

ADVERTISING

The "Constitutional Convention" (so-called)

NIGHT SESSION.

SATURDAY, March 14, P. M.

The Convention was called to order at the usual hour.

Hood, (negro) called up his ordinance, legalizing marriages celebrated under license issued by the military.

The ordinance was read, when Hood, (negro) explained his reasons for offering it, and moved to suspend the rules. Carruth, Mr. Ellis moved to amend, by saying EXCEPT BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITES, which shall NOT be valid.

Mr. Merritt called for the yeas and nays. They were yeas, AND THIS AMENDMENT WAS VOTED DOWN!

The ordinance was put to a vote and adopted.

Mr. Dowd introduced a resolution, instructing the Legislature to provide for a new assessment of the lands of the State.

YEAR — Moses, Andrew, Bowlin, Blume,

Bryce, Carey, (negro), Carter, Cherry, (negro), Colgrove, Congleton, Cox, Dickey,

Fox, (negro), Fisher, Forkner, Franklin,

Frech, of Rockingham, Gabagan, Gallo-

way, (negro), Hayes, Harris, of Wake, (ne-

gro), Hayer, of Halifax, (negro), High-

smith, (negro), Hood, (negro), Hyatt, (ne-

gro), Kianey, Leslie, Marshall, McDonald,

Merritt, Patrick, Parks, R. S., Rose, Stilly,

Sawell, Sweet and Tucker.

YEAR — Moses, Aydlett, Baker, Bradley,

Candler, Daniel, Duckworth, Durham,

Etheridge, George, Glover, Graham, of

Orange, Hare, Hollister, Holloway, Hunt,

Jones, of Caldwell, Lemon, McCallister,

Merritt, Patrick, Parks, R. S., Rose, San-

ford, Turner and Williams, of Wake.

The following telegram from Mr. Sweet, at Charleston, who was appointed to wait on Gen. Canby, and would have the power, etc., of holding the election, was read:

"CHARLESTON, March 14, 1868.

Hon. C. J. Carter: "One ballot box and

one ballot for Constitution and officers."

All returns to be made to Gen. Canby direct. At the Convention, desire

votes for local officers to be canvassed by

Commissioners of their appointment, with

office at Raleigh, there will be no objection.

This involves more than one ballot box

and one ballot for Constitution and officers.

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Opposing parties have succeeded in quaran-

tine — The General Convention adjourned on

the result of my interview with Gen. Canby,

and is approved by him.

W. F. S. SWETT."

A great many other difficulties, reported

by the Committee on Rivers, were read.

The majority of them were unfavorably re-

ported upon. Some few of them, however, were

granted.

Mr. Abbott called up the ordinance au-

thorizing the Western North Carolina Rail-

road Company to increase its capital stock

and for other purposes.

He offered as a substitute for the above,

an ordinance entitled an ordinance for the

completion of the Western North Carolina

Railroad.

The substitute was read, when Mr. Abbott

moved its adoption and called for the yeas and nays.

The roll being called, resulted in its passage by a vote of yeas 43, nays 6.

Mr. Weston, from the Committee of 16, to whom was referred an ordinance amending the charter of the city of Wilmington, sub-

mitted a report recommending the passage of the ordinance.

The ordinance was read, and, on motion,

the rules were suspended, and the ord. was passed — yeas 40, nays 9.

The House, now in session, adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, March 15, 1868.

Convention called to order at the usual hour.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Hinson, of the City.

The petition, from 1,200 citizens, asking the formation of a new County, out of the County of Rowan, Irwin, Cabarrus and Davie, was reported upon adversely.

The Article upon amendments to the Constitution was taken up and put on its final passage.

The yeas and nays being called, the article was adopted, by a vote of yeas 85, nays 10. (Party.)

An ordinance in relation to the Cape Fear and Deep River Navigation Company, was read and adopted.

An ordinance raising a Committee to con-

sider the affairs of the Chesapeake and Albermarle Canal, — the said Committee to be paid \$6 per day, and their travelling and all incidental ex-

penses while engaged in the work, and to re-

port to the next Legislature or Convention, was considered. After some debate, it was determined to drop the matter until this evening.

Mr. Nicholson, from the Committee on Revision, reported the following substitute for section 22 of the Article on Suffrage:

"It shall be the duty of the General Assem-

bly to provide, from time to time, for the registration of all electors, and no per-

son shall be allowed to vote without regis-

tration, or to register, without first taking

an oath or affirmation to support and main-

tain the Constitution and Laws of the United

States and the Constitution and Laws of

New Carolina, not inconsistent therewith."

Also this substitute for section 5 of the same article:

"The following classes shall be disquali-

fied from office: — First, All persons who

shall deny the being of Almighty God; 2d,

All persons who shall have been convicted

of treason, perfidy or of any infamous crime,

since becoming citizens of the United

States, or of corruption or malpractice in of-

fice, unless such person shall have been

legally restored to the rights of citizenship."

Mr. Durham said: persons of color had

become citizens since the passage of the

Civil Rights Bill, and, of course, every nego-

ro, who had been convicted of an infamous

crime before the war, during the war, and even

since the war, would not be disfa-

ctioned, but a white man, here at home,

would be deprived of his rights to vote if he

had been convicted of a crime. A negro,

no matter what may have been the nature

of his crime, committed within the last

four or six years, would not be inter-

dicted with, but a white man would be.

Mr. Durham then moved to strike out the words "whites" beginning after the

United States, — giving the above reason

for wishing to so amend. The question re-

ferred upon Mr. Durham's amendment —

Mr. D. asked for the yeas and nays, but they

were suspended, and the amendment was voted down.

The article, as amended, was put on its

passage and adopted by a strict party vote of yeas 75, nays 12.

Mr. Fox, of Chowan, introduced an or-

dinance chartering the Albemarle Railroad

Company.

Mr. French moved to suspend the rules

and put the ordinance on its passage, and

explained the provisions of the ordinance

at some length.

Mr. Moore opposed the passage of the

ordinance. He said that the State had al-

ready been run in debt beyond her ability

to pay for 20 years or more.

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Mr. Moore said that he had proposed all

Revised schemes presented here and now,

but, as far as he thought it

had greater claims upon the consideration

of the Convention than any yet presented.

The question recurred upon the motion

to suspend the rules, and the motion was

lost, a sufficient number not voting.

Mr. Moore, (negro) of Halifax, offered the

following resolution:

"That it is the sense of this Convention

that intermarriage and illegal intercourse

between the races should be discontinued,

and the interest and happiness of the two

races would best be promoted by the estab-

lishment of separate schools."

The rules were suspended, and the resolu-

tion was adopted, after a refusal to have the

yeas and nays.

Mr. Candler now moved to reconsider the

resolution, and, on motion, the yeas and nays

were recorded.

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