

The Western Democrat. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

GOVERNMENT FOR LOUISIANA.

The following is a synopsis of a Bill which passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday last, by a vote of 113 to 48, to organize a State Government for Louisiana.

It is enacted, That the President shall nominate and the Senate confirm a Governor for Louisiana, who will hold one year unless sooner removed by the President with the consent of the Senate, or unless sooner relieved by his successor, elected under the provisions of this act.

Second, The President shall nominate and the Senate confirm a provisional council of nine persons, qualified like the Governor, and taking the same oath, to continue in office, unless sooner removed by the President, the Senate consenting, until a Legislature is duly elected under the provisions of this bill.

Fourth, The electors qualified by this act, unless Congress orders otherwise, on the first Tuesday in June, 1867, shall elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, a Senate and House of Representatives, and other officers herein provided.

Fifth, The following and none others shall vote: All male citizens of the United States who are 25 years old, regardless of race or color, who have been one year in the State, and have never borne arms against the country since they have been citizens thereof and can truly take the oath of July 2d, 1862.

Sixth, The Secretary of War is authorized to make and publish rules for the just and true registration of electors prior to any election herein ordered, the time for holding elections not ordered in this act, the place and manner of conducting elections, the appointment and confirmation of officers of elections, and every other thing necessary to holding free elections.

Seventh, On the 3d Tuesday in October, unless otherwise ordered by Congress, persons qualified shall vote for members of Convention to adopt a Constitution and for framing a government for the State of Louisiana on qualifications of 25 years old and all others required in the case of Governor under this act.

Eighth, It shall be the duty of the President to designate forthwith an officer of the army not under a Brigadier General to be stationed in Louisiana, and to be military commander within the State, and it shall be the further duty of the President to place under the command of such General a military force to execute the duty prescribed, whenever the civil authorities refuse, neglect or omit the speedy enforcement of the laws for the punishment or prevention of crime against the rights of any person whatsoever.

Ninth, The laws of the Council or the provisional legislature, shall be certified to by the Secretary of the Senate, for Congressional approval. Should Congress disapprove of them, the fact shall be certified to the Chief Justice of Louisiana, and such disapproved laws shall be void after their receipt by the Chief Justice.

Tenth, Until admitted to representation as a loyal State, Louisiana shall be allowed one delegate in Congress, chosen at the first election ordered herein. The delegate must have the same qualifications as a Governor, and shall have the rights and powers of the territorial representatives now here in the House.

Eleventh, All the laws now in force in Louisiana, consistent with this act, and the laws of the United States, shall remain in force until repealed or modified. Provided, no person shall be competent to act as juror who is not an elector under this act.

Twelfth, In many parts of England they estimate the value of their land in proportion to the nearness of access to the linekilns, on account of its valuable properties when used for dressing.

N. C. LEGISLATURE.

The following is the vote by which the New Stay Law (published in another column) passed the House of Commons on Saturday the 9th:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, Ashworth, Ansty, Barden, Beasley, Black, Blair, Blythe, Boyd, Bows, Brown, Bryson, Carson, Chadwick, Clark, Collins, Dargan, Davidson, Durham, Everett, Farrow, Freeman, Gamber, Garrett, Garris, Geddwin, Gorham, Granberry, Guess, Henderson, Henry, Hinnaat, Holderby, Horton, of Watson, Horton of Wilkes, Houston, Jenkins of Granville, Jones, Jordan, Kelsey, Kenn, Kendall, Latham of Washington, Lee, Lyon, Luttrell, May, McClary, McGowan, McKay, Moore of Chatham, Moore of Hertford, Morehead, Morton, Merrill, Neal, Patton, Perry of Wake, Richardson, Rountree, Russ, Seogin, Shelton, Simpson, Smith of Duplin, Smith of Guilford, Stone, Sudderth, Trull, Unstead, Vestal, Walker, Waugh, Whitfield, Wilson of Perquimans, Williams of Pitt, Williams of Yancey, Wumble, York—80.

On voting, Mr Patton stated that he doubted the constitutionality of any Stay Law, but being in favor of relief, was willing to leave that question to the decision of the Courts.

Mr Peabody, on voting, asked that the following protest be placed on the journal: I acknowledge the necessity and justice of relief to the people, and would cheerfully vote for the bill, if amended as I proposed.

MONDAY, Feb. 11. SENATE—Mr Covington presented a petition from citizens of Union county, protesting against the appointment of J. D. Williams as Justice of the Peace of said county, and on motion of Mr Covington it was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The bill to consolidate the Western N. C. Railroad, the N. C. Railroad, and the Atlantic & N. C. Railroad Companies, was favored by Mr Love, and opposed by Messrs. Wilson, Hall and Speer. The bill was then rejected.

TUESDAY, Feb. 12. SENATE—Mr Avery, from the committee instructed to report some plan to change the Judiciary system of the State, reported a bill, and on his motion, it was ordered to be printed and made the special order for 8 o'clock Friday night.

The bill making provision for the payment of the State bonds now due, and the interest on the debt of the State was considered. Messrs. Wilson and Berry discussed the merits of the bill at some length.

Further comment upon this affair is unnecessary. It is one of those instances where awful justice speaks from the month of the people, and the bloody mask of vengeance is stamped by man's hand.

FROM THE RALEIGH SENTINEL. MOST FIENDISH MURDER. LOUISBURG, N. C., Feb. 8, 1867.

Messrs. Editors:—As a sign of the times, I send you an account of a murder committed in this county on the night of the 21st (Sunday) ult.

Mary and Becky Jane Collins, freed women, mother and daughter, the former about 50 years and the latter 30 years of age, were living in the yard of a widow lady, though not employed by her.

On the night of the murder a boy eight years old, son of Becky, and who is bound to Mr Joseph Murray, stayed with his mother. He states that at the night, his mother and grandmother shut Jerry out of doors, that they then tore to pieces an old bedstead which had belonged to Jerry's mother, and carried it out doors, with all of Jerry's mother's clothes and bed-clothes, and made of them a fire at the corner of the chimney.

They then caught Jerry and after cutting him with an axe, making a frightful wound on his neck, pushed him into the large fire. He screamed and jumped out several times, and they as often pushed him back, until he was dead. They continued burning him until all was consumed except two small plates of the skull, a few remains of bones, and some of the intestines.

Home:—We are pained to record an event yesterday afternoon which sent another human life to its long account. According to the statements made, it appears that a Mr. John C. DeVann who is engaged in the construction of a portion of the Columbia and Hamburg Railroad in this city, discovering Mr. Charles Bennett in an endeavor to employ the negroes already at work, ordered him away; whereupon an angry altercation ensued, during which, Bennett threatened to whip Mr DeVann, and made certain demonstrations. The result was a pistol shot through the breast of Bennett, and his almost immediate death on the spot.—Columbia Carolinian, 13th.

People should be careful how they interfere with freedmen who are already under contract. Let suit be instituted forthwith against all who are tampering with laborers.

The total number of hogs packed in the West this season, according to the Illinois Journal, is 1,416,741, against 1,399,121 last year. This shows that the stories about short supplies are not true.

NEW STOCK OF GROCERIES.

Hammond & McLaughlin. Have now in Store for sale, a large stock of Groceries, such as Sugar, Coffee, Molasses, Flour, Bacon and Lard, Corn, Meal, Sausages, Bagging, Rope and Leather, Cheese, Blue Fish and Mackerel, Candles and Raisins by the wholesale, Admanned Chocolates, &c., &c.

Nothing of importance was transacted in either House to-day. The Senate refused to go into joint Committee with the House to consider the new plan of adjustment. The House passed a bill to establish a new county from portions of Macon and Cherokee, to be called "Vance."

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INDIAN WAR.—It appears to be a foregone conclusion that the red man is again upon the War path. Tidings of massacres have reached the East, together with corroborative intelligence going to show that large bodies are gathering in localities where they can inflict the largest possible amount of damage.

STERLING'S SOUTHERN SCHOOL BOOKS.—We are pleased to see that this series of School Books has been endorsed by the Legislature of Alabama and recommended for use in the schools of that State.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES. We are anxious to reduce our Stock of Dry Goods, Hats, Shoes, &c., and have determined to REDUCE PRICES.

SPLENDID BUSINESS STAND FOR SALE. By S. A. HARRIS, AUCTIONEER. That large and commodious BRICK STORE HOUSE, in the city of Charlotte, two doors west of the Democrat Office, will be sold at Auction on Thursday the 28th inst.

LAND SALE. The undersigned, as Administrator of A. F. Neel, deceased, will sell, by order of Court, on Friday the 1st day of March, 1867, on the premises, the half interest in a tract of LAND, held by said deceased, in a Plantation lying fourteen miles from Charlotte, on the Wilmington and Charlotte Railroad line, adjoining the lands of Eli Hemby and the Smart Mine tract.

LABORERS WANTED. We want to employ 100 laborers, white or black, to work at the Curton Gold Mine, in Union county. Good wages will be given, to be paid at the end of every month. Apply at the Mine, 10 miles from Monroe.

WHEEL-WRIGHT SHOP. The subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has a shop on College street, in the rear of Mr Crase's residence, where he is prepared to do all kinds of wood work in his line with neatness and dispatch.

NEW HOTEL IN LINCOLNTON. L. H. KISTLER has opened a House of Entertainment for his own benefit and that of the traveling public; also, will keep private boarders. His terms are moderate. Give his Table a trial once. His house is on Main street, second door west of the Court House, nearly opposite Maj. Cobb's Store.

SUPREME COURT OF N. C.

The following opinions have been delivered: By Pearson, Ch. J. In State vs. Myrick, from Rowan, declaring that there is no error.

By Battle, J. In State vs. Alston, from Wilkes, declaring that there is error. In State vs. Hodges, from Mecklenburg, no error.

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