EDITORIAL.

The Democrats have only one State officer, and this officer has taken a sacred fund entrusted to his care for the poor children. Suppose the entire State government was in Democratic hands, we would probably be robbed of every cent in the Treasury.

Only one Democrat holding a State office and he has taken several thousand dollars of the poor children's by the Democratic party. Have Democrat of this city, and is theremoney. Now, if the entire State government had been in Democratic hands, we might have expected a general stealing ring.

Superintendent of Public Instruct fund set apart to school your little sure. tion, is reported to have stolen the ones was seized upon to carry on a The italics are ours. It seems fund entrusted to his care for the fight to save the rich man's slaves? then that it would have been all poor children of this State. Mr. Don't you know that whenever and | very well if the cat had not been Pool does not deny it, but still the wherever the Democratic party are let out of the bag. Oh, Democracy! News, Sentinel and other Democratic in the ascendant the working men | Pool admits to taking three thouspapers are silent. Do you endorse are totally ignored both socially and and dollars, but it is thought the this robbery, gentlemen. Your si- politically? These things are so, defalcation will turn out to be conlence looks like it. Let us hear fellow citizens, and it is well that siderably larger. from you.

The daily News of yesterday contains a card from S. D. Pool, Superintendent of Public Instruction, in which he states that he has sent to Rev. B. Sears, General Agent of the time. Peabody Fund, a full statement of the management of the fund since demy the charge against him, but he statement can be published.

The Republic.

This splendid Republican magaof the most valuable political text- cent was accounted for. ington, D. C.

The late Democratic Legislature estly and faithfully. the knee? . Determine at once to take your stand with the Republican party. Come early and make a hold fight to free yourselves.

In a Stew.

stew in and around Raleigh. Sad try would have demanded it, because ege to see to it, that no Democrat is looking groups throng the streets. as a party, it is pledged to ferret ever again entrusted with the dis-How much was it? Did he have out and punish corruption. Tweed, tribution of your children's money. will General Cox give towards the confidently asserted that he is even a Democrat. pool? We are done for, but, as the now in New York city concealed by News says, it may admit of a satis- his political friends. Even the factory solution, we will keep dark | sheriff, who allowed him to escape, gence, but so they spout it.

here and there a Democrat in office, what a page for history would this make! - New Regime.

· There is here and there a Democrat in office, that's a fact, and some of them do make nice pages in history. There is only one in office under the State government or North Carolina and he has just added a sweet page. If allowed a few more such State officers as the present Democratic Superintendent of Public Instruction, the top would be stolen off the State house.

Look here! Everybody, some body, busy-body, Peabody, and all What has become of the fund sent down to North Carolina for the purpose of educating the children of our poor citizens? It is said the money was sent to the Superintendent of Public Instruction to divide among the poor little children. Have they received it? It was sent to a Democrat to divide out. He was one of the leading men of the Democratic party, and as his crowd claim all the honesty, decency, wealth and intelligence of the State, of course the little creatures' money ought to be safe. But rumor says not. Where, oh, where is the poor children's money? Tell us, tell us.

The poor working men of North

Carolina are now struggling hard to support themselves and families. Money is scarce and work is hard to get. A noble philanthropist left a large sum to aid in educating the indigent children of our State. This money was sent to Stephen D. Pool, the Democratic Superintendent of Public Instruction, to divide out. Rumor says that it has been stolen, and that Mr. Pool has stolen it. Mr. Pool has not, as yet, denied it, and the Democratic press are silent. We demand to hear from the Democratic Executive Committee on this subject. Did they not know of Pool's defalcation when they met in this city a few weeks ago, and did they not advice him to decline being a candidate? Will Cox answer this? Or, do the Democratic S'ate Executive Committee propose to cover up the alleged rascality of their Superintendent?

Rey Mr. Jordan, a Baptist remeeting of religion in Statesville | send a flag to the Centennial.

Why Hesitate.

Mechanics and working men of North Carolina are you alive to your interest? Are you still hesitating is to which side you will a few years and reflect what you you forgotten that it was a rich fore well posted. man's war, but a poor man's fight? you realize them in time. Will the working men of North Carolina still continue to act as the tools of

November, 1874. Mr. Pool does not intendent of Public Instruction me, it saw fit in its issue of the asks suspension of judgment until a was abused and villified by the allusion: "The firm of Brown &

Peabody fund was distributed by ing Committee. The News has zine for April is before us. It is one him fairly and squarely. Every thus aided to save the tax-payers

subscription only \$2. Address Re- dent, who was designated by all on them by Howerton, whom Turpublic Publishing Company, Wash- kinds of hard names by the so call- ner has taken "into alliance. The

the University of North Carolina, chivalry, wealth and honesty, (bah), bequeathed a large sum for that but not one cent for the poor chil- who is charged with robbing the purpose. dren of the State. Do you hear poor orphan children to carry on a The share belonging to North this, mechanics and working men? paper devoted to puffing up the Carolina was sent to STEPHEN Do you want another Democratic "lost cause." These things are in- D. POOL, the Democratic Superin- has been imposed upon in relation

their great deeds. If there was not accomplished villian of the age. the oppression of our people. What a comment on the honesty

> from whom he obtained his bribes | wrested from their enemies. could well afford to lose them. for the duties of life, and it remains to be seen whether he will have the brazen arrogance to remain in of-

ple to re-instate them to power.

In the Legislature of 1873-'74 a proposition was made to seil the unoccupied lots in the city of Raleigh for the purpose of building up the University of North Carolina for the sons of rich men.

The bill was about to pass when an amendment was offered to apply a part of the proceeds for the purpose of free schools for the children of the working men of the State. As soon as it was found that poor men's children were about to come in for a share, the Democrats

laid the bill on the table. The wealthy Democrats of North Carolina have contributed liberally to build up the University of North Carolina, but the last Democratic Legislature only taxes the landholders of the State eight and twothirds cents on the hundred dollars worth of property for free schools. Their object is to keep the people ignorant, so that they can work upon their prejudices as they did

before and during the war. In spite of these things there are many mechanics and working men willing to be led by such designing men. Will the masses of the people assert their rights? Delay no

Some of the ladies of Concord are vivalist, is conducting a protracted making efforts to raise money to

POOL ADMITS!

THE GREAT OUTRAGE.

From a correspondence in the Index-Appeal, written from Raleigh throw your influence in the coming of date the 4th inst., we learn that campaign? (arry your minds back Stephen D. Pool, the Democratic Superintendent of Public Instruct have been and what you now are. | tion acknowledges to have taken a Think of the terrible times you ex- large part of the Peabody Fund for perienced throughout the long and his private use. The writer of the bloody war brought on the country | communication is a well known

The writer says that this affair Have you forgotten how your sons | will be a heavy blow to the Demoand brothers were dragged off to cratic party of North Carolina, and fight for the rebel's property? Have regrets that the matter could not Stephen D. Pool, the Democratic you forgotten that even the sacred have been arranged before an expo-

A Card to the Public.

It is with regret that I again have tyrants and demagogues, or will to appeal to the consideration of they assert their manhood and be- the public; for, notwithstanding come independent? Now is your that the News has been sued by me for libel, and there is litigation under Gov. Holden. Mr. Ashley 18th inst. to make the following so-called Democratic party because | Warner, on last evening, instructhe happened to be a Northern man. ed their agent here to take the re-But Mr. Ashley was honest. The duced prices "set by the Investigatbooks in the country. Price of Prof. McIver, our late Superinten- which was attempted to be saddled appropriated \$125,000 in bonds to But now! comes a specimen of poor children of his native land,

distribution. It is charged that If Boss Tweed with his \$20,000,- this man Pool has squandered the New York, had been a Republican, several thousand dollars. He has out his term at Sing Sing prison. demand that this money be forth-

The Legislature.

We should not be content next for awhile. This is funny talk for holds his place without a reprimand fall with a popular majority in the all the honesty, wealth and intelli- from Governor Tilden. This same State at large. Every exertion Tilden, be it remembered, is a can- | should and must be made to rescue didate for the Presidency, and for the law-making power of North Examine the record of the great | fear of injuring his chances with | Carolina from the grasp of men men of the Republican party, and Tammany Hall, shields the most who seem to delight in using it for

It is well known "that the Demoof the so-called Democratic party; cratic party gained possession of and, yet, such men expect the peo- the Legislature by the most infamous means, and that the present basis of representation is an outrage When Belknap was found to be a on popular rights. It is absolutely corrupt man Republicans were fore- essential to fair government that most in demanding that he resign, both branches of the General Asand that he be dealt with in the se- sembly should be in Republican verest terms. Now, let us see if hands. The people at large have Stephen D. Pool, the Democratic nothing to expect at present. Leg-Superintendent of Public Instruc- islation seems to be directed solely tion, will resign, or will he con- in the interest of the few against tinue to hold on to a position which | the many. In the language or he has disgraced at the expense of | "Sleepy Jim Morehead," the Demthe poor children of North Caro- ocrats seem to think that "anything lina. There is no comparison in is good enough for the scrubs." We the cases of Belknap and Pool. Al- say, therefore, that our people will though we agree that Belknap com- not be rescued from degradation mitted a great wrong, yet those until the law-making power is

We hope that our friends in the innocent children of the little mite | will go to work at once, and that | necessary to educate and fit them | in every county the best and most energetic men will be put forward for seats in the Legislature.

Connecticut.

Although the Republicans of this State made considerable gains in the popular vote on Monday, April the 3d, yet, the Democrats succeeded in electing their Governor and a majority in the Legislature. We should remember, however, that matters of a purely local character operated to a very large extent in the campaign. The Republicans are and have been for a long time, divided on what is known as the temperance or prohibition question. When the question is squarely presented to the people of Connecticut in November next, as to whether they will vote to retain in power the great party which fought for and saved the Union from destruction, or turn the reins of government over to the adherents of Ben Hill and other leading agitators we have no fears. Connecticut is as certain for the National Republican ticket as anything can well be in the future.

There is one great lever against itself in Connecticut elections usu-Hall. Besides this, there are many before the public. hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of In the meantime what has Stephen

a national contest.

seemingly against us now, on the national issues, she will be found true to herself and the country.

A Strange Statement.

The daily News, of the 8th, contains an editorial in relation to the charges against S. D. Pool, Superintendent of Public Instruction, from which we make the following extract:

obtain an interview with Col. Pool. He failed to find him, and it was understood for Norfolk, with by the New-Berne Times as fol- te the people: very few were adopted declared that no election at all was held view of making arrangements lows: and furnishing explanations which would clear up the dark transaction. We telegraphed Col. Pool on Wednesday, requesting the promised communications. The reply of the operator was that that gentleman was not in the city, but was ex-

pected that night. Col. Pool returned to the city on Thursday evening and we published on Friday morning a card from him promising that solution will prove satisfactory to the public; and Col. Pool asks a suspension of judgement until that solution pending in divers aspects touching is offered. This is no more than his own party ought at least to ac-

cord to him. On Tuesday. it seems, it was understood that Col. Pool left for Norfolk. On Wednesday the editor of the News telegraphed to Norfolk and received a reply that Mr. Pool was not there. On Thursday evening it is stated that Mr. Pool reof the State the "large difference turned to the city. This would certainly be a quick trip to fix up so dark a transaction.

ted the funds left in his hands hona fortune in a foreign land, died, and,
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ostly and faithfully. desiring to aid in educating the dixit of Mr. Pool, or the assertions obliquity would cause men to seek of the News, to convince us that Mr. such associates, and resultant knowl-Pool has been a half mile from the edge of them. Mr. Dowell is evi- Courts of their jurisdiction, and confer of which depends the sovereignty of corporate limits of the city of Raleigh dently now in the right school of it upon tribunals erected in their place, the people, must be made a test case since his exposure. We are charit- able precepter, in Dowell Dana has able enough to believe the News a promising pupil." Legislature? Will you still bend sufferable. What say the people? tendent of Public Instruction, for to Mr. Pool's absence from the city, and we think if proper inquiries are made the News will acknowledge 000, stolen from the tax-payers of poor children's money amounting to it. By what road did Col. Pool return to Raleigh on Thursday evenhe would to-day have been serving not denied it. It is your privilege to ing? We ask for information. Verily, the way of the transgressor All shades of rebelldom are in a The Republican party of the councoming. It is your further privilis hard. We regret that Mr. Pool should resort to egregious preverications. It will only add another pang to his bitter cup. Better make redress. the handling of it? Can't we make however, being a Democrat, still The man who would rob a poor or- a clean breast of it at once. It it up and smooth it over? What goes unwhipped of justice, and it is phan is too mean to be anything but would be more consoling to his friends and certainly more manly.

Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Rumors highly detrimental to the character of Stephen D. Pool, the Democratic Superintendent of Public Instruction for this State, have filled the air for several weeks past. These reports have assumed such a shape that the public can no longer doubt that there is something wrong in the management of the so-called Peabody fund, the quota of which for North Carolina, has been entrusted to Superintendent Pool for distribution. We are not sufficiently informed at this writing to present to our readers the extent of the crime charged, but we promise that every exertion in our power shall be made to ferret out and lay before the people of the State a true statement of the affair.

Democratic leaders to cover up this agree to make him Emperor. wanton robbery of funds set apart by a humane philanthropist for the poor children of North Carolina. We hear that a strong effort is on foot to raise a sufficient sum by subscription to pay the amount of PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA different portions of the State, and Mr. Pool's alleged defalcation, but Pool, however, deliberately robs especially in the doubtful counties, judging from the silence of the Democratic press of this city, this arrangement has so far failed.

> Mr. Pool's reticence in relation to the serious charge against him adds he has no defence.

Thus it is, that the unscrupulous leaders of the Democratic party in the Convention which was lately held who, for several months past have left no stone unturned to villify and falsely accuse Republican officers, find, in the only Democratic be exercised by the people, offers an simple, no one ever dreaming that the state officer-holder, a large defaul- unerring test of the opinions and feel- will would be disregarded by any legter. Under any circumstances the a man holding the high position oc- of a party, when that party controls the in this Convention, has shown how body. Then, if ever, will men show frail a hold the people have on their lessly rob poor orphan children of the pittance left to educate and fit them for the duties of life is a crime that should, in our opinion consign the perpetrator to lasting history. When representatives respect ed a majority of votes in favor of the convention was to enslave you

Some have placed the defalcation as high as ten thousand dollars, but even some of Mr. Pool's Democratic friends acknowledge it to be at least two or three thousand.

party, as before stated, will use every effort to keep quiet this infamous the Republican party that shows business, but it will come out. If na other way can be found to bring it ally. It is the contiguity of the to light, it can and will be done State to New York city thereby through the Trustees of the Pearendering it to a considerable extent body fund, and we hope the whole under the influence of Tammany transaction will shortly be laid

York, but who live in Connecticut sir, or not guilty? or have you been of the people, contemptuous of their is questioned. and vote there. These things ope- instructed by the Democratic State rate more fully in mere State elec- Executive Committee to keep quiet? tions than they can possibly do in The people demand that you pay In a word, while Connecticut is Carolina every cent entrusted to tain, and called this body without concandidate making the issue, and the you for them.

A diminutive specimen of deceit and arrogance hung around Raleigh a few years since. His name is Dowell. Many of our friends remember him to the tune of sundry self, by the very fact of its existence, a proceedings of contestants, public and borrowed dollars. More than one boarding house, it is rumored suffered during his stay in this vicini-Our reporter immediately upon being the party most congenial for hearing the report endeavored to such characters. He lately wrote a communication from New York to the Raleigh Sentinel and is handled

"A little office hunting squirt

who assumed a consequence some years ago in this State as editor of 1874-75, the dominant party had a ure, declare no election held in any the Asheville Pioneer, and who because of a failure to be appreciated elected by the same voters, under the at his own estimate, went to New York, became a scribbler on the Sun, the humble associate of the monumental scoundrel Dana, and which we await and which we hope | consequently a full fledged Democrat, has recently written a commu- that true majority is perverted, and the land by the majority of the committee nication to the Raleigh Sentinel in which he admits that while a pro-Rev. S. S. Ashley was the Super- the charge of bribery made against right, and which the members of fessed Republican in this State, he was very intimate with, and knew very much of the actions of the scoundrels of the party, a disgraceful admission to say the least. homes for themselves and their loved ing only an inferential right-of appeal, Speaking of Dana he says. "I ones, when baffled avarice casts its thirsfirmly believe that he knows every thief and rascal of any consequence in the United States, and can point them out at a moment's notice." Like master like man. Such an extensive knowledge of scoundrels | eted, and the purpose contemplated to | the people, and against the laws of the can only be acquired by association wrest this privilege from them, and State. But our information is somewhat and such association is certain to give it where faction can supply ready- In ordinary cases, where ed wealth and intelligence, distribu- country many years since and made different from that of the News, and leave the person more or less affecttion for such society, and a moral scoundrelism, in Dana he has an

How it Works.

We have yet to learn of the first Republican paper in North Carolina that defends or in any manner attempts to paliate the crime of which Belknap stands charged. The Republican party, on the contrary, demands the strictest investigations into the affairs of its officials and the promptest modes of

But although Belknap has committed a crime which should consign him to merited punishment, still, the government of the United States has not lost a dollar by his malfeasance.

How different stands the case with mileage to Stephens was once defeated. Stephens went to Robbins and told him if he would move and advocate a reconsideration he (Stephens) would give him twenty dollars. Robbins jumped at the proposition, and for the purpose of pocketing a paltry bribe of twenty dollars caused the State of North Carolina to lose several hundred dollars. But the Democracy look upon Robbins as an honorable man, and rewarded him for his rascality with a seat in Congress. If they give a man a seat in Congress for receiving a bribe of twenty dollars, what would they give Jeff Davis who stole millions, if he were par-A great effort is being made by doned. We believe they would

Protest.

AN ADDRESS

By the Republican members of the late Constitutional Convention.

We, the undersigned, under a sen representatives of the will of the people | skin, are the human offering which warn the yet free citizens of our belov- satiate aristocracy. Even under the to the belief that it is true, and that ed State, of the danger which immi- mild forms of privilege, which formernently threatens them from the despotic ly prevailed here, the eternal hate and aristocratic tendencies of the Democratic party, so glaringly displayed in dom, allied itself to the dread demon of the amendments passed by that body rebellion, and its insatiate greed unap-A Convention called to establish the

principles which shall govern and give vitality to the business relations of men and define the limits of the privilege to regulating elections, were plain and ings of those engaged in the responsible | will would be disregarded by any legwork. No less is it an absolute stand- islative body that could be assembled. case would be bad enough, but, the t ard by which to judge of the tendencies But the desperation of party exigency, majority rose in his place and rebuked cupied by Mr. Pool should shame- their true political opinions and strug- own government in North Carolina, gle to embody in permanent form, their fixed convictions. Governments are ed to this Convention two delegates, classified into free and despotic, at a Neil McNeil and R. M. Norment. The glance, by an examination of their conjudges of election, against whom no them cease all complaint at the tyranny stitutions, whether written or moulded fault has been alleged, made their re- of this usurping assembly. We say to by the practices and tradition of their turns as usual, and these returns show- the people that the intention and aim and consult the will of the people, gentlemen named. The only duty of and you are enslaved if you ratify its whilst dealing with their interests and privileges, free government prevails, hatever its advantages and inconveniences. When that will, expressed by majorities, fairly ascertained, is disregarded by the framers of laws, and rights are taken away against the solemn protest of the citizen, whatever the other attributes may be, the govern-The leaders of the Democratic ment ceases to be one of popular con-

> The application of this simple rule, fixes forever, in alarming reality, the character of North Carolina's last and worst Convention. A large majority of the votes of the

State, was given against its call, and the will of the people thus expressed should have controlled the delegates elected; a due regard to that will demanded that the present Constitution should be returned to them unaltered in a single principle, by which the its own members. A certificate of elec- Rufus Barringer, rights of the people were defined and guaranteed, and their duties described possessor a prima facie right to his seat, J. W. Bean. persons doing business in New D. Pool to say? Are you guilty, and enjoined. Not respecting the voice until the truthfulness of the certificate J. J. Horton

twice expressed opinion, but only upon | first thing to do, and the only thing, is party rule and the substitution of the to examine the records of the election sway of a faction for the will of the ma- If they are in lawful form, the certificate jority, the Legislature of 1874-'5, by a must be given accordingly. If voters party vote, violated the primary idea are questioned, the duty of approving over to the poor children of North of the polity they had sworn to main- or disqualifying them, rests with the

called for the good of the people, usurp-

trampled rights of a State. ty gaze upon the pittance wrenched from its insatiate greed-this tribunal, so fearless and so just, is attacked, and falls before the will of those whose action forebodes evil to every institution and principle dear to freemen.

The election of the Superior Court | the manner above recited, the consti-Judges, now with the people, was cov- tution is blotted out against the will of change was only averted by the adoption of a provision which enables a par- over and excite but little attention tisan Legislature to rob the Superior But this case, upon the determination

counsel of the people, whose functions have always been to assist them in their common, ordinary disputes; who have | delegates from Robeson, had there been been with the people, and of the people | a desire to follow, and obey the voice since tradition has spoken-these neces- of the people. The action of this body sary, and almost family functionaries, torn from the people, lest they should continue Democratic in nature, as in office, and an aristocratic complexion is to be forced upon their homely features by rendering them no longer responsitheir sympathies from the humble and rude poor, whose causes they are to de-

popular and elevating in their nature, out an opportunity of debate, were inare ravished from the masses. The patiently hurried through, as prepared popular county and township governments, established by our present suoreme law, carries the idea of responsibility to the people down to every hopes. We wished for nothing, we hope neighborhood. They give the control ed for nothing, but to preserve the conof every dollar of the money needed stitution dear to the people, who have for the myriad uses of civilized and struggled for years to retain the benefits progressive communities, into the keep- of its admirable provisions. The dising of those who are under the direct | cipline of party tactics has at last trieye of the people; they familiarize eve- umphed over the wishes of the people, Robbins? The bill for payment of ry one with the forms of business, and and has left us no course but to advise educate the primary divisions of socie- the people of the spoilation of rights so ty in the ways of self reliant and inde- fearfully imperiffed by this Conven

> pendent men. These tribunals carry the idea of the and they are the rude, it may be, but fense. We hoped that the free discushealthful nurseries in which the infant | sion of principles amongst gentlemen steps of freemen are trained to tread in of intelligence, assembled from all parts the ways of independent manhood.

> he spirit of democracy revolutionized. But the invariable course of procedure That bad genius broods with evil men- in this body has been to prepare in mil ace over the precious heritage of our night caucus the succeeding day's work fathers, and the shadow of his dark ap- | the measure agreed upon is taken up at proach, even now mingles ominously once; rarely has time or postponeme with the broad light of our liberty. A been granted, still more rarely has dis strong government is demanded. The divinity of privileged power must here- ters on which opinions have been most after claim our devotions, and the vulgar independence of poor men and igorant people must be trained to forego ts somewhat turbulent conduct, and learn politer manners, and more cultured forms from the example of our very virtuous and model rulers, who to delay for a few moments the pain we are to be supplied to us by that excessively pure medium a modern partisan

> Thus one by one the rude forms of acmebred privilege are destroyed, and sparing decrees of this body and how he dainty proportions of an elegant ever unsatisfactory, we were driv n to aristocracy are erected, beneath whose iron-hand, though cased in a glove of vasion of the assailants of our rights velvet, no popular right can flourish; Never has any legislative body shown and in whose eye, a free people is an enternal fear. All earth is drenched with gore poured out to glut the selfishness, revenge and licentious lusts of party discipline been more perfect, and Kings and privileged classes. The poor | never has a minority been less regardare the universal sacrifice.

The slaughtered millions, whose blood cries to God from the thousand was a fit finale to a body which assembattle-fields, which cover our country | bled in opposition to the will of the of the responsibility due from us as like the foul blotches upon the leper's of North Carolina, feel called upon to alone can appease the cruelty of an inwhich power always cherishes for freepeased by the holocaust of blood and mpoverishment through which we spectful manner and in substance not have passed, will never cease whilst man is free.

Under our previous history, the laws

The people of Robeson county, electthe county commissioners was to add act. those returns, and declare the result. J. W. Albertson, Jonas Hoffman, But, usurping powers never granted W. H. Wheeler, them, they declare the returns untrue, R. C. Badger, and in the face of the written record J. M. Bateman, before them, they pronounce that there | G. B. Bliven, was no election in four precincts of the | B. F. Jones. county. No law is shown authorizing J. C. Blocker them to review the judgement of the W. M. Black. inspectors of election; none can be Wilson Carey shown which entitled them to judge of Allen Jordan the qualification of electors. This pow- O. H. Dockery, er is vested by law in the judges of A. McDonald, election, and in them alore. If they W. P. Mabson, abuse it and admit unlawful votes, or J. W. Thorne, refuse lawful ones, it is a case for the J. Orrin Wilcox, candidates alone, and the determina- G. H. Grantham, tion of the fact in each case, belongs R. F. Lehman, solely to the body of which the parties M. C. Hodge, are seeking to become members.

This Convention is, or is not, the J. Q. A. Bryan, judge of the election and qualification of Jas. E. Boyd, tion from the proper officers, gives the J. E. O'Hara,

of the declaration made all over the dence adduced. No legislative body, of State in the canvass of 1874. No denial its own motion, has ever made a con can be hazarded by any one, of this plain test between members without their fact, that a deliberate disregard of the own active interposition. All legislawill of a majority continued willfully, tive bodies determine the lawfulness makes popular government impossible. the certificate. When this is done, the This Convention is a bold declaration burden is thrown upon the contestants against the popular will and is, in it- These are rules of law prescribed for the It is an anomaly in our history, and this body is directly contrary to this stands a solitary example of a body, method. The commissioners of Robe. son, have erected themselves into a ining their rights, and seizing their pow- dicial tribunal; they have, without exty. He has turned Democrat, that ers, against their expressed will. But dence, and against the record, deter four years since, the people were call- mined the fact of legal and illegal votes: ed upon to express their wish upon a have taken from the judges of election change of the Constitution: they and the discretion conferred upon them to swered that they wished no change law, to be exercised under the obliga-Two years ago many amendments of tion of an oath, and against their own that instrument were submitted again written statement to the contrary, have only to the judgment as matters of ex- have power to disregard the returns pediency, and not touching a single from four precinets, they may equally right or privilege. In the House of disregard the returns from every pre-Representatives, in the session of cinct, and at their mere will and pleas. majority of two-thirds. This Conven- county. By a combination easy of pertion, composed of the same number, fection amongst the county commissioners, an election over the who same laws, with no intervening change State may be nugatory, and the people of circumstances, returns a majority of discarded entirely in the management delegates against the party in power, of public affairs. How is this body thus giving a rebuke to its revolution- judge of the election of its members ary spirit, and declaring again in favor | the county commissioners are empowof the Constitution they have tried so ered to act in a judicial character, and hard to preserve. By a course unpar- determine who are the members elect allelled in the history of political bodies, Yet this has been declared the law of the power of party is enthroned upon the on Privileges and Elections, and that decision has been sustained. By this Stel. by step the dreary drama of ty- judges of election are stricken from our ranny is enacted. The Supreme Court, system, there is no one to record the the bulwark of the people, their fearless | votes of the people; the commissioners champion in many contests with an en- though not present, determine the raged and usurping Leg slature, be- rights of voters without evidence; this neath whose august decree the poor of body is robbed of the right to determine the land rest secure in enjoyment of the election of its members, maintain if that, and a complete revolution is a-

complished. The past Conventien sat in the Capi tol by virtue of this revolution, and has overthrown the government of the

people thereby. By means of twe votes, secured in

it a prominent landmark in the histor of government.

The first duty of the Convention w to determine who were the righting has postponed the question until rev

olution is accomplished. The action of this Convention in its legislative character has corresponded fully with its revolutionary constitution. Measures of vital concern seems ble to their neighbors, and by divorcing | ingly prepared in party caucus, have been introduced as a matter of form, simply to obtain the scrawl which stands for a common seal, and under Not only officers, but institutions, the spur of the previous question, withat party dictation. There are griev ances of an alarmning character, and not the idle clamor of disappointed

We have had an embarrassing choice vill of a majority to its ultimate end, to make in conducting the people's de of the State, might cause some conces-But this nurture does not accord with sion from the rigor of party demands cussion been allowed, especially in matopposite; and when discussion has been impatiently conceded, we felt the utler hopelessness of speaking to a question which judgment had gone before hand

The only expedient left us was a re sort to ordinary parliamentary rules, endure in seeing the rights and privileges of the people smothered in this Convention. It was the only way we had of protesting against the hasty and unit as to the last ditch in resisting the in less of concession than this; never has the caucus system been more rigidly and persistently enforced; never has

The closing scene of the Convention people, acted and worked by means of a majority purchased by the distratichisement of a county and the total disregard of law; which has seized all the rights of the people and given them to the Legislature, and ended its revalu tionary career by denving to members a right of protest. Never has any one before known, in the history of North Carolina, that a protest, offered in a reoffending against propriety should be refused a hearing and a place upon the journals. But this Convention has crowned its life of usurpation by a closing act of tyranny which forbids complaint of grievance and denies the right of petition. So monstrous was the act, that a leading member of the this open outrage. Not even this could bring a blush of shame to the faces of that majority which began life in lawlessness and in their own minds, fastening chains upon the limbs of the peo ple, aptly ended its course by bidding

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