WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 1875.

Opinions of Prominent Democrats on the Convention Question-Read and Circulate.

In response to calls we lay before our readers the following letter from Judge Fowle on the Convention question: RALEIGH, Oct. 26, 1874.

Maj. John W Dunham :

Sin: - In reply to your letter asking my opinion in regard to the calling of election of Judges is concerned, the a convention by the next General Assembly, for the purpose of amending the Constitution of North Carolina, I have to say:

That in my opinion a call of a Conbe unwise, inexpedient and productive of great harm to the material interests of the State.

The defeat of the Conservative party in North Carolina in 1876 would be a public calamity. The defeat would, in my opinion, be insured if the proposed action is taken.

A very cursory examination of the Constitution and history of North Carothe two methods provided for amending the Constitution, to-wit: the legislative and conventional, the intention was, that for ordinary times, and for the correction of ordinary evils, it was thought wise by our fathers that the legislative mode should be adopted, and that the mode of amendment by the convention was only be resorted to when the exigency of the occasion was extreme, and was a substitute in a Democratic and Republican form of government for revolution, and was not to be exercised unless the emergency was

We find accordingly that after the adoption of the constitution of 1776, there was no convention of the people of North Carolina until the year and 1789 which were called for the purpose of ratifying the Federal constitution, and that since that time there has been no convention of the people, which has been called for the purpose of amending the constitution, and has actually done so until the year 1868,

The convention which was called in 1861 was for the purpose of taking the convention of 1866, being called made by both parties to carry the under Presidential Proclamation, and State. its conclusions being repudiated by the

The policy of the State then being well settled not to call a concention of the people except upon extraordinary occasions, is there anything in the political condition of the State that will justify such action at this time :

A very earnest and able advocate of the convention movement, in reply to an interregatory from me as to the neresity for a convention, stated that he desired a convention in order that the constitution should be amended in three 1. Requiring the Judges of the Supe-

rior Court to rotate, 17 /

2. Disqualifying a person who has been convicted of an infamous crime from voting.

as a qualification of a voter.

In regard to the first and second of these amendments, after considerable inquiry I am satisfied that they will meet with but very little opposition astrons, would be suicidal from either of the great political parties, I have heard at least two of the Republican Judges express themselves in

favor of the first proposed amendment, and one of them expressed it as his opinion that every member of the Judiciary would give his personal influence to the proposed amendment. As to the second, the mere introduction of the proposed amendment is enough to secure its passage before any Legislature that can now be elected, regardless of its political complexion.

it is believed by many persons that its effect would be to diminish the Republican vote in the State several thousand votes, thereby insuring a Conservative triumph.

The proposed amendment itself is in my opinion a very good one, because the increased taxation that would be thus derived would greatly benefit the common schools of the State. But I do not believe that the vote would be materially diminished by its adoption. because in every well contested election the funds will be provided to pay the stitution or laws of any State or the poll tax for such voters as cannot pay for themselves, and I will show before I get through that our elections in 1876 will necessarily be well contested by by such constitution or laws recsons both of the great political parties,

But even if I should be mistaken in this, the success of our party in 1876 is not a good reason for deviting from the course of action in regard to constitutional amendments which has been sanctioned by the wisdom of our forefathers, because it would be establishing a precedent for tampering with the constitution whenever the exigency of a party required it, and conventions in North Carolina, would become as frequent as revolutions in Mexico,

In a very able letter, signed by W. A Wright, Esq., and five other distinguished gentlemen, dated Oct. 22, 1874. the following expression is used

" Suffice it to say then, that in almost every one of the many instances where the "Camby" constitution varies from court shall deem just, and shall also for Caswell, A H VanBokkelen. the old constitution of our fathers the difference has been productive of unmixed evil. In our opinion the sooner tion thereof, be fined not less than five we return to that old constitution the hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not better it will be for the people of North less than one month and not more than Carolina observing, of course, the changes rendered necessary by the war and its results. And we deem it proper Sec. 5. And be it further covered. That to say here, in order to prevent any whenever, by or under the arthority of possible misunderstanding, that we be- the constitution or laws of any State, or lieve no one contemplates, as no one the laws of any Territory, any act is or FREE PRESS. Sa year, post-paid, ought to contemplate any change in the laws of any Territory, any act is or FREE PRESS. Salvers ought to contemplate any change in shall be required to be done by any regard to the Homestead Exemption, citizen as a prerequisite to qualify or save such as will enlarge and render entitle him to vote, the offer of any such more secure that wise and beneficent citizen to perform the act required to be provision. We deem it proper to say done as aforesaid shall, if it fail to be

ered people."

To this broad assertion we respect fully enter our dissent. There are several changes in the orgamic law, made by the convention of the person so offering and failing as 868, other than the exceptions made aforesaid, and being otherwise qualiby these gentlemen, which, in my opin- fied, shall be entitled to vote in the ion, the people of North Carolina will same manner and to the same extent as not willingly yield-as for instance: The election of the Judges by the

and the election of county commission-

ers by the people. There may be a considerable portion of our people, particularly in the Eastern section of the State, who would be county commissioners. So far as the remedy is easy by electing Judges on a general ticket, but so far as county commissioners are concerned, I do not believe that the white people in the

West are willing to delegate to the Legislature their right to elect magisvention for the purpose indicated would trates, who shall elect county commissioners, and our people generally are well satisfied at being rid of the cumbersome and expensive old county court But apart from all this, it would be a

political blunder to call a convention. In 1870 the people of North Carolina voted the Conservative ticket. Not a word was said about convention during the canvass. The Legislature was conservative by nearly two-thirds majori ty. Taking advantage of its majority. Constitution and history of North Caro-lina will satisfy the enquirer, that of of our wisest leaders, a bill was passed submitting the question of calling a convention to the people. It was defeated by more than 9,000 majority. But more than this, of the delegates

> ed by a well posted friend, were Republicans. The people were angry with our party and charged in many localities that we could not have carried the election in 1870 if our purpose had been avowed. It was regarded by many of the them as a fraud upon the people. Many memvoted for the bill, would never have been elected if their constituents had or both, at the discretion of the court, been aware that they would have done

North Carolina paralyzed the opposition exercising the right of suffrage, to whom 1850, except the conventions of 1788 to Grant, and his re-election was due the right of suffrage is secured or guarmore to the result in North Carolina in August, than to any other cause.

> ontest for the Presidency. Pennsylvania, by the change of its

hat controversy. Every effort will be

Require the poll tax to be paid in people, are not to be considered in this advance and it will be --- by many from beyond the limits of the State. Every voter that can be induced to go to the polls will be carried there. And if North Carolina falters we will have

Washington. The advocates of the convention insist that although it may be inexpedient as a party measure, it is right in itself. If inexpedient, it is because it is Failure will not benefit, but greatly injure our party. Besides there is no moral question of right or wrong inwith us in August last will return to 3. Requiring the poll tax to be paid the Republican party, and many con- five thousand dollars, and the impris-

> Political daring is sometimes the best policy, but to renew an experi- to, and disabled from holding any office ment which has already proved so dis-

> > DANIEL G. FOWLE. AN ACT.

To Enforce the rights of titizens of the United States to rote in the several States of this Union, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House Representatives of the United States of Imerica in Congress assembled, That all Market firm, citizens of the United States who are or shall be otherwise qualified by law As to the third proposed amendment, to vote at any election by the people in any State Territory, district, county city, parish, township, school district, municipality, or other territorial subdivision, shall be entitled and allowed to vote at all such elections, without distinction of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; any constitution. law, custom, usage or regulation of any State or Territory, or by or under its authority, to the contrary notwitistand-

> Sec. 2. And be it further en toted. That if by or under the authority of the conlaws of any Territory, any act is or shall be required to be done as a prerequisite or qualification for voting and or officers are or shall be charged with the performance of duties in furnishing to citizens an opportunity to perform such prerequisite, or to become qualified to vote, it shall be the duty of every such person and officer to give to all citizens of the United States the same and equal opportunity to perform such prerequisite, and to become qualified to Caswell, A II VanBokkelen. vote without distinction of race, color or previous condition of servitude; and if any such person or officer shall refuse or knowingly omit to give full of fect to this section, he shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars to the person ag grieved thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case, with full costs, and such allowance for counsel fees as the

also that we believe no one contem-plate any change in the constitution wrongful act or omission aforesard of annum.

tending to impair the rights of the col- the person or officer charged with the duty of receiving or permitting such performance or offer to perform, or acting thereon, be deemed and held as a performance in law of such act; and

if he had in fact performed such act; and any judge, inspector or other officer of election whose duty it is or shall be people.

The abolition of the county courts of election whose duty it is or shall be port, or give effect to the vote of any such citizen who 'shall wrongfully refuse or omit to receive, count, certify, register, report or give effect to the vote of such citizen upon the presentation glad to see the power taken from the by him of his affidavit stating such Eastern negroes to elect Judges and offer and the time and place thereof, and the name of the officer or person whose duty it was to act thereon, and that he was wrongfully prevented by such person or officer from performing such act, shall for every such offence forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars to the person aggrieved thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case, with full costs, and such allowance for counsel fees as the court shall deem just, and shall also for every such otience be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall on conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court.

Sec. 4 And be it further enacted,. That it any person, by force, bribery, threats, ntimidation, or other unlawful means. shall hinder, delay, prevent or obstruct, or shall combine and confederate with others to hinder, delay, prevent or obstruct any citizen from doing any act required to be done to qualify him to vote or from voting at any election as aforesaid, such person shall for every elected, a majority, I have been inform- such offence forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars to the person aggrieved thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case, with full costs, and such allowance for counsel fees as the court shall deem just, and shall also for every such offence be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred bers of the Legislature of 1870, who dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year,

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That f any person shall prevent, hinder' In 1872, it insured the defeat of control or intimidate, or shall attempt Judge Merrimon for Governor, and to prevent, hinder, control or intimiworse than this, the failure to carry date any person from exercising or in anteed by the fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, In 1876, there will be another great by means of bribery, threats, or threats of depriving such person of employment or occupation, or of ejecting such State election from October to Novem- person from rented house, lands or ber, is no longer the Keystone State. other property, or by threats of refus-North Carolina has the doubtful ing to renew leases or contracts for lahonor of being the Keystone State in bor, or by threats of violence to himself family SHELL shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, on conviction thereof be fined not less than five hundred dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year. or both, at the discretion of the court. Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That if two or more persons shall band or four years more of Republican rule at | conspire together, or go in disguise upon the public highway, or upon the premises of another, with intent to violate any provision of this act, or to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen with intent to prevent or unpopular. If unpopular, it will fail, hinder his free exercise and enjoyment of any right or privilege granted or secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of volved, and if inexpedient, it is politible his having exercised the same, such percally wrong. My deliberate judgment | son shall be held guilty of felony, and, is, that if this convention scheme is on conviction thereof, shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, at the discretion of of the court,-the fine not to exceel servatives will, I fear accompany them. onment not to exceed ten years, and shall, moreover, be thereafter ineligible or place of honor, profit or trust created by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

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CITY OF WILMINGTON, N. C., April 14th, 1875.

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