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STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

SIXTEENTH DAY.

THURSDAY, Sept. 23, 1875.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M., Mr. President Ransom in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Marshall, of the city.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Reid, from the Committee on Revision, submitted a report, being a substitute for an ordinance submitting to the voters the question of ratifying or rejecting the amendments made by this Convention; to vote at general election in November, 1876.

Passed second reading, ordered to be printed and made special order for Saturday at 11 o'clock.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

Mr. Manning, of Chatham, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted a majority report in the Robeson county contested election case. The report favored continuing in their seats the incumbents.

Mr. Chamberlain, Rep., from same committee, submitted a minority report, declaring that the seats of the sitting members from Robeson should be vacated.

Both reports were ordered to be printed; and

Mr. Buxton, Rep., moved to make special order for Saturday.

Mr. Manning, of Chatham, Dem., moved to amend by inserting Tuesday next, at 12 o'clock.

The ayes and noes were called on this amendment, and resulted ayes 55, noes 54—as all Democrats, including the incumbents in the Robeson county case.

Mr. King, of Lenoir, raised the point of order, that, by the rules a delegate interested could not vote.

The President stated that he knew of no rule forbidding such from voting. [There is a rule bearing upon this, in which a disjunctive conjunction is used, to which, attention was called by Mr. Barringer.]

Mr. Shepherd, from the Committee on Municipal Corporations; and Messrs. French and Vaughn, from the Committee on the Legislative Department, submitted reports.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs. Hoffman, French and Strowd.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Stallings, Dem.: Ordinance to amend sec. 3, art. 5; relates to taxing dogs.

By Mr. Avery, Dem.: Ordinance providing for working public roads by taxation.

By Mr. Wheeler, Rep.: Resolution of adjournment *sine die*.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Ordinance to remove the political disabilities imposed upon W. W. Holden, by a Court of Impeachment.

Mr. Albertson, Rep., took the floor and made an able speech, in which he held that the Convention had the right to recall Mr. Holden.

without violating the oath of transcending the restrictions.

Mr. Hassell, Dem., said that nothing could be done beyond that "dominated in the bond"—prescribed in the act.

Mr. Barringer, Rep., said that under the oath the Convention, in his opinion, could not act in the matter; and while his feelings prompted him to favor removal of the ban, he could not vote for the ordinance.

Mr. Young, Rep., said that it was clear the power to remove was vested somewhere; and it having been plainly shown to him that the Convention had that power, he hoped delegates would forget whatever of party feeling they might have in the matter, and, now that everybody else had been pardoned, give freedom to W. W. Holden.

Mr. Clingman, Dem., took the position occupied by those of his party who had preceded him.

Mr. Stallings, Dem., followed Mr. Clingman, and thought nothing short of an unrestricted Convention would enable him to do anything for the gentleman who, as a member of the same church with himself, enlisted his sympathy; but he would not admit that action should be taken by this body as a matter of right.

Mr. O'Hara, Rep., deprecated party spirit which was manifested in the matter, and favored the ordinance. In the course of his remarks he impressed upon those who are in positions to be heard the necessity of counseling peace and good will towards men.

At 1:25, Mr. Manning, of Chatham, Dem., called the previous question, when

Mr. Badger, Rep., as the introducer of the ordinance, claimed the right to close the debate.

The call was withdrawn, when

Mr. Tourgee, Rep., who had been alluded to by the delegate from Martin, spoke at length. In reply to the charge of being blasphemous, he said that he thought the humblest could speak the name of Him who appeared among men in the flesh. He had simply said that such as the delegate from Martin represented were somewhat like those who persecuted One because, being not of them, "troubled the people." Mr. T. was proud to be called a "carpet-bagger" by the delegate from Martin, and reminded him that but for the liberal ideas of that element in the Convention of 1868, ministers of the gospel would not now sit in our legislative bodies.

Mr. Buxton, Rep., had a conscience which he would not strain even for a friend, and that conscience did not trouble him in this case. If the other delegates thought the Convention had the right to remove Gov. Holden's disabilities, they ought not to hesitate. He was of opinion that the right was clear and said that the Bill of Rights authorized the Convention to act.

Mr. Roberts, of Gates, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported, and the ordinances so reported were ratified.

Mr. Jarvis, Dem., moved the previous question.

Mr. Durham moved to adjourn, and the ayes and noes being demanded, the Convention, at 2:25, by a vote of 56 to 50, adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock, the consideration of the ordinance pending.

The Democrat says that Mr. J. W. Quinn, of Cherryville, Gaston county, has a two-year old heifer that has been giving milk for the past five months, although she has never had a calf.

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BURCOMBE.—The two "Buncombes" didn't have much to say yesterday. In fact, Coleman has laid low ever since Judge Tourgee gave him that drubbing. General Clingman spouted once and then his voice sounded like a hoarse rooster trying to crow.

It is a sorry sight to see one who professes to carry in his right hand gentle charity, and upon whose head the snows of many winters have fallen, standing up in his place in a public body breathing revenge and hatred for political effect. Such a scene took place to-day in the so-called Constitutional Convention of North Carolina.

The klan have stuffed Jo Turner and the *Sentinel* pretty well. Jo is public printer, and Jo is also a member of the Convention. Jo has an Associate Editor, and he is clerk of the State Senate, and also Secretary of the Convention. The two together, draw hugely on the State Treasury. No wonder Jo wants an extra session of the humbug body.

One of the faithful is said to have remarked at the commencement of the session of the Convention, that he had spent too much time to be willing to adjourn without at least getting something back. He is further reported to have said, that the laborer was worthy of his hire, and as he now had a chance, he intended to make the most of it. He kept his word and is making the most of it.

When the question of suffrage comes up for final action, we want to see if some Democrat won't introduce an amendment to the clause preventing criminals from voting, by which kuklux murderers will be allowed the ballot. We venture that the matter will be so arranged that a poor man who has been convicted of petty larceny will be excluded from the ballot, while such unhung scoundrels as murdered poor Stephens in Caswell, will be allowed all the rights and privileges of freemen. We are anxious to see this question come up.

The accidental and unconstitutional majority of revolutionists, now squandering the peoples money against their will, propose to make a show of economy by reducing the number of Supreme Court Judges from five to three. This, fellow-citizens, is a blind. Their real object is to get rid of the present Court because it has proven to be the people's friend. The people can rest assured that oppression of the poor man is at the bottom of this pretended measure of economy. With the Supreme Court reduced to three, and the election of the Judges placed in the hands of an aristocratic Legislature, the people's homes will be wrested from them without mercy. Mark our prediction.

Judge Tourgee seems to be the special mark at which all the dirty rebel scribblers try to aim. The fellow who edits the *Southern Home*, assisted no doubt by the pardoned convict who is associated with him, throws out a low insinuation in a late issue of his paper which is in keeping with its general tone. Judge Tourgee can well afford to look with contempt upon attacks from such a quarter. If the editor-in-chief of the *Home* had his deserts he would have long since paid a traitors penalty by hanging, and his associate would now be in the Albany Penitentiary for aiding in the murder of innocent freedmen.

President Grant in the kindness of his heart pardoned a viper. Such mercy is always unappreciated.

Spake has spoke very little since he spoke of proscribing his fellow citizens on account of religious views. We presume he reflected about that little pledge he is said to have made in the mountains, in July last, and concluded it was not best to speak of religious qualifications any more. Speak no more of disfranchising the people, Mr. Spake.

Sam.—Say, Bill, when's the Gwyne gwyne to order out de troops?
Bill.—Order out de troops. What fur you mean nigger?

Sam.—Why to put down the conspiracy what's gwyne on. De swamp outlaws are playing de debil in de Convention.

Bill.—Dats so, but jist hold on, de people will play de debil wid dem when dey get through.

Maurice Q. Waddell, Assistant Enrolling Clerk of the Convention, has an easy time.

Mr. Herren, the Principal Enroller says that Waddell won't help; that while he is working like a son of a gun all day, Maurice leans back in an easy chair, and prompts the Self-Elected now and then.

Of course Mr. Waddell isn't going to work any, he is only getting pay for his last summer's services. Besides the position don't pay but five dollars per day, and the people don't mind paying that.

They say that "Little Davy Reid" had to be pushed up to the free suffrage rack nearly twenty-five years ago, and those who know him best say, that policy alone, and not his inclination brought him up to the point. We are beginning to think this is so. It is said that in the "sear and yellow leaf" most men put on the robes of sincerity. We believe "Little Davy" is now sincere in his devotion to the poll-tax qualification. That other little affair a quarter of a century ago was only a little piece of trickery gotten up to fool what were known in those dark days as the "poor white trash." The people may rely on it "Little Davy" is now playing his proper role—that of an aristocrat.

Jo Turner has of late slightly redeemed his character by unearthing the frauds and rascalities of certain members of his party. Now, Jo, we want to ask you in all seriousness if Hawkins & Co. are guilty of any greater fraud in obtaining the mortgaged Chatham Railroad bonds than you are in aiding to seat the two fraudulently returned members from Robeson. If you have concluded to expose rascality in your party, why don't you turn your guns on the Robeson county Commissioners. Is it because you have been elected Printer to the Convention and because you hope to do a little more work for the State, that you make an exception in favor of the Robeson swindlers? Be consistent, Jo. If there are rascals in your party (and no one doubts it) we think you ought to shoot at them in a bunch, and do not let such a paltry consideration as a few more ems keep you quiet.

Hassell, the "bigot," from Martin attempted this morning a reply to the very able speech delivered a few days ago by Judge Tourgee in the Convention, and which had occasioned some comment from the *Daily News* and *Sentinel*. The old "Pharisee" little dreamed of the severe exhortation to which he subjected himself. The Judge literally tore the skin from him, and laid the old canker bare.

know that they have none in their ranks who can measure with his lance. Upon such men as Tourgee, Badger, Young, Barringer, Wheeler, Boyd, Buxton, Albertson and others, the Republicans of the State can safely rely to meet any charge the Hotspurs may make. It must be acknowledged, that in point of intellect, the Republicans of the Convention far outstrip their adversaries.

The Statesville *Landmark* denies by authority that Mr. Mills will leave the Orphan Asylum, of which he is the capable Superintendent, and that he will move his residence to Thomasville and teach school there.

The Shelby *Aurora* says that one night last week, thieves entered the store of E. A. Morgan & Co., Jackson's Factory, Cleveland county, and stole therefrom a large amount of money, but leaving everything else unmolested.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TUCKER HALL.

THE KIT CARSON DRAMATIC COMBINATION.

Will appear in this city on Friday and Saturday, September 24th and 25th, 1875, in new and beautiful plays, written expressly for
Kit the Ranger.
Reserved seats for sale at Carmer's Drug Store.

\$200 REWARD.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 20, 1875.

WHEREAS, OFFICIAL INFORMATION has been received at this Department, that one Anthony Smallwood, late of the county of Bertie, stands charged with the murder of Charles Bond, of said county, and that the said Smallwood has fled the State, or so conceals himself that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him; Now, therefore, I, Curtis H. Brogden, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of authority in me vested by law, do issue this my Proclamation offering a reward of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS for the apprehension and delivery of the said Anthony Smallwood to the Sheriff of Bertie, at the Court House, in Windsor, and I do command all officers and enjoin all good citizens to aid in bringing said criminal to justice. Done at our City of Raleigh, the 20th day of September, A. D. 1875, and in the one hundredth year of American Independence.
C. H. BROGDEN,
By the Governor:
J. B. NEATHERY,
Private Secretary.

DESCRIPTION.

Anthony Smallwood is a black man, about 25 years of age; about 5 feet 10 or seven inches high; will weigh about 170 pounds; has a scar on one side of his face.

\$200 REWARD.

A PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 21, 1875.

WHEREAS, OFFICIAL INFORMATION has been received at this Department, that one ERVIN DUCK, late of the county of Yancey, stands charged by indictment in said county, with the murder of Newton Keith, and that the said Duck has fled the State, or so conceals himself that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him; Now, therefore, I, Curtis H. Brogden, Governor of the State of North Carolina, by virtue of authority in me vested by law, do issue this my Proclamation offering a reward of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS for the apprehension and delivery of the said Ervin Duck to the Sheriff of Yancey county, at the Court House, at Burnsville, and I do command all officers and enjoin all good citizens to aid in bringing said criminal to justice. Done at our City of Raleigh, the 21st day of September, A. D. 1875, and in the 100th year of American Independence.
C. H. BROGDEN,
By the Governor:
J. B. NEATHERY,
Private Secretary.

DESCRIPTION.

Ervin Duck is thirty years of age, 5 feet 10 inches high, blue eyes, sandy colored hair, and a yellowish Asheville Pioneer copy three weeks and forward to the Editor of the Daily News and Sentinel.