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## RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEMOCRATIC-CONSERVATIVE PARTY OF ALAMANCE COUNTY.

Resolved, First: That the democratic conservative party of this county nominate its candidate for delegate to the constitutional convention to assemble in Raleigh in September by Mass-Conventions of the county to be held on Saturday the 3rd day of July at the Court House in Graham.

2nd: That every Democrat and Conservative who will attend said Mass-Conventions shall be deemed and recognized as a delegate from his township.

3rd: That each township in the county shall be entitled to twenty-five votes in said nominating Mass-Conventions.

4th: That each delegate shall have his equal proportion of the vote of his township at his individual disposal, which proportion shall be ascertained by calculation based upon the number of delegates present from his township, and the said number of twenty-five votes to which each township is declared entitled, and the vote shall be taken by a call of townships, when the Secretary of said Mass-Conventions shall record the vote of each township as instructed to do by the delegates of that township.

From the above resolutions it will be seen, that the Democratic-Conservative party of this county will nominate its candidate for Convention on Saturday, 3d of July, 1875. It will also be seen that every Democrat and Conservative in the county is an authorized delegate to the nominating Mass-Conventions, and will have the casting of his proportion of the vote of his township under his sole individual control. The vote that each delegate will have depends upon the number of delegates in attendance from his township. Each township has twenty-five votes, and that number will be cast whether it has many or few delegates present. A large turnout is desirable, to the end that a fair expression of the preference of the party may be had in selecting a candidate. It is earnestly hoped that no township will be represented by less than twenty-five delegates. It would be all the better if many more than that number could be present. No matter how many, each will have his proportion of the twenty-five votes to which his township is entitled. Come on and let Alamance, the first in the roll of counties, take a foremost place in the democratic column, that is marching to victory all over this broad land.

J. T. CROCKER,  
Chairman Ex. Com.

### A DUTY BEFORE US.

The streets of Jerusalem were kept clean, as we are told, by every man's sweeping before his own door. By every county's attending to its own elections, the result throughout the State will be a grand triumph. That every county may do so every individual must do his duty. For the blessing of good government we all owe a duty in return. We want to amend our Constitution, not for the good of democrats, especially, nor for the inconvenience or trouble of any one, but for the good of all. To do this, certainly and without doubt, we all have a duty to perform, and must, if true to ourselves and our children, perform it. The first Saturday in July the democrats of this county nominate their candidate to represent their county in the Constitutional Convention. This selection should be carefully made. The selection should not be left to wireworkers, if any there are, and there are some in almost every county. Nominating Conventions should be conducted freely and fairly. When this is not done, the very object for which they were intended is defeated, and they serve to prevent what they are looked to, to secure. They are expected to reflect the wishes of a majority of the party to which they belong. That they may do so, the masses of the people must take an interest in them, must attend them and take part in their action and deliberations. If they do not, it is just certain that there will rise up tricksters to control them. In our approaching nominating Convention every democrat or conservative has a voice, and a power. Let them attend in large numbers, and exercise their rights and privileges in saying who shall be their candidate. After our nomination is made, let it not be said that undue influence shaped the course of the Convention. Let no vague insinuations, in whispers, stifle the free action of any one present. Let all be done fairly, and openly, and it will be satisfactory. We don't want any professional candidate makers at work. The people are tired of it, wherever it has prevailed, and they just won't have it. Come every one, and let our candidate be the choice of the party, and then, without dissension, he will be elected. Let us do our duty, each one, and not depend upon others.

Col. George Williamson of Caswell publishes a letter in the *Milton Chronicle* in which he says under no circumstances will he be a candidate for Convention. He thinks that no member of the Legislature calling the Convention should be a candidate for delegate to it, or at least it is not consistent with his notions of propriety.

## THE RESTRICTIONS, AND THE HOMESTEAD.

The republican papers would lead one to believe, that, in case a majority of the delegates to the Convention are democrats, the restrictions in the act calling the convention are the only hope of the State. The weight of authority, while there is difference of opinion, is that the restrictions are legally binding, and cannot be disregarded, even were there a disposition to do so by the delegates elected. The moral obligation to observe them, is unquestioned, but the weight of this does not seem to be appreciated by republicans, whether from incapacity or unwillingness we do not undertake to say. To listen to them, one would suppose that there was a possibility of the democratic party electing a set of men as delegates, who would be as little inclined to serve the best interest of the people, and know as little of what that interest is, as the delegates who framed the present Constitution. Who compose the democratic party now? Are there not found in its ranks that class of men and the great majority of the very men, who have ever been trusted by the people, and who have never betrayed that trust? Are the democrats not from and of the very class that is most interested in good, wholesome laws? Oh! but they'll destroy the homestead, you hear shrieked from every radical paper in the land. How are they going to destroy it? Oh! they'll disregard the restrictions. What! disregard the restriction to destroy what they originated in 1867, before the complete birth of the radical party in this State; to destroy a provision in which they, and their party friends, are almost exclusively interested; to destroy what they have, by recent legislation, made permanent, instead of leaving it only for the life of the man who took refuge in its benefits. Why, gentlemen, with people, who are capable of exercising a thought for themselves, your reputation for sincerity, or common sense, must suffer and, if you go on so, will eventually be ruined. Oh yes, but there will be another set of Supreme Court Judges, and they will hold differently as to the application of the homestead exemption to old debts, they tell us. Well, that is a clincher, and they have relied upon it in every campaign they have ever made in the State. Why, bless your souls, there'll be a new set of Supreme Court Judges whether there is a convention, and whether the constitution is amended or not. The time of those on the bench is nearly cut, and, in the course of nature, with some of them, it is not distant when time will be no more. The present constitution will keep them alive as Judges for two years longer than the people elected them for, but it can't keep them alive as men, when they are called to trial, instead of to judge. No, gentlemen the homestead will never be impaired by our state courts. The Federal Courts, over which we have no electing or appointing power, are the courts that are to be dreaded by the unfortunate man whose shelter for himself and little ones depends upon the exemption of his homestead. Not a democrat in the State, so far as we know or have reason to believe, would if he could impair in the slightest degree the benefits of the homestead. No one ever opposed this provision of the constitution. There is a large proportion of the democratic party individually and personally interested in the homestead being good, now and forever, against all debts of whatever date. Four fifths of the radical party, the negroes, have no personal interest in this generous provision of the constitution and never will have. Now in view of this, and it is true, in whose hands would the homestead likely be most safe? But, why talk about it? The convention, if it would, cannot interfere with the homestead, and if it could it would not, and everybody knows this. These radical editors know it as well as any one, but they also know that unless they can deceive and frighten the people there is no hope for them. It is a death struggle with them, and their desperation must, to the charitable, be some sort of excuse for their reckless assertions, their wild untounded charges, and their departure, which, judging from its completeness must be final, from everything like candor, truth and fair argument. Such a course cannot longer deceive the people. Though not fully awake, their eyes are sufficiently open not to be led further, by declarations unfounded, assertions without truth, and representations without reason, common sense, or facts to sustain them. The republican party is dear to its leaders for what it has done for them, it has been dear to the people for what they have done for it, and now, as its dissolution approaches, it should, in the knowledge of the justice of its fate, die calmly, that recollections of its last days may not be associated with writhings, distortions, and bitter sufferings, in a vain effort to avert an inevitable fate. Be calm. For your misdeeds you deserve it. You fooled and deceived the people a long time. We trust you are not hardened enough to take consolation from this. Let a nobler sentiment console you: that what is your loss is the peoples gain.

## THE POOR MAN.

What a Constitution our present one is for the poor man to be sure! Radical papers are constantly calling the attention of the "bewers of wood, and drawers of water," and "delvers," as they are pleased to call the poor man, to something or other. Let us see if it (the present constitution) can't be improved somewhat for the poor man. Now let us take the poor man who lives near the railroad. He has a cow, to give milk for his little children; he can't keep her up, and she is killed by a passing train. It is a matter of consequence to him. He must get pay for her, or he is unable to buy another, and his little ones must eat their bread without milk. Now, if the bosses of the railroad happen to be in the best of humor, and don't forget it, they will, after awhile, perhaps, make an order to pay him half of what they say she is worth, and never under any circumstances any more. And to do this is a matter entirely in their own discretion, for, practically the poor man has no remedy by which he can enforce his rights in this and similar cases. Now, suppose the cow is worth twenty dollars, and the bosses of the railroad, either neglect or refuse to pay the one half that they do sometimes pay, what remedy is there? Practically none, yet there is a way to enforce payment; though at a trouble and a cost that makes the remedy worse than the disease. Well, Mr. Poor Man, under this Constitution, that was made especially for his convenience, must go to the Court House, and hire a lawyer, (you must get a lawyer when you bring a suit in court,) at ten dollars (that is as cheap as you can get one) and then get some one to stand his bond for costs; or if he can't do that, must sue as a pauper, and if he does not sue as a pauper, he must deposit five dollars with the clerk of the court to pay costs as it goes, and then after paying fifteen dollars out to begin with, and after attending two or three terms of the court, and losing time and incurring expenses to the amount of perhaps twenty dollars more, he may at the end of two or three years get his judgment for twenty dollars for his cow. But can this be so you ask, and why? Simply because the present constitution says, that the Superior Court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of everything not founded upon contract, and until that is altered, the legislature is powerless to do anything, that will place a remedy in the hands of the poor man. And so it is with everything not founded upon contract. You see the railroad never made any contract, never promised to pay for the cow. There must be a contract or else you must go to the Superior court or nowhere. Before the legislature was forbidden to do so by the constitution, it made a law allowing a man to go before a magistrate, no lawyer, no court cost, no bond, with two of his neighbors, and have any stock he had killed valued, and the magistrate would issue execution against the railroad company at once, and the money was paid. We have known it all done in one day. That law has never been repealed, and would be in full force to-day, but for the clause of the constitution overriding it. There are some, yes we think many good things in the present constitution, but there are many very many bad ones, and these latter we want to take out, or amend, so that all will be good. It is for the good of every one, that this should be done, and what is anybody opposed to it for? No reason for the people but, there is a selfish reason for those who wish to make party capital, and then capital out of the party. We might enumerate hundreds of instances of hardships growing out of this clause of the Constitution that forbids magistrates having jurisdiction of anything not founded on contract. Two neighbors may have, and frequently do have, disputes about the ownership of stock, a hog, a sheep, or cow. Yet to settle this they must go at once into the Superior Court with all the trouble and expenses attending a regular law suit. Mr. Smith has your yearling in his field and claims it. You know it is your yearling, yet you cannot get it, or get pay for it, without a suit in the Superior court. A rich man can afford to go to law for nothing, rather than to be run over as is sometimes said. The poor man can't. He wants in these small matters to have a remedy that will not cost more, in the start, than the property in controversy is worth. He can't have it under the present constitution. Let us all forget prejudices, and act together for the good of all, and when we differ let it be a difference of judgement and opinion, and not one founded on ill feeling and prejudice. "The past is in the eternal past," let us be careful of, and provide for the future.

In Maryland, the Colorado beetle has landed, and is playing havoc with potatoes; in New Jersey the phylloxera has attacked the vineyards; and in Missouri the grasshoppers are carrying everything before them. Fortunately, hogs are doing well, and entirely without disease, in Ohio and Kentucky, and a full crop is anticipated.

## DISSENSIONS.

Dissensions are disagreeable, always fraught with evil and never with any good. In families, in churches, in societies, in parties, and in countries it is ever, and will ever be, the same. Discord and disagreement, but other words for vexations, troubles and failures wherever found. To prevent these we must all be torgetful of petty differences in the past. There is none of us, but candor compels to acknowledge faults in the past, words unjustly spoken, acts rashly done, that have been regretted and repented, and nothing but a foolish pride, that afflicts us all, prevents a full acknowledgement. We are on the eve of an important campaign, one that will result in much good to the State, or in fastening upon it, and its citizens, an impediment to prosperity, for an indefinite length of time. The object of the approaching election is to clothe delegates with powers and trusts, than which none can be more sacred an important. None but men who have your confidence should be thus entrusted. The power to amend your constitution, the foundation of the laws under which you and your children are to be governed, and by which you are to be protected in your rights of person and property, is to be entrusted to the delegates you elect. It is made a party question, not by you, but the republican party.—Its leaders we should say, for many honest republicans, who are not republicans for place or pay, are with us on this question. The campaign though will be as strictly party in its character as the radical leaders can make it. They are struggling to retain their power. Their only hope is to weaken and destroy our power by creating dissensions among us. They are fighting now for next year, when Governor members of congress and legislators are to elect. They are inscrupulous. Reason and argument they have none, and resort is had to unfounded assertion and wholesale misrepresentation. By these they hope to deceive and mislead some, but not enough to secure their triumph. Dissensions among us is their only real hope. Let us forget past differences, and act together, as we think together, and thus secure to ourselves, and our children, and our radical neighbors, who oppose us and their children, and all who will come among us, the blessings of a free, liberal economical and just government, one suited to us all, and our condition and wants and necessities. We are all opposed to oppression, tyranny, corruption, extravagance, force bills, one man power, civil rights laws, and to sum it up in one word radicalism, for it means them all and more too, then let us, forgetting all past dissensions, and unkind words and hasty action, about and among ourselves, in harmony and in the name of liberty, right, and justice to all and for all let us secure these great blessings.

### POLL TAX.

"The present Constitution does not allow the Legislature to tax the people more than two dollars on the poll."

We clip this from *The Era*, or as not inappropriately called by some of our republican neighbors "The Error." This is an argument against electing democratic delegates to the Constitutional Convention, and in point of force and truthfulness is the equal of any they use. This radical Constitution of ours, interpreted by a radical Supreme Court does not place any such limitation upon the taxing power, and everybody knows it. We suppose this unfounded assertion was intended to influence voters too old to pay poll tax, and negroes who never pay any. Everybody else knows better, because they have, ever since this blessed Constitution was a Constitution had to pay more. Audacity does accomplish much sometimes, and its powers are being tested to the fullest extent by the radical press on this question of electing delegates to the Convention. The impudence that seriously tells a people, that under the present Constitution their poll tax cannot exceed two dollars, when that very people have been paying more ever since the instrument was forced upon them, is, as a specimen of its kind, something to be admired.

The Radicals unblushingly tell the people that the object of the Convention is to plunge the State into civil war again. If democrats are elected and control the Convention, the leading spirits in plunging the State into the last war will have no influence over it. Holden and Rodman, and company who actively plunged the State into the last war, are not so potent now as they were then. Their last plunge was into the radical party, and they have about disappeared from view beneath its dark waters. The war is over, and the people know it, and are glad of it, and its evils including radical misrule are "passing away, passing away." That cat won't jump.

We notice that P. R. Harden & Bro. are receiving an installment of new goods. We would say, that we noticed among them, some of the prettiest calicoes we had seen, but fear that some of our folks might be after us to buy Ten cents a yard is the price.

## STRENGTH IN HARMONY

There must be no division in the Conservative party this summer. At present happily the signs are auspicious for almost perfect union and adherence to the principles and policy of the organization. The great apprehension is that the party strength, through apathy, cannot be fully brought out. Convention will fail—the crying demand for a new Constitution be unheeded—if there is not a powerful effort every where made to carry the election in August.

We call upon all reasonable men, whatever their past party affiliations, to come out and work for the success of the Convention movement. Inaugurated chiefly by Conservatives, it is a popular movement if rightly understood. It behooves the press, and the more intelligent voters to take a deeper interest in this matter. There is far more at stake than is commonly imagined. North Carolina can ill afford to fall again into the hands of the mad spirits that control the Republican party. How earnest and determined are the purposes of the Radical leaders our readers can judge from the tone and temper of the secret compact made by the editors of that party and published by us two days ago. That document, which they would not have had revealed for any consideration, shows a deliberate and subtle intention to use chicanery, hypocrisy, humbug, evasion, falsehood—anything to get possession once more of power in this State. They think, with a show of plausibility, that the failure of the Convention will largely aid them in executing this programme.

To prevent so fatal a consummation we invoke more activity—a restless, sleepless, judicious energy—and invoke the old North Carolina spirit which so often (nearly always) has borne our people through peril and tribulation to glorious triumph and on to tranquil peace and prosperity. Sentinels, slumber not on post! Men, be ye ready at the sound of the alarm to respond to the call of your State and ever obey the promptings of duty and the suggestion of sagacious leadership!—*Morning Star*.

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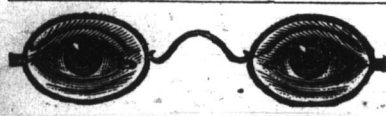
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