

What is Peonage? Are we in danger of having it in North Carolina?

Peon is a Spanish word signifying a day laborer. In South America, in Mexico, and in New Mexico, peonage exists, (until, as to the latter Territory, it was abolished by our Congress after we acquired it, but in the former countries named it is still in force.)

The last Democratic Legislature of this State passed a law by which it is provided that no tenant of the land of another shall pledge any portion of his growing or forthcoming crop for money, until the landholder is first paid, and no tenant can, therefore, raise a cent of money on his own labor unless the proprietor gives his consent.

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The People to be Starved into Submission.

The Landlord and Tenant act was passed by the late Legislature for the purpose of starving poor white and colored men into voting the Democratic ticket.

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Bertie County.

F. W. Bell, the Republican candidate for the Convention from Bertie, is making a gallant fight notwithstanding the Albemarle Times is endeavoring to get up prejudice against him because he is Sheriff of the county.

Now is the time to act if the people of North Carolina wish to put an end to the strife which has existed for the past ten years.

If the Democratic party should have a majority in the Convention there can be no doubt but that the old ex. sa. law will be re-enacted.

Bear in mind, that every vote polled on the 5th of August will be for or against the homestead. The Democrats avow it to be their purpose, if they should carry the Convention, to change the Supreme Court, and then away goes the homestead!

Out in the Cold.

Tim complains that the Republicans kept him out in the cold without an office for nine months. The Democrats were apt to keep Tim out longer than that, as they have several battles on hand to dispose of before his claims can be considered.

Eligibility—Precedents. The Democratic papers are much disturbed because Judge Buxton has announced himself a candidate for Convention with a pledge to adjourn at once.

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.

Let the people everywhere in North Carolina bear in mind, that the Democratic press have declared it as their determination to overthrow the Supreme Court, because it has pronounced the shameful gerrymander of the city of Wilmington, 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.

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The proceedings of Republican meetings are sometimes cut short for want of space.

Don't Forget It.

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CONVENTION in the WEST!

The People Aroused!

XX Robbins Driven from the Track! gov. glenn Demolished!!

gov. foot has an Attack of the Same Disease that so Violently Attacked him at Malvern Hill.

[For the Daily Constitution.] I had the pleasure of being present at the discussions on the Convention question between Judge Watts, Hon. D. L. Russell, Col. W. F. Henderson, Hon. W. M. Robbins and Gov. Glenn, at Taylorsville, Wilkesboro, Trap Hill and New Castle, and write to give you an account of the same.

Judge Watts opened the discussion at Taylorsville, on the 19th instant, in a most telling speech of two hours' length. His arguments were unanswerable, and Maj. Robbins, who replied, paid him a high compliment. Robbins, having gone there, and asked for a division of time, which was cheerfully granted, in his reply failed to answer a single argument of Judge Watts, or to tell the people what amendments he wanted the Convention to make to the Constitution.

The Convention of 1861 refused to allow the people to elect members of the Confederate States Congress, but elected one-half the number of delegates from its own body. Beware of Conventions—vote for the adjournment candidates.

People of North Carolina, when Democrats tell you the Constitution adopted by the Convention in Sept. '61, next must be submitted to you for ratification, remind them of the fact that the Constitution of 1776 was never submitted to the people of the State and they were compelled to live under it for sixty years.

Which is the best, a settlement of all petty cases in townships by magistrates elected by the people, or by the County Courts, composed of magistrates elected for life? The present Constitution provides for the former, and Democracy threatens us with the latter plan.

Messrs. Thomas D. McDowell, Abram W. Venable, Burton Craig and Allen T. Davidson were elected delegates to the Confederate Congress and continued to hold their seats as members of the Convention of 1861.

Mechanics and working men, bear in mind that one of the amendments proposed to the Constitution by the Democrats is to require that a man shall own a certain amount of land before he shall be eligible to office.

At Trap Hill, on the next day, we met a large crowd. Judge Russell opened the discussion in a speech excelling his effort at Wilkesboro. Robbins followed and made a complete failure, he utterly broke down. Col. Henderson replied, dealing such blows to Robbins and the Conventionists as they never received before.

He then turned on Gov. Foote and commenced pouring hot shot into him. The Governor could not stand the fire, and it was said by those who ought to know that the Governor had a sudden attack of the disease that so violently attacked him at Malvern Hill, which has now become a chronic disease with him.

We met large crowds everywhere we went, and there was great enthusiasm among the anti-Constitutionists. The Republican candidates in Wilkes will be elected by at least 400 majority.

MECKLENBURG AROUSED!

Pursuant to notice, a large and enthusiastic meeting of the anti-Constitutionists of Mecklenburg county assembled in the courthouse, Tuesday, July 20, 1875, to nominate candidates to represent them in the approaching Convention.

On taking the chair, Gen. Baringer explained the object of the meeting in an appropriate address which was received with deafening applause. It would do the General injustice to attempt even a synopsis of it, but suffice it to say it was replete with wisdom and sound judgment.

At the conclusion of it, Mr. H. Bissell offered a resolution, "extending a cordial greeting to the rural delegation, and requesting their earnest co-operation in the exercises of the Convention," which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. J. R. Gillespie, of Deweese township, the Chairman appointed a committee on nominations, consisting of the following gentlemen: Messrs. J. R. Gillespie, Samuel Pharr, J. S. Davidson, W. M. Martin, B. Blythe, Alfred Pressley, Burke Alexander, Jeremy Hunter, Amezi Morris, John Alexander, J. F. Johnson, R. E. McDonald, E. H. Bissell, G. A. Kiser, and James Steele.

The Chairman gave them leave to report when convenience suited, but Mr. McDonald objected, urging immediate action, and his views were endorsed by other gentlemen. The committee then retired for consultation, during which time the meeting was entertained by happy and patriotic speeches from Messrs. J. T. Schenck, W. L. Moore and others, at the conclusion of which the committee returned, and through their chairman, Mr. J. R. Gillespie, reported a series of well-tempered resolutions, and suggesting the names of Col. W. R. Myers and Dr. W. M. Kerr, as anti-Constitution delegates.

A very pretty Sunday school song is the one entitled "Put your armor on, my boys." There is, however, a young lady in town who doesn't like to hear it. She says it sounds like "Put your arm around me boys," and it always makes her feel lonesome.

Circumstances alter cases. For instance, when a Virginian arose in church and said: "Here's a hundred dollar bill for the old boss behind the pulpit," no one thought about putting him out.