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See every vote! Watch for fraud! Don't be intimidated! Watch the poll-holders! Beware of cheating at the polls!

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Wood-Pile Cowan, we understand is sick. He is certain of a defeat.

Union, Anson, Richmond, Robinson, Bladen and Brunswick are certainly against the convention.

Stallings is a whipping-post man. While he knows it will be for the poor man, the rich can pay their way.

Engelhard says that Leach was canvassing Duplin and Sampson for Leach. We believe the Major's head is level.

Bundy house Leach has gone to the west. He will not come east any more, and it is well for him that he went.

Jas. Murchison Leach, the great scavenger canvasser, had to resign his position in the army under charges.

Beware of cheating at the polls.

Produce Your Tax Receipts. This will be the requirement of every voter, if the conspirators succeed in amending the constitution.

Scavenger Leach, the man who got \$5,000 from the United States Treasury dishonestly, was on yesterday nominated for Governor by the Democrats of Pender county.

Rev. Stallings says now that he wants the colored people to vote for him. He said last week, at Faison's, that he did not. Now, at which place did you lie, Rev. Stallings, at Faison's or at Duplin Roads.

Don't be intimidated!

Hon. George Z. French has been a resident of Pender County ever since it was instituted, and if the Journal's Deputy, the Star, will read the Post, then he will be better Post ed.

Back Pay Leach, poor Leach, chronic candidate for Congress Leach, billingsgate Leach, dodger Leach, slippery Jimmy Leach, Mittie General Leach, Edward Leach, Governor Leach, has gone, gone, gone! Let the bells toll.

Do you wish to tell everybody how you vote? If so, elect the convention candidates, and you will get a constitution that will prevent you from voting hereafter by ballot, and your independence will be destroyed.

Beware of cheating at the polls.

Gov. Leach failed to meet his appointment at Shoe Heel on Monday. Report says he was of the opinion that some one would meet him who would take his hide off. He has not forgot his old running tricks that he learned in '61.

Office seeker Stallings said at Faison's that he wanted the whipping post established for the benefit of the negro. He said at Duplin Roads he wanted it for both poor white and colored men; because, poor men of Duplin, the rich can pay their fines, but you, poor men, will have to be whipped.

See every vote!

The Wilmington Star, a strong Convention journal, advocates the election of Jeff Davis to the Presidency of our State University at a salary of \$8,000 per year. Think of that, Union men of North Carolina. If you are ready to be taxed again to support Jeff Davis, vote for the Convention candidates.

A majority of the delegates to the Convention of 1861 were elected because they were Union men. And yet the ordinance of secession was passed in less than six hours after the Convention assembled. Can we put any more faith in the pledges of Democrats to-day than in those of 1861?

Gov. Vance.

This gentleman announces in his public speeches that the Homestead is not good against Old Debts. Every Democratic lawyer who is asked the question, will be compelled to answer in the same way. Let the people ask them, when they make their speeches, and see if it is not so.

One of the objects the Democrats have in view is to strike from the Constitution the school section requiring that free schools shall be taught in every township for at least four months in each year, and place them at the mercy of a hostile Legislature, which might at a single blow blot out the entire school system.

Said a Democrat on Wednesday: "Four years ago, when the question of Convention or No Convention was submitted to the people, I voted 'No Convention,' and for the Democratic candidates. This year my party friends have denied me the right to say whether I wished a Convention or not. As I am an old-fashioned Democrat and opposed to the rule of the few, I shall vote for the Republican candidates who have pledged themselves to adjourn the Convention.

When Democratic candidates talk about ignorance, tell them how they squandered the school fund which the hard working people had laid up to provide an education for their children. Tell them that the Democratic party is responsible for the hundreds of poor uneducated children now in the State living in poverty, who, but for the manner in which the hard earnings of their parents were squandered might become useful citizens.

THE REPUBLICANS OF DUPLIN.

AROUSED.—The Republicans of Duplin County are certainly in earnest, and they are determined to carry the County this time. There were large meetings at Warsaw and Duplin Roads yesterday. Hon. G. W. Price, Jr., fairly wore out Mr. Stallings at Duplin Roads, and made him take water on the Convention question.

Every Democrat in the late Legislature voted against an amendment forbidding the Convention from striking out that clause in our present Constitution which declares that "all elections ought to be free," thereby proving that if they have a majority they will use every means in their power to prevent the people from voting as they choose.

The Legislature called a Convention in North Carolina in 1861 without submitting the question of Convention or No Convention to the people. Result: Secession, war, conscript act, title law, thirty thousand of our best men killed, five hundred more with legs and arms shot off and one half of the property of the State destroyed. Are our people ready to repeat the sad experiment.

In 1871 Col. J. A. Gilmer pitilessly appealed to the people to call a Convention and he would be compelled to vote to levy a tax to pay the interest on the State debt, resign or procure himself. The people didn't call a Convention, he didn't resign, the tax to pay the interest was not levied, and Col. Gilmer has not procured himself, because he is the Democratic candidate for Convention in Guilford, and he "is an honorable man."

It is charged that the Trustees of the University, at their late session in Raleigh, were about to elect Jeff Davis President of our State University, and that they only postponed electing a President until the voters of the Convention bill could be had.

Union men of North Carolina, if you want Jeff Davis to instill secession into the minds of the young men of the State, vote for the Convention candidates.

Let the people everywhere in North Carolina bear in mind, that the Democratic press have declared their determination to overthrow the Supreme Court, because it has pronounced the shameful gerrymander of this city, by which the people were deprived of the power to elect their officers, unconstitutional, and because it declared that the people's homes should not be sold to pay old debts.

Dignity—Precedence.

The Democratic papers are much disturbed because Judge Buxton is a candidate for Convention with a pledge to adjourn at once. When Judge Howard of Edgecombe, and Judge Osborne of Mecklenburg, announced their eligibility or "soiling their judicial robes."

Jeff Davis has declined the Presidency of the Texas University. He is waiting doubtless until after the election in this State, when he will be elected by the Democratic party President of the University of North Carolina, to spend the \$125,000 of bonds appropriated by the late Legislature to educate rich men's sons. So the next generation are to be taught treason by Jeff Davis.

Does any man in North Carolina want the old county court system re-established? By an estimate made, the present system is cheaper by hundreds of thousands of dollars. Under the present township system letters of administration can be obtained immediately after a man's death. Under the old system it could only be done at a regular session of the county court. Under the present system, the people can elect their own Justices and Commissioners, thereby holding to accountability those who tax them. Under the old order of things Magistrates were elected for life, and they might act in the most tyrannical manner without fear of removal.

Who, reeking with the spoils of office, reveling in money wrought from ruin and State's ruin, are forever talking of their love for the poor man?—The Radicals.—Charlotte Observer.

Who, puffing up and arrogant, with their skirts dripping with the blood of innocent men, murdered in an unbloody attempt to break up the government of the United States and establish upon its ruins an intolerable despotism, are now adding insult to injury, by again attempting to open the flood-gates of revolution, and thereby reduce the people of North Carolina to slavery? Democratic revolutionists.

CITY ITEMS.

50 HANDS WANTED.—To cut wood. I will give regular employment to the above number of good working men, for the next six months. W. P. OGDEN, ADV.

CITY COURT.—The following cases were disposed of yesterday by the Mayor:

11. Marcus, charged with a violation of the city ordinance. The case was dismissed on the owner securing a badge.

Sam Johnson, charged with larceny, was found guilty. Bound over to Superior Court in the sum of \$200.

Alice Hall and Mary Nixon, charged with disorderly conduct, were found guilty, but judgment was suspended on the payment of cost.

George Aldrich, charged with drunkenness. Judgment suspended on the payment of cost.

Watch for fraud!

REGISTRATION.—2d Ward.—Dan O'Connor will be in his office next to the Court House, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., and from 3 to 6 P. M., every day for the registration of voters.

The following are the hours for Registration in the Third Ward: From 6 to 11 A. M.; from 5 to 7 P. M. Every day until election.

THE CHALLENGERS.—The city executive committee have selected the following named Republicans to act as challengers at the different voting places on election day:

First Ward, Upper Division.—J. W. Whitney, John Statcher, Wm H. Howe, De L. Towers, Wm Henry Howe, John Evangelist, George H. Adams, Henry Knib, Edward Annum, J. O. Nixon, Jake Bordeaux, Henry Neal, Stephen Richardson, Richard Brown, Robert Phinney, Eli Currie, John Gates, Wm Holmes, Henry Middleton, William Walker, Green Smith, Geo L. Mabson, Sam Norton.

First Ward, Lower Division.—J. W. Telfair, John Hooper, George Liffington, Owen Dove, Owen Burney, Mike Hooper, Jas A. Lowery, Wm J. Kellogg, E. McBride, Sam Reel, Allen Evans, Elijah Lane, Henry Lucas, Manuel Nichols, Wm. Tucker, Duncan Holmes, Chas. Sampson, James Tucker, Isham Sweat, Riley Moseley, Daniel Chadwick, John H. Lewis, Fred Brown, Richard P. Hall, Stephen Ballard.

Second Ward.—Joseph A. Ashe, George H. Jackson, George E. Redden, J. W. McNeil, A. McKinzie, E. J. Penny-packer, Thad Howard, Wash. Howard, Sandy Stewart, Moses Whiting, Sam Sterling, Dan Howard, George Murray, Wm West, Fred Brown, John W. Hunter, Robert West, Edward Joyner, Wm Williams, J. N. Vansoelen, Gary Davis, Edw. Mallett, Jasper Bishop, Wm N. Mallett.

Third Ward.—James Heaton, J. W. Spicer, Gilbert Telfair, John S. R. Wash, Tucker, R. E. Jackson, John Davis, Wm Cowan, Sam Merrick, Chas. Wilborn, Thos King, Randel James, John Lewis, George Hayes, Mathew Ashe, Chas Anderson, Haywood Lar-kin, Frank Atkinson, Wm Johnson, Geo Moseley, David White, D. Wheeler, Archie Williams, Jacob Wood.

Fourth Ward.—Joseph J. Cutler, Wm B. Hall, Silas N. Deans, Jesse Martin, John Seals, W. A. Jendun, David R. Price, Robt Leonard, Peter McKeever, King McCall, Josh Moore, A. L. Brown, Amos Brown, Sandy Jones, W. H. Kelley, Wm White, Wash. Howe, Hapover Johnson, Jas H. Harris, Alex Bryant, Henry Hill, Nat Connor, Chas. Southerland, John H. Howe, Thos. Reed, Moses Grainger, Jr.

Fifth Ward.—Hiram Hankins, Eris Jones, Jas H. Davis, E. D. Howett, James Roane, Halifax T. Leonard, Robt Leonard, S. E. Richardson, Wright Simmons, Allen Simmons, Elias Campbell, Robt Ruse, Josh Hill, R. H. Martin, Henry Loftin, Josh Ruse, Edw. Bird, A. J. Denton, Wash. Howe, Henry Knight, Moses Connor, Alfred Connor, Moses Grainger.

Old Sampson Out of the Mire of the Rebellion.

CLINTON, July 31, 1875.

To the Wilmington Post.

The greatest mass meeting since the war was held here to-day. General Manning successfully met and completely routed the great war-horse of the mountain, Gen. Leach, and gave him such tremendous blows that his friends raised a row to disturb him, but it was no go. Gen. Manning also met him yesterday at Newton Grove and handled him with facts and made many friends for his ability. Sampson county will go against convention, and we will ever feel grateful to Gen. Manning for his efforts in truth, honesty of character and true Republicanism. The old Democrats may bid farewell to old Sampson.

SAMPSON.

ROCKY POINT, N. C., Aug. 3, 1875.

EDITOR POST:—I regret to see that the Republican Executive Committee has placed my name on the ticket as a candidate for the Constitutional Convention. If there was time to get the Committee together again, before the election, I should decline it, but as it is not a proper time to accept the nomination, I must not allow my name to be used.

I am always willing to do anything in my power to aid the Republican party, but my official duties, my private business and my health make it almost impossible for me to spend much time in Raleigh, and that was the reason I would not allow my name to be used in the County Nominating Convention.

If the Republicans succeed in electing a majority, which now appear to be quite certain, of course it is all right, but I believe my constituents must not complain if I do not spend all of my time at Raleigh during the sitting of the Convention.

Very respectfully,

GEO. Z. FRENCH.

The Charlotte (N. C.) Democrat, in discussing the proposition to call a convention to amend the Constitution of that State, uses this language:

"If a convention is called, let it be unrestricted—let there be no pandering or promise to radicalism or imported Yankee ideas—let the old-time practices be restored, including the whipping-post and qualified suffrage."

This is progress backwards, and that is what the Democracy of North Carolina are after. Opposition to "imported Yankee ideas," and their desire for a restoration to "old-time practices," may naturally be expected from such a source. Speaking of the bill for calling the convention, it adds:

"The restrictions imposed in the bill as it passed the Senate are degrading and degrading to the people of the State, especially in its pandering to the prejudices of our fanatical enemies at the North. No North Carolinian should ever say that he is willing to surrender his claim for damages in the unlawful emancipation of and deprivation of personal property, although we are all now opposed to re-establishing slavery in any shape."

All this looks very much like a desire for reconciliation! Not only is the North denounced as "fanatical enemies," but the claim for compensation for the late slaves is never to be surrendered, and yet we are told the war is over, and should be forgotten.

The Record.

In 1861 the Democratic party plunged its country into civil war without submitting the question to the people, against an express understanding to the contrary at the time of the election for delegates to the Convention.

They forced a draft of money upon the people and afterwards repudiated it, thereby bringing immense distress upon all classes.

They squandered the sinking fund of the State which had been placed in their hands as a sacred trust, and invested it in worthless Confederate bonds.

They jettisoned the entire school fund of the State in Confederate securities, and thus retarded poor men's children out of the means of education.

They promised the poor men that if they would enlist for twelve months, they would, at the expiration of their term, be allowed to return home, but instead of complying with their promise they had them conscripted and left their wives and children to suffer.

The poor men of North Carolina were jettisoned down by Democratic blood-hounds and forced to fight against their will.

They refused to furnish material limbs for the poor soldiers who were so unfortunate as to lose their natural ones, in a fight which they had no heart and in which they had no interest.

They have taxed the poor man on all of his property over twenty-five dollars, while at the same time they allowed the rich man an exemption of fifteen hundred dollars.

They now threaten to require a poll tax as a qualification for voters, and further threaten to allow the rich man to have an additional vote for every five hundred dollars upon which he pays taxes, thereby placing the privilege of the elective franchise entirely under the control of the property holders of the State. They threaten to overthrow the Supreme Court of North Carolina, merely because it has given a decision against the tyrannical attempts of malicious partisans to deprive the people of the right to elect their public officers, and because it has declared that the money sharks of the land have no right to deprive the poor man of his little home for old debts. They have passed a landlord and tenant act, by which the land owners of the State can lord it over the poor man and hold him in a position little better than that in which they held the natural people before the war.

The Democratic party has committed all these great outrages, and now they ask the people to trust them again.

Ready upon, people of North Carolina, that unless the Democratic and anti-convention men shall be shown as delegates at the coming election, the days of popular rule in our State are at an end. Now is the time for our free people to establish upon a firm and lasting basis the privileges enjoyed by virtue of the Republican party. Let all who desire to retain their rights put their shoulders to the wheel and work. The chances now lost may never be recovered.

The Conspiracy Exposed.

It has transpired within the last few days, that one of the schemes of the convention-plotters is to establish in North Carolina, a system of *en masse* voting,—the same system that formerly prevailed in Virginia, Kentucky and perhaps some others of the southern states. In other words, those who are entitled to the suffrage, instead of voting by ballot as they are now permitted by law to do, will be obliged to tell the judges of election the ones for whom they vote, so that all by-standers may hear, and the vote so given is to be entered into a book kept by the poll-holders, so the same may be inspected at all times.

The purpose of this infamous proposition is apparent. By the system of voting by ballot, the citizen can choose his candidate and no one but himself can know who the person may be. In this manner the voter is protected from prying curiosity, and can give his unbiased suffrage without fear of reprisals. That is, he is absolutely free from outside influences. But if the *en masse* system is adopted, many a man, not having the moral courage to act independently of outside interference, will either vote contrary to his inclination, or will not try to give expression to his choice at all. It is one of the most offensive restrictions that can be imposed upon freedom of action, and places many men (such is their natural timidity of disposition,) within the power of those who have stronger wills.

The first application of the *en masse* plan is to be made when the amended constitution is submitted to the people for ratification or rejection. The convention bill provides as follows: "No shall said convention pass any ordinance legislative in their character, except such as are necessary to submit the amended constitution to the people for their ratification or rejection, or to convene the General Assembly."

The plot is simply this: The Legislature that passed the convention bill is to be again called together; and by the terms of the law, the convention, if it has a majority of democrats, will submit the question to the people. But how? The voters will be required to come before the poll-holders and speak out how they wish to vote, instead of casting a secret ballot as they now do. In addition to this, the convention will require voters to produce their tax receipts before they can vote at all. By these appliances, thousands of citizens will be prevented from giving expression to their free will, and the "submission to the people" will become a farce. This plan has been seriously discussed by the leading convention-plotters, and its adoption agreed upon.

The only method by which it can be defeated is to elect delegates to the convention who are opposed to amending the constitution, and who will adjourn the convention so soon as it shall assemble. The people should not delude themselves by supposing they can vote down an amended constitution if it does not suit them, for it may be many of them will have no opportunity, but the one now presented, to vote at all. Let them be warned in time.—*See North Star.*

Another Falsehood.

Another falsehood is being told to prevent colored men from voting, to the effect that they will be obliged to pay their poll tax before voting at this election. This is being industriously circulated, but we need not say that the colored folks there is not a word of truth in it, and they ought not to allow themselves to be deceived. If the democrats amend the constitution, however, they will put this in, and after the present election, unless the republicans succeed, it may be the law, that no man can vote unless he produces his tax receipt.

Constitution.

The Wilmington (N. C.) Post calls attention to the fact that twenty-five of the members of the convention of 1861 that took North Carolina out of the Union are candidates for the convention of 1875, besides the ex-Confederate States Attorney General. It should be remembered that these men in 1861 pretended to be lovers of the Union. They pretend now that the State Rights issue is dead. What can reasonably be expected of them except a repetition of their former treachery if they shall unfortunately get control of the convention?—*Washington Republican.*

A vote for the anti-convention candidates is a vote against saddling an enormous debt upon the people.

If you do not wish to be bound hand and foot by the arrogance and dictation of the old-time "ruling classes," vote against convention.

Democratic lawyers well know that thousands of judgments are now chained up by virtue of the decision of our Republican Supreme Court in relation to the retrospective action of the Homestead. Democratic lawyers well know that thousands of old notes now laid away will be placed in their hands for collection if a new Supreme Court can be had which will declare the retrospective features of the homestead unconstitutional.

Every Democratic lawyer is in favor of the convention movement because they know that the homestead provision of our Republican constitution has seriously interfered with their practice.

Let the hard-working farmers and mechanics remember these things and vote down the revolutionists.

The news from Randolph county is just as good as that from Alamance and Person. The no-convention candidates will be elected by three hundred and fifty majority.

The Way Dr. Cook "Went to" the Frontier Glenn.

That brazen renegade, Glenn, of Yadkin, after having betrayed the Union men of Yadkin who elected him, is now stamping for the Democrats. This is the way Dr. Cook of Wilkes took him down at Yadkinville last Friday.

"Glenn, the Lieutenant Governor, so-called, wrote Mr. Myers, of Yadkin, a few days before he betrayed his party. In this letter he said the Democrats were thieves and were stealing the people's money. 'Now,' said Dr. Cook in his reply to Glenn, 'the Lieutenant Governor says he wants the whipping-post, and he says that when thieves are convicted, you should take them out and cut their infernal hides.' This was Glenn's exact language. Now he says the Democrats are thieves one day and the next day he is found in the den of thieves. What did he go there for? Was it to partake of the plunder? Was it to get the benefit of the stealing? If so, who will 'cut his infernal hide'?"

Have not Democratic lawyers tried to have the Homestead law declared unconstitutional? It is certain that Judge Merrimon, who is now stamping the State in the interest of the Democratic party, was untiring in his efforts to have this great outrage committed.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CLIFFORD HOUSE, ON MARKET STREET.

BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD, IN the business part of the city. Splendid board—both transient and permanent. House newly furnished, and well plundered with every luxury the market affords. Terms moderate. *See* aug 1

DIVIDEND.

AT A MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS of the Bank of New Hanover, held this day, a dividend of five per cent. was declared out of the earnings of the bank for the last six months, payable on or before August 10th, 1875. S. D. WALLACE, Cashier.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

THE MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN Executive Committee of New Hanover and Pender Counties are requested to be present at a meeting of said Committee, to be held at the Court House in Wilmington, on Monday, August 24, 1875, at 10 o'clock, A. M. By order Committee, S. H. MANNING, Chairman.

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