

itself, and a sufficient number of individual citi- mation, interests and experience so much better zens supposed to entertain hostile purposes were | fit them to understand and manage the manifold to be excluded from the exercise of political pow- interests and exigencies connected with our preers to give to the well disposed the ascendancy sent unfortunate condition. It must appear to and control in public affairs. This proposition the people unkind and unjust to take advantage was rejected by such majorities and in such a of their helpless condition, by exciting appeals spirit that it was considered to have become ne- and delusive promises to the most ignorant, and cessary to create a new political element in the most unsuspecting and docile of our population. rebellious States by conferring the elective fran- and thus raise up enmity and antagonisms among chise upon the colored population, and to establish military governments for the maintenance of and welfare every good citizen is now solicitous. obelience and order while the spirit and disposi- and destructive of the efforts of those who are tion of our people were being again tested. In this condition of affairs we are now called upon to act. The principles sought to be established upon

Party. the sound basis of popular sentiment, as preliminary to reconstruction, may be fully summed up in two propositions, viz :

1. A faithful and willing adherence to and support of the Union and of the government of the United States and a quiet submission to its authority under the Constitution.

2. Civil and political equality among all citizen irrespective of race or color, and the protection of white and colored alike in all the rights, priviloges and immunities of citizenship.

These are the principles of the UNION REPUB-LICAN PARTY, and are the only test of a true, Union reconstructed and confiscation thereby rennational prepublican. Our restoration to the rights and powers appertaining to a recognized State in the Union, awaits and is dependent on the fixed law of the land-and the official disabilthe establishment of these principles as the pre- ities removed from every one who is true to the vailing sentiment of the people.

The government has refrained from executions for treason, from banishments and from contiscation. It does not now suspend any threats over us; but appeals to a voluntary since of returning lovalty and duty. The masses of our people who have been so long excited and misled, seem now disposed to yield to reason and justice. It is the duty, and should be purpose of every true Republican in the State to encourage and advance this disposition of the people, not only by inculcating the great principles of "Union and Equality, but by removing every obstacle to its progress Our adversaries have retarded it in North Carolina, not so much by reason and argument, as by appeals to sectional prejudices and misrepresentations of the purposes and designs of the Repub lican Party upon distinct and collateral points.

They have charged that party with the design. 1st. To confiscate the lands of those compromised in the rebellion to be parceled out among the colored citizens; 2d. To perpetuate the disfranchisement of the whites from the ballot box, while the whole of the colored men are enfranchised, and thus secure the political supremacy of the colored race in the Southern States ; 3d. To continue the official disabilities now imposed on native citizens of the State, and thus, in effect, place our government in the hands of strangers who have lately settled among us for the purpose of becoming our rulers. These unjust charges have had much effect upon the uninformed masses of the people and have raised up apprehensions and hesitance even among the most steadfast friends of th Union. The fear exists that the colored vote can be controlled against all native citizens in favor of those who can parade military services in destroying slavery, and having themselves no interests to be endangered by confiscation, may, the more easily, delade the illiterate and credulous with vain hopes of having the lands of their neighbors parcelled out among them. Such appeals to the colored population would inevitably produce alienation and prejudice between the races, fatal to the establishment of a safe and whole-ome public sentiment, and dangerous to the peace and good order of society.

That these approhensions might be quieted by having the position of the party upon these and other points distinctly and unequivocally set forth and promulgated in North Carolina, it was deemed expedient and proper that a Convention of Republicans should be called to meet in the City of Raleigh, on the 4th day of September, 1867. The Convention was accordingly assembled; but its action was not such as was hoped and expect ed. It was, confessedly, unfortunate that after the courtesy shown to recent settlers from the North, by making a prominent politician from the State of Ohio, (Col. Heaton,) the temporary

olina have long felt the need of a thoroughly loyal Republican paper, to advocate their claims, and contend for that freedom of speech so long denied us by the enemies of the Union, who, when us, ruinous to the colored man, for whose rights laboring to prepare the State for a return to the Union by bringing the popular mind in cordial unity with the great principles of the Republican

It cannot be expected that a Convention in this State apparently controlled by such influences and distinguished by such action can command the approbation and confidence of the people of North Carolina. But it is advised and hoped that no. true Republican will abandon the party or abate his zeal in support of its principles, because of the temporary and accidental ascendancy of ill advised and improper counsels in a single assemblage. Rather let our adherence to and support of the Republican Party be increased and strengthened. that by the triumph of its policy, we may see the dered impossible-the "Constitutional Amendment" adopted and universal suffrage under i Union and who discountenances all efforts to keep alive animosities and prejudices threatening to

the peace and integrity of the nation. Let the people meet in their respective counties and districts, by their own spontaneous action, and put forward their own candidates-men true to the Union and trustwrothy as Republicansand by supporting such, manifest to the nation that in North Carolina there exists such a prevailing sentiment of nationality and such voluntary obedience to the laws of the land, that our restoration to rights and powers in the government, so far from being dangerous to the peace and welfare of the Republic, will add strength to the great edifice UNION, LIBERTY AND EQUALITY.

By requiring each candidate to announce un privocally his opposition to confiscation and his esire for the admission of every white and colored man alike to the ballott box, the people may preent the ignorant and unsuspecting colored citien from being deceived by vain promises of land onations, into an attitude of hostility and conflict with his white neighbors, no less rainous to himelf than detrimental to the peace and prosperity of the State. After a satisfactory State Constitution shall have been framed, should any true. mion men, under official disability, be elected to any position, Congress will, doubtless, remove such disability in each case, in defference to the wishes of a true and loyal constituency, and thus protect the people against a transfer of their gov-

rnment to the hands of strangers. However much the conduct and spirit of the late 'onvention may be deplored, and however much t may have increased previously existing apprehensions, it is yet in the hands of the people to protect themselves at the ballot box, and to secure a restoration of their rights, and of prosperity and peace, by co-operating with the Union Republican Party of the nation in the support of such measures and the enforcement of such laws as have been adopted for the security and preservation of

the Union. In this work the interest of the white and the colored citizen is identical. Let there be no illfeeling nor antagonism between them. But let each, turning a deaf ear to the appeals of disunion agitators and de-igning office hunters, maintain firmly the Constitution and laws of his country, and to the extent of his ability, labor to advauce the great principles of justice liberty and equality. WATSON'S GALLERY.

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