

THE CONVENTION BILL.

The Convention bill, heretofore published in this paper, has been declared a law of the State by a majority of each House of the General Assembly.

Our opinion that two-thirds of all the members of both Houses were necessary to pass the bill constitutionally has undergone no change. On the contrary it has rather been strengthened and confirmed by additional reflection.

Our readers know as well as we do that the objects of this Convention go much further than the mere making of amendments to the Constitution. It is intended not only to make a number of amendments to the Organic Law, but to turn out of their places all the present Executive and Judicial officers of the State.

But that is not the most important question connected with the movement. The important question is, will they quietly submit to be thus turned out? Will they not appeal to the Executive Government of the United States to recognize and sustain them in office, on the ground that they have been attempted to be deposed by an illegal body?

We are among the first in the State to advocate the call of a Convention, and none was more anxious to see one called in conformity with the provisions of the constitution. We were anxious that the Republicans should unite with the conservatives in the Legislature in the call of such a Convention.

We understand that the Hon. Lewis H. Hooper of the Old North Star, was summoned to Washington last Saturday, to give testimony before the Committee on the Convention.

It is said that in a short time, Mr. Hooper will be summoned to Raleigh to testify before the Standard. We trust he will have the same success as Col. Mark Irwin on that point.

We learn that the opinion prevails among many persons in this town and county that the articles of "Civil" which appeared in this paper on the 10th and 12th of January were written by Wm. H. Bailey, Esq.

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It is the true intent and meaning of the several provisions of said act, in relation to a certificate of discharge and the impeachment thereof, that such certificates of discharge can be impounded in the Courts of the United States only.

EDWARD CONIGLAND, ESQ.

Among the counsel retained by Governor Holden, in the impeachment trial now pending, we notice the name of this distinguished lawyer.

We are much obliged to our gasping contemporary at Raleigh for the information contained in the above paragraph. It is news to us.

From the Raleigh Telegram. Friday, Feb. 10, 1871. Hour of 12 M. having arrived, the Senate assembled as Court of Impeachment.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

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