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ADELBERT is dead. It is Prince Albert, of Bavaria, bowever, and not Ben Butler's insurrection manufacturing son-in-law to Mississippi.

A gentleman in Neuces county, Texas, has a field of sixty thousand acres within one fence. He recently filled an order by telegraph for twenty-aix thousand beeves.

THERE are 1,700,000 Baptists in the United States, and only 200,000 in New England. Virginia slone has as many as Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Masschusetts put together,

A COMPANY is organized in Texas to utilize the immense quantities of bones strewing the cattle ranches. The quantity is reported to be almost incomputable.

THE New York Democrats claim that their ticket will be elected in November by at least 75,000 majority, which would be a pretty healthy handwriting on the wall to show the Rads what to expect in 1876.

Some idea of the conjugal happiness of the King of Holland may be obtained from the fact that his wife, the Queen, can talk every language that is spoken in Europe.

BLUFF old Kaiser Wilhelm, whose bodily vigor is really wonderful, was in the saddle during the whole time on both days of the recent Sedan anniversary, and galloped up and down the d of his staff as brickly as ever.

fairs in Missonri the other day: "It gisddened my heart as I drove to these grounds to see the number of side-saddles on the horses hitched along the way. I had almost began to fear that my countrywomen had lost the art of riding-at least the art of riding on horseback. Thank you, ladies, for coming on side-saddles."

THE result of the election in Maine, will put to rest forever the war issues. Every effort to revive the passions engendered by the war will be hissed out of every future election. Morton and Blaine have been abused, ridiculed, disparaged, meeked and derided on account of their efforts to revive those sectional hatreds which the people have resolved to bury out of sight for-

crowded into two sentences, uttered by Cassius M. Clay, to the New York Sun : "I am against inflation, but still more have turned Tory in 1776 because of Continental money." A great many people of both parties will commit that speech to memory, and many votes will be cast to vindicate it.

THAT was a grand and glorious turnout of the Maryland Democracy in Baltimore the other night. The News of that city, tells us that at least two men stood on each cobble-stone, and a brick in the sidewalk was made to accommodate four-though there were many who could not touch the ground at all, jammed and wedged as they were within the surging sea. A reservoir might have been emptied upon a solid floor of human heads, and the water would have floated as upon a water-tight bottom-not one drop could have reached the ground, so compact was that mass. It was a mass mosting-there is no doubt about that,

SECRETARY Robeson's little feat at Long Branch, the other day, when Mayed a lady from drowning, in graditable to the Administration, Mrs. Gen. Emory, who was a guest at the Secretary's cottage with some other ladies of the household, went out on the beach to view the wild grandeur of the curving surf, she being in advance of the party. A treacherous wave rolled high up on the land, sweeping Mrs. Emory off her feet and rolling her over in the surging ourrent. The rotund Robeson seeing peril as she was going with the receding plunged in, accountred as he was, and seizing her carried he ashore. She

THE CONVERTION.

Bazmon. N. C. Sept. 24, 1875,

My DEAR JOURNAL :- The Convenon now in session is certainly the hardest worked logislative body I have ever seen. It is called to order at ten o'clock in the morning, and sets until atter two o'clock when an adjournment for dinner takes place. After dinner the committees meet and re-

work at once by appointing a committee to consider each article of the Constitution. There are fourteen of these articles, and the several committees are constituted as follows.

ART. L. Preamble and Bill of Rights -Mesare, Turner, Singletary, Bliven, Blocker, Nichloson, McCandless, Mots, Bean, Kirby, and Patterson. ART. 11. Legislative Department-Mesars Clingman, Cunningham, Barrow, Carter, French, Justice, King of

Lenoir, Allman, and Vaughan. ART, III. Executive Department-

den, Hassell and Taylor. ABT. IV. Judicial Department Mesars Bennett, Shepard, Albertson, Coleman, Barringer, Menning, of Chatham, Lehman, Green and Faireloth.

ART. v. Revenue and Taxation-Mesers. Durham, Stallings, Hoffman, Cowell, Dixon, Dobson, Dula, Cooper, and Page.

ART. VI. Suffrage and Eligibility to Office-Messra, Shober, Jarvis, Bata-man, Allison, Holton, Stroud, Woodfin, Roberts, of Davidson, and Carey. ART. VII. Municipal Corporations Mesers Sheparn, Hampton, Hen-Yadkin, Farior, Black and Patterson. ART, VIII. Corporations other than Municipal—Mesars. Jones, of Caldwell, Faison, Mabson, Durham, Manning, of New Hanover, Marshall, Bry an, Boyd, and Dockery.

ART, IX. Education-Messrs. More head, Badger, Anderson, of Madison Buxton, King, of Pitt, Rumley, Boyd, Scott, of Onslow, and Wheeler,

ART, XI. Punishments, Penal Institutions and Public Charities-Mesers. Coleman, Anderson, of Clay, Bell, Sinclair, Horton. Spake, Grantham, Hodge, and Bingham.

ART, XII. Militia-Mesars, Barringer, Redwine, Neal, Nowell, Wilson, Bullock, Everett, Davis, and Harrington. ART, XIII, Amendments-Messrs. Manning, of New Hanover, Clingman, Watte, Thorne, Love, Lowe, Goodwyn, Smyth, and Tourgee.

ART. XIV. Miscellaneous Provisions -Mesars. Albertson, Crosby, Young, Scott, of Jones, O'Hara, Summers, McDonald, and Patterson.

It will be seen from this arrange ment that all the parts of the Constitution are undergoing scrutiny at the same time, and from the character of the leading members of the committees it may be safely assumed that the scrutiny will be close and thorough. In addition to these committees there

is another called the Committee on Revision. The plan of the Convention is to perfect each article of the Coustitution by itself, after which it will be reterred to the Committee on Revision, whose duty it shall be to report upon the Constitution as a whole, so that there shall be no conflict between the provisions of the different Artieles, but accord and harmony. One of the chief evils of the Constitution as it now stands, is the want of harmony and agreement between its parts. As was to have been expected, the Committee on Revision is a very able one indeed. We venture to say that it is without a superior in the annals of legislation in North Carolina, It consists of Mesars. Reid, Clingman,

against Grantism. I should hardly Manning, of Chetham, Bennett, Turoer, Durham, Morehead, Shober, Mo-Corkle, Dockery, Coleman, Barringer, Tourgee, and Albertson.

Each ordinance amending the Constitution is, after its final passage, referred to the Committee on Bevision. When, therefore, the report of this Committee shall have been made and acted upon, the work of the Committee will have been done. So much for the way in which the Convention is doing its work. And now a word as to what has been done, and as to what will probably be done.

ART. I. Preamble and Bill of Rights In the first Article, or that containing the Preamble and Bill of Rights, no change has as yet been actually ordered. There is little doubt however. that amost important one will be made by striking out the 37th Section of the Bill of Rights as it now stands. Under this Section the Legislature is a body of limited powers, such only as are expressly granted to it in the Constitution, and when it shall be stricken out the Legislature will be restored to the sovereignity it possessed in former times. The section is appropriate spough in the United States Constitution, but utterly out of place in a State Constitution, and subversive of the doubt the Section will be stricken out. Apr. II. Legislative Department-The pay of the Legislature has been fixed at ten cents per mile, and four dollars per day for sixty days, after which, if the session continues, the

members receive no pay whatever.

Another change fixes the first Wednes-

day after the first Monday in January

seding the election, for the meet

change strikes out all the obsolete provisions about the apportionments; and it is proposed also to probibit the introduction of any bills during the last three days of the ession of the Legislature. This, however, has not seen agreed upon. It is to be comuraed that the Convention have adopted for its own members the same pap and mileage it fixed for the mem-bers of the Legislature. These changes are in the right direction, and will ave the people much money, not only in the cost per day of the Legislature, but in shortening the sess on. Expericage has amply demonstrated that no Legislative body ought to meet at a time when its deliberations are liab e to be interferred with by the Christines holidays. Power to relieve from disabilities imposed by courts of impeachment were conferred upon the Legislature.

Ant. III .- Executive Department-No final action has yet been taken in this department, but certain changes have been agreed upon, and will doubtless be cosumnated in a few days. These are to reduce the term of office of Governor and the other executive officers from four to two years; to sholish the office of Leintenaut Governor, and to reduce the pay of Governor to 83,000 per annum. These changes have two purposes in view; first, to inorease the responsibility of the Excoutive Department to the people, and second, to diminish the expenses of

ANT. IV. Judicial Department .-Ordinances have been passed onferring upon the Legislature the power to create such courts inferior to the Supreme court as may be necessary, reducing the number of Supr.me court Judges from five to three, and the number of Saperior court judges from twelve to sine. The committee derson, Hinnant, McEachin, Jones of have reported unanimously in favor of the rotation of the judges in riding the several circuits, and it will doubtless became a part of the Constitution Sections 15, 16 and 17 of this Article will be stricken out, and instead thereof, a section will be inserted conferring authority upon the Legislature to allot and distribute jurisdiction among the courts below the Supreme court, The Supreme court judges will be elected by the people for four years, and the judges of the Superior courts will be elected by the Legislature for the same term.

ART. v. Revenue and Taxation-The principal change that will be made in this Article is one repudiating the Special Tax Bonds. It is expected the Radicals will seek to have all the publie debt of the State repudiated. No ordidnance has as yet been reported.

ART. V. Suffrage and Eligibility to office-No ordinance has been reported upon this Article, but it is understood that the length of residence in a conuty required as a qualification for sufge will be increased to six months. and that there will be disfranchisement for infamous crimes. It is not probable that the payment of any tax will be required before voting.

ART LVII. Municipal Corporations The duty of providing governments for cities and towns will doubtless be confided to the Legislature in plain terms. In relation to county governments there are three propositions. One is to place them in the hands of magistrates, elected by the Legislature.
Another is to direct the Legislature to elect a number of magistrates for each county equal to that elected by the people, doubling thereby, the number of magistrates. Another proposition is to refer the whole matter to the Legislature, with unrestricted control over the subject. Which proposition will prevail it is impossible now to say. ART, VIII, Corporations other than Municipal-There will be little or no change in this article; save to take from it the 4th section which has re-ference to municipal corporations

ART. 1x Education-A prohibiton is plain terms will be put in this article against mixed schools. There will be no danger under the new Constitution that white children will be forced to go to school with negroes. No other changes are as yet sufficiently matured

to speak of.

ART. X. Homesteads and Exemptions The committee have unanimously reported that the Convention has no authority to alter this article, and it

authority to after this article, and it will therefore remain unchanged.

ART. XI. Punishments, Penal Institution &c.,—It is thought no material change will be made in this article, save to strike out the clauses providing for a House of Correction &c.

ART. XII. Militia—The report of the Committee on this article recommends that the Constitution shall not admit Committee on this article recommends that the Constitution shall not admit that the right to bear arms includes the right to carry concealed weapons.

Arr. nu. Amendments—It is thought the mode of mending the Constitution will be abanced in the constitution and the constitution will be abanced in the constitution of the constitution and the constitutio

Constitution will be changed materially. The Legislature will probably be authorized to submit any amendment to the people, and upon its ratification it will become a part of the Constitu-

tion.

ART XIV. Mecellaneous Provisions—
A section will be added to this article, prohibiting marriages between whites and blacks.

All the Amendments will be submitted together to the people for ratification at the next regular election, that is to say in November 1876. It will be seen from the above that the work of the Convention is nearly completed. That the changes proposed to be made ought to be made no one can theory upon which a State Government is established. There seems to be no on ratification shall be taken. They will secure us an econominal govern-ment, will settle, for even the civil rights question, will rid us of the special tax bonds, will make it easy for us to change our Constitution from time to time in a lature, so that we will be able o pass the laws our necessities may demand.

But I have no time for comment. I

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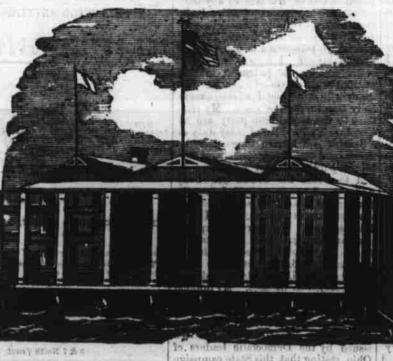
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