

THE CONVENTION QUESTION. Although we think elaborate discussion of the Convention question rather premature we present this morning copious extracts from such of the State journals as have had anything to say on the subject.

We believe that a majority of the press will coincide with our position, that the call of a Convention to change the Constitution at this time would be unwise, because premature, perhaps hazardous.

Urgent changes can be effected by Legislative enactment. If they cannot be immediately effected it is better there should be some delay than grave risk of losing all we have achieved by our victory.

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THE PROPOSED DEMOCRATIC-LIBERAL COALITION IN NEW YORK.

Experience taught the New York Democracy a very useful lesson, namely: not to decline help when it is very much needed. In the last State campaign the Central Committee of the party declined to unite in a call for a joint convention with the Liberal Republicans.

"Instead of going to the hydrant, the Louisville cockroach mounts the cooler and drinks ice-water." No such temperance prize is the Wilmington roach.

Mr. McMasters, of the Freeman's Journal, is not much disconcerted by the incredulity with which his relation of the Porto Rican plot has been received.

OPERA AND DRAMA IN NEW YORK. [Correspondence Charleston News and Courier.]

The Strakosch Brothers have definitely changed their plans in reference to the next opera season. They have resolved to try the experiment of doing away with expensive prima donna and tenore and spending the money that is saved on a larger orchestra, a better drilled chorus and more elaborate mise en scene.

The debut of the London comedian at Wallack's on Monday night was a pleasant occasion. Everybody of distinction in literature and art, in town during the dog days, was there.

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Fell Dead at the King's Feet. [Dr. Hayes' Faroe Islands Letter to N. Y. Herald.]

Why, only yesterday the Lord Mayor, or Amtmann, I believe as he is or was called, fell down dead after he had delivered a formal speech of welcome to the King, so much so he was overcome by seeing that, in addressing royalty for the first time, he was only addressing a man like himself, although, no doubt, much handsomer.

Colonel J. B. Walton of Louisiana, who commanded the far-famed artillery battery during the war, died a few days since in New Orleans.

NORTH CAROLINA PRESS ON THE CONVENTION QUESTION. The following papers have declared in favor of a Constitutional Convention: Wilmington Journal, Charlotte Observer, Tarboro Enquirer-Southerner, Hillsboro Recorder, Hickory Press, Salisbury Watchman.

CONVENTION. [Tarboro Enquirer-Southerner.] What is to be the result of this great victory? Shall it be simply to place men of higher character in power, or shall it go deeper and change the organic law of the State so that she will be forever guarded against the evils that have afflicted her?

NOT DECIDED. [Statesville Landmark.] The great necessity for a change in the organic law of our State every one readily concedes.

THE CONVENTION. [Raleigh News.] We have yet to see a native North Carolinian, one to whom the honor of his State is dear, who has any love for the Constitution framed by Tourgee and his coadjutors, and forced by the bayonets of Canby upon an unwilling people.

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