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ADDRESS OF THE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the People of North Carolina:

The Executive Committee of the Democratic-Conservative party of this State after consultation among themselves and with many friends from different parts of the State, familiar with public sentiment have deemed it necessary and proper that the Central Executive Committee shall address the people in reference to various topics of public interest, and particularly constitutional reform in this State. The Central Committee, therefore, feel especially called upon and instructed to submit to the people such views, and to suggest such measures of reform, and relief as in their judgment are calculated to promote concert of action and the general welfare

of the State. The result of the election in August, last, although adverse to the call of a convention of the people cannot be regarded as an expression of popular approval of many of the leading provisions of the present State constitution; for all parties, with scarcely any dissent recognized and conceded the paramount necessity for a change

in the organic law in several material particulars.

Nor can the result of that election properly claimed as a party success or defeat. The issue submitted and passed upon was not a party issue, although great the state convention and to the open was not a party issue, although great the state convention and to the open was not a party issue, although great the state of the state convention and to the open was not a party issue, although great the state of the state operly claimed as a party success or deto make it such-nor was it so regarded or treated by thousands of democrats and and immaterial issues, most of them suggested and passed upon public attention by the great body of the office-holders of the State, who apprehended that a convention, if called, would turn them out of office. The office holders of the State generally opposed the calk they freely used money and other appliances to defeat it. The colored people were made falsely to believe that a convention would deprive them of their freedom, or greatly abridge their political rights. Thousands voted against the call because they feared armed interference of the authorities of the federal government and another war-other of every intelligent citizen. thousands voted against it, because they apprehended some unfriendly interference with the present homestead provision, while some believed the call as made was without the sanction of the constitution and revolutionary; so that, we repeat, the election turned, not in favor of, or against any political party, nor upon the real merits of the issue submitted to the people, but upon many collateral considerations.

The majority against the proposed call for a convention though comparatively meagre, settles adversely the proposition to amend the constitution by a convention of the people, however proper and desirable that method of amendment may be. It settles it, because the radical members of the Legislature, at the behest of their a few very important particulars, for the this State have failed to take any very offices in the International Hotel block, at party, unanimously refused to vote for the call of a convention of the people by the Legislature. Such a call cannot be made without the votes of at least a few of them and they and their party thus assume the grave responsibility of preventing the people from amending and reforming their

organic law.

The only remaining method of amending the constitution is by legislative enactment. Although the constitution operates oppressively in many respects, and some ture shall meet regularly every two years, of its provisions preclude all hope of gen- instead of every year, and it should be eral prosperity while they continue in provided that the members of the Legislaforce, yet it is manifestly the duty of every ture shall receive but \$3.00 per day and 10 good citlzen to seek relief from such evils cents mileage, and such pay for no longer by the legislative mode however slow and a period than 100 days during their term unsatisfactory in the present emergency, of office. it may be. We venture to hope that the members of the Legislature will, when Works should be abolished. they assemble, at once agree upon this as to such amendments as they desire, so provided. that the Legislature may be, in reference to constitutional reform

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and corruption, who at the behests of

rulers for others who shall be capable, hon- and bring them into disgrace and con-

est, wise and patriotic. The present constitution is loose, illogitical by the legislative mode of amendment. | persons. Action will be expedited by amending it in

amended in the following particulars:

to a future time.

Section 2 of Article 2 should be amended as to provide that the Legisla-

The office of Superintendent of Public

Article 3, Section 1, should be so amendplan of relief, and we respectfully suggest ed as the Governor and other officers that, in the meantime, the people give therein mentioned shall hold the offices prompt and free expression of their wishes | but two years, instead of four years, as now |

Section 10 of Article 3 should be so amended as to provide that the Governor shall nominate the officers therein mentional interest of the State are in a calam- | tioned, by and with the advise and conitous condition is manifest to the common- | sent of the Senate unless otherwise provid-

Every man has the distressing sense that | Section 4 of this article should be strick- ment and support of monopolies; .prosti-These evils are not owing to any lack of the number and style of Courts. Instead party ascendancy; a system of taxation

of which is confessedly dishonest and frau- as to provide that the University shall be his party's continued ascendancy, and his said duleut, and which the people are unable under the control of the General Assembly, own election. Hence, too, we find him for Every man makes his own pedigree and Under this organic law the people are which the Governor shall be ex-officio the writ of habeas corpus in a time of

party had absolute control of the conven- but those suggested, would relieve the peo- this party in Congress avowedly, and in tion that framed the present constitution, ple from the burdensome and extravagant the most riotous manner, passing laws at and like control of the first legislature that State government that now swallows up one time to oust the jurisdiction of the and like control of the installation of the assembled under it; and although the people were impoverished this radical convention and legislature increased the public of the installation it which they may easily some promise and like their earnings, and fastens upon them a state government that how swallows up to extinct the jurisdiction of the installation of the

he people. This party placed in office a sons-unprincipled and violent radical tasteful to this "higher law" party. governor who absolutely suspended the partizans in and out of this State—for sin. Hence, too, hundreds of other similar act constitution and laws of the State; he ar- ister purposes, have sought to produce the done by this party which illustrate the ested scores of innocent citizens without false impression that the Democratic-Con- principles, policy and practices which w varrant or any authority of law; he sus- servative party have and do connive at have attributed to it, and which if not suppended the writ of habeas corpus and defied the Chief Justice of the State, he and outrage. To this detestable end they have of the system of government formed made his warrant from time to time on the have, wherever they could, prostituted the and handed down to us by Washington Treasurer for large sums of money with- press, legislative and judicial proceedings, and his compatriots. That such a party out the sanction of law; he raised a law- and resorted to every means within their has been allowed to spring up on American less and mercenary horde of desperadoes power. Such imputation is not only can soil is monstrous and alarming! and armed them at the public expense to groundless, false and scandalous but infa- There is but one other great political execute his despotic will. This party mous to the last degree, and betrays party in the country—that is the National

their party and knavish speculators in- ways and persistently condemned crime rest the tremendous evils to which we have creased the public debt to the enormous by whomsoever perpetrated, and has re- adverted, and which will, sooner or later, conservatives who voted against "convention." That election turned on collateral convention. That election turned on collateral convention and the Latinian by whomsoever perpetrated, and may represent adverted, and which will, sooner or later, ple of St. Augustine. Dr. O. Bronson, we have evidence that the trusted by his will the trusted by his will the trusted or the closing sentence of the convergence of the convergen and disgraced the Judiciary by electing to course to denounce it and urge upon the establish despotism and the sword. high judicial stations men shamefully ig- people the high importance of peace and norant and corrupt, and others who have good order, and the duty of every good form in our State and National Govern not scrupled to manifest the most blatant citizen to be active and zealous in bringing ments we cordially invite the zealous co-

> and prosperity of the people in the most deplored by all good men of everypolitical srimes and evils to which we have briefly smith was a Georgian by birth. shameless and defiant manner—they have party. It is not only ignoble, but tends directed public attention, and we ask all made every department of the government to destroy the moral and legitimate effect good people to stand with us, trusting a by-word and a reproach. To establish of the voice of the press, legislative action that such strong patriotic efforts, through the truth of these charges we need but and judicial determination, for the sup- the blessing of God, may save us and our point to the history of the State for the last pression of crime—their constant effort is country from impending danger and three years and appeal to the observation to turn such matters to political advant- ruin. age by giving them a political turn, and The constitution and this party, with a thus they produce the almost inevitable radical, reckless and extravagant adminis- conviction on the minds of disinterested tration of the Federal Government, make observers that the purpose of the press. up the manifest causes of the sufferings, the Legislature and Courts, is not to suppoverty and ruin that crush the people of press crime and outrage, but to manufacthe State. The radical party have brought | ture political capital and advantage from us all these evils, and there is no relief for the very crimes of offenders, and thus enthem but through salutary changes of the gender bitter feelings among their oppoconstitution, and a change of our present nents, destroy confidence in the Courts

We again urge our friends to set their cal, contradictory and absurd in many of faces against violence and lawlessness of its provisions, and it were well if it could all kinds, and to be especially active in who is sure he is not going to be done, be entirely re-written; but this is not prac- preventing secret outrage by disguised and determined to show the Yankees that

present, and leaving general amendments active interest in national politics since Suspension bridge, the other day, and the ground, the Rev. Mr. Mason addressed the close of the late war. In our judg- following dialogue ensued: In the judgment of the Executive Com- ment this is unwise. Our people are of mittee, the constitution should at once be the Union-it is our government and to it we must look, as we have the right, for Section 6 of Article 1 should be so support and protection in our rights of none o' thim chatin' turnpikes. amended as to strike out all thereof that life, liberty and property, at home and trolling the policy and destiny of this uv one. have all the rights that any of the Ameri- and M-? can people have, and we are false to the country and to ourselves if we fail to recognize, exercise and act upon them. The people have rights; let them exercise a throut or two, perhaps. them firmly and respectfully, and when Agent-No, no, how would you' erican citizens in the councils of the na- Pat-How would you like to go? Shure God + and with hearts devoted to his work benefactors. The blessing conferred where. If we consent to be dwarfed and cousin, Mick Dolan, wint, ignored untionally, then indeed, we may Agent—And what way was that? ignored untionally, then indeed, we may expect to be for all time to come.

Our common country is subject to griev- way. ous evils to which the compass of this address wil allow us to advert very briefly. Official corruption in high and low places; public extravagance; usurpation of great powers not conferred, but denied | cubus upon the State that deadens the Article 4 should be so amended as to and prohibited by the constitution; high energies of the people and destroys all strike out sections 2 and 3, thus abolish- and oppressive tariffs which foster immense monopolies: the direct encourage en out, leaving the Legislature to regulate tution of official patronage to promote

Section 5 of Article 3, should be so President, does not hesitate to send the REMNANTS BY JOSH BILLINGS. amended as to abolish the provision for the army to New York and elsewhere at has a single and a some and a single and the series and the series and the series and the series at the series and the series and the series are a single series and the series are a single series at the s extravagant—the township system alone making necessary about three thousand officers at an annual expense of from \$300,000 to \$400,000. It establishes a ment that sec. 5 of art. 9, be so amended as to aboust the provision for the North, to this State, Texas and all over the South in violation of the letter and spirit of the constitution, to control the every body works inside of their own lot ment, that sec. 5 of art. 9, be so amended as to aboust the North, to this State, Texas and all over the South in violation of the letter and spirit of the constitution, to control the every body works inside of their own lot ment, that sec. 5 of art. 9, be so amended as to aboust the North, to this State, Texas and all over the South in violation of the letter and spirit of the constitution, to control the every body works inside of their own lot and let the turnpike road take care of it who shall elect a board of trustees, of like purposes suspending the privilege of the best pedigree is a clear conscience. subjected to an intolerable misrule at the chairman, and sections 13 and 14 of that profound peace, arresting the citizen with article should be stricken out.

Other amendments ought to be made, by lawless force. Hence, too, we find

500,000,000, less than \$500,000 have gone We deem it worth while to notice in this address, that wicked and interested per-

The party which we represent has al- with that great and powerful party to ar-

THOS: BRAGG, Chairman. A: S. MERRIMON, M. A. BLEDSOE, R. H. BATTLE, JR., J. Q. DECARTERET. C. M. Busbee,

J. J. LATCHFORD.

Central Executive Committee. THE ROAD TO DATHROIT.

W. R. Cox,

There is nothing so funny as the newly arrived son of the "Green Isle of the Sea. he is as sharp as any "wan uv 'em." One It is to be regretted that the people of of this class stepped into one of the ticket

> Agent-Yes; send you right through Pat-Shure its the rail road I mane, an

Agent—Which line will you take?

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throut or two, perhaps.

Agent—No. not how would you take?

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express line; give me ten dollars.

"ways" as you call 'em-Express, Trunk and Central; what line will you take?

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BITS OF HISTORY REVIVED.

the site of the new building:

Vestry of Christ's Church.

Architects and Master Masons.

Ladies and Gentlemen, of him at

Clergy

Building Committee.

the following inscription restar avoda 3fm? CHRIST CHURCH,

Vas laid on Thursday, July 5th. A. D. 1821. By Rev. Richard S. Mason, Rector. Vestry-Hon. John Stanly, M. C. Steph-Virtue is like strength, no man kan tell how much he has got till he kums akrost ens, James G. Stanly, Moses Jarvis, John M. Guion, John P. Daves, John Merrett,

I have kum to the kunklushuu that what everybody prazes wants clos watching. There is meny folks who are like mules, the only way to their affekshuns is thru Building Committee-Hon. John R. Donnell, M. C. Stephens, John P. Daves John F. Burgwin, Moses Jarvis, Esqrs. Architects and Carpenters-Martin Stevenson, Thomas S. Gooding, Esqs. Moster Mesons Bennet Flanner and

how tow receive them is less.

Skorn not the day of little things for thar is no mon in this world so grate but Wallace Moore, Esqrs. "This is none other but the House of what sum one can do him a favor or an in-God This is the Gate of Heaven."-Gen-

jury.

There is one witness that never is guilty of perjury, and that is the conscience.

There is such a thing as being alway too portion of us at least, that "It is not less quick-I am one of that kind miself. I alwaz miss a railroad train by being than a first upon the devotedness of our forehaff an hour too soon, side to zied ba

a duty than a pleasure, frequently to refathers, who suffered many wrongs in their native land, and come hither to establish and enjoy civil and religious freedom. To those distinguished pioneers we owe a debt gustine, bequeathed his entire property in trust for the benefit of the colored peo of gratitude which can never be liquidated."
ple of St. Augustine. Dr. O. Bronson. Even here in this town we have Augustine. Dr. O. Bronson, Even here in this town, we have evidence proposes to dispose of his (Mr. Smith's) estate in this city; valued at \$5,000. and to apply the proceeds, with a other property to the establishment of a hospital for the war, Fulshire, Purify and others, as I have partizan feelings while holding their offices. This party has ruined the credit
of the State—they have blasted the hopes
of the state—they have blasted they have blasted preaching and holding to doctrines in conflict with the established Church of England. They, the defendants, in the indictment were called or spelled Bab-At 9 A. M. on Thursday morning the tist." After the Revolution we beheld the 5th day of July, A. D. 1821, says the grand and sublime spectacle of "other de-North Carolina Centinel, with the Rector and congregation of the Episcopal Church nominations" the Baptist, doubtless, included, by invitation, assembling with the ministers and congregations of other the Rector and members of the Episcopal religious denomination, assembled by invitation, at the old Church, from whence Church, where, perhaps, the indictment after services had been performed by the for the arrest of the "Babtist" originated "at the old Church" and then, all togeth-Rector the Rev. Richard S. Mason, there was a procession in the following order to er, in harmony and Christian love, wending their way to the "site of the new building," the stone is now fixed in its place, the eloquent stirring, and able discourse is delivered. and with one voice, without jar or discord, they burst out in praises to Him who has opened the hearts and hands of those who The whole laity having arrived at the intend not to stop in the glorious work bevery appropriate prayer to the throne of fore them until the lofty spire is the first Pat-Sure is this the road to Dathroit? divine Grace. He then proceeded to lay to catch the light of the rising sun, and the stone and tablet. This ceremony be the last of his beams in the evening, as ing performed he addressed the very nn- This is none other but the house of God-Agent-You want to go by the Great merous, respectable and attentive audience This is the gate of Heaven." This indeed provides the inviolability of the public abroad—we owe it allegiance and sup- Western from Suspension Bridge or the who surrounded him, in an attended under elegiance and such as one these—it is as much our duty to join our fellow-sountrymen in shaping and controlling the policy and destiny of this great common national government. We Agent-Well, you want to go to Detroit adorning and erecting buildings devoted love and did not overlook the generosity to the worship of the true God; they had of other church members, in giving him

> to their means, with an eye to the glery of and ever honor the names of our illustrous tion, in political assemblages, and every- like a gentlemon; an' the same way me, ship they boldly and manfully set, their us by our forefathers, will never be prophands to the prough determined not to erly appreciated until lost play after Agent—And what way was that?
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> Pyt—Sure he saidit was a mighty quick desist until the pious work was completed: dey no we get, fasther, away from their Way.
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> Agent—Then you want a ticket on the tion of the church in this place—much too and their virtue. It is only those who express line; give me ten dollars.
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> Pat—Tip dollars! What wad I cive Pat—Tin dollars! What wud I give ministers, and almost abandoned by her mable benefit of health—so also is it ees tin dollars for?
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> Agent—For your ticket by the express. children! He described her as mouthful with the persecuted, they alone can feet Pat-Shure its no express I went at all. and solitary, setting on the land grounds the handiness of civil and religious free-Agent—I know that; but there are three were her food by day and by hight; her up in connection with the subject and perways" as you call 'em—Express, Thunk and Central; what line will you take?
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> Pat (puzzled)—Oh, ehl guish of her heart! But yet a few reconstantly before the eye and fellow what will you take?
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> Magent (leaning over counter)—Come my mained steadlest and firm in the faith of the chinese of this State, and country. sepe, lib is wall that they should be as

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