The New Bern Republican. NEW BERN, JUNE 15, 1867.

[From the Citizen.] THE EMPTY SLEEVE.

I want no pity, ask no alms; Give me some work for this one hand; The other, 'neath the Southern palms, Is rotting in the shifting sand. Ileft a home, a child, a wife, As dear to me as yours to you, And freely offered up my life, To aid a cause I knew was true; And so, my friend, with your good leave And so, my friend, with your good leave, No pity for this empty sleeve. I could not rest in idle ease,

And read of fiery deeds each day; Although she, weeping, clasped my knees, And earnest plead that I might stay. "Dear heart," I said, "with steel and ball, Beneath the banner of the free I'll take my chance, for should it fall, What would be home to me Without the flag whose sacred dyes Are pictured in God's lovely skies?"

Begrimed with smoke and torn by shell, But each star standing in its place, More holy for the hearts that fell, To shield it from disgrace; It waves in glory once again, As in the bright old days before Its honored folds received the stain Of kindred blood at Baltimore-Ere that old emblem sunk, believe. I'd wish a shroud to wrap this sleeve.

When the keen saw rasped through the bone, From my pale lips there burst a cry : 'T was not the stinging pain alone That caused that moan of agony: But thoughts of home smote on my brain-Good reason had I to deplore-For 'gainst two hands the wolf will gain Oft times a seat at Labor's door; How should I then their wants relieve-A soldier with an empty sleeve?

"Nay, don't despair; take courage, lad," The busy surgeon kindly said; "Be sure, to lose an arm is bad, But better 'tis than lose your head; Why, all our tongues love well to wag Of color-sergeant Richard Todd, Whose arm was first to plant our flag Above grim Wagner's smoking sod;

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMEND-MENT.

RECONSTRUCTION MEASURES.

The following is a correct copy of the amendment proposed as Article XIV of the Constitution of the United States. As this amendment forms part of the basis of reconstruction adopted by Congress, we publish it for general information and reference.

The amendment has up to this date (April 4) been ratified by the following States : Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin-21 in all.

The amendment has been rejected by the Legislatures of Delaware, Maryland and Kentucky, and by all the unreconstructed "States," to wit: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia-18 in all. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representa-tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, (two-thirds of both Houses concurring,) That the following article be proposed to the Legisla-tures of the several States as an amendment to the Con-stitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of the Constitution, namely. of the Constitution, namely :

ARTICLE XIV.

ABTICLE XIV. SEC. 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citi-zens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any per-

the United States; nor shall any State deprive any per-son of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws. SEC. 2. Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to you at any election for the choice of electors for Puesi. vote at any election for the choice of electors for Presi-dent and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the propor-tion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

SEC 3. No person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States or under any State, who having previously taken states or under any state, who having previously taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State Legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House remove such disability. SEC. 4. The validity of the public debt of the United

States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for the payment of pensions and bounties for services i suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be quesioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void. SEC. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this ar-

be held of delegates to a convention for the purpose of establishing a constitution and civil government for such State loyal to the Union; said convention in each State, except Virginia, to consist of the same number of members as the most numerous branch of the State Legislature of such State in the year 1860, to be appor-tioned among the several districts, counties, or parishes of such State by the commanding general, giving to each representation in the ratio of voters registered as afore-said as nearly as may be. The convention in Virginia shall consist of the same number of members as repre-sented the territory now constituting Virginia in the most numerous branch of the Legislature of said State in the year 1860, to be apportioned as afore-said. And be if further enacted. That at said elec-tion the registered voters of each State shall vote for or against a convention to form a constitution therefor under this act. Those voting in favor of such a conven-tion shall have written or printed on the ballots by which they vote for delegates, as aforesaid, the words "For a convention," and those voting against such a conven-tion shall have written or printed on such ballots the words "Against a convention." The persons appointed to superintend said election, and to make return of the votes given thereat, as herein provided, shall count and make return of the votes given for and against a conbe held of delegates to a convention for the purpose of

to superintend said election, and to make return of the votes given thereat, as herein provided, shall count and make return of the votes given for and against a con-vention; and the commanding general to whom the same shall have been returned shall ascertain and declare the total vote in each State for and 4 rainst a convention. If a majority of the votes given on that question shall be for a convention, then such convention shall be held as hereinsfter provided; but if a majority of said votes shall be need under this act; *Provided*, That such con-vention shall not be held unless a majority of all such registered voters shall have voted on the question of holding such convention. SEC, 4. And be it further enacted, That the command-ing general of each district shall appoint such boards of registration as may be necessary, consisting of three loyal officers or persons, to make and complete the regis-tration, superintend the election, and make return to him of the votes, lists of voters, and of the persons elected as delegates by a plurality of the votes cast at said election; and upon receiving said returns he shall open the same, ascertain the persons elected as delegates according to the returns of the officers who conducted said election, the commanding general, within sixty days from the date of election, shall notify the delegates a convention, the commanding general, within sixty days from the date of election, shall notify the delegates to assemble in convention, at the time and place to be mentioned in the notification, and said convention, when organized, shall proceed to frame a constitution and sixth and shall proceed to the same a constitution and civil government according to the provisions of this act, and the act to which it is supplementary; and when the same shall have been so framed, said constitution shall be submitted by the convention for ratification to the be submitted by the convention for ratification to the persons registered under the provisions of this act at an election to be conducted by the officers or persons ap-pointed or to be appointed by the commanding general, as hereinbefore provided, and to be held after the ex-piration of thirty days from the date of notice thereof, to be given by said convention; and the returns thereof shall be made to the commanding content of the thereof to be given by said convention; and the returns thereof shall be made to the commanding general of the district. SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That if, according to said returns, the constitution shall be ratified by a majority of the votes of the registered electors qualified as herein specified, cast at said election, (at least one-half of all the registered voters voting upon the ques-tion of such ratification,) the president of the conven-tion shall transmit a copy of the same, duly certified, to the President of the United States, who shall forthwith transmit the same to Congress, if then in session, and if not in scasion, then immediately mon its pext as if not in session, then immediately upon its next as-sembling, and if it shall moreover appear to Congress that the election was one at which all the registered and qualified electors in the State had an opportunity to vote fraud, and if the Congress shall be satisfied that such constitution meets the approval of a majority of all the qualified electors in the State, and if the said constitution shall be declared by Congress to be in conformity with the provisions of the act to which this is supplementary, and the other provisions of said act shall have been complied with, and the said constitution shall be approved by Congress, the State shall be declared entitled to representation, and Senators and Representatives shall be admitted therefrom as therein provided. SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That all elections in the States mentioned in the said "Act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," shall, during the operation of said act, be by ballot; and all officers making the said registration of voters and conducting said elections shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the act approved July 2, 1862, entitled "An act to prescribe an oath of office.' SEC. 7. And be it further enacted. That all expenses incurred by the several commanding generals, or by virtue of any orders issued, or appointments made, by them, under or by virtue of this act, shall be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That the convention for each State shall prescribe the fees, salary, and compensation to be paid to all delegates and other offi-cers and agents herein authorized or necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this act not herein otherwise provided for, and shall provide for the levy and collection of such taxes on the property in such State as may be necessary to pay the same. SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That the word article, in the sixth section of the act to which this is supplementary, shall be construed to mean section. ----REPUBLICAN PLATFORM. Resolutions adopted by the Republicans of North Carolina, at a Convention held in Raleigh, 27th March, 1867 : Having assembled in the City of Raleigh on the 27th of March, 1867, in conformity with a timely and patriotic call, reflecting the sentiments of the loyal men of the State, and believing the time is at hand when an open and fearless expression of sentiments, opinion, and purpose is urgently demanded : therefore, 1. Resolved, That in view of our present political condition, our relations to the National Government and the people of all sections of the country, we do this day with proud satisfaction unfurl the brilliant and glorious banner of THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, and earnestly ap-peal to every true and patriotic man in the State to rally to its support. The splendid and patriotic record made by this great political organization, in standing by the general government with an inflexible resolution, in carrying forward profound measures of statesmanship to a successful issue, and the powerful aid given by it in finally overthrowing and prostrating the most gigantic rebel-lion of ancient or modern times, should command the respect and challenge the admiration of every candid man. 2. Resolved, That the American Congress is eminently entitled to the profound thanks of the whole country for its persevering, persistent and heroic devotion to the great principles of human rights as enunciated in the Declaration of Independence; that in the name of the patriotic people of this State we feel warranted in cor-dially assenting to and accepting the reconstruction plan recently and finally adopted by that body, and to the end that peace and order may be permanently secured and every industrial pursuit resumed and encouraged, we pledge ourselves to use every fair and legitimate means bledge ourselves to use every fair and legitimate means to influence public sentiment to the nearest possible approach to unanimity on this subject. 3. Resolved, That we rejoice that the dogma long propagated, of the right of peaceable secession under the Constitution, has been forever overthrown by the majestic uprising of the American people, in crushing out the late rebellion by force of arms; and that the doctrine that the supremacy of the general government has been established, and that the paramount allegiance of the citizen has been acknowledged as due to the United States. 4. Resolved. That we sincerely exult in the fact that as a nation we are now absolutely a NATION OF FREE-MEN, and that the sun in all his course over our wide unite in the early practical attainment of these ine

District be authorized to appoint such committees in every county of the State. Mr. Dockery offered the following, which was adopt-

Resolved, That the members of the Convention he ans in their pledge themselves to use every legitimate means in their power to disseminate correct information among the people of their respective counties.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

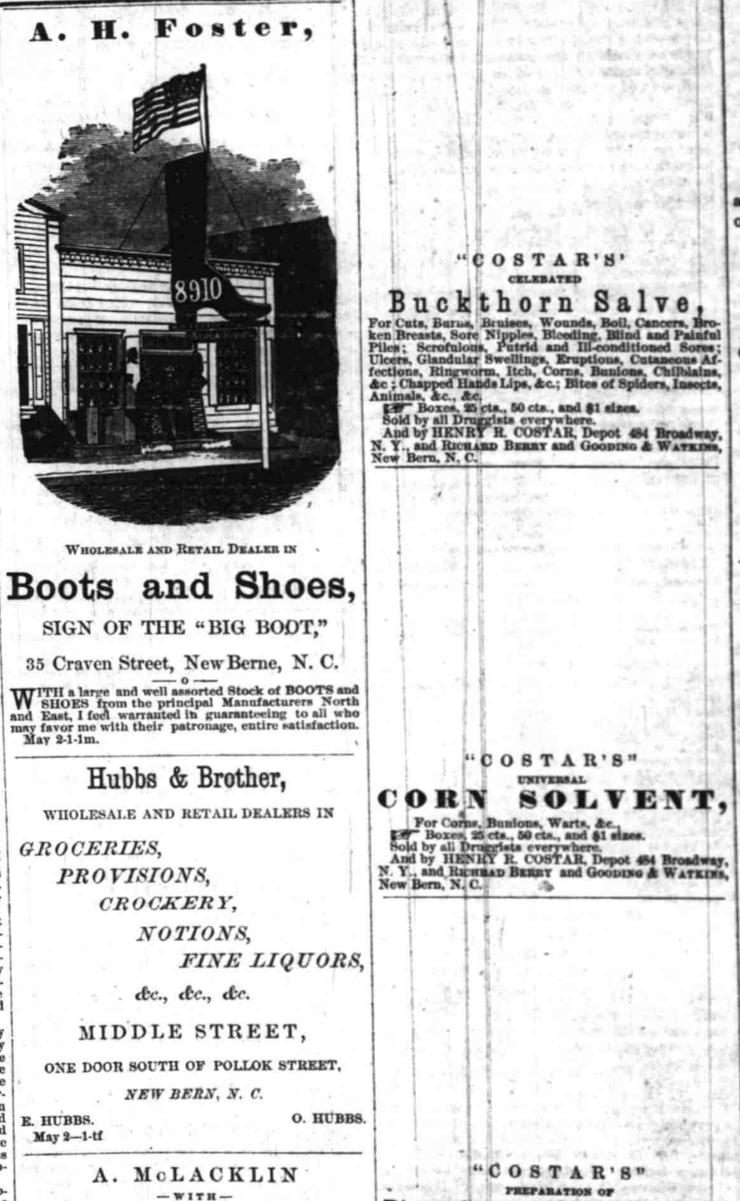
In pursuance of the resolution adopted by the recent Reconstruction Convention in Raleigh, the Hon. A. H. Jones, the President of the body, has appointed the following Executive State Committee for the Republi can party of North Carolina:

(WHITES.)

(WHITES.) WM. W. HOLDEN, Raleigh, Wake county. C. L. HARRES, Raleigh, Wake county. JAMES F. TAYLOR, Raleigh, Wake county. Dr. EUGENE GRISSON, Franklinton, Granville county. WM. A. SMITH, Boon Hill, Johnston county. Johns Pool, Coleraine, Bertie county. LEWIS THOMPSON, Hotel. Bertie county. LEWIS THOMPSON, Hotel. Bertie county. LEWIS THOMPSON, Hotel. Bertie county. DAVID M. CARTER, Washington, Beaufort county. DAVID HEATON, Newbern, Craven county. C. R. THOMAS, Newbern, Craven county. C. R. THOMAS, Newbern, Craven county. C. R. THOMAS, Newbern, Craven county. M. C. R. GOODLOE, Warrenton, Warren county. ALFRED DOCKERT, Rockingham, Richmond county. ALFRED DOCKERT, Rockingham, Richmond county. THOS, SETTLE, Wentworth, Rockingham county. M. SIGAN, Dallas, Gaston county. JOS, H. NEFF, Wilmington, New Hanover county. J. Q. A. BRYAN, Trap Hill, Wilkes county. L. STEWART, Asheville, Buncombe county. W. G. B. GARRETT, Richland Valley, Haywood co. SAN'L FORKNER, Mt. Alry, Surry county. E. WILLIAMS, Burnsville, Yancey county. G. W. LOGAN, Rutherfordton, Rutherford county. R. W. KING, Kinston, Lenolr county. C. COLORED) R. W. KING, Kinston, Lenoir county.

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I. B. ABBOTT. Newbern, Craven county. H. EPPES, Halifax, Halifax county. T. A. SYKES, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank county. Tony GREEN, Hendersonville, Henderson county. R. SMITH, Charlotte, Mecklenburg county. J. E. O'HARA, Goldsboro', Wayne county. ALFRED STOKES, Wilkesboro', Wilkes county.



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'But glory will not fill the hands Of those who wait at home for bread ; Upon our hearth a spectre stands, That fills our hearts with dread, Seeking for work day after day, And gaining nought but cold replies; At night I see her turn away To hide the tears that fill her eyes, And almost wish death might relieve My pain, as I toy with the empty sleeve.

Daily are places filled with those Who cursed the cause for which I bleed, Two years ago our deadliest foes, Now on the public bounty fed. Must we who breasted rebel steel, And bore "Old Glory" through the land, Now ask of passers-by a meal, Abject and humble, hat in hand? Republic, can you thus disgrace The hearts that held you in your place?

Does it not tell of hardships passed— This useless swinging sleeve of mine? Dread marches in December's blast, In pelting rain and shine; Of gory fields and ghastly slain, Whose faces make the senses reel.

And maimed men shrieking in their pain, Where thundering squadrons charge and wheel: Whose fierce hoofed steeds, in the wild strife, Crushed out the little left of life.

Of midnight vigils it doth tell, In bearded forests 'neath the stear, Where through the boughs the moonlight fell Upon the earth in silver bars; Of hospitals where groaning rows Of stricken men draw painful breath, And prison doors that darkly close On horrors tenfold worse than death; Think, then, will beggars' alms relieve The bearing of this empty sleeve?

For what is past I yet can say, I cherish not one vain regret; Do not, then, make me curse the day My old blue coat with blood was wet; Spare me your pity, if you please, And give me work for this one hand; The other, 'neath the green palm trees, Is rotting in the shifting sand; O, grand Republic, give me leave To proudly flaunt this empty sleeve.

WOLVERINE.

THE AMENITIES OF LIFE .- Thus says the Springfield (Mass.) Republican :

There was a noteworthy, illustrative inci-dent on a railcar out of Springfield the other day. A.big, black but clean and well-dressed "colored brother" entered and sat down by one of the, at least formerly, "ruling race." The white man looked venom at the black one, and hissing out, "Do you suppose I am going to sit by a — black nigger like you—let me get out," squeezed by into the isle, and took a vacant seat in front, by the side of a small, Dale student lad from Springfield. The latter looked at the new-comer, and saying, "Do you suppose I can sit by you, sir, let me pass out," got up, and went back to the just vaca-ted seat by the black man. The party of the first part grew pale with added feeling and first part grew pale with added feeling, and said: "Do you prefer to sit by a nigger?" "I prefer to sit by a gentleman." "Do you dare to say I am not a gentleman ?" "A gen-tleman never swears, or insults a man because of his color." "You shall be taken care of, you impudent jackanapes." When the black brother, stalwart and suggestive, spoke in— "I will take care of him, sir." There ensued said: "Do you prefer to sit by a nigger ?" "a splendid passage or silence," and the car went on, and there was no assault and battery for the Worcester police court.

BILL FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

The following is Senator Sherman's substitute for Stevens' bill, with Wilson's and Shellabarger's amendments in the House, as it was finally passed. Wilson's amendment is the latter portion of section five, commencing at the word "provided." The sixth section is Shellabarger's amendment :

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE MORE EFFICIENT GOVERN-

MENT OF THE REBEL STATES.

Whereas, no legal State governments or adequate protection for life or property now exists in the rebel States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Texas and Arkansas; and whereas, it is necessary that peace and good order should be enferced in said States until loyal and republican State governments can be legally established : Therefore,

Be it enacted, &c., That said rebel States shall be di-vided into military districts, and made subject to the military authority of the United States, as hereinafter prescribed; and for that purpose Virginia shall consti-tute the 1st district; North Carolina and South Carolina the 2d district; Correia Alabama and Florida the 2d the 2d district; Georgia, Alabama and Florida the 3d district; Mississippi and Arkansas the 4th district, and Louisiana and Texas the 5th district. SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the President to assign to the command of each of said districts an officer

of the army not below the rank of brigadier general, and to detail a sufficient military force to enable such

officer to perform his duties and enforce his authority within the district to which he is assigned. SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of each officer as-signed as aforesaid, to protect all persons in their rights of person and property, to suppress insurrection, disor-der and violence, and to punish or cause to be punished all disturbers of the public peace and criminals, and to this end he may allow local civil tribunals to take jurisdiction of and try offenders, or when in his judgment it may be necessary for the trial of offenders, he shall have power to organize military commissions or tribunals for that purpose; and all interference under color of State authority with the exercise of military authority under this act shall be null and void.

SEC. 4. That all persons put under military arrest by virtue of this act shall be tried without unnecessary delay, and no cruel or unusual punishment shall be inflicted; and no sentence of any military commission or tribunal hereby authorized, affecting the life or liberty of any person, shall be executed until it is approved by the officer in command of the district; and the laws and regulations for the government of the army shall not be affected by this act, except in so far as they may conflict with its provisions.

SEC. 5. That when the people of any one of said rebel States shall have formed a constitution of government in conformity with the Constitution of the United States in conformity with the Constitution of the United States in all respects, framed by a convention of delegates elected by the male aitizens of said State twenty-one years old and upward, of whatever race, color or previ-ous condition, who have been resident in said State for one year previous to the day of such election, except such as may be disfranchised for participation in the rebellion or for felony at common law; and when such constitution shall provide that the elective franchise shall be enjoyed by all such persons as have the qualifi-cation herein stated for election of delegates; and when such constitution shall be ratified by a majority of the persons voting on the question of ratification who are qualified as electors for delegates, and when such con-stitution shall have been submitted to Congress for ex-amination and approval, and Congress shall have apamination and approval, and Congress shall have ap-proved the same; and when said State by a vote of its Legislature elected under said constitution shall have adopted the amendment to the Constitution of the United States proposed by the Thirty-Ninth Congress, and known as article fourteen, and when said article shall have a part of the Constitution of the

spread country no longer shines upon the brow of a slave. Without reservation we heartily endorse the great measures of Civil Rights and Impartial Enfran-chisement without any property qualification, conferred without distinction of color, and that we are ready to mable privileges. Although the mortal remains ABRAHAM LINCOLN now rest silently beneath the soi his adopted State, yet his voice still rings like a clar through the land, earnestly summoning every Americitizen to the support of the great Party of Liberty a Emancipation. 5. Resolved, That as the most potent and effici means by which the South can speedily regain her prosperity, we earnestly advocate the spreading knowledge and education among all men, and that to attainment of this great end, we demand and shall sistently and firmly insist upon the absolute right of discussion and free speech on all subjects of public

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eligible to election as a member of the convention to frame a constitution for any of said rebel States,

and in all elections to any office under such provisional governments all persons shall be entitled to vote, and hone other, who are entitled to vote under the provis-ions of the fifth section of this act; and no person shall be eligible to any office under any such provisional gov-ernments who would be disqualified from holding office under the provisions of the third article of said consti-tution al amendment. tution al amendment.

SUPPLEMENTARY RECONSTRUCTION BILL. The following is a copy of the bill as it finally passed

both Houses : An Act supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," passed March 2, 1807, and to facilitate restora-

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adopted: <u>Resolved</u>, That the President of this Convention ap-point an Executive Committee of forty members to promote the organization and interests of the National Republican Party of North Carolina, and that the resi-dent members of said committee in each Congressional

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