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#### Suffrage.

It should be kept steadily in view that one of the main objects of the Democrats is an abridgment of the rights of the colored voters so far as relates to suffrage. The leaders of that party know full well that colored men will never act with them, and therefore every voter of that class of our citizens who is disfran-

The first step to accomplish this end will be the requirement of the payment of a poll tax as a qualification to vote. It is clear that this will operate mainly against the colored citizens, because being the poorer class of our population many of them are compelled to live from hand to mouth, and may not at the proper time be able to pay their taxes. There is not the slightest doubt that if the Democrats have a majority in the Convention this will be one of the first measures postponed, doubtless, in view of the call for a Convention, and because it was thought that an agitation of prove detrimental to the interests of the party. Let the people, thereone man to thwart the schemes of the bad men who seem determined to perpetuate party interests even at the cost of the liberties of our rebuke the authors of such tyrannical measures. We should effectually do so, but in order to prevent a renewal of their attempts it is necessary for the anti-Convention men If we should lose Johnston, goodat the coming election to carry the bye to the State. State by such a majority as to completely disarm the revolutionists

# Don't Trust Them.

of all men, however humble,

and place every department of the

State government in the hands of

those who will respect the rights

Wm. A. Graham, the great High Priest of Democracy, voted in the Convention of 1861 against allowing from taxation of two hundred and fifty dollars in furniture, poultry remember, fellow-citizens, was in house to protect their property. the valuation of Confederate currency and did not amount to more than a few dollars of our present money.

If Goy, Graham should be a member of the coming Convention will he not vote against allowing any exemption to the families of labor-Don't trust them, but vote for men you know to be your friends.

# Out in the Cold.

Wounded ex-Confederate soldiers begging their bread. They are truly objects of pity. Hardly a day passes but the Excutive office is besieged with these unfortunate men enquiring whether the late Legislature had done anything to relieve their distress. Fellow-citizens, is it not heartrending to think, that after having been forced away from their wives and children to fight for a cause in which they had no interest, these men should be left to the cold charities of the world? until a provision was inserted al-And yet such is Democracy.

Without exception all the intelligent, well informed and patriotic tax-payers of North Carolina.? whites of North Carolina call for a new Constitution. - Daily News.

Are the many patriotic leading Democrats of North Carolina who oppose the revolutionary element of their party willing to submit to this gross insult? What say you, gentlemen? We mean you who are not willing to be driven by the party lash into the support of a measure which your better judgment forces you to believe will bring ruin upon your beloved State. Are you ready to lick the hands that thus insult you? We hope not.

# Vance Hot.

Harlequin Vance said at Wadesboro that he had rather go to h-1 also,







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### INFAMY!

Laboring Men to be Taxed to Pay for Rich Men's Slaves.

No Man to be Allowed to Vote unless to engage in a cause for which alhe Owns a Farm.

THE DAMNABLE PLOT EXPOSED.

pondence by laying before our read- ture to supply themselves with ball who did nothing except when ers the following letter, as it was food. The common soldiers' pay Staples and Gilmer squeezed him, received and opened by the person to whom it was addressed, though of the war to buy a peck of meal a dy sort of gas. The Democrats not the "Harry" for whom it was day. Heartless aristocrats and no doubt intended.

leaders here propose to do; or, if the misfortunes of the poor. After they are not in earnest in persuad- the surrender the poor soldiers re- John A. Gilmer, and allied by maring the old slave owners that they turning home found, instead of riage to the most wealthy and arroshall in some way be indemnified, happy and contented homes they gant aristocrats of the county, who give Jeff Davis a salary of \$8,000 pa-sed. Mr. Waring, of Mecklen- then the people will see what spe- left behind, ruin and devastation burg, offered a bill in the late Leg. cious arguments they are using, and on all sides. The shylocks taking a cow which they were at liberty to ple more treason and secession. islature proposing such a change in what damnable lies they are telling, advantage of their absence in the strip at all times. A great part of the Constitution, but it was only in their frantic endeavors to obtain a majority in the Convention.

Are our people willing or able to pay the old slave owners millions upon the homesteads of their husthe question at that time would for what they have lost? Or, are bands in payment. There are few they willing to exempt from taxation the property of those persons, fore, be warned in time and rally as an indirect acknowledgment of to the truth of the picture we draw. ty to presume to deny anything to

Freemen of North Carolina! you can answer this at the polls; and the man who does not rebuke such people. We now have a chance to an attempt on their rights and liberties, deserves to be a slave :

> Raleigh, July 24th, 1875. spread yourself for our ticket in manity for the working men of the holding spiritual communication Clayton from now till the election.

Rads all over the State, I am told by the leading men here that some arrangement will certainly be made to pay us for our negroes. Of course it can't be done directly and right saved you from slavery as well as the sham he is they are falling away an original idea on any subject. off; but by fixing the taxes, and blacks. acknowledging that the State owes so much, we can get bonds and thus get some little of our rights. That's what I am after; damn the Constitution, so they'll pay me for what

Mr. ---, who knows, says that the the soldiers' families an exemption | Convention will pass a law that no one shall vote in the Senate unless of oppression so closely wound his name and those of three of the he owns a farm. If this is so, the around you that death itself would Republican candidates on each darkies may go to h-ll, for the and the necessaries of life. This, white men will always have one Spread yourself, H-; and do not show this to any except true

D. S---.

Stand by Your Rights. Freemen, if you are challenged and are entitled to vote, demand ing men? And if Graham votes that you be allowed to swear to in your hands freemen of North tempting to impose upon Republithat way, will not every one of his YOUR RIGHT. If any poll holder fawning admirers follow his lead? requires you to bring evidence, and refuses your vote on your own oath, now with greedy and longing eyes report the case to the United States | watching the opportunity to tear Commissioner so that he may be indicted for intimidation. The Supreme Court of North Carolina has have declared their purpose to overare frequently seen on our streets decided that a man has a right to throw the highest judicial tribunal vote on his own oath, and any at- known to our law. Yes, fellowtempt to prevent him is therefore

Cheek. with robbing the people of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and knowing that under no circumstances, would a Republican Governor call them back to the capital, refused to pass a Convention bill lowing them to again assemble. Was ever such an outrage ever committed upon the honest

# A Corrupt Set.

The Constitution provides that the Governor only has the right to call an extra session of the General Assembly, but the late Legislature were so anxious to rob the Treasury of another hundred thousand dollars or more that they authorized now before you. Lay aside passion. hope to intimidate the laboring the Convention to call them back, thus infringing upon the preroga- the consequences and we can but employment. Was there ever such tive of the Governor. This action is not only unconstitutional, but infamous and revolutionary.

# Desperate.

Finding themselves about to be beaten, the Democrats have become than vote for a Republican. He desperate, and are resorting to all can take his choice. It would be sorts of infamous falsehoods gotten better for the State perhaps if he up to work upon the prejudices of should take the hotter course. He' the people. Keep steadily in view is so impressed with the idea that the main issues. Don't be frightthe people's homesteads are liable ened or driven from your position, much at home with the secessionfor old debts that he desires His freemen of North Carolina. You Satanic Majesty to have his dues have the vile revolutionists cornered. Keep them there.

#### A Word to the Homestead Men.

There are hundreds and perhaps thousands of persons in North Carolina who went into the late war as a matter of State pride. These men left wives, children and friends, yet the social pressure forced them tors to sell land, and in many cases, We do not violate private corres- even household and kitchen furni- we thought he was a political puff money sharks were to be found in Our readers will see what the every neighborhood fattening on army, had credited in many cases the wives for the necessaries of life with the full intention of seizing who went through the trials of the ble ambition, who thinks it sheer bloody struggle who will not testify sacrilege for the people of the coun-

consequence had not the Republi- do not seem inclined, however, to not perjured himself, becauce he is can party unfolded its banner in select a man whose merits are like North Carolina? The answer is the good of a potato vine-mostly vention in Guilford, and he "is an that two-thirds perhaps of the underground. The county will no land in the State would to-day be doubt go from 300 to 500 for Judge in the hands of a small crowd of Tourgee and Col. Holton. The last DEAR HARRY:-For God's sake, aristocrats with no feeling of hu- heard of Dr. Mendenhall he was State, and instead of being proprie- with John Locke to get informators of small but happy homes, they | tion to enable him to explain his If we carry it and beat the d—d | would be in a condition little if any better than the serfs of Russia. We party never had any use for him say to the white people of North Carolina, that the Republican party his friends see what an inefficient

We tell you, white men, that but for the protecting shield thrown around you by unturling the banner of Republicanism in North Carolina, the demons of secession and slavery would to-day have the coils party, has had tickets printed with be preferable to the degredation to ticket. We caution our friends which you would be subjected.

But how stands the case? Your firesides, which otherwise would have been subjected to the sheriffs skin-flint can seize upon the castle which shelters you and your loved Carolina. We tell you that the Philistines are upon you. They are away the humble homes that shelter you. To effect this end they citizens, they dare to say that they will crush you, even if that impregnable barrier to tyrrany, the Supreme Court of North Carolina, has to be The late Legislature, not satisfied overthrown. Do you doubt that they will do it if opportunity offers? Let the past answer. What is it they would not do to gratify their lust for power and greed for pelf? Homestead men! you stand upon a precipice. If you would save yourselves you must act. Lay aside party prejudice. It is a question far above the Democratic party refuse to join believe that you will so cast your votes as will redound to your own personal interest as well as to the

> The Democratic papers refer to Judge Cantwell as a Republican who favors Convention. That is so, but Judge Cantwell is a lawyer, and nearly all the lawyers in the State are in favor of Convention. Besides, Judge Cantwell feels so ists of 1861 as soon as a revolution is gotten up he begins to look around for a cockade.

welfare and prosperity of the State.

### Guilford,

A friend from Guilford says we every man in the county knows having heard him so declare time and again. He admits that the though they entertained no respect, facts recited establish a strong presumption, but he says Mr. Mendento embrace. At the close of the hall is not to be judged by other war many of these men found them- men, being endowed with peculiar abject poverty. Their wives and those which ordinary men have the absence of their natural protec- says he is a lusus naturae of erroneous dimensions. It may be, but not. was not sufficient in the latter part | and who then emitted only a mudhave centered their entire strength on the county of Guilford. Col. Gilmer is a representative of the old aristocracy, being the son of old have hitherto regarded the county as for the purpose of teaching our peothe county debt is controlled by his relatives, who are exerting every nerve for his election. Mr. Gilmer himself has very large stakes in the struggle. He is a man of insatia-Now what would have been the the son of his father. The people vote on the amendments. The except as a cat's paw, and now that from him in crowds.

# Look Well to Your Tickets.

T. F. Lee, the man who is running for Convention in this county in the interest of the Democratic throughout the county to look into the matter. Let every man examine his ticket well and see to it that advising the Legislature not to Lee's name is not on it. He is per- adopt the amendment against alhammer, are yours. No aristocratic | feetly unscrupulous in politics and | lowing North Carolina to secede. adopts this method to deceive the people into voting for him. Let ones. Shall you continue to enjoy him be watched and if necessary this great blessing? The matter is severely denounced for thus atcans and anti-Convention men.

Follow Them. The Democrats in Wake are holding meetings in rear of the regular appointments of the candidates. The reasons for this course are ap- jimmy (!). parent. The object is to wipe out the favorable impressions made by the anti-Convention speakers. Let them be watched, and let anti-Convention speakers be on hand to meet them everywhere. The revolutionists are badly demoralized, meet our arguments. Whenever each year, and place them at the mercy the issues are fairly presented to the of a hostile Legislature, which might at people our cause has always gained. a single blow blot out the entire school We say, therefore, let them be met system. everywhere, and their infamous falsehoods exposed.

party. Some of the ablest men of Working Men to be Turned off. Voting viva roce means that you in this Convention movement. you will be required to call out the They know full well that if carried names of the candidates for whom out, the base intentions of many of you vote. The Democrats intend their violent partisans would plunge to force this method of voting upon us again into a state of confusion the people if they have a majority. and perhaps bloodshed. Take Their strikers will attend every warning then voters of North Car- polling place, and whenever a man olina! Consider well and in every votes against them, his name will particular the momentous issues be taken down. The revolutionists Cultivate reason. Carefully weigh people by threats of discharge from scoundrelism?

> best and purest men in the Democratic party, have refused to go with the revolutionists in their mad schemes to enslave the people. Such men are entitled to respect at the hands of all good citizens.

Voters of Wake, don't forget that Rufus H. Jones, the Democratic candidate for Convention in Wake county, was a tithe-master during the war, and went around the county taking onetenth of all the provisions of the laboring men to support Jeff Davis and his

### Will not be Allowed to Vote.

The Democrats are everywhere were in the wrong to ask, "Is Ne- endeavoring to quell the people's an amendment to the Convention reus Mendenhall honest?" since indignation by telling them that bill, providing that the State of whatever Constitution may be North Carolina should never secede. him to be exceptionably so from framed, if they get a majority in The reason of this is, they think, the Convention, will be submitted if they should, by any chance, obto people. This fellow-citizens is a tain control of the general governcheat. They have no idea of doing | ment, secession would be attempt it. Even if they did, not one-tenth ed, and their cherished schemes of the present voters of the State | could be carried out. would be allowed to have a voice. selves reduced from affluence to powers and faculties, and lacking Remember, that the infamous legislature which passed the act allows chised is so much gain to them. FREEMEN! TO THE RESCUE. little ones were compelled during and call common sense. In fact, he the Convention to say who shall vote on ratification and who shall

#### More Treason.

Laboring men! when you go to the polls, remember, that the last Legislature appropriated \$125,000 of the bonds of the State to the University, for the purpose of educating rich men's sons, and refused to give a cent towards the support of common schools. Remember further, that the Democrats propose to

In 1871 Col. J. A. Gilmer piteously appealed to the people to call a Convention or he would be compelled to vote to levy a tax to pay the interest on the State debt, resign the Democratic candidate for Conhonorable man."

Give him a Chance. Democrats are loud in their com plaints of Jo Turner's "scribbling sub." They say the man is about as poor a hand at an editorial as Jo was. Jo did occasionally handle the buttermilk and bond questions with some little ability, but the "sub" has never, so far, advanced However, he may improve, and we are willing to give him a chance.

# On Hand.

The reason George Davis, ex-Attorney General of the Confederate States, is a candidate for Convention from New Hanover is, that he wants to be on hand to give his legal advice when the revolutionists make another attempt at secession. He had some hand, no doubt, in

# Democratic Humbuggers.

J. M. Leach, misnamed "Virtuous West as a first-class humbug that do it? it has preceded him in the eastern counties. Anti--Convention men have nothing to fear from Virtuous

#### They Want to Strike Down Free Schools.

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 and their best men are unable to township for at least four months in

> The law of the land is rickety and must be mended. Fix it up according to Hoyle.—Wil. Star. Hoyle was a noted gambler. To

fix up the Constitution "according to Hoyle" is to gamble away the people's rights. This is just such advice as we should have expected from a Democratic newspaper. Report Them.

If any Democratic poll holder rejects a voter who swears to his eligibility, he should be reported at once to a United States Commissioner. Every man who swears he is a competent voter has the right to deposit his ballot without being Remember, that some of the required to produce any other evi-

> 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.

Geo. Davis, Jefferson Davis' Attorney General, is the Democratic candidate for Convention from New Han-

# Secession Again.

The Democrats refused to vote for

Suppose the Radical party control the Convention, what will it do?-Daily News.

Easily answered. It will adjourn and thereby defeat your designs upon the people's rights. It will preserve in all its purity, the PEO-PLE'S CONSTITUTION, thus defeating your wild attempt to throw the State into confusion, strife and perhaps civil war.

How the Mighty Have Fallen.

James M. Leach, alias "virtuous Jimmy," has been sent down into Sampson to do duty. The reason is we suppose, that Davidson is thought by the Democracy to be too close for "Jimmy" to exhibit his cratic horse, took the stand, and the monkey actions there, so they sent | good people of Fork Township for

#### How He Sticks.

They say that Leach ("virtuous jimmy") was recommended to go or perjure himself. The people down to Sampson because it was didn't call a Convention, he didn't feared that his monkey actions and resign, the tax to pay the interest | vulgar jokes might keep the Davidwas not levied, and Col. Gilmer has son Democrats from sticking. Leach has a very appropriate name. He certainly sticks to office, and leeches are regular blood suckers.

> Who proposes to charge every man a heavy poll-tax before he is allowed to vote, and to give to every rich man an additional vote for every five hundred dollars of property on which he pays taxes, thereby placing the State entirely in the hands of moneyed aristocrats? The Democratic party.

> The last Legislature called the Convention and taxed the people \$7,500 to educate rich men's sons at the University. Now the Wilmington Star wants to give \$8,000 a year to pension Jeff Davis as President of the University. You men who were dragged off to fight for Jeff Davis, remember this plan and vote for the adjournment candidates.

# Wealth and Intelligence.

It is said that the Supreme Court overrules Judge Kerr in four cases out of five; so here we have manners with-

The Supreme Court sustains Judge Watts in two cases out of three; so here we have law without manners.

Why did the Democratic Legislature pass the Convention bill, when they knew the people of Jimmy," has gone to the eastern the State were opposed to it; and part of the State to tell more of his after they had been telegraphed to indecent and disgusting jokes. from Washington by Merrimon, Leach has such a reputation in the Ransom, Gordon and others not to

> The lawyers say they must have a Convention so as to get back the County Courts, "because it is at Midway, some seven miles northmeat and bread for them." What do the people say? Emphatically No Convention.

> Who proposes to give the rich Thursday. andlord the right to take all that the laboring man raises on his from the domination of three or rented land for rent, leaving him four leaders lliving here, to whom nothing on which to feed his wife | the Democratic rank and file belong, and children? The Democratic party.

Who proposes to elect Jeff Davis President of the University of North Caroliua and pay him eight thousand dollars a year to teach treason and rebellion? The Democratic party.

Who proposes to take up the laoring white and colored men, if they should be out of employment, and put them on the streets to work with balls and chains on their legs? The Democratic party.

in gerrymandering the city of Wilmington and in depriving eight hundred voters of their rights? The Democratic party.

Who proposes to pay the rich man for the loss of his slaves, and to do it? The Democratic party.

Old Union men of North Carolina, beware how you trust the revolutionists of 1861. They are still bent on mischief. Convention is their work. Beware.

The Raleigh News cautions the Demperatic candidates not to make any pledges to the people. The News wants the Convention to be free to do as it

The question is Convention or No Convention, Revolution or anti-Revolution.

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#### Wayne County. MR. EDITOR: -Onr first regular

meeting of the campaign came off

last Saturday at the Fork Township. Our champion, the Hon. W. T. Faircloth, led off in splendid style and continued the race to the end, coming out with flying colors, taking his best friends by surprise and completely distancing the bob tail racer who brought up the rear. His argument was such that it put his opponent on the defensive all the time, and if you could have seen the old man sweat as he tried to excuse or palliate the course of his son Isaac in the last Legislature, as well as his own record, (for he was once in publiclife himself,) it would have done you good. We have got him on the hack and propose to keep him there. Our friends are jubilant, and everything smacks of a glorious victory on the fifth of August. I was about to close, but I must tell you a little of what occurred after the wheel horses on both sides were through. A colt named Isaac, sired by a Demothe first time learned how abusive and insulting a Democrat could be. They disowned the breed and repudiated the stock. It was certainly the most abusive and indecent speech (no, no, not a speech, but a harangue,) I ever heard of. Not content with smearing his slimy lang on those living and present, but even desecrated the dead for one. But thanks to a son of that one, the Hon. L. Y. Pearson, who was present, and although he could not sink to the level of Isaac Dortch, yet he in a gentlemanly and masterly effort defended the dead, and so thoroughly belabored the young colt that he commenced kicking in the harness, evincing a remarkable vicious nature. He was only cooled down upon the appearance of his smaller brother, accompanied by a little cobb, who, some say, had a knife out.

The Democrats are all mad, which a good sign. Some want to fight, others take it out in carrying around with them long faces, while a very few can, if forced to it, smile, but you see nary a laugh. More anon. GOLDSBORO.

# James H. Harris at Lexington.

MR. EDITOR: -According to appointment, James H. Harris, Esq., spoke here to-day to about 300 white and colored people in the Court House, and although he was much fatigued, having been up for three nights and spoken every day, he acquitted himself in his usual effective manner, much to the satisfaction of his friends, and to the great disgust of certain sore-headed Conservatives who were present. His speech was well received and will do much to unite into a solid body the colored vote of the county; and his caution to them to beware of the bribes and other unscrupulous influences of common use here with the opposition, will open their eyes as to the manner in which they have heretofore been cheated. His comments on the "civil rights" humbug were admirable, and showed the people what a little pop gun the Conservatives are firing at us, with the hope that such a weapon will do great execution.

Quent. Busbee, Esq., from your place, was also present and made a short talk. He speaks to-morrow west of here. Colonel Henderson closed with a few stirring, rallying remarks, thus ending the services which I think will serve to unite us and insure our . victory on next

We shall redeem old Davidson and from whose dictation they dare I will send you the returns.

Lexington, N. C., July 31st.

# Wayne County.

Our canvassers met at Dudley vesterday and had a lively time. Dortch, the Democratic candidate. has, during the whole campaign. asserted that he always favored Homestead and Lien Laws, and, in fact, introduced a bill in the Legislature, in 1852, to that effect. Yesterday Mr. Faircloth drew the record on him and he denied that he Who spent thousands of dollars had said he voted for them, and to convince you he expected this, he asks some Goldsboro young man who happened (accidentally, of course,) to be there, if he had said what was alleged against him. With one accord they answered no Even the same little Cob was there tax the mechanic and laboring man | to add his mile to the evidence. If I mistake not, he is the same Coo that once wrote the Governor asking to be appointed a Director on the N. C. R. R., pledging a life-long fidelity to him and the party if he would buy him at his own price. There might have been a policy in this, for had he the prestige this position would have given him, he might have thought within his

reach a por now gone forever. Yours, GOLDSBORO.

wife's love is the golden chain which unites her to her husband. It has a thousand links forged by sympathy, self respect and mutual confiience : sever but one of them and the chain is completely broken as though a hundred were destroyed.