mansion, was reconsidered. Mr Sinclair then moved to strike out \$5,000, and insert \$10,000, as per report of the Committee.

Mr Pou objected to the amendment. After some discussion the amendment was adopted, by a vote of yeas 45, nays 39.

On motion of Messrs, the rules were suspended, and bill to levy taxes upon Railroad receipts, to provide for paying the interest on the public debt was taken up, and the bill passed its 3rd reading, after a lively discussion, by a vote of yeas 44, nays 22.

On motion of Mr Whitley, the rules were suspended, and the bill to amend the charter of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio R. R. was taken up. Mr W. said that the iron of this road had been taken up by the Confederate authorities and transferred to the Piedmont Railroad, &c. The bill then passed its several readings.

[FOR THE WESTERN DEMOCRAT.]

Democratic Meeting in Providence. MR. EDITOR:—I have been a vigilant and assiduous adherent to the Jeff. Thompson and Fitz Lee theory since the 9th of April, 1865, but with a returning sense of the interest I was wont to cherish in the political issues of the times in the days of yore, and with the intent to resort to all the honorable means in my power to secure the election of Seymour and Blair, and without the fear of the Freedman's Bureau, or without the police being over my eyes, I attended a Conservative meeting held at Providence Church, on the 14th inst., for the purpose of participating in the formation of a Seymour and Blair Club.

There was quite an attendance of the Conservative element of the surrounding country, notwithstanding the depression caused in the Conservative ranks by the late action taken by the Legislatures of some of our sister States, relative to the election of Presidential Electors, and that of our own Legislature in arming one portion of our people against the other, which I think is generally regarded as a most uncompromising act of political atrocity, yet perpetrated by the powers that be.

After the private discussion of the merits of the political questions of the day, and every one having become despondent in regard to the coming of Capt. R. P. Waring, orator of the day, for whom all eyes were looking with intense anxiety, the meeting was called to order by Major E. C. Grier, on whose motion Wm. Rea, Esq., was appointed temporary Chairman, and Major W. M. Smith requested to act as Secretary.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of permanent officers, adopted a Constitution and By-Laws, and were in the act of adjourning when to the gratification of all present, Capt. Waring made his appearance, who proceeded to address the meeting in his most eloquent, edifying and entertaining style. I feel sensibly impressed with my inability to do anything like justice to the gentleman's remarks, but think the address altogether appropriate to the occasion, particularly that part directed to the colored portion of the audience. If the Conservatives of the day would acquit themselves as did Capt. Waring on that occasion, surely Seymour and Blair will be our next President and Vice-President of these United States.

Judging from what I witnessed on the occasion above alluded to, I think all of the white men of Providence, and the most of our colored friends in this section, will vote for Seymour and Blair on the day of election if not prevented by misrepresentation.

The following are the officers of the Providence Club: President, Thomas J. Vail; Vice-President, W. G. Phillips; Secretary, Major W. M. Smith; Treasurer, J. E. Sample; Executive Committee, W. A. Knox, T. W. Squires, Dr. J. T. Kell, Richard Peoples, W. E. Ardrey.

On Saturday, the 29th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., the Club will meet at Providence Church, when and where all are invited to attend. Public speaking may be expected on the occasion. Can't you come down, Mr Editor, and counsel with us. You have many warm personal friends in Providence, as well as many readers of the Democrat. The good people of Providence would give you a hearty welcome.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.

Democratic Meeting at Steel Creek. According to previous notice a number of citizens of Steel Creek met at Gallant's Store on Saturday August 15th, and were organized by appointing Thomas I. Grier, Chairman, and requesting S. W. Reid to act as Secretary. The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, which was to form a Seymour and Blair Club.

On motion of Dr. Strong, the Chairman appointed a committee of seven to recommend a Constitution and by-laws, and also permanent officers for the Club. The committee after retiring a short time reported a Constitution and by-laws which were adopted; and the following persons as officers: Capt. A. G. Neil, President; N. B. Taylor, Capt. A. Grier, W. L. Erwin, Vice-Presidents; W. W. Robinson, S. R. Neil, Recording Secretaries; S. W. Reid, Corresponding Secretary; Thos P. Grier, Treasurer, and the following as directors: B. F. Brown, R. B. Lowry, John R. Ervin, R. W. McDowell, John S. Neely, L. J. Price, Arthur Ervin, Joshua Glover, John M. Strong, W. M. Porter, F. G. Sadler.

The Chairman called for those desiring to become members to come forward and sign their names to the list, whereupon eighty were enrolled. Gen. R. D. Johnston, being present by invitation addressed the meeting in a sensible, eloquent, and convincing speech, enchainning the attention of the audience for a considerable length of time.

On motion of Col W M Grier, the Club adjourned to meet at Randleburg on Saturday 22d, at the hour of 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Chairman. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and several names entered on the roll as new members.

The report of the committee appointed to draft Resolutions and By-laws for the club was called for and unanimously adopted.

The committee to select permanent officers for the club, presented the following names: For President, M. L. Wallis; Vice-President, J. A. Younts; Secretaries, A. L. Walsh and J. G. Johnston, who were unanimously elected.

The following Platform was adopted: 1st. Resolved, That this club be designated "The Pineville Democratic Club."

2d. That we cordially endorse and ratify the nomination of the New York Democratic National Convention, and that we will do all in our power to advance the election of its nominees.

3d. That it will be our duty as good citizens to teach the colored man wherein his true interest lies, and that we are willing that he has free liberty to all civil laws of our country, but we are not willing to recognize him as our equal socially.

4th. That we use every effort in our power by persuasion, in trying to obtain the colored man's vote.

5th. That this club hold its meetings once in every two weeks, on Saturday at 3 o'clock, P. M. A committee of two, consisting of J. T. Downs and J. M. Morrow, was appointed to solicit some suitable speaker to address the club at its next meeting.

On motion, it was resolved that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Times and Western Democrat of Charlotte.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet again on Saturday the 29th day of August.

M. L. WALLIS, Pres't. A. S. WALSH, Sec'y.

Meeting in Gaston. In accordance with previous notice given that there would be a Seymour and Blair Club formed at Woodlawn in Gaston County, N. C., an enthusiastic assembly gathered for this purpose on Saturday the 15th.

On motion, Col. Richard Rankin was appointed Chairman, L. B. Gaston and W. M. Abernethy Secretaries.

The object of the meeting was explained by Col. J. Stowe in a few appropriate remarks.

On motion, a committee of six, consisting of Dr. James Abernethy, Dr. Joseph Graham, Rev. J. D. Hall, Col. J. Stowe, A. W. Davenport, and J. H. Sharp, was appointed by the chair to report matter for the action of the meeting.

During the absence of the committee, R. P. Waring, of Charlotte, was presented who entertained the audience in a forcible and very appropriate address. Col. E. A. Osborne of Charlotte, was presented, who delivered a charming address, suited expressly to the times. Dr. J. Graham called and made an appropriate talk.

The committee on their return reported the following preamble and resolutions, to wit: Whereas, the privilege of voting for a President and Vice-President has been again extended to us, and the Democratic Conservative Convention held in New York have adopted a platform of principles which meets with our highest approval, and have nominated for the Presidency Mr Horatio Seymour of New York, and Francis P. Blair of Missouri, for Vice-President; We hereby fully endorse the platform and ratify the nominations, and promise to give them our hearty support.

Resolved, That we proceed to form a Seymour and Blair Club, the object of which is the election of the nominees and the dissemination of true principles among our people.

Resolved, That we invite all classes of men without distinction of race or color, and of whatever former party or affiliations, to unite in forming this club.

After the resolutions were unanimously received, on motion the meeting adjourned for dinner, an interval of about an hour intervened, when the audience reassembled. On motion of Mr Sharp.

Washington Items.

Governor Scott, of South Carolina, reports here that he cannot procure the loan authorized by the Legislature. He has been offered only \$25,000 on sixty days' time, and the bonds to be ante-dated so as to mature, prior to the Presidential election. The Radical officials of the State are alarmed at the prospect of being paid off in "certificates of indebtedness," which must depreciate. Governor Scott doubts if the credit of the State can be sustained.

Nearly every politician of every shade has left Washington to engage in the Presidential canvass, and no one supposes there will be a session of Congress in September beyond the mere meeting of the officers for the purpose of adjournment.

Thaddeus Stevens was visited in his last moments by two Sisters of Charity, and Sister Loretta administered to him the rite of baptism.

It is seriously stated that Gen. Rosecranz's visit to Virginia is for consultation with General Lee regarding Mexican relations and our South-western Border interests. Other parties say Rosecranz desires to consult Gen Lee with regard to the views, purposes and probable action of the Southern Democrats, as preliminary to letter of advice Rosecranz intends addressing to the Germans before leaving the country. Nothing is positively known beyond this: that Rosecranz goes to Virginia to see Gen. Lee.

Mecklenburg Female College, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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A. BETHUNE, Esq., Steward. MRS. A. BETHUNE, Matron.

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Aug. 17, 1868 2w Charlotte, N. C.

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Music Books. Just received at the new Book Store next to Wittkowsky & Kintels, 6 doz Timbral of Zion; lot of Presbyterial Psalmist; Southern Harmony; Christian Harmony; Diapason; Sacred Harp; Carmina Sacra, both Round and Shape notes, for sale by the dozen or single copy. Orders by mail promptly attended to. Special terms made with dealers and Teachers. TIDDY & BRO., Trade Street. Aug 10, 1868.