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## The Law and the Testimony.

The Constitution of North Carolina expressly RENCE OF TWO THIRDS OF ALL THE MEM BERS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE GENERAL

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, SUPREME COURT, To His Excellency, Gov. CALDWELL:

Sing-In Peply to Your communication of the 9th inst. I have the honor to say, that the Chief Justice, and Justices Rodman, Dick and Settle are of opinion that the set to which you refer, is in violation of the Constitution. All fegislative power is vested in the General Assembly. Calling a Convention is an act of legislation. It follows that no Convention can be called unless it be done by the General Assembly.

The people have reserved to themselves no power of legislation: It follows, that a Convention cannot be called by a vote of the people; nor will such voting enable the General Assembly to call a Convention in a manner not authorized by the Constitution. Justice Rhade, for the reason stated by him when the opinion of the Justices was re quested by the General Assembly in regard

to the tenure of office, declines to give an Upon the second question in regard to your duty, provided you believe the act to be unconstitutional, the Justices do not feel at liberty to offer an opinion.

Very Respectfully, &c R. M. PEARSON. Chief Justice, Supreme Court,

# JUDGE GASTON AND CONVENTIO

another. Because difficulty has been experienced in calling a Convention to amend our Constitution we are determined to have a perpetually changing Constitution. What is the proposition recommend ed in the Report? That two succeeding Legislatures, by a bare majority of voters, may alter any part of the Amendments which may be adopted to this Convention, or any principle in the Bill of Rights, consecrated for the security of our lives. this proceeding? That a majority ought to govern. Let us not be deceived by generalities. In what

sense ought me jerities to govern ! That the delither ate will of the Scople ought ultimately to prevail no one will deny; but that the temporary will of a majority, which willy be produced by the effercedence of the moment, ou hi to do what it birnies, set up and put down Constitutions from day to day-nothing can be so extraffagant as to desire. "It nothing flore is needed for the purpose inf government than this brief maxim, let the majority govern, what becomes of all our checks on majori-

ties? Why have two brances in our Legislature Why judicial establishments? Why trial by jury? If we adopt this infettered principle, why any of these establishments? "He would rather live under the most despotic g vernment on parth, than under an unlimited government of numbers He might escape the notice

of one Tyrant, but there could be no escape from a multitude of Typants." On a subsequent day, Mr. Gaston, of Craven,

But we are now met by the popular cry, that we in three Con-true as which he need picked up on the spur of the mone of viz; South anglina. Ale bama and the Unites S.h.cs. I is to tur, one a chick on the Legiziature, that it may not avail visely of an accidental majority to disturb the repose of the people by fr quality canny them together in Concention. We are called on by every consideration, not to sanction the principle, that a bare majorly may aubare mojority to call a Convention were recognized in the Constitution he would not give one fig for all

every two or three years. The second second [Communicated to the Charlotte Observer. General Rufus Barringer on the Convention.

Convention, that I may be pardoned a brief statement of them through the public press. Free and

I am opposed to a Convention in the present junc-ture of our affairs. The organic law should not be changed, when presible to avoid it, except in times of quiet and confidence, and when the co-operation of good, men of all classes could be secured. that, even your Convention does not assert ly rejoiced when Judge Brooks made a de-This is impossible at present. Public affairs, es- such a doctrine, but plainly proceeds upon a cision sustaining their views. perially in this stream new in great doubt and some such a doctrine, but plainly proceeds upon a contrary one, by professing to "amend" our convention bill, proposed to restrict the Convention on this subsisting, and not against it. With this state it. With this state it. With the state it. With t of the Convention could prove satisfactory or per ed from those passed by again. Indeed, it bill that provision is omitted and why?

Its enemies admit his, when they propose, as they constantly do, to return and re adopted many of its be supposed for a moment, that upon the peculiar features, such as its principles of equality death of a proprietor, there is no rule of sicion and re adopted majority of lawyers, and cations for office, the Homestead, protection to the estates of married fromen, the Laborer and Mechan ic's Lien, the equation of taxation the destruction or that no body can! On the contrary, I the Judges and Magistrates shall be appoint-Courts of Equity, the establishment of a sound and still her laws, including her fundamental law, thus they will be independent of the people. convenient Probate system, the enlarged prisdiction of the laws, including her fundamental law. The lawyers will thus have control of the tion of Justices of the Peace, the concession of local self government to the masses, &c., & These could be no Concention to abrogate or to State, and the power of the old slave aristoc- for the different tickets. All the votes for or are great improvements on the old system, and will alter that law, unless called and chosen in the racy will be restored and secured.

People fret thems lives over the losses and changes if the people could confirm them, but ought will have to work for a homestead and pay of the war, and classor for the old order of things. To be opposed and rejected. It would seem their old debts; and nine out of ten will die pauas though it were possible to escape the terrible that body was aware of the defect of its pers and leave ignorant and penniless famievils incident to all's o'ent changes and revolutions.

This cannot be But if I could, I would not go back to the old Constitution. That instrument, the people, thus seeking the requisite con
With the Republican homestead the poor was a ware of the defect of the people. The powers of the country can live in ease and comand proved a curse to the State. It kept the mass same provision in the Constitution which home until the youngest child is of age.

Same provision in the Constitution which home until the youngest child is of age.

Which of these two homesteads will



ASHEVILLE, N. C., THURSDAY, JULY 20, 1871.

NO. 4.

reckless Legislation, is not the fault of the Consti- the majority, if physically able, may overtution. It is mainly the result of the course pursu-ed by our leading men in the elections of 1867.8, throw the existing government, but it can when they advised the whites to stand aloof, and only do so by revolution and not as possessing have nothing to do with hegro suffrage. They a legitimate delegated office and power. I have at last had their eyes opened, and they now need not, however, dilate further on this topic come with their "New Departure," and say, "trust us again-let us provide the organic law." But after the sad experience of 1861, the stupidity of 1865, and the criminal blunders of 1867 8. I prefer to see no more Conventions called until things get opinion given by the Source Convention Let our 'friends of the "New Departure" turn

their attention to the changed situation surround-ing them. Let them, above all, devote themselves to practical legislation, to the restoration of peace and confidence, and to the development of our vast resources, and they will cease to abuse the Constitu-tion of 1808, just as they have ceased to denounce "Nigger voting" and the "horrors of reconstruc-then subsisting especially provides two other

They would in this way soon rid us of worthless officials. They would see virtue and intelligence resume their wonted sway, and ere long, the country would once more rejoice in plentiful barns and

RUFUS BARRINGER.

### fFrom the Old North State: Chief Justice Ruffin on the Mode of Calling s Convention.

Under date of July the 2d, 1866, the late Chief Justice Ruffin wrote a long letter to : member of that body, discussing the powers of the Convention of 1865. We present below all of that part of his letter in relation to the manner in which a Convention of the people must be called under the Constitution of this State. It is clear, unequivocal and to the point. The eminent Chief Justice had no doubt whatever about the revolutionary character of a Convention called after the manner in which the present is aftempted to be called. This will be almost universally admifted to be the very highest authority that can be cited on either side in the pending contest, and will, we believe, have more weight than any other.

directed by any provision of our pre-existing Constitution; and, even on that basis, I deny the anthority of your Convention to make or propose a new or modified form of governintion touching its amendment, or the call for Convention for that purpose, is so clear and so precise against any such Convention as modes of amending the Constitution are provided : One through the agency of the Genratifiation by a vote of the people, which need not be considered here; the other, by a Convention called in a manner prescribed in adopt them. the organized government is required to ment; modes intended to protect minorities taining the homestead, and with one stroke initiate an alteration of the government, against superior numbers. Now, suppose, of his willing pen sweep away the last veswhich was no doubt, upon the sound princi- upon this assumption, that the people may tige of a homestead in North Carolina. so-called Convention was not a Constitution endure it and hold it to be a Constitution? lina. tional Concention, and therefore its acts are So it is under the provisions of our State. Then I want to say to the people who are statements could be believed. Mr. Bryant is then read to him again, and he "reckoned"

Convention of the people of North Carolina the Governor, all the questions upon the this Convention, and I might be safe in saythorize a Convention, if we do, we shall be exposed under the Constitution, and could not, thereto continual flacoustions. The people have, it is fore, after that instrument in any of these the Convention arise—questions affecting tain overthrow of the homestead. I feel a true, the sacred fight of Revolution, they possess points which affect our internal organization the right to all the old and new offices, and deep interest in this matter, and I call upon the fundamental principles of government; but as a distinct Republican State; for example, the objection of the so-called disquietude innumber and jurisdiction of Courts; the ap- the Judiciary, pointment of the Judges thereof; the tenure the matters which the Convention had been en- pointment of the Judges thereof; the tenure exceed in adjusting, since it assembled. Instead of of their office, and that of the executive, or sny permanent rigulations, everything would be the like. No disquisition can render these set affort and we should have a new Constitution points clearer than the short and simple paragraph of the Constitution itself. The conclusion can only be evaded by establishing as the truth, that the clause of the Constitution all kinds of debts both old and new and was no longer in force, and that position it is sustained by the decision of the present I am so often asked for my views in regard to a that no other part of it was in force, or, in ler. other words, that by virtue of the war and The Democratic lawyers who are looking fair discussion is what the country now greatly its results, we were a people without Consti- to Judgeships under the Convention moveturion or law of any sort. It necessarily ment, say that a homestead is only good as comes to that, and that never ought to be, to debts contracted since the adoption of the and never can be, yielded. Perhaps it would Constitution. They denounced the decision be sufficient for our present purposes, to say, of the Supreme Court as par izan and publicther confusion and worse complications-if not to is impossible under any aspect of any law, as The Democratic lawvers who lead the understood among civilized nations, and in party would not allow it to be inserted. But my main objection lies in a different direct modern times, that a whole people can be Many of them are interested largely in old The Constitution of 1808 has its defects and blem, treated or considered as being without any Court judgments, and some of them expect ishes. But for our, I do not head at the law or ministers of the law, even by cont to be Judges, and they are publicly commithav humble opinion, that leads and make abased enerors. The security, and the obligation of ted against the Republican homestead. To before the law, the abolition of all property qualificession to his real and personal estates, and most of the candidates for Convention are of all distinctions between Courts of faw and say, that the laws of North Carolina were ed for life by the present Legislature-and

Our incompetent and worthless officers, and late out such previous authority and regulations opinion given by the Sapreme Court in cannot, by their own direct vote, abrogate or make a Constitution, without the previous sanction of authority in power under the existing government, as in Door's case, much modes for feeting these purposes and excludes all besides, which is our case,

We arrive then, at these results : that the

We have italicised certain portions of the dar original Constitution, have regularly out of noise and nome of account of the United labor by day they feared visits from the we had better take this than run further noise and no approve of the alterations shall give their rimon, for he ought to know if he succeeds their homes at night. They feared to say and all the Democrats who are positively in England, France, Italy, and other countries ment for us. But the clause in our Consti. proceed in the regular and peaceful method among the poor people of the mountains, but and would never be known as the poor newhich is prescribed, instead of an unauthorif they are to be turned out of house and groes would rather tamely submit than sufized, irregular and usurped mode from home by his efforts and reduced to rain and fer more. The Democracy threatened to suffering through his agency then it is time carry the next election, and to run every No; it would be impolitic. we have had, as to put the point beyond doings, and consequent commotions, arise, they should be careful about their confidence. Republican out of this county. The impeachdoubt or argament, as it seems to me. Two farnish the strongest reasons why every man It is hinted, and pretty generally believed, ment or Gov. Holden had a very depressing in a letter modified the report as follows: the people, or the daty colling of a Conven- believe it to be, it is safe to say that in all plish all they wanted now that Holden was in other States. tion which would have legitimate power to probability the Legislature will reward him out of the way.

Your friend, &c., THOMAS RUFFIN. Two Kinds of Homesteads.

The Republican homestead is good against

mately work well. Give the new Constitution manner prescribed in it, and that, as a The Democratic homestead will be but in dets ought not to be confirmed by the people, poor men, without office, position or credit,

tutional Government, even the vote of the families who are now contented and happy. James Powell, an Irish laborer recently, they shall be turned out of doors and made The chief merit of the Constitution of 1868 is, majority is propria vigore ineffectual, with the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to whom some of the for \$50,000, and thus confuted all their allegant to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to whom some of the for \$50,000, and thus confuted all their allegant to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to whom some of the for \$50,000, and thus confuted all their allegant to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to whom some of the for \$50,000, and thus confuted all their allegant to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to whom some of the for \$50,000 to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to whom some of the for \$50,000 to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to whom some of the for \$50,000 to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless storm by your heartless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless are the pittless and the pittless are the pittless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless are the pittless and a lady in Utica, to endure the pittless are that it fully and freely accepts the results of the campaign of 1870—that the true principles of popular out the assent of the subsisting constitutional ble charity to the poor! Homestead men his wife thirteen times, and the proposed and popular out the assent of the subsisting constitutional ble charity to the poor! Homestead men his wife thirteen times, and the proposed and popular out the assent of the subsisting constitutional ble charity to the poor!

Judge Merrimon and the Homesten". [From the Washington Chronicle.] MARSHALL, July 8th, 1871. Mr. Eprron:-I understand that A. S. Merrimon, the revolutionary candidate for

the Convention, in the county of Wake, made a speech in Asheville one day during the last week of your court, in favor of Convention, in which he took grounds in favor of the Investigating Committee, Essex Harris, a representative Southern man we publish his day being received by Dr. Blis, and an Homestead. We people down here in this representative man of the colored race, from testimony: county would like to know if this is so, and Chatham county, North Carolina, had a Door's case. Then, if the people of a State how long he has been in favor of the home- lengthy examination before the Joint Instead. It has been the understanding gener- vestigating Committee. This witness is repally in this county that he was opposed to resented by the citizens of both parties in the the homestead. We hear it stated here, and State as a person of unexceptionable characnever hear it contradicted, that when Judge ter, a quiet and unoffending citizen, and his Brooks gave his opinion in the Federal Court statements are entitled to the highest conthat the homestead was unconstitutional, Mr. sideration. Merriman was load in his applause of the Judge, and actually applauded him there in visits from the Ku Klux Klan-one the Wed-tion of a few politicians. the Court house, on the justice and correct nesday night before Christmas, when a body

suffrage for adoption. I reply, no! The in getting the homestead set aside that ruin they were Republicans or to speak of outgreat principle of political and civil liberty, and suffering must fall upon thousands of rages that had occurred, and few would vote sides and of both colors. This list of names ment of Ecuador had furnished samples. that a people may, and ought to make a Con- poor he pless woman and children, whose at the coming election, unless the condition is forwarded to the Grand Commander of the None of these orders had been filled. Exstitution and Government for themselves; only hope is in sustaining the homesfeed. Not half of State, who is thus enabled to know who are Gov. L. L. Gibbs of Idaho sailed from this that in so doing they ought to be careful to Mr. Merrimon used to have many friends the outrages committed were ever published, our friends and who are not.

for his gallant services in the campaign in Harris is a witness before the court, which day he made a general denial of the report,

thought that the sense of the Convention had been described. The people care nothing about the new of an old man named Judd, the scourging of immediately corrected himself and denied it.

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Joe Buchanan and John Campbell, and oth- When, however, he was asked what order could be thrown in the way of carrying out the tions, and uncertainity as to what is the Con- were made to alter the Federal Constitution debts that will rum the people if the homestitution. If, then, the two modes designa- of the United States-what sort of a Con- stead is killed, and that will most certainly his knowledge of outrages on several parties Pale Faces." He denied that he knew of any ted are the only ones by which the Constitu stitution should we have who could en- be done if such men as Mr. Merriman get in the county, and spoke of the colored wit- Ku Klux in the South now, and said that he tion can be altered, it is clear that this last dare it, especially at the South-who would on the Supreme Court beach of North Caro-ness, Essex Harris, mentioned above, as a had disbanded them if the spring of 1868.

Constitution. Then let our people with one interested in the homestead that the best way a Democrat, and deprecates the sad state of that it was in the fall. This was an important Yielding then, that Mr. Johnson's and Mr. voice reject it. That will quiet everything to keep such men, men hostile to the home- affairs in his particular section, and gave it as admission, as it proved that even though he Holden's Convention might, by popular ac. and we may begin anew, in a lawful way to stead, off of the Supreme Court bench, and his opinion that a Ku Klux organization told the truth, as it is charitable to suppose. Holden's Convention might, by popular ac. and we may begin anew, in a lawful way to dead, of the constitution what we wish it. But, thereby retain your homesteads, is to vote existed even now throughout large portions he did, it proved by one of their own number laborers. They argue that this article is ex post that the Ku Klux was at work during the laborers and consequently unconstitutional. By that the Ku Klux was at work during the changing the Constitution, they expect to get a manded by them, yet it had no existence as a if approved by the people and proclaimed by down this Convention. There is danger in of the State. Yours Truly,

Vote At the Right Place.

Let the people remember that the last Conservative Legislature passed a law which prohibits any one from voting anywhere in fore he can vote there. He must vote for or government is to be overturned, and its adagainst a Convention on a separate ticket, and he must also vote for the candidate or candidates of his choice on a separate ticket. The poll holders must prepare distinct boxes against Convention are to be put in the same box ; all the votes for the candidates must be doubt attempts will be made to deceive you. If you cannot read yourself, take some friend

Professor Coc, who made a balloon ascensuffer yourselves to be defeated you will doses given have been insulation. But, in truth, such confirmation men of the country can live in ease and comsuffer yourselves to be defeated you will doses given have been insulation. But, in truth, such confirmation men of the country can live in ease and comsuffer yourselves to be defeated you will doses given have been insulation. But, in truth, such confirmation men of the country can live in ease and comsuffer yourselves to be defeated you will doses given have been insulation. But, in truth, such confirmation men of the country can live in ease and comsuffer yourselves. You its full effects. Mrs. Matthews, the mother that source; for the fort; educate their families, and leave them a sion at Oswego on July 4, has just been have no one to blame but yourselves. You its full effects. Mrs. Matthews, the mother that the horse was eighten fort; educate their families, and leave them a sion at Oswego on July 4, has just been have no one to blame but yourselves. You its full effects. Mrs. Matthews, the mother that the horse was eighten fort; educate their families, and leave them a sion at Oswego on July 4, has just been have no one to blame but yourselves. You its full effects. Mrs. Matthews, the mother than the horse was eighten fort; educate their families and leave them a sion at Oswego on July 4, has just been have no one to blame but yourselves. You its full effects. Mrs. Matthews, the mother than the horse was eight and the provided and the provided in the requirement to provide a constant to provide the forty than the requirement to provide the provided in the requirement to provide the provided thousands from the State; and it did more than makes the Convention a nullity, equally ex-

JOINT INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE. Testimony of a Colored Citizen of North Carolina -His Race Terrified and Distracted.

On Saturday of last week, before the Joint

Convention was not constitutional; it had no ness of the decision. We have also heard of disguised men visited his house, searched powers and could not make a Constitution; that Mr. Merrimon said on divers occasions, the premises, and robbed him of his gun, that for the same reason the people have no is the presence of reliable gentlemen, that the proparatory to a second visit. Owing to his powers, and that as neither the Convention honiestead was unconstitutional, and would station, and the fact of his being an earnest nor the people had any power in the premises, not apply to old debts, and that the dicision Republican, he had been warned to leave the by consequence, both together are equally of our Supreme Court in the case tried be- county, but would not do so. Shortly after 000 men. des itute of the requisite power. The Con- fore them, in which our homesteads are se- Christmas the Ku Klux made another raid on cention was an unauthorized body, and there- cured to us, was unconstitutional and was his neighborhood, near Pittsboro, N. C., and may I require? fore no more than a voluntary collection of made for partizan motives. I do know this called upon Harris. It was after midnight, the people to adopt by their vote a certain ferred to, Mr. Merrimon wrote a letter to a cabin was strongly barred, and the band after man the Constitution of the society. The instrument as our Constitution, a thing which merchant residing in Marshall, who had a an unsuccessful attempt to enter, poured a members are sworn to recognize the Governthe people, theler our Constitution, are not great many old debts due him, stating that volley of lifty guis into the house. Harris ment of the United States. It does not say ompetent to do on that recommendation, and he had no doubt the decision sustaining the was wounded in nine different places, and anything at all about the government of Tentherefore, the conjoint resolution and votes homestead as applying to old debts was unthe Klan thinking they had killed him fled. nessee. Its objects originally were protection of the two bodies have no more effect than constitutional and would be so decided if they Harris fired two shots and seriously wounded against Loyal Leagues and the Grand Army of whom they are deeply jealous and suspithat of either by itself. I conclude it is no could get the matter before the Supreme one of the number, and put out the eye of of the Republic, but, after it became general, constitution, and cannot be made one by Court of the United States, and solicited a another of the Klan. Since then, the witness it was found that political matters and inwhat has been done, or can be done now. contribution from the merchant to enable him reports, he has been in constant dread of his terests could best be promoted within it, and confident of procuring a supply of the cundu-What, then, does it behoove the people to to carry the question up to the Supreme life, and has no peace, and little sleep. He it was then made a political organization, rango in season for it to reach this port early do? They ought, it seems to me, promptly Court of the United States. I do not know reported a number of outrages that had on giving its support, of course, to the Demoand decisively to reject the whole project, whether the merchant assisted him in the curred in his own county and represented cratic party. If it be suggested, that in our experience all matter, but understand that the question has that the colored people in a mass were ter- But is the organization connected throughreight than any other.

We have italicised certain portions of the our original Constitution, have regularly out of house and home on account of this de-

the Constitution, which is the matter now for Let me here addice a case which I ought favor of Convention with that important poconsideration. It is obvious that, in pre- to have added to the efficiency of the popular sition. Should this come to pass, and I have Ku Klux cases. He is a poor farmer, and has twenty words to the correspondent. A memscribing these two, all other modes are ex- vote per se. I addace it, because it is clear no doubt that it will if this convention move a wife and six children to support. Owing to ber the committee then questioned him in cluded by irresistible inference. In respect to the apprehensions of every one, and ex- is a success, can any one doubt for a moment this Ku Klux business he has been compelled regard to the several important points of the to a Convention, the words are, "No Con hibits in a strong light the correctness of the what will become of the homestead when the vention of the people shall be called by the argument against the popular power a mere question is brought before him for decision. really in a destitute condition. And since truth of them all. When asked then about General Assembly unless by the concurrence majority over the Constitution of a nation. Entertaining the sentiment in relation to the his appearance before this committee his life the twenty words' conversation, he said that of two-thirds of all the members of each The case to which I allude, is that of the homestead heretofore expressed on the sub- is rendered doubly unsafe in Chatham county. he "reckoned" that he should have said House of the General Assembly." In either government of the United States. The Con- ject, he cannot do otherwise than reverse the But he is only one of handreds in a like con- twenty minutes. During the whole of his

ing of a church, the whipping and robbing Camelia. He promptly replied, "Yes," but man of unexceptionable caracter, and whose His letter written in September, 1868, was

### A Conflict with the Federal Government Inevitable if the Majority Plan is Carried.

of their wives and children if nothing else, to State do not resist, but even acquiese in their cannot be true, unless it be also admitted, Supreme Court in the case of Hill vs. Kess- vote this convention down, when we tell his application by whom he was imprisoned, fore, do the committee no good to know. them we are voting for our wives and chil- and that it was what the lawyers call corom dren-voting for homes and firesides. It is non judice, does any man in the State doubt dangerous to risk a home in the hands of the Federal Judge would release him upon men who have declared time and again that the grounds that the State Judge had no A Supply Expected in August-How it is Obour title was not good, and have gone so far power, that in fact he wasta usurper. Here as to raise a constitution to enable them to then a direct conflict is presented! what commence suit against us, in order that he then? Shall we offer resistance to the Fedmay have the pleasure of seeing us turned eral authorities? We tried that, and a could be received with greater rejoicing—a bought the lands had, before the purchase, out of house and home. To vote for this "burnt child dreads the fire." The Federal tree for consumption, perhaps excepted—than sold a small portion of them for \$90,000. possible that the work ed from those passed by Legislatures sitting new Constitution. In the present Convention and keep a house for your wives and chilvis, and President Warren, from enforcing an act of the Legislature. Much more then will they interfere where the life, or liberty of the citizen is imperilled, and that too by mere usurpers of authority.

It requires but little foresight to see whither we are drifting. An illegal Convention can, and will bring on a conflict with the county except in his own Township, and the Federal government. Are we prepared he must be registered in his Township be- for it? Secession was to be peaceable. The vocates say it will also be peaceable. Surely our people do not want, and cannot stand another revolution .- Raleigh Era.

Battle for Your Homesteads.

a fair trial, and I have no doubt, the friends of corollary, your Convention would be long fall in love with others of its peculiar features—its so-called novelties and decide that it only extends to new debts. The with you to the polls who can read, and poor men of the State. Homestead men! are About 15 cases of cancer have been treated who will see that you are not cheated out of you ready for the onset? If you are not, with it in this country, and in all its use has your vote by its being put in the wrong box. prepare now; organize at once; no time is been attended by a wonderful improvement could not go back on themselves. Having Professor Coc, who made a balloon ascen- suffer yourselves to be defeated you will doses given have been insufficient to produce worth millions they would stick to it. Havheard from by telegraph from Irish Creek, can win a glorious victory if you will only of Vice President Colfax, has been nearly they would not fall an inch. So the resident any one thing, to at on North Carolina the opprobrious spirit of Rip Van Winkle. The people rose
up against 1 in 1815. I joined in denouncing it in
the Western Address," and I now hope it is dead

The people rose of a people living under a constitorrower.

Which of these two homesteads will the, Ontario, He landed in personal safety
turn out to the polls and assert your rights, cured of a cancer which it was leared would
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In your own hands to do so.

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[From the Washington Chronicle.] EX-GENERAL N. B. FORREST.

What a Democratic Witness Says.

Ex-General N. B. Forrest, of Fort Pillow fame, was examined on the 27th ult., before

questions:

Harris stated that he had received two which existed only in the frightened imagina- as it was not an article of commerce, it was

its numbers have not been exaggerated. What are its numbers, General?

What is the character of the organization,

should give his voice against the instrument that Mr. Merrimon is fishing for a position effect upon the colored people, whom they now proposed, and wait for the action of the on the Supreme Court bench in the event a regarded as their true and best friend. The port, that there are 40,000 Kn Klux in Teneral Assembly, proposing an amendment for Legislature, the proposing of amendments to Convention is called. This being true as all Democracy bragged that they could accom-

Presidential campaign.

full of contradictions, and, taken altogether, the Constitution." was somewhat damaging to him. At one Suppose the Convention is called and all stage of the examination he remarked that Mr. G. cancluded by saying, if the right of a of the Representatives, and of voters; the cident to them, nor to the embarrassment of thousands, irrespective of party, for the sake the Executive and Judic al officers of the he supposed that he was not obliged to answer a certain question if it criminated himdefeat this attempted invasion of our homes removal by the Convention, or Legislature. self. Senator Scott read to him the law republican published the following, which is in quiring testimony to be given, even under point now: office seekers, who have large accounts of old a man is convicted of murder, and is imprist those circumstances, when, after some hesidebts on hands. The call of a convention oned or a debtor openly attempts to leave the tation, he said he thought he would not base and setting aside the homestead will make State, with his property, and he is arrested it on that plea, but that he did not remember. them thousands of dollars, but it will reduce and imprisoned? In either case then, supus to poverty and want. Self protection is pose application is made to a Federal Judge, names of any other members of the Ku Helax. the first law of nature, and party friends can- that the party is restrained of his liberty in He could recall the names of only a few, who not complain of us, if we join together and violation of the Constitution, and states in have since died, and whom it would, there-

THE NEW CANCER CURE.

No discovery in the the medical world nouncement of a cure should call out innumerable applications for the cundurango. The steamer Ocean Queen, which arrived at this port from Aspinwall on Saturday, brought intelligence that a large supply of the plant may be expected in the Aspinwall

About three months ago the State Department at Washington received a few pounds of the cundurango from the Government of Equador, through its Minister to this country, with a communication describing it. But little importance was attached to the matter at first, and it might have been neclected altogether, had not Dr. Bliss been given a small quantity of the plant by the The artilery, of the friends of Convention Ecuadorian Minister, who happened to be are all cocked and primed and heavily shot- under his care. Though skeptical as to its against the Homestead. On the third day and attained such surprising results that the of August the match is to be applied, and a limited supply of the remedy in Washington deadly assault will be then made upon the was soon divided among eager applicants. to be lost; the crisis is upon you: if you of the patient, though the necessary small vowed on the stump that the lands were your houseless and homeless children when when the supply gave out. The wife of Legislature subsequent to the publication of

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plant is very simple, it being merely steamed in boiling water, and the infusion taken

As the news of the discovery gained circulation, a great number of applications for the remedy were sent to Washington from the Congressional Committee. As he is a all parts of the country, 20 or 30 letters a He was shown a copy of the Cucinnati ment. Many persons, refusing to believe that Commercial, printed in August, 1868, con-taining a report of a conversation with him to Washington from distant points, in the in Memphis, in which he was represented to fruitless effort to obtain the precious drug. have replied as follows to the correspondent's Dr. Bliss, when convinced that the oundarango was a specific for cancer, sent an order Why, General, we people up North have for 500 pounds of it to a business house in regarded the Ru Klux as an organization Guayaquil. He soon learned, however that impossible to obtain it by ordinary commer-Well, sir, there is such an organization, not cial methods. He therefore dispatched his only in Tennessee, but all over the South, and partn r, Dr. Keene, as an agent to procure a supply. To facilitate bis mission, Dr. Keene was given an official character, by an appoint-In Tennessee there are over 40,000. In all ment as bearer of dispatches to the Governthe Southern States they number about 550, ment of Ecuador, and was supplied with letters of recommendation by President Grant Mr. Colfax, Mr. Fish, and other prominent

> He wriets that the task of obtaining the cundurango is more difficult than was expected. The roads to the Loja district are rough and unfrequented, the rainy season is not yet over, the streams are swollen, and danger ous to cross, and the Indians are disposed to throw every obstacle in the way of foreigners, cions. However, when he wrote he vas on the point of starting for the interior, and was in August. On arriving in the Loja district he will hire a force of Indians to gather the plant, and bring i tdown from the mountains where it grows at points so high as to be inport for Ecuador last week, Dr. Bliss having

The Way to Stave off Immigration.

informs its readers that, the Conservatives are trying to Revolutionize this State for the purpose of undoing the work of Reconstruction, there is very little hope that immigration and capital will find its way into this State. We commend the following paragraph slipped from the Tribune, to all who are tired of Revolution, and who desire that the people thoughout the State may enjoy peace and quiet long enough to recuperate their broken fortunes:

The Tribune says: "In North Carolina an attempt will be made to decide by popular vote whether the Constitutional Convention shall be elected for the evident purposes of undoing the initiate an alteration of the government, against superior numbers. Now, suppose, of his willing pen sweep away the last ves- wood, Chatham county, related to the burn- asked him if he was a Knight of the White work done during the reconstruction of the State, Whether this revolutionary attempt will succeed is vet uncertain The Republican Constitution, accepted by Congress as one of the conditions under which the State was re-admitted to representation, contains a provision that the instrument shall not be amended, except by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the General Assembly,

The 'Ku Klux members," by whom the law provided for a vote on the question of a Constitutional Convention was carried, were all sworn to support and respect-the organic law they now design to overthrow. Among its most beneficent provisions is a Homestead article, which is retrospective in character. The leading Democrats are the chief creditors of the smaller landholders and changing the Constitution, they expect to get a Supreme Court willing to so declare it. It is hoped General Forcest's examination throughout, and especially when cross questioned, was

Swamp Lands.

Sometime last winter the Greensboro' Re-

"The Board of Education about a year ago, contracted with certain parties for the sale of the Swamp Lannds in Hyde and Carteret for \$50,000,-the first payment being lue in October, 1870. - At once the Conservative party was in a flame of indignation. It was asserted that Pilgrim Ashley and the Republican Board of Education had swindled the State out of all but incalculable thousands by this infamous job. The statisticians of the party made out, by figures that could not lie, that these lands were worth three or four millions of dollars. The Sentinel asserts that the company

of the sale the contract became void; and Superintendant Ashley reported that the State could 'still rejoice in the possession of the three hundred thousand acres more or less of unclaimed, untaxable, unprofitable wild waste of swamp, over which the moor steamers due here on the 1st and 15th of fowl wings his way unscared, and through whose jungles the serpent and the bear make leisurely their way.' But the Conservative party wouldn't 'rejoice!' When it was sold hey were mad, and when they found it was not sold, presto, they were madder still ! At once Graham, the elder son of his dadde! went for the delinquent purchasers. He introduced a resolution directing the Board of Education to enforce the violated contract at all hazards. Senator Warren, and all others who knew the lands, declared that they were not worth \$50,000, and that the State would never get another offer for that amount, and that the contract should by all means be enforced.

Some of the Senators had the sense to see how the thing looked, and declared that they tion of John, the son of King William the

As everybody knows, the Conservative