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Rooms of the Central Ex. Com. of the Conservative Party, Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16th, '74.

The State Executive Committee of the Conservative Party, which is composed of the various Congressional Executive Committees, will please meet in Raleigh on Wednesday, January 20th, 1876, to consult in regard to important matters.

Members of the Conservative press are invited to attend.

W. R. Cox, Chairman of Central Com.

J. J. Litchford, Secretary.

CONVENTION CHANGE IN PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

The rapid increase and spread of the movement in favor of Convention is probably better shown by the change among the papers of the State than in any other way. Indeed the favorite argument against the proposition to call a Convention was based upon the opposition of such a very large majority of the papers of the State, demonstrating that the people were opposed to the call.

We have never felt that it was the duty of those conducting the press of the State to follow blindly public opinion, but as faithful sentinels to guard carefully the public weal, and direct and lead public attention to such matters as will promote the public welfare. Upon this principle we have and will act.

Believing, therefore, that the only solution of the troubles which environed our people, and by which their industries were paralyzed and their burdens accumulated, was by a radical change in the fundamental law; and seeing that the good people of the State had placed it in the power of the Democratic-Conservative members of the Legislature to call a Convention, by which these changes could be more promptly, more satisfactorily and more economically made, our duty was plain. The farmer and the mechanic, the professional man and the laborer, are all busy with their several duties, their labors increased by the very burdens which the Constitution imposed. In our humble judgment it became the duty of the public journalists to direct attention to evils from which all were suffering and to devise means for their remedy. We could not stop to consider who would favor or who should oppose the movement, we would advocate. We would gladly seek the co-operation of the one, and endeavor to convince the judgment of the other; at least we would labor faithfully and zealously for what we were satisfied was for the common good.

Early after the election, indeed as soon as it was ascertained that there was a two-thirds majority of Democratic-Conservatives in both Houses of the General Assembly, the JOURNAL promptly, boldly, and zealously advocated the call of a Constitutional Convention, and from that day to the present has labored with all its might to secure the call.

We found ourselves opposed by a very large majority of the papers of the State, and by a majority of our immediate friends and patrons. This did not deter us in the conscientious performance of our duty, but rather inspired us to labor with greater zeal in behalf of the important work which we had undertaken. If we eventually fail, we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that we have secured the active co-operation of a majority of the press of the State, the almost unanimous support of our friends, neighbors and readers, and we believe that the people of this and most of the

adjuring counties, if not throughout the State, are as nearly unanimous for Convention as they have ever been for any important movement which has been proposed for their support.

Our contemporary, the Wilmington Star, which is now the only daily paper in the State which opposes the call of a Convention, early in September published a classified list of papers upon this question, giving additions from day to day "of the overwhelming majority of newspapers in the State opposed to Convention." We propose this morning to publish the list made out by the Star at that date, with some additions which that paper omitted and changing one, the Durham Tobacco Plant, from the Convention to the anti-Convention side, as that paper was then and is now opposed to Convention. It will be seen that there has been a very wonderful change, all in favor of Convention.

PAPEES IN FAVOR, PAPERS OPPOSED TO CONVENTION IN SEPTEMBER, 1874.

- Wilmington Journal
Raleigh Crescent
Charlotte Observer
Fayetteville Herald
Hickory News
Newbern Journal
Wilmington Star
Charlotte Democrat
Wilmington Advance
Wilmington Reporter
Wilmington Standard
Wilmington Times
Wilmington Daily
Wilmington Evening
Wilmington Morning
Wilmington Night
Wilmington Sun
Wilmington Moon
Wilmington Star
Wilmington Crescent
Wilmington Journal

The other papers of the State, if our list is correct, had not taken any decided stand upon the question. We may have omitted some, as we write from memory, not having a complete list of the papers at hand. We see by the following classification, as the papers now stand, what a change a discussion has brought about in four months:

- LET OF PAPERS IN FAVOR OF CONVENTION, JAN. 1, 1876.
Wilmington Journal
Raleigh Crescent
Charlotte Observer
Fayetteville Herald
Hickory News
Newbern Journal
Wilmington Star
Charlotte Democrat
Wilmington Advance
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This list does not include such papers as have never taken any decided stand. Several papers, notably the Wilson Advance and the Wilson Plaindealer, which were among the most determined and uncompromised opponents of Convention have so far modified their views as to express a willingness to abide very cheerfully with the decision of the Legislature in regard to the matter, and work for the success of the movement should it be determined upon.

Grant and his organs are building large trees of comfort for very small organs of foundation. For instance, the Washington City Republican says: And now the Legislatures of the several States are taking the back track in the Louisiana matter. Some of them, or more properly speaking, some of their members, raised very hotly to denounce the Administration for its course in that regard; but since the truth has become public and the lying reports of the Independent Press have been contradicted, the tide of popular opinion sets strongly in favor of the President's action. The New York State Senate, for example, has passed a resolution affirming its faith in the patriotism of General Sheridan, and the Legislature of Illinois has labeled a resolution, introduced a few days ago, denouncing the alleged interference of the military at New Orleans. These are straws that show which way the wind blows, and they are coming so thick and fast as to indicate the near approach of a hurricane.

Now that is what the Republican says the New York Senate said. This is what that body actually did say. Recalled, that we, the Representatives of the people of the State of New York, in Senate assembled, while affirming our unshaken confidence in the patriotism, fidelity and integrity of Lieutenant-General Sheridan, nevertheless hereby condemn the sentiments of the telegraphic dispatch of General Sheridan, dated at New Orleans, La., January 5th, 1876, to the Secretary of War, which suggests that Congress should pass a law declaring a large class of the people of Louisiana "banditti," in order that "they could be tried by a military commission," and which also suggests "it is possible that if the President would issue a proclamation declaring these same citizens banditti, no further action need be taken except that which would devolve upon himself." That we regard the recommendations contained in said dispatch as despotic in their nature, unprecedented in the history of our country, unwarranted by the present situation of affairs in Louisiana, so far as this body is at this time advised, and tending to the destruction of representative government and constitutional liberty.

The resolution was adopted—yeas, 30; nays, 8. Look upon that picture and then upon this.

From the Hillsboro Reporter. A trip over this road, last week, from Wilmington to Charlotte, gratified a long cherished wish, and realized much of our hopeful expectation. At present we will give no details of our ride, since a full sketch would occupy more space than we can spare. We will only remark that what we saw fully confirmed our previous high estimate of its value, not only to Wilmington, but to the country through which it passes, and the State in general.

The large amounts of naval stores, and of cotton, show that, though much of the country along the side of the road may be poor, yet that fertility is not far off. The influence of the road over the section between Wilmington and Rockingham, the largest opened portion, is already apparent, and the frequency of stations and rapidly growing villages a sure test of the business of the company. Beyond Rockingham everything along the line is comparatively new, but full of life and promise.

The road from Wilmington to Polkton is one of the best over which we have traveled, most of it, especially as far as Rockingham, where it enters the hill country, perfectly straight, and with light grades. The bridges are fine, and the restles of which there are many on the upper end, and the built and safe. From Monroe to Charlotte the road was completed just previous to the setting in of wet weather and used before the track had become solidified by time, and the consequence is a good deal of occasional delay from setting of the track and from slides.

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