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STATE CONVENTION.

The State Convention of the Democratic Conservative Party of North Carolina will meet at GREENSBORO, on WEDNESDAY, the FIFTH day of MAY next.

Delegates to the convention will be passed over the several railroad lines free.

THEN AND NOW.

When Governor Bragg filled the executive chair his salary was $3,000. He was allowed a private secretary with a salary of $ 800.

The carpet baggers fixed Gov. Holden's salary at five thousand dollars, and his private secretary at seven hundred and fifty dollars. Besides the secretary, Gov. Holden had a clerk, page and several negroes to wait on him.

The constitution fixes the term of office of the governor at two years, yet the carpet baggers, by special arrangement, made Gov. Holden's term four years and six months. The people through their representatives shortened his term.

Gov. Bragg, while governor, was indicted for allowing a slave contrary to the law to hire his own time. A capias was issued from Northampton to Wake county commanding the sheriff of Wake to take [illegible] of Thomas Bragg, Esq., &c. [illegible] the commissioner that he [illegible] serve it on [illegible] and I will [illegible] grance to North- [illegible]

[illegible] Holden violated the law in [illegible] innocent officers could and no [illegible] without warrant or examination, [illegible] the justice of the supreme court [illegible] appealed to for such warrant to [illegible] the governor. Not one of them [illegible] could grant the warrant. They declared [illegible] governor could not be arrested. This was going a long shot beyond the old monarchical doctrine—*"the King could do no wrong."* The circuit court judges were appealed to and they, too, refused. Judge Cannon, the "horse high, pig tight and bull strong" man, granted the warrant, but directed Timothy Lee, the Sheriff, to serve it on any W. W. Holden to be found in Wake county, except Gov. W. W. Holden. Judge Buxton, with a cunning worthy of Judge Reade, returned the warrant saying, "The party complaining must appear personally before me and make his complaint." The party did appear before the judge, and then he said he had no power to attest or have arrested the governor. This was a sorry trick in the judge. He should have given his real reason at first and not have put a citizen to the trouble and expense of traveling 300 miles to make his personal appearance before him, when he had [illegible] granting the warrant. It was [illegible] of Judge Buxton which [illegible] the bull at Issoo from [illegible]

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BULL PUT IN

[illegible] g the Kirk invasion the newspapers were wanting for several weeks. Kirk and his officers asserted the men that Gov. Holden and Treasurer Jenkins would pay them, notwithstanding the injunction issued by Judge Mitchell. The officers further assured the men of their pay by adding that Gen. Wells, D. Jones and Gen. William Allen (of Richmond) said they should be paid. Most of Kirk's men readily thought Holden and Jenkins paid them out of their own funds. One of Col. Clarke's pets of men was heard to say *"God's what's such a be"* alluding to Treasurer Dave Lat son who had just paid out the regiment.

The radicals are constantly lauding Grant for having paid off $15,000,000 of debt in the month of March. They talk of it as if Grant paid it out of his own funds. It is true Grant through his rich hands like stewart, could raise that amount without much trouble.

The Grantites should be informed that it is the people's money of which he so lavish, and if Congress had so willed it Grant could have paid $20,000,000, as easily as he did $15,000,000.

It is well to remember that it was the people's money that paid Kirk and his men—even at $15 00 front of the [illegible] at the month of March.

MILITARY REVIEW.

There was a grand military review last week at Bright in England. There would have been one on the same day in New York, but Grant refused to review the People. The militia of New York were celebrating the anniversary of the XVth Amendment and politely asked President Grant to review the procession which he so politely declined. Lives [illegible] equally worthy of [illegible]

London gossip says that the current visit of Queen Victoria to Baden Baden is to make a match between one of her sons with an Austrian archduchess.

Persons who have recently travelled through Russia say that that country resembles more a vast camp than a nation on a peace footing. Soldiers abound in all directions, and the greatest military activity prevails.

Russia must look like any one or all of the southern states.

Even the Philippine Islands are not to be cut off from telegraphic communication. The Spanish government has authorized Sir C. W. Graham to lay down telegraphic cables connecting Manila, the chief town of Luzon, with the Asiatic system.

THE OUTLAWS

That a few radical outlaws should defy the state and federal government for years, is a matter of profound astonishment to the civilized world. We give an interesting extract from the pen of Henderson, the correspondent of the New York *Herald*.

Gen. Gorman made a lengthy report of his campaign in the swamps against the outlaws. The *Herald* reporter gives a different report from Gen. Gorman, or rather he mentions matters about which the General is silent. Did Gen Gorman give the outlaws the assurance that the Governor was their friend? If so, did the Governor authorize him thus to speak? Let the *Herald* reporter speak for himself:

GENERAL GORMAN'S STRATEGY.

As related by Steve Lowery, the campaign of Adjutant General Gorman was unique. In the spring of 1871 the Governor of North Carolina visited Lumberton and consulted with the prominent men of Robeson county as to the best means to rid the country of its pest. It was unanimously agreed by the citizens that if the governor would order a democratic officer to head a body of determined men, the bandits would be killed or captured with little trouble. The governor then directed this demonstration which had appointed for the purpose, to be armed with a company of United States troops furnished for the purpose, and a body of one hundred and fifty militia to be mustered in the county and to be removed at whatever work it is to the headquarters of the outlaws and kill or capture them.

The militia were stationed all over the railroad by General Gorman, who immediately upon his arrival to do efforts to have an interview with the outlaws. After a month's exertions it was which time the soldiers were perfectly powerless. Gorman succeeded in meeting with Henry Berry and Steve Lowery. To them he made the extraordinary announcement that the

GOVERNOR WAS THEIR FRIEND.

and intended them no harm. That he [illegible] was a republican he had come to the ghetto to save to the country the lives of such [illegible] fighting, preying men as they [illegible] Gorman to [illegible] them [illegible] guard and [illegible]

SAFE CONDUCT OUT OF THE STATE.

if they would come up there and [illegible] leave the State with their families. To the proposition the outlaws replied that he was a liar; except the terms of the which he was told they were made in good faith but he required a written [illegible] to that effect himself. This General Gorman declined to do, and, after an absence of a week from the scene of his military duties returned to the outlaws with a paper bearing the name of Governor Caldwell and the

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and which contained the offer before mentioned. The outlaws refused to accept the terms, declaring that as they would leave the state with their families and defended the murders on the journey, he would withdraw the troops collected for their capture. General Gorman departed with this message, and, after an absence of but two days, returned and sent a message to H. B. Lowery asking him, with his band, to meet him at Lumberton bridge the next morning at daylight, saying further he (Gorman) would be alone. The officer failed to meet the robbers at the place appointed, for they a returned being to late the hour appointed for the meeting that Gorman—but [illegible] of soldiers was

ANNOUNCED SOON ON THE BRIDGE.

General Gorman then sent another message to the men he was attempting to capture to meet him near Rose—state on the railroad upon a Monday morning, and the night before planted his men along the road for half a mile two miles below the rendezvous while he himself was seen at a safe distance from the scene of the expected engagement—sweeping the road with a spy-glass.

He never met the outlaws—can greatly to their regret, for the second treachery fearfully enraged them. As it is, this interview with them he asked them, in a joke, to

COME INTO HIS CAMP WITH THEIR SHOT, but not to hurt them—saying they would be driven off, and the campaign would be ended. The outlaws declined, as they believed his object was to exaggerate the difficulties with which he was surrounded, that he might get a stronger force of United States troops and bring the general government to the assistance of the state.

THE OUTLAWS AND GENERAL GORMAN MUST.

These men profess to have an unbounded respect for the United States authorities. They frequently said to me:

"We will fight the state militia as enemy, as the militia as soldiers as they are sent against us; but we must be hard pressed before we will engage with the United States soldiers, for we have no war with them."

Again they said: "We will not interfere with the railroad because it carries the mails for the government, although we know large sums of money are often to be found in the express car." But" they would add, "the railroad must not be used against us for we must take care of ourselves."

From the Charlotte Dispatch.

SPEECH OF Hon. Z. B. VANCE,

AT STATESVILLE,
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1872.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Citizens of Iredell County:

I feel happy to meet you all to day, and am much obliged for the invitation to address your county convention. I esteem it not only a duty, but a privilege, to lend my aid in upholding law and order, and in maintaining the principles of civil liberty; and whenever I can say anything in that direction, I am happy to do it.

We are now on the eve of one of the most important elections ever held in this country—an election which involves the choice of a president and vice-president, members of congress, senators in congress, governor, legislature, and all state and county officers, except judges and [illegible] I believe.

In 1868 the people of Iredell voted for the democratic ticket, and sustained the measures of that party which was opposed to radicalism. Is there any reason why we should abandon that policy now, and side with our enemies? On the contrary is there not every reason why you should not? Is there any reason why you should now uphold that party that disfranchises the honest, decent, patriotic men of your state, and upholds the oppressors of your country? In 1868 that party was composed of all sorts of political remnants, bound together in one corrupt mass of hatred to the institutions of the south, and that alone. And that alone which bonds it together now. We are here, then, to oppose radicalism which would flutter down under its foul rags every principle of civil liberty that our forefathers fought for. Let us look at them a moment and see if this is not true. The writ of *habeas corpus* was suspended both by ordinance and state constitutions. The Supreme Court of the United States, and the courts of our own state, were stripped of the protection of that right. You have seen it over thrown time and years in the last few years. Another privilege was the right of trial by jury. This is one of the great principles of free government. You have seen that right overthrown, and men taken up and imprisoned, tried by drumhead court martial and sentenced to ig[illegible] punishment.

[illegible] stock of civil liberty has been impoverished, [illegible] Editors have been imprisoned and their papers seized in defiance of law. Martial law has been proclaimed in our midst in a time of profound peace, in the face of the express provision of the constitution, and quiet and virtuous citizens seized by rude soldiery without warrant, at the instigation of vagabond negroes, and placed in dungeons without bail or main prize. Taxation according to representation is another great and valuable principle of liberty. But for three years we were taxed heavily with no representation at all, and from 1868 to the present we have been, with a few honorable exceptions, represented, or misrepresented, by only such men as they would graciously permit, and not such as our own choice dictated. Most of these political eunuchs, are like John Pool, who, instead of defending and protecting their down-trodden constituents, stand in their places as living prosecutors and slanderers of the land of their birth. (Laughter and applause.)

The military should always be subordinate to the civil authority, says the constitution. Yet, in time of profound peace, when states have been left without a single, solitary civil magistrate. The governor, judges, sheriffs, constables, justices of the peace, were all ferreted out of office, and the bayonet was supreme. And now, SEVEN YEARS AFTER the last armed soldier had laid down his musket and ceased to resist the authority of the government, we find martial law proclaimed in our sister state of South Carolina, and whole communities laid under the strong hand of violence—soldiers going about seizing and incarcerating all such as are pointed out by vindictive vagabond negroes. All these sacred principles of human liberty, and many more, for which not only our forefathers fought and suffered, but our English ancestors also for hundreds of years labored and struggled—for which Hampden died and Elliot languished in prison, praying the tyrant for a little more air that he might have strength to die. All these have been disregarded, overridden and trampled into the dust by this radical party in its lust for power and vindictive hatred to the southern people. And even now, when an election does not go right, or we venture to assert any of those great rights as pertaining to us, we are answered by coarse threats of further violence, and continued disfranchisement of our wisest and best men and still further curtailments of our few remaining liberties. In fact, in the language of the late Thaddeus Stevens, one of their greatest leaders, "the constitution has been torn into a thousand fragments and scattered in every [illegible] of Washington City." (Laughter.)

Such are some of the things that this party has done.

And now, gentlemen of the jury—I beg pardon, I mean fellow citizens, but you may consider yourselves EMPANELED as a jury to try this party for their crimes against liberty, let me say one word about the corruption of this party.

I believe it may be asserted as a historical fact that public corruption was unknown in this land until the radicals came into power. Some of you old men may remember the case of an old fellow named Swartzwout, who stole only a few thousand dollars. I believe it was under Mr. Van Buren's administration, and you may remember what a great cry of indignation it excited, and how the press teemed with accounts of such corruption. Why, he would not have been considered a fit [illegible] PRESIDENT at the trades [illegible] (Laughter.) Not a revenue officer nor a still house spy in all this country but what would have a perfect contempt for him as a bungling rascally business. (Laughter loud and long.)

Now, men are sold all over the land for as any just the same as you would sell so many pairs of shoes or so many pounds of tobacco. Intelligent men of their own party avow, in fact the history of all the [illegible] has furnished such a case of corruption in the civil service as appears in the United States. National corruption is rampant all over the land.

Now, where did it [illegible] It was not known until the radicals came into office. The natural presumption is that the party in power are the authors of it—it did not exist when they came into power. It exists now and it will continue to exist as long as they remain in office.

Thus much in a NATIONAL point of view.

Now, what has that party done for the South? When the war closed, our slaves were taken from us—nearly one half of our property—our country was desolated, our houses were burned down, our stock driven off and killed, and the whole face of the country made a desolate wilderness. All this we submitted to cheerfully as the result of the war.

Then new constitutions were forced upon us in the place of the constitutions of our fathers.

The new constitution of North Carolina was framed when one-third of the white citizens were disfranchised. It was the combined work of carpet-bag malignity and African ignorance. All our experienced men were displaced from the public councils to allow the thieving carpet-bag gang to bamboozle the ignorant mass, and what have been the results? They had already stolen from North Carolina everything which could be taken and carried away and we had nothing left but our good old North Carolina honesty, which gave us credit. Our state bonds would still bring something in the market because the people had confidence in our promises and relied upon our honesty. But they have stolen our honesty.

They issued $25,000,000 worth of bonds, they said, to build railroads in the state—but where are the roads? These bonds were all placed in the hands of their friends. Littlefield and Swepson got $7 000,000 to finish this road. They have not built one mile of railroad. They have done some work, they dug out a little dirt beyond the Ridge—just about as much as you'd dig by taking a dog and drag him by the hind leg down a hill AND THAT IS UNPAID FOR—for the contractors who did the work have never been able to get their money.

Dr. Sloan, President of the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford railroad, received $5,000,000. He built a bridge across the Pee Dee and two and a half miles of road—about two millions to the mile! Dr. Hawkins received $1,200,000 He built about twenty miles of road and got the Chatham road through to the Coal Fields. General Stubbs received $450,000, and graded thirty miles on the Williamston road, and there the work stopped. These two latter gentlemen were democrats, the only ones who built any road. Now, gentlemen, that is every dollar's worth of railroad that you have got for your twenty five millions of dollars. Where has the money gone? The most of it has been stolen. The radicals have taken [illegible] every thing they could lay their hands on except our State Capitol and they would have taken that if the legislature had not taken a homestead in it. They reminded me of a story I have heard of a company of soldiers who were noted for their thieving propensities. They were encamped during the war near Three-saw mill and one day when an officer rode up to their camp he found them all crying like babies. He inquired what was to pay. "You see that saw mill down there" said one, "well, we are all crying because we cant carry that off" said another. He broke their hearts because they had to come to something that they could not steal (Laughter and applause.)

Now gentlemen of the jury you see something that has been done by the radical party in power—but there is another and worse feature in the case. I have here the report of [illegible] by congress to investigate [illegible] in the southern [illegible] from which I read you just a few to show the amount of debt imposed upon the already taxed southern states by their corrupt radical state governments.

In Alabama the debt and indebtedness of the state on July 1st 1865 were $ 629 654. The present indebtedness of the state, actual and contingent, including railroad bonds, is $ 38,180,282. Increase under radical rule, $37,552,428

In Arkansas, the debt and indebtedness in 1861 were $1,036,053 28. Present indebtedness, $19,461,206 62. Increase under radical rule, $18,425,153 34.

In Florida the debt, in 1860, was $ 21, 000. Present debt, including funded bonds issued and authorized, $10,263,447. 54. Increase under radical rule, $ 5, 542,447 54. Our most Littlefield gold was there. He made it steal.

In Georgia, the debt and liabilities in 1866, were $ 5,000,000. Past of indebtedness and liabilities $11,437,400. Balance went for Georgia.

In Louisiana, the debts and liabilities in January 1867 were $40,999 04. Debts and liabilities now $43,194 472. Increase over thirty one millions.

In North Carolina, the debts and liabilities in July 1st 1 were $9 009,500. Present debts and liabilities, $ 44,887, 968. An increase of over twenty five millions.

In South Carolina, the debts and liabilities in 1861 were $1 000,000. In 1871 they amounted to $29 118 814 72, an increase under radical rule of over $ 25,000, 000. This much for poor old South Carolina.

Mississippi, in 1869, had no debt. Her present indebtedness under radical rule amounted in 1870 to $1,796,971 50. This was a big mighty well. They didn't steal but a little less than two millions.

Texas in 1867, had no debt. Her present debts and liabilities amount to $17, 000,000.

Tennessee in October, 1861, had debts and liabilities amounting to $27,915, 000 66. In January, 1871, they amounted to $ 45,888,264 66. An increase of more than $25,000,000 under radical rule.

Now, gentlemen, just to appreciate the size of this stealing, remember that the entire taxable property of North Carolina amounts to about $140,000,000. The amount they have stolen from Uncle Sam amounts to $ 20,668,182 75, nearly twice as much. So they have contrived, in but four years, to steal two whole states the size of North Carolina. At this rate they only need a few more years to steal the entire south. They have to encourage and skillful in their thefts they would steal a chew of tobacco from between your teeth. (Laughter.) They would steal the nails out of the shoe on the hind foot of a kicking mule. (Loud Laughter.) And yet some men in this section will become impatient, and say, "Maybe we had better change our tactics." We don't seem to be doing much good where we are. We had all better go over to the republican party and see if we cannot have better times. That's a bright idea, ain't it? The best way, according to this argument, to stop stealing is to all the honest men to join the thieves? (Laughter.) The best way to stop dishonesty, as I have heard it put, is for the honest men to drink up all the whiskey. (Continued laughter.)

It is also fashionable now to call every body who does not belong to the radical party knaves, and to charge all the disorders of society upon the democracy. Now, who is responsible for the [illegible] There is a story of two gents, a [illegible] of old [illegible] entrenched [illegible] time-s; one was entrenched [illegible] position, and the other afraid to attack him in his entrenchments, maneuvred many days to induce his adversary to come out and fight him in the open field. Finally he sent him a taunting message, saying: "I say sir the great general that you retain to [illegible] come out and fight me." The other spell promptly. "If you see the great general you claim is the MAKE me come out and fight you." If this radical party have had any new revelations from heaven, about the act of government, and are so much our superiors in civilization, why don't they make these knaves behave? Why don't they repress these disorders in society? They have had absolute possession of the government from the highest to the lowest office in it. Not only so, but, as I have before stated, they disfranchise all of our leading and influential men, so as to prevent any possible interference with them rule. In fact, they [illegible] to the full dingo before they could ride the white horse. (Applause.) Now, with thousands of negroes to do their voting, and regiments of soldiers to suppress any show of resistance, they can't keep order in the South. What's that but on a [illegible] of their own models to overawe the country [illegible] and that their enemies [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]