

FRANKLIN COURIER,

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FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1876

The Democratic State
Executive Committee.

Has fixed upon Raleigh as the place
and the 14th of June as the time of
holding the Democratic State Conven-
tion.

The following is the substance of the
resolutions passed by the commit-
tee:

Resolved, That the Central Com-
mittee in issuing the call for Conven-
tion, invite the hearty co-operation of
all who are opposed to the corrup-
tions, speculation, extravagance and
other crimes of radicalism, both in
the State and general government.

Resolutions denouncing the threaten-
ed arrest of the chairman for partizan
purposes were adopted.

Resolved, That the good of the State
and the interests of the party which
are identical, demands that the personal
warfare between the Sentinel and
Daily News of this city shall cease
and their efforts be united for the
overthrow of Radicalism in this State.

Resolved, That copies of this resolu-
tion be transmitted by the secretary
to the editors of those papers.

Resolved, That the chairman of the
various county executive committees
in the State be requested to put them-
selves in immediate correspondence
with the Central Executive Committee
and where there is no county organ-
ization prominent members of the party
be requested to report suitable names
for the same.

Howerton in Raleigh, Belknap,
Babeock, Orvil Grant, Schenck and
that crowd in the National Govern-
ment.

Hester, Joseph G. the rascal is
endeavoring to hide his villainies
under the cloak of religion.

"I have always observed," said Gen-
eral Butler to his interrogator, "that a
hardened and guilty man stands up
boldly and unflinchingly against
charges, while a guiltless man charged
with crime generally breaks down un-
der a false accusation." Ergo, Ben
does not believe Belknap is a guilty man.

Mem: Gen. Butler has always stood
up boldly and unflinchingly."

A Washington dispatch says:
"Senator John Sherman, of Ohio,
who came here with an income of
\$2,000, and is now said to be worth
over a million, may as well wrap
his political winding sheet about
him and lie down and die. The at-
tention of the Committee on
Foreign Affairs is called to the
present occupant of the Consulate
at Bremen, John M. Wilson, late of
Cincinnati, Ohio, and the manner
in which this office was procured,
as a bribe to vote for Sherman for
Senator. If the committee will call
the proper persons, it will unearth
rascalities and corruptions that
will make Belknap a saint as com-
pared with Sherman."

NEARER HOME!

W. H. Howerton the Radical
Secretary of the State of North
Carolina, is under charge of mak-
ing a corrupt bargain by which the
State would have lost some \$1500
in the purchase of one bill of
stationary, had not Auditor Reilly
interposed by refusing to pay the
bill. It was then referred to a com-
mittee of three experts in the sta-
tionary line who reduced the bill to
about the figures above stated.—
This the person from whom H.
bought the goods took from the
State.

The whole thing is rotten from
the highest to the lowest officers in
the land. The people should this
year see that we have a State ad-
ministration that is free from cor-
ruption. It is time the work had
commenced.

RELEASED

Gen'l. W. R. Cox, the Chairman
of the Democratic State Executive
Committee, who was arrested and
carried to Wilmington, on the 16th,
charged with conspiring against
the citizens of Roberson county, to
prevent a fair election in that
county, was discharged on the 19th,

the Court being unable to find suf-
ficient evidence against him to
make up a case. This is but the
beginning of the desperate meas-
ures to which the radical party are
resolved on, to intimidate and
frighten the people, in order to
prop up their tottering and corrupt
party and thereby prevent a fair
expression at the polls, in Novem-
ber next. Their case is desperate,
and they intend resorting to des-
perate means. They die hard, but
the "Mills of the God are grinding"
on.

LET CONGRESS REMAIN IN
SESSION.

The Baltimore Gazette says: A
committee is now on the track of
Laudanet Williams, whom the
President nominated to be Chief
Justice. The evidence exists that
while he was at the head of the
Department of Justice he was
bribed for the pitiful sum of two
thousand dollars. The Democratic
House is on the track of Schenck
and of Ingalls, and of a score of
lesser corruptionists, who have
been using their official positions to
make money and bring disgrace
and dishonor upon their country.—
And if we are not mistaken they
are on the track of the President
himself for his complicity in the
misdeeds and wickedness of the
late Washington ring. The House
cannot and must not adjourn until
stern justice is meted out to all the
bad and corrupt men who have
been elevated to place and position
under the present rotten adminis-
tration.

THE DESPERATE FIGHT OF
THE ADMINISTRATION.

[Special dispatch to Baltimore Gazette.]
WASHINGTON, March 15.

It is now pretty definitely ascer-
tained that the Administration has
urged its friends in the Senate to
resist by every possible means the
passage of the act passed by the
House for the protection of wit-
nesses who testify before congress-
ional committees. The effort to
secure its defeat in the Senate will
be headed by Mr. Conkling, who
has been engaged for several days
in looking up authorities to support
his side. Whether Edmunds will
second him or not is as yet uncer-
tain. Logan is especially active to
secure the defeat of the measure,
because there are several persons
under indictment in Chicago for
their connection with whiskey
frauds who would be glad to get off
by telling all they know about Lo-
gan's connection with crooked whis-
key to a congressional committee.
It is really a matter of life and
death with more than one promi-
nent Republican that the act should
be defeated, and they will leave no
stone unturned to accomplish it.

Corruption in Granville
County

We find in the Torch Light of the
14th, what that paper very proper-
ly terms, "An ugly piece of busi-
ness," which shows up the Commis-
sioners in a very bad light. It is
not necessary for us to state, that
this county is under the curse of
Radical rule. Read what that pa-
per says of the flagrant crime of the
guardians of Granville county.

Within the last few days the
Board of County Commissioners of
this county employed a Mr. Lums-
den of Raleigh, a tinner, to come to
Oxford and re-lay the dome of the
Court House with tin. In about
five days Mr. Lumsden, with three
employees completed this work and
also did a little patching upon the
roof of the building besides. For
this job he charged the enormous
sum of \$242.50. But inasmuch as
Granville county orders are at a
discount of about 30 per cent, Lums-
den demanded that he should have
an order issued from which he could
at once realize in, cash \$242.50—the
amount of his charge. This would
have required an order for about
\$346.42. But instead of this, the
commissioners caused an order to be
issued to Lumsden for \$500—(111)
and thereupon one Gabriel Jones,
a deputy Sheriff, and son of the
chairman of the board of Commis-
sioners, buys the order from Lums-
den for \$242.50.

These are the facts, as we have
received them, and we have yet to
hear them denied by republican or-

democrat. If the Commissioners
or Lumsden have been misrepresen-
ted in the slightest particular in the
above statement we offer them the
use of our columns for explanation
and vindication.

But if these facts be true, and we
think there is no doubt of it,—then
these Commissioners have been
guilty of the grossest malfeasance
in office, and have exposed them-
selves to a criminal prosecution
which when begun will be likely to
end by lodging the whole of them
in the penitentiary. If Mr. Solicitor
Harris is half as diligent in this
matter as he has been in prosecut-
ing merchants and citizens for fail-
ing to observe an obscure law, he
will surely not let this crime pass
unnoticed.

We say to this Board of Commis-
sioners, the finger of scorn and in-
dignation is pointed at you by every
honest man in Granville county who
has heard of this outrage. "The
black dome" which rises above the
seat of justice stands as a monu-
ment of the black disgrace of which
you have been guilty. There is one
thing only left by which some slight
atonement may be made for your
offense. You have Belknap's high
example for your crime. Follow
his example yet a little further and
resign your office. Relieve the
public mind of its apprehension of
further mischief whilst you continue
in office, by speedily getting out of
the way. You are cleansing the
outside of your charnel house. Let
the inside also be cleansed of its
rottenness and corruption and the
public will breathe more freely and
a purer and healthier atmosphere.

Our Washington Letter.

[Special Correspondence.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 22, '76.

The only method by which the coun-
try discovers that republican Sena-
tors and Representatives remember the
existence of that instrument we denomi-
nate "the Constitution," is when every
now and then one of them has an
amendment to propose. So many
amendments will ultimately be tacked
on to the original, if their wishes are
complied with, as to render the wisdom
and statesmanship of our forefathers
practically of no effect, and to substi-
tute therefor the partizanship and filly
of the advocates of the "higher law."
It is refreshing at least to see those
who in the last ten years have so often
affected to despise and ignore this great
political compact, exhibit a recollection
of its existence, even if it is but to pro-
pose some change in its provision.
Since an opportunity is thus afforded
of drawing a parallel between the na-
tives of political tinkers and patriotic
law makers and of making a compar-
ison which cannot fail to be productive
of good results.

The latest effort in the direction of
Constitutional cabling, is the resolution
offered by no less a personage than
O. P. Morton, which proposes the abolish-
ment of the electoral college as now
provided for and the election of Presi-
dent and Vice-President directly by
the people.

Unlike most measures proposed by
this individual, this has the merit of
being suggested by the most disinter-
ested motives. For surely no reason-
able man can doubt for an instant that
if once the people get an opportunity
to speak directly and personally on this
subject they will very soon decide the
claim of men like Morton and delegate
them to a life-long retirement.

If the people are to choose a Presi-
dent, then the country may rest assured
that Mr. Morton's further career will
be brief, in the direction of the White
House, and the same may be said of
all others of his ilk. Therefore do I
affirm that this amendment was offered
by the Senator from purely disinter-
ested and patriotic motives, a fact which
will be all the more surprising since
this is the first time in a long life that
he has ever been guilty of such an act
or given way to such motives.

The resolution will, in all probability
never get beyond the committee room,
since there is a very well founded opi-
nion that Morton's qualifications for
making a Constitution can be expressed
in the language of Charles Lamb, who
speaking of Shakespeare's Works, said
that "he could have written them, if
he had a mind to."

Several leading colored citizens of
the District of Columbia have present-
ed to the Senate, through Mr. Freling-
huysen, a petition, asking that, in a
view of the fact that the 14th of April
next will be the anniversary of the

emancipation of slaves in the Dis-
trict of Columbia, and also of the assas-
sination of Abraham Lincoln, and that
the freedmen of the country have erect-
ed a monument to the memory of
President Lincoln, in Lincoln Square,
the day mentioned be made a holiday
to all persons employed in the several
departments of the Government, in
Washington. The petition was accom-
panied by a joint resolution to this ef-
fect.

If passed, as it will in all likelihood,
it will be sort of requiter to the resolu-
tion recently passed, making Washing-
ton's birth day a legal holiday; by all
means let us have as many holidays as
possible.

The fall of Belknap, and the rum-
bling of the thunder of future investi-
gations, seem to have reached Minister
Washburne across the Atlantic, as the
dispatches tell us that in a fit of virtu-
ous indignation he instructed his son,
Grafton Washburne, to resign his posi-
tion in St. Petersburg, on account of
having advertised for performers for
the American circus. Now, one can
readily appreciate the pang it will give
a Washburne to resign an office, and
the spectacle of the ire of the paternal
W. is something glorious and Bruns-
like in its character; yet we fail to dis-
cover the enormity of the son's offense.
He merely advertised for performers in
the ring, and he is requested to resign
by his indignant parent, while Schenck
and other "performers in the ring" re-
ceive no such intimation. The same
is true of all the "performers in the
rings" in Washington. The more
skillful they are in the political arena,
the more are their services appreciated.
Vide Wm. J. Murtagh, for example, the
notorious editor of the National
Republican, who has been guilty of more
sharp practices than any man in
the District, except the Boss, and yet
is reconfirmed by the Senate one of
our Police Commissioners.

Judge Taft, the new War Secretary,
is a good easy kind of a man, who
comes without experience from an ob-
scure position in Cincinnati to take
charge of a complicated machinery,
rendered still more so by the acts of
his predecessor. The country need
feel no surprise if he proves unequal to
the task assigned him, since if the Presi-
dent has no other faculty, he has that
of raising the most obscure and the
most incompetent men in the country
to positions of trust and honor. He
attempts the role of Napoleon, without
either his discretion or genius, and his
efforts therefore are as unsuccessful as
they are ridiculous.

If Bonaparte had made as many
glaring mistakes in the selection of
his officials as has been made by Presi-
dent Grant during his two terms, the
French people would have gibbeted
him as a pretender, instead of lauding
him as a hero, and worshipping him as
a demigod. Judge Taft's slips are
likely to be those of omission, rather
than of commission, if the example of
his predecessor has not been lost upon
him.

Mr. Pendleton is here and has been
before the committee to-day, and ef-
fectually crushed out the slanderous
stories about him, to use his own
language. It is proved to be an idle
and sensational tale gotten up as so
many of these things are for political
effect, and which can be explained
without difficulty. Of course the re-
publicans will seek in every way to
throw the committee off on important
matters, that they may have more
time to prepare for the future diffi-
culties which stare them in the face.

On Friday last the committee on
patents made a report to the House,
in which every woman in our country
feels a vital and personal interest. I
refer to their refusal to further extend
the patent of the Wilson Sewing ma-
chine. Probably nothing done in the
House will ultimately result in more
positive and general benefit than the
action of the committee in this case.
From being useful corporations, these
machine companies have become gigan-
tic and wealthy monopolies, which
seem never satisfied with past enor-
mous gains, wrung from the hands of
the few, yet must ever be reaching
and grasping for more. It is a good
thing that their career has been checked,
and I doubt not that in the course of
a year or two machines can be bought
for \$20 which are now held at \$75,
and their benefits thus be brought
within the reach of the poorest and
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3239, require, every person engaged in
any business, avocation, or employ-
ment which renders him liable to
a Special Tax, to procure and plac-
e conspicuously in his establishment or
place of business a STAMP denoting
the payment of said special tax for
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1876, before commencing or contin-
uing business after April 30, 1876.

Table listing various goods and their special tax rates, including Recipients, Dealers, Retail Liquor, and Manufacturers of pipes.

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OUT FURTHER NOTICE.

D. B. PRATT,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue,
Office of Internal Revenue,
WASHINGTON, D. C.,
February 1, 1876.

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