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### YESTERDAY.—THE "SO CALLED."

There were several noticeable features in the performances of the troupe, now exhibiting in the Common Hall, on yesterday.

The Ordinance on the subject of the Militia was perfected in Committee of the Whole and reported to the Convention.

The Report of the *Carolina* was given notice to quit, by the President, because the term "nigger" had been employed to designate James H. Harris, the abominable "gambler of color" who represents Wake in part, and for other flings at the dignity of the concern. We judge, from the tenor of the report, that the imbeciles were not altogether satisfied that the President had not made our own Reporter, but we take pleasure in doing that gentleman the justice to say, that he is not willing, yet, to butt his head against the Dictionary, common sense, and common usage, all at once.

But the most remarkable episode in yesterday's proceedings was the disposition which was made of Mr. Durham's resolution looking to a general amnesty.

It will be remembered that Mr. Tourgee, on Thursday, when negro Hood introduced his resolution, looking to the abolition of a few Radical pets, moved an amendment so as to embrace those who stood by the Union during the war. This having been defeated, Mr. Tourgee brought up his resolution as a separate proposition, on yesterday, when Mr. Durham introduced his amendment contemplating a recommendation to Congress for the removal of the disabilities of all our disfranchised fellow citizens. He defended his amendment in his usual trenchant style, and with his accustomed ability, but the amendment, carrying Mr. Tourgee's resolution with it, was finally laid on the table, on motion of Mr. Mann, a Yankee, *sic* Cumberland. We call attention to the vote. The mongrel Convention, called by Congress, has thus fixed its status in this matter:

1. It is in favor of unqualified negro suffrage, but opposed to the enfranchisement of all the white men of the State.

2. It is opposed to the removal of disabilities from men, (like B. F. Moore, Hon. Lewis Hanes, P. T. Henry, Hon. Nat. Boyden, Hon. R. P. Dick, and others,) who were consistent Union men during the war, because they do not now sympathize with the Radical destructionists.

3. It is only in favor of an amnesty to former blatant rebels, who are now ready to eat dirt by the cart-load.

### IMMIGRATION.

We observe, with much pleasure, that large numbers of Northern planters are emigrating to Virginia, and buying lands, at fair prices, for agricultural purposes. This is precisely the kind of immigration which is needed in North Carolina. Labor is not so much needed, as money and inducements to labor. Labor has been demoralized, it is true, by the unfortunate political status, in which the South has been placed by the Radicals, but we are not hopeless that the Reconstruction Acts of Congress were unconstitutional; and that the Court would pronounce them. This rumored expression of opinion, it is understood by Judge Field, in advance of a judicial decision, is held by the Radicals in Congress to afford just ground for impeachment. We think, ourselves, that the declaration from such a quarter, under the circumstances, was ill-advised and wrong, but if Judge Field is worthy of impeachment therefor, what shall be said of Chief-Judge Chase, who has played the partisan on innumerable occasions within the past twelve months? What shall be said of Senators, themselves, Judges in the court of Impeachment, who did not scruple, when the question of impeaching President Johnson was under consideration in the House of Representatives, to denounce him, in advance, as guilty of the "high crimes and misdemeanors" charged? It is the old story of "your bull and my ox."

RAILROAD OFFICERS.—We have received a complaint from a correspondent, who represents that the conduct of some of the subordinate Revenue officers, in some portions of the State, is highly improper and insulting. He says, "in many places, it has become difficult to get a permit to ship cotton, or to transact the simplest business with them, without insult and injury. The spirit of tyranny and oppression is truly contagious and is making sad havoc through the South. These petty tyrants should be marked and remembered, so long as the people entertain a hope of ever managing again their own affairs." We do not think that these remarks apply to any other portion of the country for wine-making. The varieties of the Scuppernong are numerous, and all good wine makers.

West of Raleigh, the lands are well adapted to wheat, tobacco and hay. Our mountainous region is unequalled as a sheep raising country. The natural grasses are abundant. Fruits of the sweet kinds are grown West of this city in great abundance.

The lands in this State, at ordinary times, sell for \$1 to \$100 per acre. At present, lands of excellent quality can be bought from \$5 to \$200 per acre. Hence, we say, North Carolina offers the highest inducements to immigration.

Mr. Williams, of Sampson. Our readers observed, a day or two ago, that the Committee on Privileges and Elections, in the Convention, had reported in favor of seating Mr. Williams of Sampson, and admitting a Mr. Hall. This strikes us as an unjustifiable proceeding. It should be ascertained that any one holds a seat improperly, the facts should be made known to Gen. Canby, who, according to the Reconstruction Act, determines the fitness of each member, and whom has the right to remove. If Mr. W. is likely to be unjustly dealt by, we desire to know all the facts.

N. C. MASTERS.—The clause inserted in the new Constitution by the so-called "so-called," also holds in many sections of the State of North Carolina, between the ages of twenty-one and forty years, who are citizens of the United States, to serve in the militia. This leaves, of course, to the Legislature, the power to "milk up" black and white in the same company or regiment, and thereby secure, if desired, black officers over white privates. How does this strike the white freemen of North Carolina?

### FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

Gen. Grant, some time since, ordered the closing up of the operations of the Bureau in Tennessee and Kentucky, within a short time. Congress will reverse that order, owing to the strong persuasion and political reasons, which are being urged by and through Gen. Howard, the whole business will be continued for another year after the 1st of July next.

Were not the evidences palpable, that it is industriously employed as a political engine, for the promotion of the Radical cause, and did we not believe that its vast expenditures are totally wasted or have become in a great measure a promoter of idleness, we should not urge a complaint against the continuance of the Bureau.

Some of our colored population, and we direct it to their honor, whose ages and circumstances make them fit subjects of charity as thousands of others who almost submit upon the Bureau, have never yet gone to it for relief. They feel, very properly, that it is a degradation to put themselves upon the pauper list, by going to the Bureau. But there are thousands of white-bodied men and women, who will not work, so long as they can be supplied with food and clothing from this source. The Bureau Agent's office, in this City, although it has been long understood that the rations were not or that it was done issuing, is daily thronged with colored persons begging, whence appears indicates of much ability to work as any portion of our laboring population. Whether these hungry applicants are supplied, we cannot tell, but the number of hangers on is still large.

### HOLDERS OF STATE BONDS.

The Convention is intensely Radical, and there is a strong disposition to relieve the people, in regard to their private debts,

which will be done in some form, some of the members being strong representatives,

yet the holders of the bonds of the State need not feel any uneasiness, whatever, as to the reputation of the State's public obligations.

Of course, with a new class of

citizens, it is to be expected which will be presented upon the people of N. C., however, than I am loyal. It is the intention of this Convention to recommend the emancipation of all who support the Republican party, as the resolution which passed yesterday, that gave the President the power to expedite a reporter.

Mr. McDonald of Chatham, was opposed to the whole proceeding, if it gave a certain party too much political capital to work upon.

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