

Franklin Courier

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EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

All letters addressed to
Geo. S. Baker,
Friday, May 21, 1875.

NOTICE!

A Convention of the Democratic-Conservative Party of the County of Franklin, is hereby called to meet in the Court House, in the town of Louisburg, on Saturday, the 5th day of June, 1875, for the purpose of nominating a Candidate to represent the County of Franklin in the approaching Constitutional Convention.

Let there be a full turnout.
W. H. YARBOROUGH,
Chairman Executive Committee.

Our Position.

For an article published in the COURIER, of last week, headed "the way the money goes," we have been threatened with sticks, nails, pistols, and shot guns, &c. Now for the parties thus threatening we have this to say that we have nothing to retract, no modification or change to make, no apology to offer for our course. And as to the threats that have been made, and the parties making them, we have only to say, that we care not for their smiles, and we despise their frowns and threats. We are for the people of Franklin, and whenever we can, without doing injustice to any, do or say anything that will advance the interest of her Citizens, there you may count upon finding the COURIER, dealing its blows right and left, against every species of fraud and corruption. The people are with us, already our hand has been grasped by a number of the best citizens of the County, and we have been told to go on with the good work, which we have begun, and in which the COURIER has led the initiative. With these assurances from the good people of the County, that we are in the right, what care we for the frowns and threats of others? We do not intend to do any one injustice, we intend to do or do nothing, unless we are backed up by the records, which are public property for all who may wish to examine them. And let it hurt who it will, offend who it may, we will not swerve from the course we have marked out, one iota. We have put our hands to the plow, and we will not look back. Our course is marked out, and regardless of threats we intend to pursue it, conscious that we are right, and that we will eventually conquer.

The Duty of the Hour.

As will be seen the Democratic party of this County is called to meet in Convention in this town on Saturday the 5th day of June next, for the purpose of selecting a Candidate to represent this County in the Convention to assemble in Raleigh in September next. Let the people of the County confer together in every neighborhood, and compare the strength of the various gentlemen spoken of for that place, between now and then. So that when the Convention meets, an intelligent expression of the wishes of the people of the County may be had in the selection of the man to bear our banners to victory in the contest about to ensue.— We want a full representation from every section of the county in that Convention. We want such a representation as will surely reflect the sentiments of the people of the County. Should the Convention make a discreet selection, and then the party go to work with a hearty good will and determination not to cease, until we should again be gloriously victorious, then we have no fears of the result. To achieve a victory, however is no small matter, it is not mere child's play, but it is the work of resolute, active and vigilant men, who know the inconveniences and evil results arising from a series of years of misrule and oppression by tyrants, and the persecutions of thieves and villains who have crept into high places in the government of our good old commonwealth. These men are not content to surrender tamely and without an effort, the places which they have disgraced, and which have enabled them to fatten and prosper upon the misfortunes of a languishing people. To achieve success is but to deserve it. Let the people know that it will take strong and hard work to rescue our late from the Code of confusion that has been forced upon it by tyrants and thieves. And they will come manfully up to the help of their State, and will command their delegates to restore the old North Carolina system of government under the workings of which honesty and fair dealing prospered, and rogues and rascals were

made to feel the terror of the law.— This is the state of things that we want again to see in existence among us.— It is the people who must do it. We believe that they are determined that it shall be done. Then let them make a wise selection in a Candidate and the day is ours. We again urge all parts of the County to come up so that a free and full interchange of opinion may be had to the end that the strongest man may be put in the field.

Press Convention.

The third annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association, met in Wilmington on Tuesday the 11th inst. The Association was called to order by the President, Maj. J. A. Englehard. He stated, that he had but a few days ago returned from the South, and had been unable to make the preparation for the reception of the Association which he desired. He reminded the members of the Press, that they had heavy and onerous duties to perform. The roll was then called by the Secretary, and it was found that 28 papers were represented, on the arrival of the train in the afternoon this number was largely increased. It is not necessary that we should go into a minute account of all the resolutions and motions offered by members of the Association, as the proceedings will be published in pamphlet form. On Tuesday night, Gov. Z. B. Vance delivered his address, "The Scattered Nations," to a large and appreciative audience. The press having been invited, proceeded in a body to the Hall, where seats had been arranged for them on the stage, in the rear of the speaker. We will not attempt a description of this address. On Wednesday morning the entire Press was put in the hands of the members of the Chamber of Commerce, and we were formed into line and marched down to the river, where the splendid Ocean Steamer, "The Raleigh," commanded by Capt. Oliver, of the Baltimore Steam Ship Company, which had been generously tendered by the Company to the Chamber for the occasion. The trip was a most pleasant one, and all seemed to enjoy it very much, particularly the poor Land Lubbers, who are not accustomed to riding on the waters, and to be fanned by the fresh cool sea breeze. A most sumptuous dinner was prepared, and all partook of it with a zest.

The officers elected for the ensuing year, were: President—Col. Jno. D. Cameron, of the Raleigh News. Vice President—Bernard, Wilmington Star, Minix, Newbern Times, and Malone, Asheville Expositor. R. T. Fulghum was elected Secretary and Treasurer, and Capt. R. A. Shotwell Corresponding Secretary.

Messrs. Englehard, Stone, Manning, S. D. Pool, Jr., and C. R. Jones were elected as the Executive Committee.

We did not remain Thursday night to the ball, given in honor of the press, but we learn that it was a brilliant affair.

The pleasant memories of the Press Convention at Wilmington, will ever be cherished by us, as one of the most pleasant occasions of our life.— To the citizens of Wilmington for their generous, hospitality and kindness to us, we offer our sincere thanks.

The next Convention will be held in Newbern.

FOR THE COURIER.

MR. EDITOR:—It is not often I submit my thoughts in newspapers, but having been an active supporter of all the beneficial enterprises of our community for many years, I trust I may be indulged in a few remarks.

Some days ago as I was moving around the town, I was struck with the rapid progress and advancement of our people, in beautifying and adorning their homes and enlarging, and expanding their family comforts and business enterprises.

Pleasant as these evidences of individual prosperity were, a still more gratifying indication of the march of mind, was manifested to the thoughtful, in the fact, that the intelligent young white men of our place, are turning their energies and intelligence to the acquisition of mechanical trade. Several of the young men we saw, with hammer and plane, are educated young gentlemen, who have occupied highly responsible positions, as clerks and business men, but having naturally mechanical brains and seeing the door is wide open to mechanical labor, they with commendable good sense, have taken the ebb tide of fortune, and we shall be greatly disappointed, if several of them do not rise to eminence as scientific Mechanics. But why should all rush to the carpenters trade and the working of wood? Certainly a clever Brick Mason might build up a fortune in this place, not only for master builder, but to be enjoyed in due time, by the Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts. We were gratified recently to hear a very intelligent gentleman say

when his eldest son got of sufficient age and education, he intended to apprentice him to the stone cutting business. How unlike our former thoughts is all this.—To be a Lawyer, a Doctor or a Merchant has been the pride and ambition of the youth of our section. Who can estimate the number of bright geniuses, who have drudged along in these vocations without making their marks, who might have shone in splendor and fortune, if they had sopped a little at first and given scope and practical expansion to educated intelligence, by taking hold of scientific and Mechanical pursuits.

Let parents and sons ponder what an independent estate it is to be master of a good trade.

ENTERPRISE.

THE SPELLING FEVER has reached Norfolk and affected the boot black fraternity. They talked it up on the door sill next to the Exchange National Bank, and adjourned to the vacant lot in the rear of Santos' huge drug store. A pedagogue was selected who gave the words, in sonorous voice, out of his kinky head, and the "Bee" was fully organized. Boot, shoe, box, brush and similar words connected with their craft were proposed and mastered, but finally the presiding genius gave out "leather." One boy spelled it l-e-a-t-h-e-r; another l-e-t-t-e-r, and every possible transposition was resorted to, but the right orthography was never adopted. By this time the patience of the gamins was entirely exhausted and they became excited at the "ignance," of "dat fool nigger," two fool nigger then became irate, and as we came up some of them were engaged in hauling him over a barrel, while others pelted him with a few Lynnhaven oyster shells that had strayed out of the back premises of Morrisett's Club House.

Thus the first spelling bee in Norfolk broke up in a row, and one of the Arabs was heard to remark, "Well now, what's spelling good for unless you's gwine to write a book."

Norfolk Times.

The next contest for the Presidency begins already to throw itself into shape. You never meet a stranger now that he doesn't ask you the first thing: "Well, sir, who is going to be our next candidate for the Presidency?" We, of course, know who that candidate is going to be, but we would see such questioners hanged a dozen times before we would mention his name so far in advance.—*Courier Journal.*

An enterprising young lady, who lives on Queen street, goes to school, and stands well in her classes, keeps traces of eight love stories in weekly papers, writes twice a week to five young men, sews for a charitable society, puts eight children to bed every night, goes to market every morning, then finds time to ride, play "old maid" and "thimble" and practice for a concert. She's just sixteen, and as pretty as the picture of a rose.—*Norfolk Times.*

AN ACT TO CALL A CONVENTION OF THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

WHEREAS, The Present Constitution of North Carolina is, in many important particulars, unsuited to the wants and condition of our people; and whereas, in the judgment of this General Assembly, a convention of the people is the only sure, and is besides the most economical mode of altering or amending it, and believing the end in view utterly impracticable by legislative enactment on account of the great number of discordant and conflicting provisions of the Constitution as it now is, now therefore.

SECTION 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact, (two-thirds of all the members of each House concurring,) That a Convention of the people of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby called, to meet in the Hall of the House of Representatives in the city of Raleigh, on Monday, 6th day of September, A. D. 1875, for the purpose of considering and adopting such amendments to the Constitution as they may deem necessary and expedient subject only to the restriction hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. The said Convention shall consist of one hundred and twenty delegates, and each county shall be entitled to the same number of delegates that it has members of the House of Representatives under the present apportionment, and the said delegates shall have the qualifications required of members of the House of Representatives, of which qualifications the Convention shall be the judge.

SEC. 3. On the 1st Thursday of August 1875, the sheriffs of the State shall open polls for the election of delegates to the said Convention from their respective counties, and the election aforesaid, and the registration for the same, shall be held and conducted; the officers thereof including registers and judges of election, appointed; the votes counted and compared; the result proclaimed, and certificates issued in the same manner as is provided by law for the election of members of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly.

SEC. 4. The said delegates shall be called to order at 12 o'clock on the day fixed therefor, by the Chief Justice or one of the Associate Justices of the

Supreme Court or Secretary of State, who, if there be not a quorum, shall adjourn them to the same place, and from day-to-day, until a quorum shall appear; and on the appearance of a quorum, he shall administer to each of them the following oath:

"You, A. B. do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the delegate elect shall choose), that you will faithfully maintain and support the Constitution of the United States and the several amendments thereto, including the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments; and that you will neither directly nor indirectly evade or disregard the duties enjoined nor the restrictions imposed upon the Convention by the act of the General Assembly authorizing your election. So help you God."

And no delegates shall be permitted to sit or be entitled to a seat in said Convention, or act as a delegate thereto, until he shall have subscribed the above oath or affirmation; and as soon as a majority of the delegates elect shall have thus appeared and been sworn in, they shall then proceed to elect their own presiding officer, and such other officers and servants as they, from time to time, shall find necessary; and if a vacancy shall occur, they shall be filled in the same manner as they like vacancies are filled by law in case of vacancies in the General Assembly. Said Convention shall have no power to consider, debate, adopt or propose any amendment to the existing Constitution or ordinance upon the following subject:

The Homestead and Personal Property Exemptions, the mechanic's and laborer's lien, and the rights of married women, as now secured by law, nor, to alter or amend section 3 or 5, article V., of said Constitution, nor change the ratio between the poll and property tax as therein established, nor shall the said Convention have power to propose or adopt any amendment or ordinance vacating any office or term of office now existing and filled or held by virtue of any election or appointment under the existing Constitution and laws, until the same shall be vacated or expired under existing laws; but the said Convention may recommend the abolition of any office when the present term therein shall expire or vacancies occur, and they may provide for filling such vacancies, otherwise than as now, and limiting the terms thereof. Nor shall said Convention adopt or propose any plan or amendment or scheme of compensation to the owners of emancipated slaves, nor for the payment of any liability or debt incurred wholly or in part in aid of the late war between the States, nor for the restoration of imprisonment for debt; nor shall they require or propose any educational or property qualification for office or voting, nor shall said Convention pass any ordinance legislative in their character, except such as are necessary to submit the amended Constitution to the people for their ratification or rejection, or to convene the General Assembly.

SEC. 5. The Constitution, as amended shall be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection, and shall not be binding until the same shall have been ratified by a majority of the qualified voters of the State. The Convention shall prescribe the mode whereby the sense of the people thereon shall be taken and recorded.

SEC. 6. There shall be printed immediately ten copies of this act for each member of the General Assembly, and one hundred copies within thirty days after its ratification for each board of county commissioners, and the use of the registers and judges of election in their respective counties; and this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its ratification.

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