WILMINGTON, N. C. MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 1875.

Optnions 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 :

my opinion in regard to the calling of a convention by the next General Assembly, for the purpose of amending the Constitution of North Carolina, I

That in my opinion a call of a Convention for the purpose indicated would be unwise, inexpedient and productive of great harm to the material interests | bersome and expensive old county court of the State.

The defeat of the Conservative party in North Carolina in 1876 would be a public calamity. The defeat would, in | voted the Conservative ticket. Not a my opinion, be insured if the proposed | word was said about convention during action is taken.

A very cursory examination of the Constitution and history of North Carolina will satisfy the enquirer, that of the two methods provided for amendwas, 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 1835, except the conventions of 1788 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 caffed in 1861 was for the purpose of taking North Carolina out of the Union, and the convention of 1866, being called under Presidential Proclamation, and its conclusions being repudiated by the people, are not to be considered in this

well settled not to call a convention of the people except upon extraordinary occasions, is there anything in the political condition of the State that will justify : uch action at this time?

A very carnest and able advocate of the convention movement, in reply to an interrogatory from me as to the necessity for a convention, stated that he desired a convention in order that the constitution should be amended in three particulars:

1. Requiring the Judges of the Superior Court to rotate.

2. Disqualifying a person who has been convicted of an infamous crime √3. Requiring the poll tax to be paid

vas 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

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. lican vote in the State several thousand municipality, or other territorial subvotes, thereby insuring a Conservative division, shall be entitled and allowed trumph,

my opinion a very good one, because condition of servitude; any c natitution, the increased taxation that would be law, custom, usage or regulation of any thus derived would greatly benefit the State or Territory, or by or under its common schools of the State. But I authority, to the contrary notwithstand do not believe that the vote would be | ing. 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 laws of any Territory, any act is or for themselves, and I will show before | shall be required to be done as a pre-I get through that our elections in 1876 | requisite or qualification for voting and

this, the success of our party in 1876 is to citizens an opportunity to perform not a good reason for deviting from the such prerequisite, or to become qualicourse of action in regard to constitu- fied to vote, it shall be the duty of every tional amendments which has been such person and officer to give to all sanctioned by the wisdom of our fore- citizens of the United States the same fathers, because it would be establish- and equal opportunity to perform such ing a precedent for tampering with the prerequisite, and to become qualified to constitution whenever the exigency of vote without distinction of race, color a party required it, and conventions in or previous condition of servitude; and North Carolina, would become as fre- if any such person or officer shall requent as revolutions in Mexico.

In a very able letter, signed by W. the following expression is used:

Suffice it to say then, that in almost every one of the many instances where such allowance for counsel fees as the the "Canby" constitution varies from the old constitution of our fathers the every such offence be deemed guilty of difference has been productive of un- a misdemeanor, and shall, on convicmixed 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 Cotton Carolina, observing, of course, the changes rendered necessary by the war and its results. And we deem it proper to say here, in order to prevent any possible misunderstanding, that we be the constitution or laws of any State, or Tar, iieve no one contemplates, as no one ought to contemplate any change in regard to the Homestead Exemption, save such as will enlarge and render more secure that wise and beneficent provision. We deem it proper to say also that we believe no one contem-plate any change in the constitution wrongful act or omission aforesaid of Tar,

tending to impair the rights of the colered people."

To this broad assertion we respect-

fully enter our dissent. There are several changes in the or-

ganic law, made by the convention of 868, other than the exceptions made by these gentlemen, which, in my opinion, the people of North Carolina will 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 glad to see the power taken from the Eastern negroes to elect Judges and Sin: In reply to your letter asking county commissioners. So far as the election of Judges is concerned, 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 magistrates, who shall elect county commissioners, and our people generally are well satisfied at being rid of the cum-

> But apart from all this, it would be a political blunder to call a convention. In 1870 the people of North Carolina the canvass. The Legislature was conservative by nearly two-thirds majori ty. Taking advantage of its majority. notwithstanding the warnings of many of our wisest leaders, a bill was passed

submitting the question of calling a convention to the people. It was deing the Constitution, to-wit: the legis- feated by more than 9,000 majority. lative and conventional, the intention But more than this, of the delegates was, that for ordinary times, and elected, a majority, I have been informed 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 members of the Legislature of 1870, who voted 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 In 1872, it insured the defeat of Judge Merrimon for Governor, and worse than this, the failure to carry North Carolina paralyzed the opposition to Grant, and his re-election was due

more to the result in North Carolina in August, than to any other cause. In 1876, there will be another great contest for the Presidency.

Pennsylvania, by the change of its State election from October to November, is no longer the Keystone State. North Carolina has the doubtful that controversy. Every effort will be or family, such person so offending made by both parties to carry the shall be deemed guilty of a misde-

advance and it will be --- by many dollars, or be imprisoned not less than from beyond the limits of the State. one month and not more than one year, Every voter that can be induced to go or both, at the discretion of the court. The policy of the State then being to the polls will be carried there. And if North Carolina falters we will have if two or more persons shall band or four years more of Republican rule at conspire together, or go in disguise up-Washington.

The advocates of the convention insist that although it may be inexpedi- late any provision of this act, or to inent as a party measure, it is right in it- jure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate self. If inexpedient, it is because it is any citizen with intent to prevent or unpopular. If unpopular, it will fail, hinder his free exercise and enjoyment Failure will not benefit, but greatly in- of any right or privilege granted or sejure our party. Besides there is no cured to him by the Constitution or moral question of right or wrong in- laws of the United States, or because of volved; and if inexpedient, it is politi- his having exercised the same, such percally wrong. My deliberate judgment | son shall be held guilty of felony, and, passed, that the Republicans who voted imprisoned, or both, at the discretion of with us in August last will return to of the court, the fine not to exceed

best policy, but to renew an experi- to, and disabled from holding any office ment which has already proved so disastrous, would be suicidal.

Daniel G. Fowle.

AN ACT.

To Enforce the rights of Citizens of the United States to cole in the several States of this Union, and for other

Be it enacted by the Senate and House f Representatives of the United States of America in Chagress assembled, That ali | Market quiet 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 it is believed by many persons that its any State Territory, district, county, effect would be to diminish the Republicity, parish, township, school district, to vote at all such elections, without The proposed amendment itself is in distinction of race, color, or previous

Sec. 2. And be it further en weed, That if by or under the authority of the conwill necessarily be well contested by by such constitution or laws persons both of the great political parties. or officers are or shall be charged with But even if I should be mistaken in the performance of duties in furnishing fuse or knowingly omit to give full effect to this section, he shall, for every A. Wright, Esq., and five other distin-guished gentlemen, dated Oct. 22, 1874, five hundred dollars to the person aggrieved thereby, to be recovered by an action on the case, with full costs, and court shall deem just, and shall also for one year, or both, at the discretion of

the court. Sec. 5. And be if further exacted, That | Rosin whenever, by or under the arthority of Crude Turpentine, a prerequisite to qualify or Cotton,

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 the person so offering and failing as aforesaid, and being otherwise quali-fied, shall be entitled to vote in the same manner and to the same extent as if he had in fact performed such act;

and any judge, inspector or other officer of election whose duty it is or shall be The abolition of the county courts to receive count, certify, register, rend the election of county commission 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 by him of his affidavit stating such 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 allow-ance for counsel fees as the court shall deem just, and shall also for every such ofience 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 1 any person, by force, bribery, threats, intimidation, 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 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 dollars, or be imprisoned not less than one month and not more than one year,

if any person shall prevent, hinder' control or intimidate, or shall attempt to prevent, hinder, control or intimidate any person from exercising or in exercising the right of suffrage, to whom the right of suffrage is secured or guaranteed by the fifteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States, by means of bribery, threats, or threats of depriving such person of employment or occupation, or of ejecting such person from rented house, lands or other property, or by threats of refusing to renew leases or contracts for lahonor of being the Keystone State in bor, or by threats of violence to himself and for four (4) days thereafter. The Ordimeanor and shall, on conviction there-Require the poll tax to be paid in of, be fined not less than five hundred Sec. 6. And be it further enseted, That

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That

on the public highway, or upon the premises of another, with intent to vios, that if this convention scheme is on conviction thereof, shall be fined or the Republican party, and many con-servatives will, I fear accompany them. onment not to exceed ten years,—and Political daring is sometimes the shall, moreover, be thereafter incligible or place of honor, profit or trust created by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

COMMERCIAL

Review of the Wilmington Market. AUGUST, 2.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Receipts 178 casks. Sales of 110 casks at 284 cents per gallon for Southern packages,-

Rosin - Receipts 771 bbls, Sales of 500 bbls, C., D. and E. at \$1,49. Market dull at \$1.40 for Strained. CRUDE TURPENTINE - Receipts 69 bbls. Sales o: 69 bbls, at \$1.15 for

hard, \$2.00 for yellow dip and and \$3.00 for virgin. Market steady. bbls, at \$2.00. Market steady.

TAR - Receipts 12 bbls. Sales of 12 Corron-No sales and no official

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Statement of the Receipts, Exports and Total Supply of Cotton and Naval Stores at an I from the Port of Wilmington, N. C., for the week ending August 2 1875:

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