

CONVENTION.

Election, August 5th, 1875.

FOR DELEGATES:

BRUNSWICK COUNTY.

DAVID S. COWAN,

DUPLIN COUNTY.

J. N. STALLINGS,
WILLIAM FARROR,

GUMBERLAND COUNTY.

JOSEPH A. WORTH,
NELL R. BLUE,

BOBBERON.

DUNCAN SINCLAIR,
CALVIN A. McEAHEREEN.

BLADEN.

J. W. RUSS.

CANTRETT.

JAMES RUMLEY.

COLUMBUS COUNTY.

FORNEY GEORGE.

CHOW COUNTY.

JAMES G. SCOTT.

SAMPSON COUNTY.

S. J. FAISON,
WILLIAM KIRBY.

If, in spite of protest and challenge, an illegal vote is polled, let the proper affidavits be at once made before the proper officer, so that the parties thus illegally voting may at once be arrested and thereby prevented from escaping the penalty provided by law in such cases. We repeat, let the proper affidavits be made and let the parties fraudulently voting be at once arrested.

Remember that the election law requires "That when a voter is challenged at the polls upon demand of any citizen of the State it shall be the duty of the Inspectors of the Election to require said voter before being allowed to vote to prove by the oath of some other person known to the judges the fact of his residence for thirty days previous thereto in the county in which he proposes to vote."

Remember also that the election law says: "No elector shall be entitled to register or vote in any other precinct or township than the one in which he is an actual or bona fide resident on the day of election, and no certificate of registration shall be given."

WHAT THE CONVENTION OF 1865
NEW ABOUT CONSTITUTION-MAKING.

It is difficult to say which amazes us the more the impudence or the ignorance of the man who drew up the Charter Constitution. It seems scarcely possible that men should be so ignorant; or that, being so ignorant, they should be so impudent as to undertake the very grave task of framing the organic law of a State. Yet, so it was.

One glaring instance of their ignorance of the very first principles of organic law-making, appears in the very first article of the Constitution of 1865. This article is entitled "A Declaration of Rights." Now, a Declaration of Rights and a Constitution are things entirely separate and distinct in their nature and purpose.

One is the protection of natural, inalienable, inherent, God-given rights those rights which man neither gave to nor can take away from man. The other is the machinery which preserves and enforces those rights. As authority for this, we need go no further than Blackstone, who says: "The first and primary end of human laws is to maintain those absolute rights of individuals."

The Declaration of Rights of North Carolina contains all the declarations of *Magna Charta*, *Petition of Rights* and *Bill of Rights*, and were made by our ancestors on the 17th of December, 1776, prior to and without reference to the formation of any Constitution. Afterwards, and in the best means to compel a due regard for those absolute rights, thus declared to be inherent and unalienable, a Constitution was adopted. The Declaration of Rights was paramount in authority as well as prior in time to the Constitution, and in case of conflict between the two, the Constitution being the weaker, must have given way. More than once, and by more than one eminent man, has the Declaration of Rights been said to be entitled next to the divine commands of the Deologue itself, to the highest veneration and regard. It was put forth by our greatest and best men, after full and free consultation with kindred spirits from other States. The ablest of them was especially enthusiastic in his admiration of it. Unfettered by even the most ruthless hand that sacred Declaration stood like a guardian angel in war as well as in peace over the rights and liberties of the people of North Carolina. From 1776 until the vandals and ruffians of the Convention of 1865 came into power, in the Convention of 1865 to WILMINGTON GARRON was substituted the task of rewriting the organic law of the State,

but he altered not a word, changed not a line, of that Declaration. Six centuries had elapsed since that Declaration began to take shape and during some time of that period every word and each sentence had received judicial, construction, and judicial interpretation. About the time instant and meaning thereof there could be no doubt, no wonder then that the great GARRON dared not tread upon ground so holy. Not so, however, the impious destroyers of everything sacred in the form of liberty; nothing was too sacred, nothing too venerable for their sacrilegious hands. In wanton disregard of the example of the ages of 1776 in wanton disregard of the example of the so less eminent ages of 1835, they ruthlessly stripped the great DECLARATION of all its high prerogative to define the God-given rights of North Carolinians! They declared that the purpose for which the Constitution was framed was a part and parcel of the Constitution itself, utterly confounding every distinction between the "object of all human laws," and the means whereby that object is sought to be accomplished. And it is such a piece of botch-work and patch-work that the people of North Carolina are asked to accept as their organic law!

THE UNIVERSITY, JEFFERSON DAVIS, AND THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.

There is a paper, a daily paper, published at Washington City called the *National Republican*. It is of the Radical persuasion and enjoys along with much public patronage the bad eminence of being recognized as "Grant's own" as well as the peculiar "administration" organ. This would be sufficient to damn the paper to everlasting infamy even if it did not of itself deserve the opprobrium its surroundings must necessarily entail upon it. But it is not because of its surroundings only that the *Republican* is in bad repute. Slander and falsehood are its favorite meats, and especially does it seem to affect these dishes when North Carolina affairs are to be served up. Where the gall comes from that envenoms the *Republican* in regard to our affairs, we know not, but certain it is, that it comes from somewhere.

Nothing but the blindest passion would give space in the columns of the *Republican* to such ungrounded and unnecessary misstatements as those contained in the following article. If no other consideration had prevented the facility with which the truth could be published, would have prevented, the appearance of the article in any paper calling itself respectable. But the *Republican* feels nothing but passion and blind hate when it refers to North Carolina. And well it may. North Carolina is not healthy for Radicals.

But, to the article. It is entitled, "Jefferson Davis," and is as follows: After their unsuccessful attempt to palm off upon the public the rebel fraud of the Mecklenburg Centennial as a genuine affair of history, it was unaccountably supposed that the defiant, unrepentant traitors of North Carolina would "lie still and slumber" for a little while. But they have not. They have insured upon themselves by a fresh and much more flagrant insult to the decently loyal sentiment of the country. But it seems this was too much to expect.

North Carolina has a widely-celebrated institution of learning known as "Chapel Hill University," where many of the youths of that State are to be educated, and on the 16th of June last the trustees met for the purpose of electing a president. Among the trustees assembled on that occasion were ex-Gov. Graham, who amably remarked once on a time "the Ku-Klux murder" was a species of "his justice," "society," and Gov. Vance and William Lee. *Blanchard*, Grand Cyclops of the Ku-Klux Klan; Paul C. Cameron, Kamp P. Belle and others of that same class of men, but not so well known for their adherence to the lost cause. Jefferson Davis was the first and last choice of the trustees for president, and cause sufficient vote of an election, and a good majority would have been given him but for the fact that he has been recently elected president of a college in Texas, which can afford to pay him a larger salary. Hoping to be able to make arrangements for this the election was postponed. Jefferson Davis is not a proper person to instruct the youth of this country in its history, its government and obligations, and his appointment to such a position is a menace to the integrity of American institutions.

In reply to the above, we are authorized to say that neither Jefferson Davis nor any other man has been voted for by the Trustees as President of the University at the meeting on the 16th of June or at any other time. The only action taken by the Board of Trustees in the matter at the meeting referred to, was to appoint a committee of nine to report whether it was preferable to have a President or to govern the institution in some other way—by the Chairman of the Faculty, for instance, or by a Visiting Committee of Trustees. The committee subsequently met and agreed to report in favor of the election of a President as soon as the funds of the University would justify the Board of Trustees in guaranteeing a suitable salary. We repeat, that we are credibly informed that there is no foundation whatever for the statement that Mr. Jefferson Davis or any other man was voted for by the Trustees as President of the University on the 16th of June or at any other time.

But lest we may be misunderstood from what we have said above, we take occasion here to declare that in our opinion no better man than Jefferson Davis can be found in all these United States to put at the head

of the University, if it is desired to put that institution on a sure and stable foundation from the very outset. The equal, if not the superior, of any man in the United States in natural ability, general scholarly learning, in broad statesmanship, in personal purity and in high-minded patriotism, and beyond any man more identified with the cause of the South, Jefferson Davis would give to Chapel Hill an eclat and prestige that no other man could give.

Unlike the *Republican*, we look upon Jefferson Davis as the proper person to instruct the youth of this country in its history, its government and obligations.

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NOTICE.

There will be an election held at the usual polling places on the 5th of August, 1875, in New Hanover county, for the election of the following town and officers, viz:

WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP. Seven Magistrates, one Township Clerk, one Constable and three School Committees.
GENERAL POINT, MARLBORO, HARRINGTON, DARE, BEAUFORT, TOWNSHIPS. Two Magistrates, one Clerk, one Constable and three School Committees each.
NEW HANOVER AND PRINCE GEORGE TOWNSHIP. Three Magistrates to the State Constitutional Convention.

S. H. MANNING,
Sheriff of New Hanover County. 16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031-1032-1033-1034-1035-1036-1037-1038-1039-1040-1041-1042-1043-1044-1045-1046-1047-1048-1049-1050-1051-1052-1053-1054-1055-1056-1057-1058-1059-1060-1061-1062-1063-1064-1065-1066-1067-1068-1069-1070-1071-1072-1073-1074-1075-1076-1077-1078-1079-1080-1081-1082-1083-1084-1085-1086-1087-1088-1089-1090-1091-1092-1093-1094-1095-1096-1097-1098-1099-1100-1101-1102-1103-1104-1105-1106-1107-1108-1109-1110-1111-1112-1113-1114-1115-1116-1117-1118-1119-1120-1121-1122-1123-1124-1125-1126-1127-1128-1129-1130-1131-1132-1133-1134-1135-1136-1137-1138-1139-1140-1141-1142-1143-1144-1145-1146-1147-1148-1149-1150-1151-1152-1153-1154-1155-1156-1157-1158-1159-1160-1161-1162-1163-1164-1165-1166-1167-1168-1169-1170-1171-1172-1173-1174-1175-1176-1177-1178-1179-1180-1181-1182-1183-1184-1185-1186-1187-1188-1189-1190-1191-1192-1193-1194-1195-1196-1197-1198-1199-1200-1201-1202-1203-1204-1205-1206-1207-1208-1209-1210-1211-1212-1213-1214-1215-1216-1217-1218-1219-1220-1221-1222-1223-1224-1225-1226-1227-1228-122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