

Constitutional Amendments

Passed in the House of Representatives January 17, 1872.

AN ACT to alter the Constitution of North Carolina... The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact (three-fifths of all the members of each House concurring)... The Constitution of this State be altered as follows, to wit: Amend section six of the first article...

"The county authorities established and authorized by law shall see that the respective counties are divided into a suitable number of sub-divisions, as compact and convenient in shape as possible, and marked out by definite boundaries, which may be altered when necessary. Said sub-divisions shall be known by the name of precincts. They shall have no corporate powers. The township governments are abolished. The boundaries of the precincts shall be the same which heretofore defined the townships until they shall be altered." Strike out sections four, five, six, ten and eleven of the seventh article, which relate to the township system.

The "Liberal Republicans" of Missouri, recently had the largest Convention ever held in the State at Jefferson City. This wing of the party are opposed to Grant, in favor of universal amnesty, and for a reduction of the tariff to a revenue standard. They called for a National Convention of the "Liberal Republicans" to be held at Cincinnati, on the 4th of May. It is predicted by Greeley that that Convention will name the next President of the U. States. If they shall put in nomination a man whom the opponents of Grant in the North, and the South, can support, Greeley's prediction will be verified.

From the New York Tribune. THE SHADOW OF COMING EVENTS. In the Summer of 1870, a Republican State Convention was held in Missouri. A division of sentiment was soon developed on the question: 1. Protection vs. Free Trade; 2. Complete Amnesty vs. Disfranchisement—the State Constitution, framed in 1865, having sweepingly disfranchised all who had favored the rebellion. The "Liberals," so called, framed a resolve on the Tariff question which the Regulars accepted; so the two grounds of difference were reduced to one. The Liberals presented an Amnesty resolve which the Regulars rejected, but offered to leave the question open, to be decided at the polls—each voter saying Yes or No to Universal Amnesty as he should see fit. We thought then, and think still, that this should have been accepted—that, since it was already morally certain that all the Democrats and nearly half the Republicans would vote for and carry Amnesty at all events, there was no excuse for dividing the Republican party on this question. The Liberals however, bolted and put up an independent ticket, which all the Dem crats supported of course, and which was overwhelmingly elected. Just ponder these figures: 1864. President Lincoln, 73,750; McCallan 51,678; 1868. Schuchert 24,737; Williams 40,765; 1868. President McClellan 27,740; Phelps 32,750; 1868. President Grant 86,971; Seymour 56,788; 1870. President McClellan 62,844; Brown 104,771; Grant Brown (Lib.) over McClellan, 41,917.

The joint resolution to rescind the resolution to adjourn on Wednesday next, and proposing to adjourn on Wednesday, February 29, 1872, was passed by a vote of 71-20. Yesterday the House passed the Senate resolution rescinding the former resolution, and adjourning sine die on the 31st instant, and fixing the time of adjournment for the 7th of February. The bill abolishing the office of Supreme Court Reporter and devolving the duties of the office upon the Attorney General passed its third and final reading. The greater part of the day was consumed in clearing the calendar of private bills and resolutions.

The bill to amend the law in regard to the probate of deeds, &c., passed its several readings. The bill to repeal the act of 1869-70, making a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for one year, passed its third reading. The bill concerning marriages, marriage settlements and the contracts of married women was discussed up to the hour of adjournment.—Tb. Jan. 30.

The chief feature of the session of the House yesterday was the election of Gen. M. W. Ransom, of Northampton, to the U. S. Senate. As will be seen by the proceedings of the House, the republicans made the nominations. Gen. Ransom received with one or two exceptions, the solid vote of his party.

Amend section seven of the second article by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

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The State loses nothing by the Public Printer, Mr. Turner, as stated in this paper months ago would be the result. Indeed, we doubt not the sum over drawn (\$3,338 59), as reported by the Commission of practical printers to whom the measurement of work done was submitted, has already been reimbursed to the State in work since complaint was first made.

Four Democrats, two Liberals (one of them a Democrat in all but name), and three Republicans were chosen to Congress, with a Legislature whereby Frank Blair was sent to the U. S. Senate. While the canvass was proceeding, President Grant was induced to remove certain Federal officers who favored the Liberal movement and appoint Regulars in their stead. This interference, however well intended, only served to add fuel to the raging flames.

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The bill reported by the Committee on Penal Institutions in regard to the Penitentiary and the contract for its construction was debated fully and at considerable length. Messrs. McClammy, Troy and Moorehead, from the committee, gave ample evidence in their statements to the Senate to justify strong suspicion of fraud in giving out the contract and conclusive proof that the contractors have attempted to dupe the State in the manner and quality of their work.

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SALISBURY, FRIDAY FEB. 2.

Having purchased the printing stock and subscription list of the Watchman, in accordance with the terms of the sale who had paid in advance, for that paper, will look to us to fill out the terms. Those who were indebted to that paper at 12 o'clock on Saturday the 16th ult., had their indebtedness transferred to us, and it is a matter of importance that all should be promptly paid. Those not behind exceeding three months may yet pay at the advance rate of \$2.50 for the year.

Amend section twelve of the fourth article so that said section shall read as follows: "The State shall be divided into nine judicial districts, for each of which a Judge shall be chosen; and in each district a Superior Court shall be held at least twice in each year, to continue for such time in each county respectively as may be prescribed by law. The General Assembly shall lay off said districts in due time, so that the said nine judges may be chosen and begin their official term at the first general election for members of the General Assembly which shall occur after the ratification of this section."

Amend section fifteen of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section sixteen of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section seventeen of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section eighteen of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section nineteen of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty-one of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty-two of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty-three of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty-four of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty-five of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty-six of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty-seven of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty-eight of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section twenty-nine of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

Amend section thirty of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

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Amend section forty of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

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Amend section fifty of the fourth article, by striking out the words "the said Senate district," and inserting the words "as ascertained or in said section," and the parts so stricken out having reference to the State census.

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