

FRANKLIN COURIER.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1875.

Col. Fremont says in reference to the railroad history of North Carolina that the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad was the first undertaking in the State.

As yet the people of Franklin, know nothing of how the money belonging to the County, has been spent by the Commissioners, notwithstanding the law as is very plain as to their duty.

The people should not stand still and see plain laws disregarded, by officers who have sworn to see them executed. We venture that this is the only County in the State, which has not made an exhibit of the receipts and disbursement, on account of the County. Are our Commissioners ashamed to let their transactions be known to the people?

We hope not.

The Amendments to the Constitution.

Commencing with this week we will publish in each issue of the COURIER, one or two of the Amendments to the Constitution proposed by the late Convention, with such comments and explanations as will make them plain to our readers, so that they can form an intelligent opinion as to them.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE NINE OF THE CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION AND INVESTMENT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND.

The people of North Carolina in Convention assembled do ordain, That section four of article nine of the Constitution be stricken out, and two new sections be inserted in said article in lieu thereof, as follows:

Sec. — The proceeds of all lands that have been or hereafter may be granted by the United States to this State; and not otherwise appropriated by this State or the United States; also, all moneys, stocks, bonds and other property now belonging to any State fund for the purposes of education; also the net proceeds of all sales of the swamp land, lands belonging to the State, and all other grants, gifts or devises that have been or hereafter may be made to this State and not otherwise appropriated by the State or by the term of the grant, gift or devise, shall be paid into the State treasury; and, together with so much of the ordinary revenue of the State as may be by law set apart for that purpose, shall be faithfully appropriated for establishing and maintaining in this State a system of free public schools, and for no other uses or purposes whatsoever.

Sec. — All moneys, stocks, bonds and other property belonging to a county school fund; also, the net proceeds from the sale of estrays; also, the clear proceeds of all penalties and forfeitures, and of all fines collected in the several counties for any breach of the penal or military laws of the State; and all moneys which shall be paid by persons as an equivalent for exemption from military duty, shall belong to and remain in the several counties, and shall be faithfully appropriated for establishing and maintaining free public schools in the several counties of this State: Provided, That the amount collected in each county shall be annually reported to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Read three times and ratified in open Convention this the 4th day of October, A. D. 1875.

This amendment requires that the moneys collected in the several counties in the State, from the sale of estrays, the penalties, forfeitures and fines collected by the courts, and some other moneys shall be paid directly into the County treasury by the collecting officers instead of being sent to the State treasury at Raleigh, and then sent back again. This is a good amendment, in that it will do away with much of the

useless handling of a large portion of the educational fund by both the State and County Treasurers. It simplifies the governmental machinery, and in governments as in other things, the simpler the machinery, the more satisfaction results from its workings.

"The State shall be divided into 12 judicial districts, for each of which a Judge shall be chosen, who shall hold a superior court in each county in said district at least twice a year, to continue for two weeks, unless the business should be sooner disposed of."

Granville county is a large county and its court dockets are always full to overflowing. The regular Term of said court commences this year under the laws of the State on the 18th day of October. Samuel Washington Watts from Martin county, who was elected by the vote of the "niggers" of this State to fill the position of Judge in this district, ought to have opened the said court on Monday the 18th and continued the court for two weeks, but the facts in the case are these: Monday he spent the day here at the circus, Tuesday he missed the Grand Jury, with extracts from Psychology, Phrenology, Spiritualism and Demonology, Wednesday, one State case was tried—a Jury, nine of which were "niggers" and did not have one-half the intelligence of boobies, returning a verdict upon which no judgment could be granted.

Thursday he managed to decide that "Chief Justice" Dick Jones (chairman of the board of County Commissioners ought not to charge the county with mileage he never traveled, which Richard had done, and on Friday adjourned the court for the term—having done "absolutely nothing at all, like the man whose cart load of turnips rolled down the hill, words cannot express it. Of course a special term will have to be held again at a cost of thousands of dollars to the poor old county, whose script is already worthless, and yet there are men who claim to be white men who will vote the radical ticket, or for a bolter which is about the same thing, just as though these things were perfectly just.—Henderson T. B. Co.

Constitutional Amendments.

We copy from the Raleigh Sentinel the following synopsis of the 33 proposed amendments to the Constitution:

- 1st Amendment: That section 4, of article 9, be stricken out and two new sections be substituted. The section to be stricken out is in regard to lands given to the State by Congress and the appropriation of fines' penalties, &c.—The section to be substituted gives all lands and proceeds of lands, given by the United States to the State, for educational purposes; and all swamp lands, fines &c., are to be used for purposes of education.
2nd Amendment strikes out section 17, article 3, and substitutes a section providing for the establishment of a bureau of agriculture, immigration and statistics, and the protection of sheep husbandry.
3rd Amendment adds to section 25, of article 1, that "secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people and should not be tolerated."
4th Amends section 10, article 3, by providing that the governor, with the advice of the senate, shall appoint all officers whose appointments are not otherwise provided for.
5th Abrogates and amends section 15, 16 and 17, of article 4, and allows the general assembly to allot and distribute all judicial power among the several counties except that of the supreme court, which is fixed by the constitution itself.
6th Strikes out sections 1 and 3, of article 13, and forbids calling a convention without first consulting the people at the polls.
7th Provides for submitting the amendments to the constitution to the people, at the polls, Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November, 1876. The amendments will be ratified or rejected together.
8th Provides for publishing the ordinances for the information of the people.
9th Requires the judge to reside in the district for which he is elected, and forbids his holding court in the same county more than once in four years.
10th Reduces the number of judges from 12 to 9, and authorizes the legislature to increase or diminish the number.
11th Provides for the assembling of the legislature in January instead of November.
12th Gives civil rights to the head of a family, and to all black children going to the same school, and providing that no discrimination shall be made on the prejudice of either race.
13th Fixes the pay of members of the general assembly at \$4 a day and 10 cents mileage, and limits the session to 90 days. If the session is prolonged beyond 90 days, members receive no pay.
14th Provides that the term of office for senators and members of the legislature shall begin at the time of their election.
15th, That section 29, of article 2, is amended to allow the general assembly to change the time of holding elections for the general assembly.

16th Strikes from the constitution section 4, of article 2, which is the old republican gerrymander of the senatorial districts in 1868.

17th Reduces the number of supreme judges from five to three, as our fathers had it.

18th Declares the judicial power shall be vested in a court for the trial of impeachments, a supreme court, superior courts, courts of justice of the peace, and such others inferior to the supreme court as may be established by law.

19th Establishes the supreme court in Raleigh, until otherwise provided for by the general assembly.

20th Strikes section 8, article 2, from the constitution. This section was the old republican gerrymander of the house of representatives, and the people can do without it.

21st Forbids vacating any office or term of office now existing under the constitution.

22nd Provides for the election of judges of the supreme court and superior court, by general ticket, or vote of all the people; but allows the general assembly to change the mode of electing superior court judges from general ticket to district elections.

23d Requires 12 months' residence in the State, and 90 days in the county, before a man can vote, and excludes felons and ex-convicts from holding office or voting until restored to citizenship by due process of law. There was two days' debate on this ordinance, Messrs. Boring, Dockery, Albertson and Baxton, with all the negro delegates speaking against it and declaring it was aimed at the negro.

24th Provide for the removal by the legislature of any judge of the superior court, for mental or physical disability. It also provides for the removal of clerks of the supreme and superior courts by the judges of the courts for the same reason. Appeal in case of removal is allowed as in other cases of suits.

25th Provides that article 7 of the constitution be amended by adding that the General Assembly shall have power to modify, change or abrogate any and all of the provisions of the article, and substitute others in their place, except sections 7, 9 and 13. This allows the legislature to appoint magistrates as under the old constitution.

26th Gives jurisdiction to justices of the peace over civil actions not exceeding \$200, when the sum does not exceed \$200; and allows the justice to call in a jury of six men in certain cases.

29 authorizes the employment of convicts on public works and highways.

28th Adds the following new section to article 4: "In case the general assembly shall establish other inferior courts, the presiding officers and clerks thereof shall be elected in such manner as the general assembly may prescribe."

29th Forbids marriage between a white and black and all persons of negro descent to the third generation.

30th Adds to article 1, section 21: "Nothing herein contained shall justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons or prevent the legislature from enacting penal statutes against said practice."

31st Also amends section 31, of article 4, and provides for filling vacancies in offices provided for by this article, by the governor not otherwise provided for.

32 Provides for paying officers and members of the convention.

33 Gives power to the supreme court to try issues and questions of fact as under the old constitution.

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On and after Friday, January 1st 1875 Trains will leave Weldon daily (Sundays excepted) as follows: Mail train daily at 7:15 a.m. No. 1 "Freight" train daily at 4 a.m. No. 2 Freight train at 8 a.m.

ARRIVE AT PORTSMOUTH.

Mail train daily at 7:15 p.m. No. 1. Freight train daily at 12:00 noon. No. 2. Freight Train at 4:00 p.m. Freight trains have a passenger's Car attached, Steamers for Edenton, Plymouth and Landings on Blackwater, and Chowan Rivers leave Franklin at 7:40 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Raleigh & Gaston R. R. company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Raleigh, N. C., June 11th, '72.

On and after Monday June 17th, 1872, trains on the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad, will run daily (Sundays excepted) as follows:

MAIL TRAIN. Leaves Raleigh at 10:00 a.m. Arrives at Weldon at 3:30 p.m. Leaves Weldon at 9:15 a.m. Arrives at Raleigh at 3:05 p.m.

ACCOMMODATION TRAIN.

Leaves Raleigh at 8:00 p.m. Arrives at Weldon at 6:20 a.m. Leaves Weldon at 9:15 a.m. Arrives at Raleigh at 8:00 p.m.

Mail train makes close connection at Weldon with the Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad and Bay Line Steamers via Baltimore, to and from all points North, West and Northwest and with the Petersburg Railroad via Petersburg, Richmond and Washington City, to and from all points North and Northwest.

And at Raleigh with the North Carolina Railroad to and from all points South and Southwest and with the Raleigh & Augusta Air Line to Haywood and Fayetteville.

Accommodation Freight train connects at Weldon with Accommodation and Freight trains on Seaboard & Roanoke Railroad and Petersburg Railroad.

And at Raleigh with Accommodation and Freight trains on North Carolina Railroad. Persons having a long haul on the road can visit Raleigh in the morning Accommodation train, and remain in all courts and return the same evening.

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LEAVE WELDON. Express Train at 8:30 a.m. Mail Train at 4:15 p.m.

ARRIVE AT PETERSBURG.

Exp. res. at 12:10 a.m. Mail at 8:05 p.m.

LEAVE PETERSBURG.

Mail at 6:11 a.m. Express at 3:17 p.m.

ARRIVE AT WELDON.

Mail at 9:30 a.m. Express at 7:00 p.m.

FREIGHT TRAINS.

Leave Petersburg at 9:00 p.m. Leave Weldon at 8:30 p.m. Arrive at Weldon at 5:00 a.m. Arrive at Petersburg at 4:00 a.m.

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