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The Governor and his Duties.

The action of the Governor in reference to the penal and charitable Institutions of the State has received comments and criticisms which seem to demand a notice in these columns. Believing as we do, that Gov. Caldwell honestly desires to maintain the integrity of the Executive Department of the Government against the encroachments of the Legislature, in the interests of civil liberty, he will receive the endorsement not only of this journal, but of the law-abiding people of North Carolina. The people have willed that the three Departments of government, Executive, Legislative and Judicial, shall be forever kept seperate and distinct from each. They have entrusted the Executive Department to the keeping of Gov. Caldwell. He cannot allow it to be encroached upon without betraying the trust. If he should allow the Legislative Department to assume powers which, according to the decisions of the Supreme Court, are vested in the Executive he would be unworthy of his position.

Let us recur briefly to the facts of the case. It is well known that the Democratic and Conservative parties, by an overwhelming majority, carried the State in the 1870. As soon as the General Assembly met it began what may well be termed a raid upon the Executive Department of the Government. It kept this up in almost every conceivable form during a long and memorable session. In 1871 the people were appealed to, and they gave a rebuke which should not yet be forgotten. But the Executive Department bided its time. It used no violence. It trod down the rights of no one. About the middle of last month a case was decided in the Supreme Court which drew the line between the Executive and Legislative duties of the State government. The limits of the two Departments were so clearly defined that they could not be mistaken. It was beyond doubt that the Legislature had occupied large territories which indisputably belonged to the Executive. Gov. Caldwell either had to allow this encroachment or take steps to avoid it. He preferred the latter.

The Court, in the case of Clark and others *vs.* Stanly and others, decides that the General Assembly can in no case create an office and fill it. This, in fact, is an express provision of the Constitution. It further decides that the General Assembly had created the office of Appointors of Railroad Directors, and had filled it; that the Legislature had thereby violated the Constitution, and had encroached upon the duties of the Executive, and that their action was null and void. This decision virtually settles all cases of a similar character. The General Assembly had abolished the office of Directors and created that of Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Institution and filled the same. They did the same thing in regard to the Insane Asylum and Penitentiary. These cases are clearly within the decision in the case of Clark and Stanly, and are settled by it. It would be useless delay to go through the form of another suit. It will hardly be questioned that the Trustees and Directors of the penal and charitable institutions of the State are officers. If we admit—and this was decided—that Appointors of Railroad Directors are officers, we are compelled to admit that Directors of the Penitentiary and Trustees of the Asylums are officers also.

The same section of the Constitution which prohibits the General Assembly from creating an office and then filling it authorises and requires the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to nominate all officers whose appointments are not otherwise provided for. By subsequent statute the Governor is authorized to fill all vacancies that may happen in the Boards aforesaid without the advice and consent of the Senate. This statute brings the appointments by the Governor within the exception, "unless otherwise provided for," and they may be made without the consent of the Senate. It is true that the Court, in the opinion in the case of Clark and Stanly, say, that the expression, "unless otherwise provided for" means "unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution." This, however, is *obiter dictum*, not necessary to the decision in that case, not decided in the case, and altogether untenable. To abide by decisions has become a maxim in our jurisprudence, but no one has ever claimed that *obiter dicta* are binding as law.

It must be and is admitted by the legal profession, that according to the decision in the case of Clark and Stanly the acts of the General Assembly appointing Trustees and Directors are unconstitutional and void, and that the persons thus illegally appointed are liable to be removed. It must be, and is also admitted that the Governor had the right to commission other Trustees and Directors to take the places of those illegally appointed by the General Assembly. It is claimed on the other hand that the illegally appointed Trustees and Directors are officers *defacto*, and that their acts are valid until they are legally removed. This is not denied or doubted. All the authorities quoted to prove this are readily admitted. The conclusion attempted to be drawn is that the Governor is bound to supply them with State funds under his control to enable them to hold their illegally acquired offices. If this is so he must contradict his own act and deed. If this be so, he cannot recognize the officers whom it is admitted he legally and properly appointed.

When the illegally appointed officers held over after demand, they placed themselves *in the wrong*. It is the duty of the Governor to maintain the Executive Department of the Government. The people demand this. Reason, justice, good government all require it. The shout of the mob may chime in with the denunciations now heaped upon the Governor of North Carolina for what he believes to be an honest discharge of the duties of his office, but the people will sustain him. If, in this contest, between the lawful government of the State and wrong doers, the public press and public sentiment were properly directed the wrong doers—no offense is meant by the term—would soon retire. There would then be no necessity of putting any one upon half rations or sending any one home. The people have seen quite as much resistance to lawful authority of late as they desire to see. They demand obedience to the laws and to lawful authority.

"The Penitentiary Imbroglio."

Governor Caldwell has been advised by learned counsel and is of opinion that he has the power under the recent decision of the Supreme Court in Clark *vs.* Stanly, to appoint directors in our State institutions and corporations, and refuses to recognize those persons holding under Legislative appointment as legally in power. He has appointed a board of Directors of the Penitentiary and paid them money for the support of the prisoners. The Legislative board refused to vacate and notified the Governor that they had only five days rations on hand. Before the five days expired the board appointed by the Governor appeared at the gates of the Penitentiary with an amply supply of food for the prisoners which they offered to deliver to the old board. Although the old board had notified the Governor that the prisoners had been put on half rations, and a proposition had been made to call a public meeting to denounce the Governor for "starving the prisoners," THE OLD BOARD REFUSED TO RECEIVE THE PROVISIONS!

The President of the old board notified Governor Caldwell that they were willing to surrender the institution, whenever it was decided by the Courts that they were not the legal directors, and yet when the Governor proposed to make up a case in the nature of *quo warranto*, submit it for judgment at Spring Term of Wake Court, and carry it by appeal to the next Term of the Supreme Court—(*the old board to be recognized in the meantime and receive such sums of money for the support of the prisoners &c., as they require,*) THE OLD BOARD REFUSED TO ACCEDE TO THE ARRANGEMENT!

The fact is, all this clamor in regard to the Governor's right to appoint was gotten up to create Democratic party capital. The good of the State and the proper support of the prisoners has been lost sight of in the effort to retain the spoils in the hands of the Democratic board, and all these appeals to the passions are but the clap-trap machinery of designing politicians and demagogues.

ST. PATRICKS DAY was celebrated in splendid style by the sons of Erin in this city on Monday evening last. They gave a magnificent banquet at the Yarboro House which passed off in a manner entirely satisfactory to all present. It was "a feast of reason a flow of soul" in the highest sense of the word. The table was loaded with the choicest viands and many excellent speeches were made, and many patriotic songs were sung. All honor to the Irish, that noble hearted and generous people, of whom it has been said—"They have successfully fought the battles of every country but their own." Let us hope that in the course of time and events old Ireland will yet take the place among the nations of the earth to which she is entitled by the laws of nature and of nature's God.

GOING! GONE!!—A certain *veracious* Democratic editor west of Raleigh, whose chief business for two years past has been to make war upon the "Brindle-tails" seems to be relenting. He now seems to be willing to receive to his own embraces such "Brindle-tails" as Lyman Trumbull, Gratz Brown and Carl Schurz. He will then be no longer of any service to his friends. Othello's occupation will be gone. Let all good people curse the man who seems to be ready to play Hicks with the Democracy. Who would ever have thought that Hannibal would entertain propositions of surrender to the "Brindle-tails?"

FAME.—To be abused by the newspapers, and have mud-scows named after you.

REPUBLICAN MEETINGS.

Mass Meeting in Duplin.

The Republicans of Duplin county assembled in force at Kenansville at the Court House, in Convention agreeably to the call of the Republican Executive Committee.

Mr. Enoch Hill was called to the Chair, and Mr. Amos McCulloch was requested to act as Secretary. The roll of Townships was called, each Township being fully represented, upon which a permanent organization was effected, and the following officers chosen: Enoch Hill, President; Shade Connor, Moses Wilson and Thomas Wilson, Vice-Presidents; and Amos McCulloch as Secretary. Delegates to State Convention, Irving Beeman, Shade Conner. Delegates to District Convention, Enoch Hill and Amos McCulloch. Messrs, Shade Connor, Irving Beeman, Lewis Williams, Sanders Pearsall, and Amos Dobson were appointed a Committee to draft resolutions. During the retirement of the Committee, G. P. Rourk, Esq., of Wilmington, addressed the Convention in a speech replete with unanswerable argument levelling sturdy blows at the ku klux Democracy and imparting a spirit of undounded enthusiasm among his hearers. Mr. Rourk was succeeded by Edgar Miller, Esq., also of Wilmington, who laid bare before the people the masked hypocrisy of the ku klux Democracy, dwelling with convincing force upon the successful achievements of the National Republican party. Mr. Miller's excellent speech was brought to a close by the appearance of the Committee, who submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Republican party of Duplin county are firmly bound together and united in one determined phalanx against the aggressions and encroachments of the ku klux Democracy; and, whereas, we are determined to make one grand effort to rank Duplin county as one of the triumphantly foremost under the Republican banner.

Resolved, That we unqualifiedly endorse and approve, with the most cheerful satisfaction, the administration of President Grant, and declare him as our first and last choice for the re-nomination to the Presidency.

Resolved, That the delegates to the Congressional District Convention be and are hereby instructed to cast their votes for Hon. Allan Rutherford for Congressman, from this district.

Resolved, That our delegates to the State Convention, at Raleigh be, and are hereby instructed to cast their votes for the Hon. O. H. Dockery for the office of Governor.

The Convention then adjourned with three cheers for Gen. Grant, old New Hampshire and the National Republican party.

County Convention

The Republicans in Guilford met in Convention at the Rooms of the Grant Club in Greensboro, last Thursday afternoon. Every township in the county was represented, which speaks well for the efficiency of the organization by townships and argues that, as the campaign advances, the organization will be still better.

Hon. David Hodgin was called to the Chair and Geo. M. Arnold was made Secretary.

John A. Pritchett, Chairman of the Committee on resolutions, made the following report:

Resolved, That we regard the National Republican party as the only hope for a safe, economic and just administration of the government and pledge it our heartiest support. Its success means to every Southern Republican peace and prosperity—its defeat, ruin, anarchy and assassination.

Resolved, That we heartily commend and endorse the patriotism and devotion to the best interests of the State and Nation of the Republican members of our Congressianal delegation.

Resolved, That every attempt to destroy the unity and integrity of the Republican party or to impair its success in the coming election, is actually a movement in favor of the Ku Klux Klan, tends to reproduce its horrors and rekindle its smouldering fires.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the action of Gov. Caldwell in refusing to lend the sanction of his high office to the unholy purpose of the unscrupulous partizan zeolots who constituted the mrjority of the late Legislature, in their treasonable attempts to subvert the Constitution of the State and trample upon the liberties of her citizens.

Resolved, That the Republicans of Guilford, in common with the law-abiding people of the entire South owe to President Grant a debt of gratitude which no devotion can repay, supported and sustained by a patriotic majority in Congress, his duty has been performed with a promptness and firmness which has made his name a terror to midnight assassins—secured our lives and liberties from the bloody tyranny of the mask and the dagger—and saved the nation from incipient treason—and we believe that the future peace, prosperity aud safety of the South emphatically demands his re-election.

Resolved, That the action of the Conservative Legislature, in repealing the act of April, 1869, which made it a misdemeanor to go disguised with intent to terrify, and made the commission of any crime while thus disguised a felony—is an overwhelming refutation of former denials of Ku Kluxism, a clear assumption of the parentage of the Klan, an unmistakable endowment of its infamous acts. And we firmly believe this repeal to have been the desperate act of guilty conspirators to shield themselves and their fellows from the impending punishment which their atrocious crimes so richly deserved.

Resolved, That we commend the course of our fellow-Citizens, who, having thoughtlessly followed the lead of traitorous partisans and become identified with that crowning villainy of civilized humanity, the ku klux klan have had the boldness and manhood to come forward and denounce its infamies.

Resolved, That the brutal treatment and wholesale starvation of the prisoners in the State Penitentiary by Conservative officers and contractors, and the failure of a Conservative majority in the Legislature, to notice and condemn such conduct is an act of inhumanity, cowardice and unutterable infamy which could only spring from a party claiming all the "virtue and intelligence" and only manifesting malice, incapacity and greed.

Resolved, That in Hon. Thomas Settle of Rockingham we recognize a champion peculiarly fitted to bear the banner of Republicanism to assured victory in the coming Gubernatorial contest and the delegates to the State Convention are hereby instructed to support him as the first choice of the Republicans of Guilford for Governor.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The following gentlemen were appointed delegates to attend the State Convention:

Hon. A W Tourgee, Thos. B Keogh, W P Heath, David Hodgin, Wm. Fentress, R Y Davis, Eli Horney, John Holt, Abner S Holton, Daniel Welker, E S Dean, A H Lindsay, Fred. Smith, Thomas Unthank, Frank Jordan, Anderson Elred, Orpheus McAdoo, Logan McCulloch, and Obed C Anthony.

A resolution was adopted inviting all Republicans from Guilford who attend the State Convention to join the delegation and appear as delegates. The Chairman appointed a committee to report names of delegates to attend the Congressional Convention. The committee made the following report which was unanimously adopted:

Geo. Wm. Welker, Chesley A Lewis, Charles Albright, A C Murrow, T C Starbuck, Joseph Hoskins, Thos. M Owen.

The Convention was addressed by Hon. Jacob T Brown, T B Keogh and others.

It was resolved that the proceedings of the meeting be published in *The New North State* and THE ERA.

DAVID HODGIN, Ch,m.
EEO. M. ARNOLD, Sec'y.

Public Meeting.

At a public meeting of the Republicans of Caldwell county held in the Court House in Lenoir on Saturday, the 9th day of March, 1872, the following proceedings were had and resolutions adopted, to wit:

On motion of C. C. Jones, Major R. B. Bogle was called to the chair, and Smith H. Powell requested to act as secretary of the meeting.

The object of the meeting was then explained by C. C. Jones, who said that the Republican party of Caldwell county desired to give expression to their views in regard to the approaching contest of principles now about to be entered upon in the National and State elections during the present year, and to indicate our preference for those whom we desire for our standard bearers in some of the more important offices that have to be filled by the people of the United States and the State of North Carolina.

On motion of C. C. Jones, the chairman appointed the following committee of five to draft resolutions to be be submitted for the action of the meeting:

C. C. Jones, J. M. Estes, Hosea Bradford, G. W. Livingston, and Lewis S. Harris, who retired for that purpose.

The committee, after a brief absence, reported through their chairman, C. C. Jones, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, a portion of the Republican party of Caldwell county, do resolve and declare,

1. That we most heartily endorse and approve the administration of U. S. Grant, President of the United States, and declare that he is our first choice to be voted for as the next President, in November next, and we sincerely believe he is the choice of ninety-nine hundredths of the Republicans of North Carolina for that responsible position, and we regard his re-election as of vital importance to the peace and welfare of the country, and especially that of the Southern States.

2. That we heartily approve the administration of the Executive duties of North Carolina, by our present able and patriotic Governor, Tod R. Caldwell, and we hereby pledge him, if nominated for the office of Governor by the Republican State Convention to be held in Raleigh on the 17th of April, 1872, our earnest and willing support, and that he is our first choice for Governor.

3. That we hereby express as the sense of the Republicans of Caldwell county, and declare that Rufus L. Patterson, of Forsythe county, is our first choice for Lieutenant Governor, while we recognize the claims of many other distinguished Republicans in the State, as eminently qualified for that position, and we pledge our undivided and hearty support of the nominees by the Republican Convention of the ticket selected as the standard bearer of the Union Republican party, believing as we do, that none but honest and capable men will receive a nomination to any office.

4. That the Chairman of this meeting appoint three persons to represent as delegates the Republican party of Caldwell, in the State nominating Convention in Raleigh, on the 17th April next, and in case no one attends, that Hon. Lewis Hanes, editor of THE ERA, is hereby authorized and requested to represent Caldwell county in said Convention.

5. That this meeting endorse THE ERA newspaper, as an able advocate of Republicanism and justice in North Carolina, and we do recommend as many Republicans as can do so to subscribe for said paper.

Under the 4th resolution the Chairman appointed the following named persons delegates to the nominating Convention, 17th April, viz: J. M. Estes, Esq., David Moore, Esq., and C. C. Jones, Esq.

On motion of C. C. Jones,

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be sent to THE ERA, with a request that the same be published, and other Republicans papers copy.

On motion of C. C. Jones, the Chairman of this meeting, Maj. R. B. Bogle, was appointed a delegate to the State Republican Convention in Raleigh, 17th April, 1872.

On motion the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

R. B. BOGLE. Chairman.
SMITH H. POWELL, Secretary.

BANKING ENTERPRISE.—We learn that a Savings Bank will be organized and put in operation very soon in Charlottee.

Hope Township, Chatham County.

The meeting was organized by calling W. P. Holt, Esq., to the Chair, and appointing W. M. Long, as Secretary.

Kelly Mitchell, Esq., explained the object of the meeting to appoint delegates to a county Convention, to be held in Pittsboro on the 30th March.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following named gentlemen to draft resolutions for the consideration of the meeting—to wit: J. B. Long, J. H. Burges, R. Burges, H. R. Ellis, Aaron Scott, Tyra Johnson, Renty Womble, Kelly Mitchell, J. N. Mitchell, J. E. Bell, Daniel Mathes.

The committee retired a few minutes and then reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we the Republicans of New Hope Township, having the utmost confidence in the ability and integrity of T. R. Caldwell, do hereby declare in favor of him for Governor in August next.

Resolved, That we are for U. S. Grant for President of the United States against all others.

The meeting was addressed in a bold and enthusiastic manner by Kelly Mitchell and J. B. Long, Esqrs.

Kelly Mitchell, J. E. Bell, Aaron Scott, Jesse Horton, Thomas Burges and J. B. Long, being requested to attend Pittsboro on the 30th March, the meeting adjourned.

W. P. HOLT, Chairman.
W. M. LONG, Secretary.

Rowan County.

Pursuant to motion the Republicans of Rowan held a meeting in the Court House in Salisbury on the 16th inst.

On motion of Dr. W. H. Howerton, Hon. James G. Ramsay was unanimously chosen to act as Chairman, and Dr. Geo. B. Poulson as Secretary.

In his usual terse and vigorous manner the Chairman explained the object of the meeting.

On motion of I. W. Jones, a committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions. A committee of five persons was accordingly appointed, and retired for the purpose or performing the duties assigned.

During the absence of the Committee on resolutions the audience called for a speech from the Hon. James G. Ramsay, to which call he responded in a masterly manner.

After an absence of half an hour ihe Committee returned to the Court room and reported through its Chairman, Dr. I. W. Jones, the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

The Republicans of Rowan county, in Convention assembled, in responding to a call for a State Convention to be held in Raleigh, on the 17th of April, declare their adherence now, as heretofore, to the great principles of Republicanism, and

Resolve, 1*st*. That the Administration of President Grant, has been eminently successful in consumating the work of re-construction; in practicing economy; in maintaining inviolate, the public credit; reducing the public debt, expenditures and taxation; in regulating and reforming the civil service; executing the laws; protecting loyal citizens against violence and outrage, and *all classes* in their rights; in its prompt investigation and punishment of malfeasance in office; in submitting to arbitration our claims against the English Government; in its general pacific relations with foreign nations; in fulfilling its pledges to *remove political disabilities as the spirit of disloyalty shall die out*; and in having a positive policy on all subjects to *recommend*, but none to *enforce* against the will of the people; and therefore it has justified our support; warrants the endorsement of the country, and calls for Gen. Grant's nomination and re-election to the Presidedcy of the United States.

Resolved, 2*d*. That Governor Tod R. Caldwell having given us a faithful and honest administratin of the State Government; earnest and efficient to bring to justice, offenders against society, the laws and credit of the State; bold in withstanding unconstitutional legislation; right in calling to his aid just and upright councillors; wise in appointing to office, men of capacity, honesty and loyalty; and generally successful in the discharge of the duties of his office, notwithstanding the impediment of a reckless, violent, treacherous and revolutionary Legislature; for these and other eminent services, we commend him to the cordial support of all good men throughout the State.

Resolved 3*d*. That we arraign the present Legislature for its *unconstitutional Legislation*; its usurpation of Executive prerogatives; its want of self-respect in refusing to investigate charges against its own members; its disregard of the rights of the people in denying them the right of petition; for gerrymandering the State in the apportionment of Senatorial districts; for its fraud, its corruption, its ultra partizan and prescriptive spirit, its covert defense of Kuklux outrages. For these, among other good reosons we call upon the good people of the State everywhere to set the seal of their condemnation upon them.

Resolved, 4*th*. That Hon. John Pool, Hon. C. L. Cobb and Hon. Charles R. Thomas. Senator and Representatives from North Carolina. having rendered faithful and efficient services to the State and the nation have won the gratitude of all right thinking men, and the endorsement of the people of the State.

Dr. I. W. Jones moved that the Chairman appoint a suitable number of delegates to attend the Republican State Convention in Raleigh on the 17th of April, whereupon the following were appointed,—Dr. I. W. Jones, Dr. W. H. Howerton, A. Bengini, John Efland, Thos. W. Haynes, D. L. Bringle, Sam'l H. Wiley, Joseph B. Ballard, James Smith, Peter Hargrave, Colonel Thomas B. Long, Dr. G. B. Poulson, Frank Moring, Rev. W. J. Moore, John A. Ramsay, Pinkney Hall, Harry Cowan. A. J. Phillips, E. S. P. Lippard, John R. Potts, Cumby Ellis, Jacob Powe, Wiley Bean, Noah Peeler, Kiah Fisher, Jesse P. Wiseman, Robert H. Broadfield, George Pinkston, Wiley Dodge, Allen Rose and A. L. Clarke.

On motion the name of Hon. James G. Ramsay was added to the list of delegates.

The Chairman having been called from the meeting, Dr. I. W. Jones was called to the Chair, when Col. Long introduced the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend Dr. W. H. Howerton, of Rowan county, as an eminently suitable person to receive the nomination, for Secretary of State.

Resolved, That our distinguished fellow citizen, Hon. James G. Ramsay, is eminetly suited to represent the interests of this District in the next National Congress, and that we recommend his nomination therefor, in the District Convention.

Resolved, That the Republicans of this county desire the nomination of Col. T. L. Hargrove, of Granville, for Attorney General.

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

I. W. JONES,
Chairman.

G. B. POULSON,
Secretary.

Township Convention.

At a meeting held in Boon Hill Township, Johnson Co., N. C., on Saturday, 16th March, 1872, on motion, Franklin Phillips, Esq., was call to the Chair, and John T. Rains was made Secretary.

The Chairman addressed the meeting by briefly stating the object of the meeting. After which, the meeting proceeded to elect a Township Executive Committee, and appoint delegates to the County Convention to be held at Smithfield, on 26th March, 1872.

The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Dr. James Hay and unanimously adopted by the meeting:

WHEREAS, The Democratic-Conservative party "so called" did in the canvass of 1870 promise the *people retrenchment* and *reform* in the management of the affairs of the State; and, whereas, instead of retrenchment and reform the expenses of the government of the State have been nearly doubled; and, whereas, the people have been and are now overburdened by taxation caused and laid by the "so called" Conservative party, by the useless and unneccessary long stay at Raleigh of the "so-called" Legislature composed mostly of "upstart and ignorent boys" who knew nothing about Legislatnre and cared less; and, whereas, they promised, if elected, that peace should prevail in the State by a rigid enforcement of the laws made to punish disguised assassins comonly known as ku klux. Instead of the enforcement of the laws in this respect, they repealed the laws to shield themselves and their followers from the impending punishment which their attrocious crimes so richly deserved; and, whereas, this ignorant, disloyal and trifling Democratic-Conservative Legislature did nothing to allay the strife and contention between the people of the State. But on the other hand did all they could to widen the breech and cause unnecessary agitation by electing a banned traitor to the United States Senate, and electing to an important office one Moses A. Bledsoe who favored raising the black flag during the rebellion, but who refused to risk his own carcass under any flag. Thus plainly showing that the "so-called" Conservative party is nothing but the old "bumb proof" Secession party of 1861; and, whereas, these self-styled patriots, hypocrites and demagogues did have much to say about the public printing in the last canvass, and promised reform. Instead of retrenchment and reform they gave the printing to an office that attempted to cheat the State out of a large amount of money. And after this was proven, gave the printing again to the same swindling concern; and, whereas, this self-styled Conservative party have shown by these and a thousand other mean and contemptable acts to be unworthy of the support of all law-abiding and good citizens; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the people of Boon Hill Township regardless of party, will not support any but true Union Republicans in the coming elections, and we invite the Union men of 1861, whether they formerly belonged to the Whig or Democratic party, to rally as one man agaist the present ku klux party of North Carolina, commonly known by the "brindle tail name" of Conservative-Democratic party.

Resolved, That our present Governor, Tod R. Caldwell, has been tried and found true to all Union men and true to the best interest of all the citizens of North Carolina. Therefore he is our first choice for Governor.

Resolved, That Hon. Thos. Settle is our first choice for United States Senator, and we will do all we can to carry the Legislature so as to elect him to that high position.

Resolved, That we recommend as our standard barer of this district the name of Maj. W. A. Smith, believing he would do the people more good service in Congress than any man in the State, as he has never failed of success in whatever he undertook to do, we know that he would be elected by a large majority.

FRANK'N PHILLIPS, Ch'n.
JOHN T. RAINS, Sec'y.

Currituck County.

In accordance with previous announcement the Republicans of Currituck county assembled at the Court House, on the 13th of March, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State Convention.

On motion of James H. Ferebee, Chairman of the County Executive Committee, Thos. G. Munden, our esteemed and efficient Post Master and fire tried Republican, was called to the Chair, and Frank Sears appointed Secretary, the Chairman in a few appropriate remarks explained the object of the meeting.

On motion of Poulson Dogin, the Chairman was requested to appoint a Committee of six to report resolutions for the consideration of the meeting, the Chairman appointed the following as the Committee, viz: John Sampson, George Sears, Samuel Simmons, Miles Dixon, Albert Strain and Jacob Poyner. In a short time the Committee reported the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st, That we approve of and cordially endorse the administration of President Grant and pledge him our support in the future, as he has had it in the past, and that it is a matter of gratification to us, that under his administration our national debt has been reduced, confidence restored, and our national credit placed beyond question.

2d. That we do hereby cordially endorse the Hon. John Pool as U. S. Sentor and that his unwearing and persistant efforts in calling the attention of Congress to the existance of a secret and treasonable organization extending throughout the Southern States, and his services in devising effectual measures for the suppression and extermination of the same entitles him to the thanks of the nation.

3d. That we cheerfully endorse the administration of Gov. Tod R. Caldwell, and tender to him our grateful thanks for his efforts in behalf of peace, and recommend him to the Republicans of North Carolina as a fit and suitable person for the nomination for Governor, and hereby instruct our delegates in the State Convention to be held in Raleigh, on the 17th of April next, to vote for him for said position.

4th. Perquimans county, is our first choice for Lieutenant Governor, a man of the people, by the people, and for the people of great ability and devoted to the interest of the State.

5th. That W. A. Moore, of Washington county, is our first choice for Attorney General he is a true and tried Republican and a gentleman of great legal ability.

6th. That having confidence in the Republicanism of D. M. D. Lindsey, of Perquimans county, a man who was a Republican when it took men of iron will and indomitable courage to declare themselves in favor of Republican principles. We hereby recommend him to the Republicans of the 1st District of North Carolina, as a fit and suitable person and one well qualified to represent this District in the next Congress of the United States.

Which upon motion was adopted.

On motion of George Sears the Chairman appointed the following as delegates to the State Convention, viz: E. F. Baxter, James H. Ferebee, W. A. F. Stoikston and Wm. G. Thomas, and on motion of John Sampson the Chairman and Secretary was added to the list of delegates.

On motion of James H. Ferebee the Chairman appointed the following as the County Executive Committee: James H. Ferebee, E. F. Baxter, Wm. A. Powers, Edmund Wilson, W. A. F. Stoikston, W. G. Thomas, George S. Vanslyck and Thomas Chapell, and on motion of Albert Shaw the Chairman and Secretary was added to the Committee.

On motion of James H. Ferebee, Col. D. M. D. Lindsey was appointed proxy to cast the vote of the county in the State Convention. Provided none of the delegates appointed from the county are not present.

On motion of Miles Dixon the Secretary was requested to send a copy of the proceedings of the meeting to the North Carolina ERA with a request to publish.

On motion, the meeting apjourned.

THOS. G. MUNDEN, Ch'n.
FRANK H. SEARS, Sec'y.

READING THE HANDWRITING.—The Chicago *Times* the leading Democratic organ of the Northwest, thus refers to the defeat of its party in New Hampshire:

"The defeat is abundantly compensated by the moral which it affords. This moral is embodied in the obvious deduction that the Democratic party alone stands no shadow of a chance to prevent the re-election of Grant. The most hopelessly pig-headed Bourbon in the party must now *recognize the fact that the Democratic candidate for President could not carry more than one-third of the electoral vote.*"

The *Times*, however, affects to cherish the hope that "the country may be rescued from imperialism"—a Democratic way of expressing the hope that Grant may be beaten,—by a combination of all the soreheads, Democratic and otherwise. But it stamps the hopeless character of the effort by its admissions. The idea that a party commanding two-thirds of the electoral vote may be converted into a minority by the disaffection of a few disappointed men, and that a party commanding not more than a third may be converted into a majority by these isolated accessions is rather too preposterous. It is yet doubtful whether it will have any accessions at all.

It must be eminently inspiring to the rank and file of the Democracy to be told, as they are every day by their leading organs, that their party stands not a ghost of a chance of carrying the Presidential election, and that its only shadow of hope lies in the arrival of recruits who never come. If New Hampshire enforces the first lesson, it also emphatically gives the second. If it teaches that Democracy is practically defunct, it shows that it can get no new life from Republican accessions. If If there were any slackness of party ties any tendency among Republicans to break up and reorganize, it would have shown itself in New Hampshire. And yet in what was only a preliminary contest, without the consolidating energy and force of a national campaign, the Republican party stood together in solid phalanx and achieved a victory whose brilliancy surprises even themselves. The Democratic organs plainly read the handwriting on the wall.—*Albany Journal.*

An Irishman took a contract to dig a public well. When he had dug down about twenty-five feet, he came one morning and found it caved in, filled nearly to the top. Pat looked cautiously around and saw that nobody was near, then took off his hat and coat, hung them on the windlass, crawled into some bushes and awaited the result. In a short time the citizens discovered that the well had caved in, and seeing Pat's hat and coat on the windlass, they supposed that he was at the bottom of the excavation. Only a few hours brisk digging cleared the loose earth from the well, and just as the eager citizens had reached the bottom, and were wondering where the body was, Pat came out of the bushes and good naturedly thanked them for relieving him of a "sorry job." Some of the tired diggers were disgusted, but the joke was too good to allow anything more than the hearty laugh that followed.