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THE apparent purposes and the action of the late Convention, assembled in the City of Raleigh, on the 4th day of September, having met the open disapprobation of many Republicans in the State, and raised serious apprehensions of discord in the party, the undersigned beg the indulgence of their fellow-citizens in submitting the following views, and exhorting all truly loyal and Union men to harmony and unity of action, regardless of the temporary and accidental prevalence of injudicious and unfortunate counsels.

The UNION REPUBLICAN PARTY of the nation must be relied upon to settle our present troubles and to restore the lately insurgent States to complete harmony with the General Government; and to render such restoration permanent,—to prevent a speedy renewal of recent strife, and to guarantee the future safety and integrity of the Union, that party has assumed, as a basis of reconstruction, certain fundamental principles, the establishment of which, as the popular sentiment of the voting masses in the lately rebellious States, is held as a condition precedent to their being admitted to the exercise of political powers in the nation.

It must be borne in mind that these States are to be restored not merely to being governed themselves, but to the exercise of equal powers in governing the whole country. They rebelled against the Union, and waged a war for the establishment of certain principles of their own until they were subdued by those in whose government they now seek to be made again participators and equals. Before being raised from the condition of the vanquished and restored to the rights and powers of governors, it is not unreasonable that they be required to renounce the principles for which they waged the unsuccessful war, and accept such as are now prescribed as essential to the general peace and welfare.

But, in as much as the people themselves, and not the States, are the real repository of political power, it is required that they give evidence of a popular renunciation and acceptance, in good faith, and not merely a temporary acquiescence from expediency, in order to recover the power to renew the late strife and revive a lost cause. Reconstruction has been delayed only because of their failure, so far, to manifest such a disposition, and for the establishment among them of a prevailing sentiment in accordance therewith. The progressive policy of Congress has been conducted step by step with this view. Its first step was to wait for a voluntary manifestation in the elections ordered by the President. But adverse counsels having prevailed in those elections, the "Constitutional Amendment" was proposed for their voluntary acceptance by which certain principles were to be incorporated in the Constitution itself, and a sufficient number of individual citizens supposed to entertain hostile purposes were to be excluded from the exercise of political powers to give to the well disposed the ascendancy and control in public affairs. This proposition was rejected by such majorities and in such a spirit that it was considered to have become necessary to create a new political element in the rebellious States by conferring the elective franchise upon the colored population, and to establish military governments for the maintenance of obedience and order while the spirit and disposition 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 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 citizens, irrespective of race or color, and the protection of white and colored alike in all the rights, privileges and immunities of citizenship.

These are the principles of the UNION REPUBLICAN PARTY, and *are the only test of a true national republican.* Our restoration to the rights and powers appertaining to a recognized State in the Union, awaits and is dependent on the establishment of these principles as the prevailing sentiment of the people.

The government has refrained from executions for treason, from banishments and from confiscation. It does not now suspend any threats over us; but appeals to a voluntary sense of returning loyalty 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 Republican 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 hesitancy even among the most steadfast friends of the 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, delude the illiterate and credulous with vain hopes of having the lands of their neighbors parceled 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 wholesome public sentiment, and dangerous to the peace and good order of society.

That these apprehensions 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 expected. 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 Chairman of the Convention, they should have demanded, and by appeals to the colored delegates on the ground of military services, secured the rejection of one of the most prominent and worthy of the native Unionists of the State, (Gen. Dockery,) and have placed in his stead, as permanent President, a stranger from the State of New Hampshire, (Gen. J. C. Abbott,) a gentleman previously unheard of by the masses of our people, or known only as an officer from the federal army who had recently located near Wilmington in this state. It is still more to be regretted that the colored speakers from Wilmington and its vicinity, seconded by a gentleman from New York, (Col. Peck,) in advocating the election of Gen. Abbott, should have used language suggestive of purposes calculated to increase previously existing apprehensions. They paraded the military prestige of their candidate in fighting against slavery, while they reproached the native citizens of the State with struggling to perpetuate it, and charged Southern Union men with acting either from cowardice or from a hope to save their slave property by terminating the war short of emancipation. The effect of these appeals upon the colored delegates was manifested by the excitement and enthusiasm with which they rejected the counsels of the more considerate of their own race, and of one officer, lately in the federal service, (Gen. Laflin,) who met only reproach and insult for raising his voice in a vocacy of moderation and prudence.

The election of Gen. Abbott as permanent President of a North Carolina Convention, was followed by the election of four Secretaries, two of whom were strangers lately located among us, and two colored men. It could hardly be expected that the Congress of the United States would be likely to view the action of a Convention so controlled, as expressive of the true sentiments of this State, or the success of a party under it as affording sufficient evidence of the temper and spirit of our people, to justify the restoration of the State to its rights and powers in the general government.

But an effort was, nevertheless, made to quiet the public mind by committing the party in this State, distinctly and authoritatively, upon three points, to wit: 1st. Against the purpose or desire of confiscating private property for political offences in the present condition of affairs; 2d. In favor of providing in the State Constitution the extension of the elective franchise to every white and colored man alike; 3d. In favor of the removal of official disabilities from true and loyal citizens within such limits as Congress may deem safe and prudent in this State. The "Committee on platform and resolutions," after full and prolonged deliberation, reported to the Convention three resolutions embodying these sentiments, and recommended their passage. But these resolutions were met by a repetition of excited and immoderate discussion, and voted down. It was unfortunate, that the motion upon which the first of the resolutions was rejected, was made, not by any native citizen of the State, white or colored, but by a prominent politician from the State of Ohio, (Col. Heaton.) The other two were rejected on the motion of a gentleman from New York, (Col. Peck,) now resident in Wilmington. On motion of a native of the State, by birth, but who now is, and has been for some thirty years a resident of the City of Washington, a plan of party organization was adopted, so repugnant in its details, to the customs and usages of our people, and so effective in the hands of any who might seek to place our government in the hands of strangers by controlling the colored vote, that it cannot fail to excite additional alarm and distrust.

Northern gentlemen should be encouraged to settle among us by extending to them every courtesy and kindness, and by discountenancing the revival of prejudices, which should never have existed, and ought now to be forgotten and buried forever. But while our people are willing for recent settlers among us to participate in our public affairs, it is not natural that they should view with favor, the appearance, even, of an effort to place their government, entirely in the hands of strangers, to the exclusion of those whose information, interests and experience so much better fit them to understand and manage the manifold interests and exigencies connected with our present unfortunate condition. It must appear to the people unkind and unjust to take advantage of their helpless condition, by exciting appeals and delusive promises to the most ignorant, and most unsuspecting and docile of our population, and thus raise up enmity and antagonisms among us, ruinous to the colored man, for whose rights and welfare every good citizen is now solicitous, and destructive of the efforts of those who are 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 Party.

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 Union reconstructed and confiscation thereby rendered impossible—the "Constitutional Amendment" adopted and universal suffrage under it the fixed law of the land—and the official disabilities removed from every one who is true to the Union and who discountenances efforts to keep alive animosities and prejudices threatening 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 trustworthy as Republicans—and 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 of UNION, LIBERTY AND EQUALITY.

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However much the conduct and spirit of the late Convention may be deplored, and however much it 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.

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