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THE CONVENTION. A considerable portion of our space this week is occupied with the Ordinances passed by the Constitutional Convention, in which all our readers are interested.

We are indebted to Mr. Butler, of the Salem Hotel and Dr. Wheeler for early pamphlet copies of the same.

The New York Tribune this morning carries the news of the North Carolina and Alabama Conventions.

A great deal of evil was predicted from the fact that the work of remodeling the Constitutions of North Carolina and Alabama had fallen into the hands of the white people. Among other things, it was feared and charged that attempts would be made to deprive the negroes of their Civil Rights and to reduce them to a condition of vassalage as bad as slavery if not worse.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS LAW.—The U. S. Supreme Court has at last made a decision upon what is known as the Civil Rights Law of 1866.

The election held in Ohio on the 12th, resulted in favor of the Radicals by a small majority.

THE OHIO ELECTION. The reasons given for the defeat of Allen, the Democratic candidate for Governor, by between 4,000 and 5,000, are the soft-money and Catholic questions, connected with the distribution of the school fund.

THE STATE FAIR.—The Fifteenth Annual Exposition of the North Carolina Agricultural Society opened in Raleigh, on Tuesday, the 19th, and closed on Saturday last.

STATE ITEMS. Robert Norfleet, a young lawyer, accidentally shot himself while hunting near Tarboro.

The Randolph County Agricultural Society will hold their first annual Fair on Thursday, Friday, October 22nd and 23rd, at the ancient town of Ashboro.

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North Carolina," and the same words printed upon the backs of all pamphlets furnished for the same purpose.

A resolution concerning the Journal. Resolved, That all original propositions, except those tabled on an adverse report of a committee, or in form, if necessary, entered upon the Journal, and that a committee of three be appointed to examine the Journal as heretofore made up, and report what amendments are omitted, that the same may be entered in their appropriate places.

Resolutions on the death of Hon. W. A. Graham. Resolved, That this Convention has learned with deep sensibility the announcement of the death of the Honorable 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, that 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.

Resolution in relation to the burial expenses of the Hon. W. A. Graham. Be it resolved, That the Committee on Contingent Expenses examine and report what were the expenses incurred in the funeral of Hon. W. A. Graham, late delegate elect to this Convention from Orange, and that the President of the Convention draw his warrant on the Public Treasury to pay the same.

A resolution of instruction to the Public Printer. Be it resolved, That the public printer be requested to have printed, for the use of the Convention, one hundred and fifty copies of all Ordinances and Resolutions which have passed their third readings, and been ratified by the President.

Resolution requiring the Secretary of this Convention to prepare the Journal for publication, and to pay him therefor. Be it resolved, That immediately upon the adjournment of this Convention the Principal Secretary shall prepare for publication, properly indexed, the Journal of the Convention, and that he shall receive as compensation for such work, two hundred dollars, which the State Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay him; and that they shall be distributed to the members of the Convention as the Journals of the House of Representatives are now distributed.

A resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to employ additional clerical assistance. Resolved, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to employ such additional clerical assistance as he may deem necessary, to assist in copying all Ordinances, Amendments and Resolutions ratified by this Convention, and for the public printer.

Resolved further, That the Auditor is hereby authorized and required to audit, and the Public Treasurer to pay, the same.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of State be allowed the same compensation as that now allowed him for copies of the public laws furnished the public printer.

A resolution to pay the contestants from the County of Robeson. Resolved, That the contestant, E. M. Norment and Neill McNeill, from the county of Robeson, be paid mileage and per diem up to the day the case is decided.

Resolution to pay the Public Auditor and Secretary of the Convention. WHEREAS, Much extra work has been devolved upon the Secretary of this Convention and the Auditor of the State, in relation to the printing and distribution of the amendments to the Constitution, therefore

Resolved, That they be allowed the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars each, therefor, and that the Auditor be authorized to issue warrants for the same upon the Public Treasurer.

Resolution authorizing the Secretary of State to employ clerical assistance to copy the ordinances passed by this Convention for the public printer. Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to employ the necessary clerical force to copy all amendments and ordinances ratified by this Convention, and to furnish the same to the public printer, who shall, as soon as practicable, print twenty-five hundred copies of the same for the use of the members of this Convention, and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay the Secretary the usual fees for such services.

JOHNSTONE, JONES, Secretary. W. M. HARDY, Assistant Secretary.

The Concord Sun says that Mr. M. L. Bost had his hand so severely injured by his gin last Friday, that amputation was necessary.

At Caswell Court Sydney Burnett, the negro indicted for killing another at Prospect Hill on election day, was acquitted upon the plea of self-defense.

Mrs. Clemson, the last surviving child of the Hon. John C. Calhoun, died at Fayetteville, S. C. last week.

The State Council Friends of Temperance will meet in the town of Lincolnton on the 4th Wednesday in November next.

the employment of such convict labor on public works, or highways, or other labor for public benefit, and the farming out of convicts and in such manner as may be prescribed by law; but no convict shall be farmed out who has been sentenced on a charge of murder, manslaughter, rape, attempt to commit rape, or arson.

An Ordinance to amend Article four of the Constitution, by adding an additional section thereto. That a new section be added to article four, of the Constitution, as follows:

Section —. In case the General Assembly shall establish other Courts inferior to the Supreme Court, the presiding officers and clerks thereof shall be elected in such manner as the General Assembly may from time to time prescribe, and they shall hold their offices for a term not exceeding eight years.

An Ordinance to amend Article fourteen of the Constitution, prohibiting intermarriage of the races. That a new section be added to Article fourteen of the Constitution, as follows:

Section —. All marriages between a white person and a negro, or between a white person and a person of negro descent to the third generation inclusive, are hereby forever prohibited.

An Ordinance to amend section twenty-four, Article one, of the Constitution. That the following words be added at the end of section twenty-four, Article one, of the Constitution:

Nothing herein contained shall justify the practice of carrying concealed weapons, or prevent the Legislature from enacting penal statutes against said practice.

An Ordinance to amend section thirty-one, Article four, of the Constitution. That section thirty-one, Article four, of the Constitution of this State, be stricken out and the following inserted in its stead, to-wit:

All vacancies occurring in the offices provided for by this article of this Constitution shall be filled by the appointments of the Governor, unless otherwise provided for, and the appointees shall hold their places until the next regular election for members of the General Assembly, when elections shall be held to fill such offices. If any person, elected or appointed to any of said offices, shall neglect and fail to qualify, such office shall be appointed to, held, and filled as provided in case of vacancies occurring therein. All incumbents of said offices shall hold until their successors are qualified.

An Ordinance to provide for the payment of the mileage and per diem of the officers, members and employees of this Convention. That the officers, members and employees of this Convention, shall be paid as follows:

President, six dollars per day; Members, four dollars per day; Principal Secretary, six dollars per day; Assistant Secretary, six dollars per day; Enrolling and Recording Clerks each, five dollars per day; Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeepers, each, five dollars per day; Pages, one dollar per day. In addition to the per diem compensation herein allowed, all said officers, members and employees shall be allowed mileage at the rate of ten cents per mile for every mile travelled from their respective places of residence to the Capitol in the city of Raleigh, and returning, by the most usual route of travel.

That the amounts to which any of the aforesaid officers, members and employees shall be entitled, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State on the warrant of the Auditor, who shall issue the same on the certificate of the President of the Convention, as to the number of days' service and number of miles for which mileage is due.

An Ordinance to amend Article four, section ten of the Constitution. That Article four, section ten, of the Constitution of this State, be amended as follows:

And the jurisdiction of said Court over "issues of fact" and "questions of fact," shall be the same exercised by it before the adoption of the Constitution of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and the Court shall have the power to issue any remedial writs necessary to give it a general supervision and control over the proceedings of the inferior Courts.

RESOLUTIONS. PASSED BY THE N. C. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. Resolution concerning the Senate and House Libraries. Resolved, That the Librarian be, and he is hereby requested to turn the keys of the House and Senate Libraries over to the Sergeant-at-Arms of this Convention during the session, who is hereby made his deputy for that purpose.

Resolution of instruction to the Librarian. Resolved, That the Librarian be instructed to furnish to every delegate a copy of Battle's Review for use during the session, and that every delegate shall be responsible for the return of the copy furnished at the close of the session.

Resolution of instruction to the Secretary of the Convention. Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention be, and he is hereby instructed and required to preserve and file, in good order, all the ordinances and resolutions introduced, and at the close of the session to deposit the same with the Secretary of State for safe keeping.

Resolution to raise a Committee on contingent expenses, and to authorize the President to draw on the Treasurer for contingent funds. Resolved, That the President of this Convention be, and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the Public Treasurer for such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the contingent expenses of the Convention, which the Auditor is hereby required to audit, and the Public Treasurer is hereby authorized and required to pay the same upon said warrants out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

That section four, article four, of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows: The Judicial power of the State shall be vested in a Court for the trial of Impeachments, a Supreme Court, Superior Courts, Courts of Justices of the peace, and such other Courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be established by law.

That section nine, of Article four, of the Constitution of North Carolina be abrogated, and the following substituted therefor: The terms of the Supreme Court shall be held in the city of Raleigh, as now, until otherwise provided by the General Assembly.

An Ordinance to add a Section to Article four of the Constitution of North Carolina. That the amendments made to the Constitution of North Carolina by this Convention shall not have the effect to vacate any office or term of office now existing under the Constitution of the State, and filled, or held, by virtue of any election or appointment under the said Constitution, and the laws of the State made in pursuance thereof.

An Ordinance to amend Article four of the Constitution, by striking out sections twenty-six and twenty-seven, and inserting another in lieu thereof. That sections twenty-six and twenty-seven, article four of the Constitution be stricken out, and insert the following:

The Justices of the Supreme Court shall not have the effect to vacate any office or term of office now existing under the Constitution of the State, and filled, or held, by virtue of any election or appointment under the said Constitution, and the laws of the State made in pursuance thereof.

An Ordinance to amend Article six, of the Constitution. That section one, article six, of the Constitution, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. —. Every male person, born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, twenty-one years old or upward, who shall have resided in the State twelve months next preceding the election, and ninety days in the county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed an elector. But no person, who, upon conviction or confession in open court, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, or of any other crime infamous by the laws of this State, and hereafter committed, shall be deemed an elector, unless such person shall be restored to the rights of citizenship in a mode prescribed by law.

An Ordinance to add two Sections to Article four of the Constitution of North Carolina. That the following sections be added to article four of the Constitution:

Sec. —. Any Judge of the Supreme Court or of the Superior Courts, and the presiding officers of such Courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be established by law, may be removed from office for mental or physical inability upon a concurrent resolution of two-thirds of both houses of the General Assembly. The Judge or presiding officer, against whom the General Assembly may be about to proceed, shall receive notice thereof, accompanied by a copy of the cases alleged for his removal, at least twenty days before the day on which either House of the General Assembly shall act thereon.

Sec. —. Any Clerk of the Supreme Court, or of the Superior Courts, or of such Courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be established by law, may be removed from office for mental or physical inability; the Clerk of the Supreme Court by the Judges of said Courts, the Clerks of the Superior Courts by the Judge riding the district, and the Clerks of such Courts inferior to the Supreme Court as may be established by law, by the presiding officers of said Courts. The Clerk against whom proceedings are instituted shall receive notice thereof, accompanied by a copy of the cases alleged for his removal, at least ten days before the day appointed to act thereon, and the Clerk shall be entitled to an appeal to the next term of the Superior Court, and then the Supreme Court, as provided in other cases of appeals.

An Ordinance to amend Article Seven by adding another section thereto. That Article seven of the Constitution be amended by adding another section thereto, as follows:

Section —. The General Assembly shall have full power by statute to modify, change or abrogate any and all of the provisions of this Article, and substitute others in their place, except seven, nine and thirteen.

An Ordinance to amend section thirty-three, Article four, of the Constitution. That section thirty-three, Article four, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section —. The several Justices of the Peace shall have jurisdiction, under such regulations as the General Assembly shall prescribe, of civil actions founded on contract, wherein the sum demanded shall not exceed two hundred dollars, and wherein the title to real estate shall not be in controversy; and of all criminal matters arising within their counties where the punishment cannot exceed a fine of fifty dollars, or imprisonment for thirty days. And the General Assembly may give to Justices of the Peace jurisdiction of other civil actions, wherein the value of the property in controversy does not exceed fifty dollars. When an issue of fact shall be found before a Justice, on demand of either party thereto, he shall cause a jury of six men to be summoned who shall try the same. The party against whom judgment shall be rendered in any civil action may appeal to the Superior Court from the same. In all cases of a criminal action, the party against whom judgment is given may appeal to the Superior Court, where the matter shall be heard anew. In all cases brought before a Justice he shall make a record of the proceedings, and file the same with the Clerk of the Superior Court for his county.

An Ordinance to amend Article eleven by adding an additional section thereto. That section one, Article eleven of the Constitution of this State, be amended by adding at the end of said section, as follows:

The foregoing provision for imprisonment with hard labor shall be construed to authorize

same rules and regulations, and under the same pains and penalties as are now required and prescribed by law, and returns thereof made, according to the laws now in force regulating the election of members of the General Assembly.

Sec. 2. That the returns of the whole vote cast for the ratification and for the rejection of said amendments, shall be made by the sheriffs of the several counties of the State to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, at Raleigh, within thirty days after the election: Provided, That if the office of Chief Justice shall become vacant by death, resignation or otherwise, the said returns shall in like manner be made to the Attorney General of the State; and the returns of said votes shall, within ten days thereafter, be examined and canvassed by the said Chief Justice, or Attorney General in case of the vacancy in the said office of Chief Justice, in the presence of the Governor, and proclamation shall be made by the Governor forthwith of the result of the canvass.

Sec. 3. That if, upon such canvass, it shall appear that a majority of the votes polled were in favor of the ratification of the amendments, then the said amendments to the Constitution shall constitute a part of the Constitution of the State, and shall take effect as such on the first day of January, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven; and thereupon the Governor shall cause to be endorsed on said amendments, as enrolled by this Convention, a certificate under his signature, declaring that the said amendments have been ratified by the people of North Carolina. The Secretary of State shall countersign the said certificate and annex thereto the great seal of the State, and the said amendments so enrolled, with the certificates aforesaid shall be forever kept among the archives of the State, in the office of the Secretary of State aforesaid.

Sec. 4. That said amendments to the Constitution, after being duly enrolled and properly authenticated, shall be deposited by the Secretary of this Convention in the office of the Secretary of State for safe keeping; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of this Convention and the Public Auditor to have printed, in pamphlet form, on or before the first day of January next, the said amendments, with the certificate of the Secretary of State annexed thereto, together with a copy of the Constitution, as it will read as proposed to be amended, one hundred thousand copies, of which one hundred copies shall be distributed to each delegate of this Convention, and the remainder among the counties of the State in proportion to population. And the necessary sum be and is hereby appropriated to pay the expense of said publication and distribution.

That section fourteen, article four, of the Constitution, shall read as follows: That every Judge of the Superior Court shall reside in the district for which he is elected. The Judges shall preside in the Courts of the different districts successively, but no Judge shall hold the Courts in the same district oftener than once in four years, but in case of the protracted illness of the Judge assigned to preside in any district, or of any other unavoidable accident to him, by reason of which he shall become unable to preside, the Governor may require any Judge to hold one or more specified terms in said district, in lieu of the Judge assigned to hold the Courts of said district.

That section twelve, article four, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: The State shall be divided into nine judicial districts, for each of which a Judge shall be chosen; and there shall be held a Superior Court in each county at least twice in each year, to continue for such time in each county as may be prescribed by law. But the General Assembly may reduce or increase the number of districts.

That section two, article two, of the Constitution, be amended to read as follows: The Senate and House of Representatives shall meet biennially on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January next after their election; and when assembled, shall be denominated the General Assembly. Neither House shall proceed upon public business unless a majority of all the members are actually present.

That section two of the ninth Article of the Constitution, be amended by adding the following words: And the children of the white race and the children of the colored race shall be taught in separate public schools, but there shall be no discrimination made in favor of, or to the prejudice of, either race.

That the following be an additional section to Article two of the Constitution: Sec. —. The members of the General Assembly for the term for which they have been elected, shall receive as a compensation for their services the sum of four dollars per day for each day of their session, for a period not exceeding sixty days; and should they remain longer in session, they shall serve without compensation. They shall also be entitled to receive ten cents per mile, both while coming to the seat of government and while returning home, the said distance to be computed by the nearest line, or route of public travel. The compensation of the presiding officers of the two Houses, shall be six dollars per day and mileage.

Should an extra session of the General Assembly be called, the members and presiding officers shall receive a like rate of compensation for a period not exceeding twenty days.

That section twenty-seven, of Article two, of the Constitution, be amended so as to read as follows: Sec. —. The terms of office for Senators and members of the House of Representatives shall commence at the time of their election.

That section 29, of Article 2, of the Constitution, be amended so as to read as follows: Sec. —. The election for members of the General Assembly shall be held for the respective districts and counties, at the places where they are now held, or may be directed hereafter to be held, in such manner as may be prescribed by law, on the first Thursday in August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, and every two years thereafter, but the General Assembly may change the time of holding the election.

That section four, of article two, be stricken from the Constitution.

That section eight, of article four, of the Constitution be amended so as to read, as follows: The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices.

A Bill to be entitled an Ordinance to submit to the people the Amendments to the Constitution. Adopted by this Convention.

Sec. 1. That the amendments to the Constitution of this State, adopted by this Convention at any time during its session, shall be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection, as a whole, at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six. That every person entitled to vote under the existing Constitution and laws of this State, shall be entitled to vote for the ratification or rejection of said amendments; those who wish a ratification of the amendments voting with a printed or written ticket, "Ratification," those of a contrary opinion, "Rejection." That said election shall be held, and said qualified electors shall vote, at the usual places of voting in the several counties of this State; and that said election shall be conducted under the

ORDINANCES

PASSED BY THE N. C. CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1875.

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 annuities, stocks, bonds, and other property now belonging to any State fund for purposes of education; also the net proceeds of all sales of the swamp 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 sales 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.

An Ordinance in Relation to a Department of Agriculture, Immigration and Statistics. That section seventeen, of article three, be stricken from the Constitution, and that the following be inserted in lieu thereof:

Sec. —. The General Assembly shall establish a department of Agriculture, Immigration and Statistics, under such regulations as may best promote the agricultural interests of the State, and shall enact laws for the adequate protection and encouragement of sheep husbandry.

An Ordinance to amend Section twenty-five of Article one of the Constitution, relating to Secret Societies. That section twenty-five of article one be amended by adding after the word grievances, the following: "But secret political societies are dangerous to the liberties of a free people, and should not be tolerated."

An Ordinance to amend Article three, Section ten, of the Constitution. That Article (3) section (10.) of the Constitution, be amended so as to read as follows: "The Governor shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the Senators elect, appoint all officers, whose offices are established by this Constitution, and whose appointments are not otherwise provided for."

An Ordinance to Abrogate and Amend Sections fifteen, sixteen and seventeen, of Article four, of the Constitution. That sections fifteen, sixteen and seventeen, of Article four, of the Constitution, be abrogated and annulled and the following substituted therefor:

Section —. The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the Judicial Department of any power or jurisdiction which rightfully pertains to it, as a co-ordinate department of the government; but the General Assembly shall allot and distribute that portion of this power and jurisdiction, which does not pertain to the Supreme Court, among the other courts prescribed in this Constitution, or which may be established by law, in such manner as it may deem best; provide also a proper system of appeals, and regulate by law, when necessary, the methods of proceeding in the exercise of their powers, of all the Courts below the Supreme Court, so far as the same may be done without conflict with other provisions of this Constitution.

An Ordinance to amend Article thirteen, of the Constitution. That sections one and two, of Article thirteen, be stricken from the Constitution, and the following substituted therefor:

Sec. 1. No Convention of the people of this State shall ever be called by the General Assembly, unless by the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members of each House of the General Assembly, except the proposition, Convention or No Convention, be first submitted to the qualified voters of the whole State, at the next general election, in a manner to be prescribed by law. And should a majority of the votes cast be in favor of said Convention, it shall assemble on such day, as may be prescribed by the General Assembly.

Sec. 2. No part of the Constitution of this State shall be altered unless a bill to alter the same shall have been agreed to by three-fifths of each House of the General Assembly. And the amendment or amendments so agreed to shall be submitted at the next general election to the qualified voters of the whole State, in such manner as may be prescribed by law. And in the event of their adoption by a majority of the votes cast, such amendment or amendments shall become a part of the Constitution of this State.

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