

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Monday, Sept. 6, 1875.

The Convention was called to order by Judge Settle at 12 o'clock, all the delegates being present.

Ex-Judge Tourgee (Radical) offered the following protest:

We, the undersigned, delegates elect to the Convention, protest against the validity of the oath prescribed to the members of the General Assembly calling this Convention to be held at Raleigh, N. C., on the 10th day of September, 1875.

Signed, W. W. Tourgee, G. Z. Franch, W. J. Johnston, E. A. Manning of New County; Jos. Dixon, Wilson Carey, J. O. Crosby, J. A. Bullock, J. Q. A. Bryan, J. M. Albertson, Allen Jordan, J. W. Thorne, P. T. Massey, J. E. Woodfin, W. H. Wheeler, C. H. Dockery, A. L. Davis, A. McCabe, W. P. Mahan, J. J. Nowell, J. O. Wilcox, B. E. Jones, J. M. Justice, E. B. Hixson.

The Chair said that the protest would be received and read with the Convention papers.

Mr. Turner thought that this whole proceedings was out of order. The chair had no right to do anything but qualify the members elect.

The delegates meet then came forward and qualified, the oath being administered.

When the county of Robeson was called Messrs. Sinclair and McEachin, Consulars, bearing the certificates of the Sheriff of the county, presented themselves, as did Messrs. Norment and Nail, prosecuting attorneys, bearing the certificates of the Sheriff of the county, presented themselves, as did Messrs. Norment and Nail, prosecuting attorneys, bearing the certificates of the Sheriff of the county, presented themselves.

Mr. Albertson, Rad., nominated O. H. Ransom, Two Ballots received. Ransom 50, Dockery 58, and J. Wheeler 1. [Ransom received 50 Democratic votes but voted himself for Gov.]

The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by Judge Settle. Ballotting for the President. Thirteen ballots were cast, accomplishing no election. The fourteenth ballot resulted: Ransom 60, Dockery 58, Plato Durham 1. At the earnest solicitation of his friends Dr. Ransom voted for himself and thus was elected President of the Convention.

Judge Settle then announced the vote and Dr. Ransom was conducted to the chair, and declared the Convention duly organized and ready for business.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock Wednesday, Wednesday, Sept. 8th.

The President announced that the Convention was opened for business.

Mr. Ransom moved and made a motion to adjourn sine die after making a few preliminary remarks.

Mr. Manning seconded him to order. The President ruled him out of order.

Mr. Reid said that until the organization was completed, there could be no record of the Convention, &c.

On motion of Mr. Reid the election of a Principal Secretary was gone into.

Mr. Shober nominated Shastone Jones of Wake, as Principal Secretary of the Convention.

Mr. Tourgee nominated Peter Hughes of Alamance.

A vote was taken which resulted in Mr. Hughes being elected.

Mr. Hill was declared duly elected and entered upon the duties of his office.

On motion of Mr. Coleman the election of an Assistant Doorkeeper was gone into.

Mr. Coleman nominated W. P. Norton. Mr. Badger nominated J. G. Jones, colored.

A vote being taken Mr. Norton was elected.

Mr. Norton was declared duly elected and entered upon the discharge of the duties of his office.

[After the last vote had been taken, Mr. Morehead said that the candidate Jones, he understood, was a colored man in good standing in the Republican party, and he would ask that Messrs. Chamberlain, Dula and Boyd be allowed to cast their votes for him.]

Mr. Tourgee said he hoped the gentleman would be allowed to vote or not vote as they desired. In other words to cook their own hash in their own way.

Mr. Turner said he had no objection to these gentlemen "cooking their hash" in their own way, provided they did it in their own old black pot.

After this little spat, and the information afforded by Mr. Morehead as to the complexion of Jones, the negro candidate, Messrs. Hixson, Massey, Holton and Jones of Yadkin, changed their votes from Jones to Hughes. Messrs. Boyd, Bowman and Dula voted for Hughes. Mr. Chamberlain, of Camden was called to record his vote but did not do so. All of these gentlemen are white Republicans.]

Mr. Tourgee renewed his motion that the Convention do now adjourn sine die.

Mr. French seconded the motion and called for the yeas and nays.

The motion was rejected. Yeas 57, nays 43.

[Messrs. Wilcox and Woodfin, Republicans, were in the hall, but did not vote.]

By Mr. Badger: An ordinance for the removal of the disabilities of W. W. Harlow. Placed on the calendar.

Mr. Jarvis moved that the President appoint a committee of five to prepare rules for the government of the Convention, and that the rules of the last Senate be used as a basis for the same.

Resolved, That this Convention has received with deep sensibility the announcement of the death of the Hon. William Alexander Graham, a delegate from the county of Orange, and we deplore his death as a heavy and irreparable public misfortune; that as a mark of respect, unanimously entertained by this Convention for the memory of the deceased and for his long, valuable and distinguished services in the public councils of the State and nation, the members and officers of this Convention from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect for the memory of the deceased, do go into mourning for him for one month.

Resolved, That the President of this Convention be requested to communicate these proceedings to the widow and family of the deceased, tendering to them the sympathy of this Convention in their sore bereavement.

Resolved, That as an additional mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Convention do now adjourn.

Mr. Barringer seconded the resolutions in brief, but eloquent remarks.

Mr. Dockery moved that these resolutions be postponed until to-morrow at 1 o'clock, p. m., in order that all might have an opportunity to pay proper respect to the memory of the distinguished deceased. The motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Manning of Chatham, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a. m.

RALEIGH, Sept. 9th, 1875. The Convention met promptly at 10 o'clock Mr. Jarvis in the chair. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE. Mr. Manning from the Committee to prepare rules for the government of the Convention submitted a voluminous report; action thereon postponed till 11 o'clock.

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS. By Mr. Durham, a resolution requiring the Librarian to turn over to the Sergeant of Arms of the Convention the keys of the House and Senate Libraries, that the books therein may be for the use of the members.

By Mr. Price, a resolution inquiring of the Clerk of the Privileges and Elections, whether or not R. C. Badger, the delegate from Wake, I. J. Young, from Granville, Jno. B. Mannix and Lehman, from Craven, and J. Q. A. Bryant, of Wilkes, all United States Officers, and if such be the case why should not their seats be declared vacant.

By Mr. Young, a resolution of inquiry to the Committee of election, as to whether or not Jas. Rumly, of Carteret, is not Supreme Court Clerk of said county, E. E. Vaughan, Sheriff of Transylvania, Joseph Dobson, Solicitor of the 5th Judicial District, and Josiah Turner, State Printer, and if such be the case why should not their seats be declared vacant.

By Mr. Rumly, a motion that a Committee of five be appointed to wait on his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him of the organization of this Convention and ready to receive any communication from him. Mr. Turner opposed the motion, thought the Governor was thoroughly indifferent and did not care whether the Convention was organized or not. His action in ordering the Orange county election, thirty days after he was notified elected, (ten days, showed that the Governor, or his party, did not desire a Convention and he was not willing to notify him of this or any other action of the Convention.

Mr. Reid coincided with Mr. Turner in his views of the action of the Executive in regard to the Orange county vacancy, but he thought it eminently proper that this body, sitting as representatives of the sovereigns of North Carolina, should be informed of the organization of this body, &c. Mr. Reid was interrogated during his remarks by Messrs. Badger and Tourgee, as to his opinion, whether or not the Governor had the power to order the election in Orange in less time than thirty days in accordance with law.

Mr. Reid said, he thought the Governor's power was ample and complete to order the election earlier, and the fact that he was in favor of an immediate adjournment of the Convention, it was clear that he did not intend that Orange county should be represented in full. After further discussion between Messrs. Tourgee and Turner, the vote was taken on the motion and all the members with the exception of Mr. Turner voted in the affirmative.

The President announced the following as said Committee. Messrs. Rumly, Reid, Barringer, Lehman and Bateman.

At 12 o'clock being the consideration of the report of the Committee on rules of the Convention the Convention was adjourned and the report adopted.

On motion of Mr. Durham, Peter Hughes of Alamance, (the same who was nominated by Mr. Tourgee for Principal Doorkeeper on Wednesday) unanimously elected to that position.

On motion of Mrs. Durham, one hundred and fifty copies of the Rules of Order were ordered to be printed for the use of the delegates.

On motion of Mr. Tourgee, Mr. French was granted leave of absence till Monday next.

HONOR TO GRAHAM. The resolutions of respect to the memory of the Hon. Wm. A. Graham called up at 12 o'clock and read by the Clerk. Eulogies were delivered by Messrs. Dockery, Clingman, O'Hara, Smyth, Tourgee, Crosby, Chamberlain, Thorne and Robbins, and will appear in the News from day to day until all are published.

The vote on the resolutions was taken standing in silence, every member voting in the affirmative. After which the Convention adjourned in respect to the memory of the lamented dead.

Note.—It would be proper to add, that when the Graham resolutions were called up, the keeper of the Capitol at once displayed the Capitol flag at half mast, and it will so remain till the hour of meeting to-morrow.

RALEIGH, N. C. Sept. 10. The Convention called to order at 10 o'clock by Mr. President Ransom.

Yesterday's Journal read and approved. The announcement of the regular standing committees being made, the next business in order, was the introduction of ordinances and resolutions.

A but one hundred were introduced and referred to appropriate committees, the most important of which bears a number to reduce the numbers. SHALL & CO. Judges, and providing for the appointment of the same by the General Assembly; an ordinance regarding Civil Rights and social equality, introduced by Mr. Shepherd, which reads as follows:

SEC. 1. Be it ordained by the people of North Carolina in Convention assembled, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that no law providing mixed schools or requiring hotels established for the entertainment of white persons to entertain negroes or persons of mixed blood, ought to be passed.

SEC. 2. Be it further ordained that no law forbidding railroad or steamboat or stage companies, or those having charge of places of public worship or amusement, from providing separate and distinct accommodations for the white and colored races, ought to be passed.

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members of the General Assembly, per annum; reducing number of members to three instead of five; and the term of Governor and State Officers for two instead of four years; providing the writ of habeas corpus shall cover hereafter be suspended; for separate schools for the white and colored races; abolishing the Senate branch of the General Assembly; prohibiting convicted felons from holding public offices or positions; providing for the compromise of the public debt, &c.

The ordinances introduced were from the Democratic side of the House, which will be reported by the Committee on Privileges and Elections, at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

Messrs. Hixson and Waddell, Democrats, were elected Enrolling and Recording Clerks of the Convention.

The session is a long one, but little business has been done, and that void of bitterness or bad feeling.

RALEIGH, N. C. Sept. 11th, 1875. The Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock by President Ransom.

Prayer by the Rev. C. R. Hassel, delegate from Martin. Journal of yesterday read and approved.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES. Messrs. Chamberlain from Committee on the Department, Messrs. Hixson from Committee on Education, submitted reports.

RESOLUTIONS. Among the Resolutions offered the following were of most importance:

By Mr. Price, a resolution instructing the Citizens of Lenoir and Anson Counties Townships, as well as those of Harris Cross Roads, on the 24th inst. for the purpose of ascertaining the prevailing sentiment of a majority of the voters of said Townships, in regard to a proposed change of line between them.

By Mr. Wheeler, an ordinance to amend Art. 13, Sec. 2, of the Constitution, providing that no Convention of the people shall be had without submitting the question of Convention to the people. Referred.

By Mr. Wheeler, an ordinance to make the homestead a fee simple.

Mr. Withers objected to the reception of the ordinance, from the fact that it was a violation of the restrictions that he had sworn to support.

Mr. Withers said he would have offered objections to any ordinance of this character had he known it. He withdrew his objection and the ordinance was referred.

By Mr. Bennett, an ordinance to amend Art. 5, of the Constitution. Referred.

By Mr. Nicholson, an ordinance to amend Art. 1, Sec. 4, of the Constitution. Referred.

By Mr. Scott of Onslow, a resolution to amend Art. 11, of the Constitution. Referred.

By Mr. Vaughan, an ordinance to amend Sec. 24, Art. 1, of the Constitution. Referred.

By Mr. Anderson, of Madison, a resolution abolishing townships. Referred.

By the same an ordinance to amend Sec. 2, Art. 1, of the Constitution. Referred.

CALENDAR. The resolution instructing the Committee on Privileges and Election to consider and report on the contest for seats as delegate from Surry county taken up.

The inquiry is whether Joseph Dobson is rightfully entitled to a seat upon this floor as a delegate from Surry county and whether J. N. Brower is not rightfully entitled to said seat as a member of this Convention; that the contestant J. N. Brower be notified and a hearing be had upon the same within three days, and report as soon as practicable.

Mr. Durham moved to amend by striking out the three days clause.

The resolution as amended was referred to committee on Privileges and Elections. Resolution of instruction to committee on Privileges and Elections to inquire into the eligibility of J. E. O'Hara, delegate from Halifax, to a seat in this Convention.

Mr. Young's *die* resolution next taken up. Mr. Vaughan moved to table. On the motion Mr. Justice asked the yeas and nays. The call being sustained, the roll was called and the motion to table prevailed by a vote of 57 to 55.

WE REPRESENT the... Insurance Companies. Capital... Old North State... Richmond Fire Co... Commercial Fire Co... We are prepared to take risks on property in or adjoining... other hazardous risks taken at reasonable rates.

Barberism. HEREBY wish to inform the public that I am prepared to do all kinds of work in my line, such as SHAVING, SHAMPOOING, HAIR-CUTTING, &c. I may be found at my shop every morning until 9 o'clock, and from 9 o'clock until 12 o'clock at night. Shop, up stairs in the building known as the drug store of Dr. Covington & Co. London near the Court House. L. W. M. OILT, Jr. Sept. 15, 1875.

Notice! BE a meeting of as many of the Citizens of Lenoir and Anson Counties Townships, as feel disposed to attend, at Harris Cross Roads, on the 24th inst. for the purpose of ascertaining the prevailing sentiment of a majority of the voters of said Townships, in regard to a proposed change of line between them. MANY CITIZENS. 24-11

Notice! I RESPECTFULLY inform all persons who are indebted to the firms of Ash & Howze, Ash & Coppedge, also to me individually, that these accounts must be settled by the 1st of Nov. next. At this time the names of all Delinquents will be given to the other physicians, irrespective of personal favor or fear. R. F. ASHE, M. D. Sept. 10th, 1875.

Land Sale. BY VIRTUE of a deed of trust, undersigned, executed by Samuel J. R. late of the county of Anson, date the 17th day of November, 1862, the payment of certain debts, I have the honor to announce, that on the 10th day of November next, at the plantation house of the said Samuel Smith, in the county of Anson, the following tract of land, to-wit: Adjoining the lands of Benjamin Smith and others, being said Samuel Smith's share in the partition of the lands of his late father, John Smith, deceased, to-wit: 2d Tract, containing about 60 and fifty acres of land, the land of said Smith, known as the Jordan W. land. 3d Tract containing about 350 acres, adjoining the land of Presley N. Smith, known as the Phillip Lee land. 4th Tract, containing about 100 acres, adjoining Mrs. Hicks and Benjamin Smith, known as the Benjamin Rogers land. 5th Tract, containing about 100 acres, on the Standback Ferry road, known as the home place. 6th Tract, consisting of about 42 acres, adjoining the lands of Benjamin Ingram, Mary J. Ingram and others. 7th, This undivided interest of the lands of the late John Smith, allotted to his wife, for her dower, (supposed to be about 40 acres,) situate on the Statute, known as the waters of Cedar creek. W. H. BATTLE, J. B. LANSLEY, Sept. 13th, 1875.

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TO Rent or Lease. THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS TO LEASE OR RENT 1,000 ACRES of the Best Quality Cotton Lands, on Smith's Creek in Anson county. The lands may be divided into several one-horse farms, or the whole will be leased or rented in one large farm, two, three or four years on reasonable terms. Persons desiring to rent good lands would do well to come and see the growing crop. JOHN L. WALL, Lenoirville, N. C.

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