

Announcement.

With this issue my editorial connection with THE ERA ceases, after a continuance of six months. Finding that my manner of conducting the paper, and my views of policy in several particulars, did not meet with the approval of a large portion of the party, my situation became unpleasant. I therefore proposed to Col. Carrow certain terms, on which I was willing to dissolve the business contract which I had made with THE ERA Publishing Company. These terms were accepted by Col. Carrow, who throughout has acted with the highest degree of honor and generosity.

In retiring from THE ERA I do not cease to be a Republican. I have no engagements for the future, but contemplate engaging in the practice of the law; having the offer of a partnership with an Attorney at the profession.

LEWIS HANES.

THE UNIVERSITY.—Those zealous Republicans who express so much dissatisfaction with our position with reference to the University, should remember that Gov. Holden, in his last message to the Legislature, frankly said that the Institution had been a failure under the present organization, and must continue to be so. He, therefore, proposed to turn it over, for reorganization, to the late Democratic Legislature. We only propose to reorganize it on a non-partisan basis.

WE CALL attention to the notice of Prof. McVey, published in our columns to-day, in relation to Teachers Institutes and a Journal of Education for the State. We are satisfied that the present School System is the best ever adopted in North Carolina. It not only makes provision for the instruction and improvement of Teachers, as shown in the notice referred to, but, if parents and school officers can be induced to do their duty, it provides for a greater amount of instruction in the free public schools, than has at any time heretofore been provided for in any one year.

Chronic Howlers.

When the National Government in 1865 essayed to give North Carolina a provisional government, the Democratic party set up a howl. When the Convention of 1865 had framed a Constitution for this State, not in conflict with the Constitution of the United States, the Democratic howlings defeated it. When the Howard Amendment was offered us, Democratic howlings caused its rejection. When the Congress of the Nation passed the reconstruction acts, their howlings from the same pack were fearful, and every effort was put forth to defeat the return of the State to the Union. When the Convention of 1868 assembled to frame a Constitution, the howling and gnashing was increased ten fold, and every Republican or Union-loving member of that Convention was pursued with a malignity worthy only of fiends. When our present Constitution was submitted for ratification or rejection, and we had to choose between accepting it and living under a civil government of our own or remaining under martial law, from Currituck to Cherokee, there went a long, loud and intensely fierce howl against the Constitution. When the homestead clause was adopted, it was denounced and howled at, and when our Supreme Court decided that said clause had a retrospective action, the Court was set upon by the whole kennel, and the snapping, snarling and howling was terrific. When Congress passed an act to suppress the Ku Klux Klans and restore law and order, and that act was executed, an infernal howl was heard from the jackals of the Democracy.

When the Legislature of North Carolina in an irregular and lawless manner passed an act to tear up our Constitution, and the Supreme Court Judges declared that act unconstitutional, and Gov. Caldwell refused to execute it, that same howl was heard from the mountains to the seashore.

When the Supreme Court decided in the case of Clark vs. Stanley that the Legislature could not curtail the powers of the Executive, the old familiar howl rose from the same Democratic pack, and when it was announced that Governor Caldwell would displace those persons illegally holding positions in our public institutions, the howlings, and snappings came thick and fast and prolonged from the entire pack. The very idea of a member of the Democratic Executive Committee losing his Penitentiary meal contract caused a howl throughout the Democratic ranks and ex-Judges and lawyers and even small twigs of the law were piteously appealed to prevent a calamity so dire. Men who had, according to sworn testimony, fed prisoners on damaged meal, tainted meat and rotten fish—yes, who had forced the miserable wretches there confined to eat rats, cats and carrion—men who have permitted the male and female convicts to cohabit together until the plaintive wailings of their illegitimate offspring is heard over the Penitentiary grounds—these men now come forward before the good people of the State as the

champions of humanity, and hypocritically bewail the anticipated sufferings of the poor prisoners if their Democratic guardians are removed! The people have heard their howlings so frequently that they are beginning to understand them. They now know that whenever a Democrat howls a Democrat is hurt, and that some Republican or friend of good government has made a good hit.

Who are the Radicals?

Democratic editors and speakers so frequently speak of the Republican party as the "Radical" party and Republicans as "Radicals," that we have thought it not amiss to inquire somewhat into the meaning of the term, and to ascertain, by comparing the acts of the Democratic with those of the Republican party, which of these is most entitled to be called "Radical."

Webster defines the word Radical as follows: "Pertaining to the root; proceeding directly from the root—hence, pertaining or relating to the root or origin; reaching to the centre, to the foundation, to the ultimate source, or the like; original; hence also, reaching to the principles; fundamental; thorough-going; unsparring; extreme." The sense in which "radical" has been used by the Republican party is that of an Iconoclast or destroyer of sacred things—a great monster roving about and tearing up by the root the great principles on which our government was founded, and establishing in their stead new and untried theories. For the benefit of those good people who have been frightened away from the support of Republican principles by the fear of being called Radicals, we have jotted down a few things which have been torn up by the Democratic party, and a few which have been torn up by the Republican party, and leave them to say which are most entitled to be called Radicals.

As the Democratic party is the oldest, we will first show a few things which it has torn up or endeavored to tear up by the roots:

- 1. The Democratic party tore up by the roots the Declaration of Independence, and used its utmost endeavors to establish in its stead a government based on human slavery.
2. The Democratic party sought to tear up by the roots the Union of these United States, and strove for four years through war and bloodshed to destroy the government established by Washington and the patriots of the revolution.
3. The Democratic party tore up by the roots the Constitution of our fathers, which its leaders had solemnly sworn to support, and ruthlessly dragged poor men from the families to fight against the Union, while every man who owned or could hire fifteen slaves was permitted by law to remain at home.
4. The Democratic party tore up by the roots freedom of speech and freedom of the press, and mobbed editors and tarred and feathered ministers of the gospel who dared to write or preach against the institution of slavery.
5. The Democratic party tore up by the roots every principle of justice, and passed laws under which was sold the poor man's household goods and the home of his wife and children for debt, and then imprisoned the husband and father for the remainder.
6. The Democratic party tore up by the roots freedom of person, and conscripted and dragged men against their will and against their convictions to fight against their country.
7. The Democratic party tore up by the roots the privilege of the great writ of habeas corpus and imprisoned without a hearing men whose only crime was that they were true to the oath they had taken to support the Union and Constitution of the United States.
8. The Democratic party tore up by the roots liberty of conscience and wickedly compelled members of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, to take up arms, or pay an equivalent for the support of the rebellion, while they well knew that members of that Society were exempted from war services by all civilized nations on account of their religious scruples.
9. The Democratic party tore up by the roots the right of property, and sent title officers all through the Southern States who seized provisions, horses, cattle, or whatever they chose, and carried them off without paying the owners therefor.
10. The Democratic party has torn up by the roots law and order, and authorized the organization of secret oath-bound Klans which have scourged, mutilated and assassinated men (and even defenceless women and children) for opinion's sake, and created a reign of terror unparalleled in a civilized country.
The Republican party, on the other hand, tore up the Confederate States by the roots and re-established in its stead the government of Washington and Jefferson.
1. The Republican party tore up by the roots the system of human slavery on American soil, and established the government upon the principles of the Declaration of Independence.
2. The Republican party tore up by the roots the law which authorized the imprisonment of a man for debt.
3. The Republican party tore up by the roots the law which authorized the selling of a poor man's home and household effects, and established in its stead a homestead and personal property exemption, and to make it doubly secure imbedded it in the organic law so that it cannot be easily repealed.
4. The Republican party tore up by

the roots all laws which deprived mechanics and working-men of their rights and planted in their stead the Mechanic's and Laborer's Lien Law, which guarantees to every working-man the fruit of his labor.

6. The Republican party tore up by the roots all laws which compelled men to pay for the support of the government and held them amenable to the laws, while they were not permitted to take part in choosing their rulers, and gave the ballot to all male citizens.

7. The Republican party has torn up by the roots the whipping post and pillory and blotted out all laws which permitted the branding of the human body or the cropping of human ears.

8. The Republican party has torn up by the roots, secession, rebellion, conscript laws, impressment laws, and tithing laws, and is planting peace, quiet, protection, freedom, law and order throughout the country.

Let the people say who are the Radicals.

Letter from Gov. Caldwell.

A number of Democratic citizens of Franklin county held a meeting on the 20th inst., and resolved that it is the duty of Gov. Caldwell "either to recognize the old Board of the Penitentiary and charitable institutions, or else have the question as to whether they are legally constituted, adjudicated before the proper Judicial tribunal without delay," and further, that the Attorney General is the legal adviser of the Executive. A copy of the resolutions having been sent Governor Caldwell, he replied as follows:—

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Executive Department, Raleigh, 23d March, 1872.

Messrs. M. S. Davis, Ch'm'n., and Geo. S. Baker, Secretary:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the proceedings of a public meeting of a portion of the citizens of Franklin county, held at Louisa on the 20th inst., and forwarded to me by you. I am pleased to say that it affords me satisfaction to see an interest manifested by any portion of the people of the State in our public affairs, and that it gives me pleasure to hear and carefully consider any suggestions which may be made to me as Chief Magistrate of the State.

The meeting at Louisa gives me especial satisfaction in that it recommends and advises in the penitentiary and asylum difficulties "that it is the duty of the Governor either to recognize the Boards of said Institutions as appointed by the Legislature or else have the question as to whether they are legally constituted, adjudicated before the proper Judicial tribunal without delay."

I have endeavored to do what I conceive to be my full duty in this matter, and at the proper time I propose to cause all the correspondence on the subject to be laid before the public, and then, if the people of Franklin county who were in the meeting at Louisa, entertain the same views which they seem to have held on the 20th day of March, I do not feel that I shall have any reason to fear their verdict. Let the jury take the case.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, very respectfully, your obedient servant, TODD R. CALDWELL.

Can they Harmonize.

The diversity of opinion is so great among the anti-Grant-Republicans that it would seem to be impossible for them to agree upon a platform, in the event a separate organization shall be attempted. Horace Greely, of the New York Tribune, says, "if the Cincinnati Convention put an anti-tariff plank in their platform you may count me out!"

Per contra, Horace White, of the Chicago Tribune says, "if the Cincinnati Convention does not put an anti-tariff plank in its platform you may count me out." How can the elements of which these gentlemen are the representatives be brought together? The task would seem to be as difficult as that of the old negro who was called upon to explain how his master shot a Geer through the hind foot and the ear at one shot with the same bullet. He explained by saying that he saw his master pull the trigger just as the deer "raised his hind foot to scratch him ear." After the visitor was gone he remonstrated with his master, saying: "Master, don't put em so far apart next time, dis nigger had hard work to get em together sometimes." It looks as if the Cincinnati Convention might have still harder work to "get em together."

ENTREPRISE.—Mr. Bailey, living only a short distance beyond the city limits, and near the Lunatic Asylum, has nearly completed one of the handsomest dwellings around the suburbs of the city. The yard and gardens that surround it have been laid out with much care and skill, and is said to be beautiful and quite attractive. We learn that the original site was a barren waste entirely void of any attraction, but through the indomitable energy and perseverance of Mr. Bailey, he has made it as above stated, a beautiful, attractive and valuable residence. Energy and enterprise will tell.—Daily News.

It is not only in his building and improvements that Captain Bailey is enterprising and successful; he is equally enterprising and energetic in conducting his English and Classical school in this city, in which, we are happy to learn, he is having great success. His school bids fair to speedily become one of the fixed institutions of our city. His high character, great energy, emi-

nent qualifications and long experience as a teacher certainly entitle him to the confidence and patronage of the public in his profession.

Democratic Corruption.

Recent investigations have demonstrated that foul corruption is not confined to the Republican party, but the foulest of it is to be found in the Democratic party. The Washington Patriot, the national organ of the Democracy, it has recently been proved, was established and supported by the Tammany Ring. Speaking of a recent investigation before the Territorial Legislature the Washington Star says:

"The memorialists have failed in their laborious attempt to connect the District government with Tammany, but, much to their disgust, the testimony has developed the unpleasant fact that they have been bought and sold like so many sheep by Tweed & Co. It has been shown that their organ, the Patriot, was started by Tweed to break down the District government and that their lawyers have been in close affiliation and familiar correspondence with the 'Boss.' In fact, it has been demonstrated that the whole barnacle crowd, including the Patriot, the barnacle lawyers and the barnacle bums, who are open (per bed-room windows) for anything going, from a pint of milk to a \$800 bonus, have been kept amok by Tweed. That source has now dried up, and the poor hungry devils are naturally desperate."

A communication appears in another column recommending Dr. H. Howerton, of Salisbury, as a suitable nomination for the office of Secretary of State. Without any disparagement to the claims of the other gentlemen whose names have been mentioned, a long and intimate personal acquaintance with Dr. Howerton enables us to say that his business qualifications are excellent, and that he is a most amiable and accommodating gentleman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor must not be understood as endorsing the sentiments of his correspondents. Communications on all subjects are solicited, which will be given to the readers of THE ERA as containing the views and sentiments of the writers.

For the Carolina Era.

Teachers Institutes, and Journal of Education.

If twenty or more teachers shall organize a school for the purpose of conforming to the provisions of the twentieth section of the school law, and hold a Teachers Institute of four weeks under efficient and competent instruction at anytime during the year, and report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the association will receive fifty dollars from the State school funds and fifty dollars from the Peabody Educational Fund. The teachers of public and private schools are thus appealed to by the State and by the generous offer of Dr. Sears, the General Agent of the Peabody Educational Fund, to do something for their profession.

It has occurred to me that teachers Associations and teachers in the State should have an Educational Journal and Organ, through which they might communicate with each other. Teaching is a progressive science. The best teachers may be benefited by an occasional contact with the thoughts and modes of others.

I have examined the Virginia Educational Journal, a monthly periodical of forty pages, and all of us Republicans here are satisfied that the Eastern part of the State will shower their votes upon him. He is a well tried and tested Republican, a man who has been slandered and abused on account of his political feelings and views, and, sir, there is a man in the State of North Carolina who is deserving such a position at the hands of the citizens of the State, it is Dr. Wm. Howerton, of Rowan.

HOPEFUL.

THE LEGEND.—The legend, as it is called, for the Master Mason, is one of the most touching and beautiful in the great drama of life. Founded, as it is, upon the mysteries and ceremonies of the ancient Egyptians, it has come to be the emblem and substance of Masonry. It is an impressive explanation of the birth, the duties, the death and resurrection of man. It stamps upon the intelligent Mason the sublime doctrine of immortality of the soul; and it is a wise provision of all Grand Lodges that that degree should never be given in part only, but should be completed at every undertaking. To omit this legend is to omit the degree itself. The legend is the grand landmark, the unailing beacon of Masonry. It is never changed; it will admit of no removal, for it is a rallying point of the universal. It conveys volumes of thought, and furnishes food for the reflective mind, down to the grave, and as a simple drama, stands unequalled beside any of the productions of genius. No Mason ever participated in and forgot it; he felt its moral upon his soul as though it were the touch of divinity, and when properly understood, it inspires a solemnity second only to the scene of death. It is never changed; it is never altered, therefore, ever tamper with the beautiful legend; it wants nothing added to it, and will allow nothing taken from it.

WASHINGTON'S FARM.—The farm of General Washington, at Mount Vernon, contained ten thousand acres of land in one body—equal to about fifteen square miles. It was divided into farms of convenient size, at the distance of two, three and five miles from the Mansion House. He visited these farms every day, in pleasant weather, and was constantly engaged in making experiments for the improvement of agriculture. Some idea of the extent of his farming operations may be formed from the following facts: In 1781 he had five hundred and eighty acres sown in wheat, and planted about six hundred and fifty acres with wheat—and as much more in corn, barley, potatoes, beans, peas, &c., and one hundred and fifty with turnips. His stock consisted of one hundred and forty horses, one hundred and twelve cows, two hundred and thirty-six working oxen, heifers and steers, and five hundred sheep. He constantly employed two hundred hands, and kept twenty-four plows going during the whole year, when the earth and the state of the weather would permit. In 1781 he slaughtered one hundred and fifty hogs for the use of his own family, and provisions for his negroes, for whose comfort he had great regard.

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REPUBLICAN MEETINGS.

Raleigh Township—Western Ward.

According to previous notice the Republicans of Western Ward held a meeting, in the Johnston School House on Friday evening March 22.

The meeting was called to order order at half past 8 o'clock, when, on motion of Mr. Dunston, Mr. J. B. Neathery was called to the chair, who, in a few brief remarks stated the object of the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Evans, W. R. Davis was elected Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Evans a committee of three was appointed to recommend persons as delegates from the Western Ward to the County Convention to convene on the 27th inst.

The chairman appointed Messrs. Evans, Holden and Dunston, on said committee. The committee recommended Messrs. J. B. Neathery, Theo. Joseph and J. H. Jones, delegates; R. Malone, T. H. Coates and N. Dunston, alternates.

On motion of Mr. Jones it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be furnished THE CAROLINA ERA for publication.

On motion, the meeting adjourned. J. B. NEATHERY, Chairman. W. R. DAVIS, Secretary.

Perquimans County.

A meeting of the Republicans of Perquimans county, held at the Court House in Hertford, on Saturday, 16th inst.

On motion, Hon. E. A. White was called to the Chair, and A. W. Speight appointed Secretary.

The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, to appoint delegates to the State Convention, to be held at Raleigh, on the 17th day of April next.

On motion, a Committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting as follows:

Resolved, That we approve the administration of President Grant, believing that under him the National Government has been managed justly, by the rigid enforcement of congressional legislation in behalf of equal rights, and economically, by establishing the national credit on a firm basis, and by reducing, at the same time, the taxes and the national debt.

Resolved, That we endorse the administration of our State affairs by Governor Caldwell. His ability, straight-forwardness, and firmness in the discharge of duty at a time of great peril to the State, are worthy of all praise; and we respectfully recommend him to the Republican State Convention, as our standard-bearer in the coming campaign.

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to support him for the gubernatorial nomination.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Republicans of North Carolina, are due, and freely tendered to the Hon. John Pool, our United States Senator, for the able and distinguished manner in which he has discharged the laborious duties of his office; and more especially, in bringing to justice the members of the Ku Klux Klans, thereby restoring peace to the State, and putting an end to organized midnight assassinations and brutal outrages on life and liberty on account of opinion.

Resolved, That upon the intelligence of the citizen depends the future safety and happiness of our country; and it is the duty of our legislators, to exhaust all lawful means, for the preservation of education among the masses of our people.

Resolved, That we congratulate the State and Nation, upon the full restoration of peace and the Republic, through the action of the Republican party, and that its continuance in power, needed reforms will be perfected, old abuses corrected, and our material prosperity and general happiness promoted.

Resolved, That we do respectfully recommend the Hon. Jonathan W. Alberson, of Perquimans, to the State Convention, for the position of Lieut. Governor.

On motion, resolved that the Chairman appoint three delegates from each Township, to represent the county in the State Convention.

On motion, the Chair appointed a committee on resolutions consisting of Jno. M. Bateman, Jno. M. Foote, Griffin H. Cooper, Jasper Hassell and Jno. B. Chesson, Jr. The committee reported the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we approve of the call for a Republican Convention to be held in Raleigh on the 17th of April next, and appoint the following gentlemen as delegates, and authorize them to cast the vote of Washington county in said Convention, viz:

Hon. D. C. Guyther, Martin Jackson, Amos Pettiford, Theophilus Ash, Jas. A. Melson, Daniel Mizell, Hamilton W. Davenport, Geo. Davenport, Jno. M. Bateman, Geo. M. Foote, George W. Jones, Jno B. Chesson, Jr., Harkless Gussum, William Overton, Wilson Hatfield, A. N. Phelps, Nehemiah Ambrose, Jasper Hassell.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the administration of Gov. Caldwell, and approve of his course in opposition to the unconstitutional usurpations of the Legislature.

Resolved, That the arbitrary and partisan acts of the Legislature which recently adjourned cannot but be condemned by the honest and true, and proves conclusively that the Democratic party cannot with safety be trusted with the management of the State Government, as they are governed more by party feelings than a desire to benefit their constituents.

Resolved, That the honest and economical administration of President Grant receives our most hearty and emphatic endorsement, and that the best interest of the country demand his re-nomination and election.

Resolved, That we approve of the laws passed by Congress for the suppression of the so-called Ku Klux Klan, and that our thanks are hereby tendered to the Hon. John Pool and Hon. C. L. Cobb, for their efforts to secure the enactment of the same.

Resolved, That the proceeding of this meeting be published in the Raleigh City North Carolinian and THE ERA, with request that they publish the same.

D. C. GUYTHER, Chairman. L. B. DOWNS, Secretary.

Good-bye, Mr. Drake! Good-bye, moderation!—Southern Home.

Good-bye, General Hill! We wish you well, and all our good friends on the other side of Jordan. Hope soon to meet you all in the green vales and purring streams of a Southern prosperity, with peace and plenty, and no longer eat "grass," nor raise the olive branch of peace, and remain out in the cold.—Statesville American.

Washington County. The Republicans of Washington county met at the Court House in the town of Plymouth, on the 16th of March, pursuant to the call of the Executive Committee, for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend the State Convention to be held in Raleigh, on the 17th of April.

The meeting was called to order by Capt. James A. Melson, Chairman of the county Executive Committee, who explained the object of the meeting, and called the Hon. D. C. Guyther to the Chair. L. B. Downs was appointed Secretary.

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