

We surrender much of our space to-day to the doings of the Convention, our readers no doubt feeling great interest in its deliberations.

Quakers—Conscripted and Starved. During the rebellion some of the Friends of Quakers of this State, as well as others, were forced into service against their consciences and compelled to bear arms.

The above paragraph is from the Standard of January 11th. The editor is commenting on the Constitution of Alabama and is showing the necessity of incorporating into the new Constitution a provision that no person shall be compelled to bear arms who has conscientious scruples against so doing.

Puritan bigotry! Indeed! Here are Quakers run down with bloodhounds, seized, handcuffed, imprisoned, starved; not by Puritans but by those who, are forever denouncing and ridiculing the Puritans; and done while they are in the very act of denunciation and ridicule.

The man or men who committed the deed to which the Standard refers, will, on the next Sunday with sanctimonious gait, prayer book in hand, march to church and with solemn voice, thank God they are not as these Puritans.

And more than this, these very men now demand that the civil, social and religious interests of the people of North Carolina be placed in their hands—that they be entrusted with the ruling power of the State!

We hope that the name of the commander who perpetrated these horrors at Plymouth and Kinston will be made known that he may be branded as he deserves.

The Crisis. Affairs are in a feverish condition at Washington, D. C., the capital of the late United States. We shall soon know whether or not the Northern States have any President or Supreme Court.

The editor of the Star is evidently flustered. He has been gnashing his teeth and growling at every event that has transpired for some time, until he has forgotten whether this is the year 1861 or 1868.

We recollect the dramatic air with which a certain Judge in Charleston in 1861 threw off his robes, dismissed the jury and informed them that the United States had ceased to exist; but this did not entirely settle that little misadventure. The Star man had better follow the example of that same Judge, who became Gen. Sikes's adviser and whose learned pen wrote many of the orders for which Gen. Sikes was malignd by a partisan press.

Convention—Caucus. RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 14.—At the caucus of Republicans members of the Convention held in Commons Hall, Mr. C. J. Cowles of Wilkes, was on the second ballot nominated for permanent President of the Convention.

The first ballot resulted as follows: C. J. Cowles, 84; J. C. Abbott, 29; David Heaton, 17; W. B. Rodman, 1; R. W. King, 1.

Before proceeding to the second ballot, Messrs. Heaton, Rodman and King withdrew their names from the canvass.

The second ballot was taken with the following result: C. J. Cowles, of Wilkes, 51; J. C. Abbott, of New Hanover, 31.—Necessary to a choice 42. On motion of Gen. J. C. Abbott, Mr. Cowles was unanimously declared the nominee of the caucus for permanent President of the Convention.

Mr. J. H. Jones, of Raleigh, was nominated for Doorkeeper and Mr. J. T. Ball for Assistant Doorkeeper.

After some confused discussion concerning the Sergeant-at-Arms the caucus adjourned, to meet at the call of a Committee.

RICE BIRD, Esq., begs to inform Mr. Persimon that the leopard can change his spots. It is currently reported that when he is tired of one spot he can go to another! This is not original on the part of Mr. Bird but is appropriate in this connection. New times like these, change all the old fogy doctrines of long ago and Mr. Bird hopes Persimon can see it in that light.

For the Post.

Who can forget the first absence from home and mother! However light the heart with happiness, however heavy with middle life sorrows, however radiant the eye with inner joy and content, or lusterless and dim with ever ready tears, there are few hearts that do not cherish through the longest life a clear sad memory of this great event; few eyes that looking back o'er the variegated web of life cannot trace this epoch amid all the great entanglement, with perfect distinctness.

It may have been but for a night—a privilege long craved to stay with some little friend—amid the frolic of those early evening hours the moments flew on golden wings, but when the bed hour came and you were too tired to say your "No! I lay me, to other ears than hers, and so laid down your tired little head, for the first time since memory began, without those comfortable words, and felt the strange hands tuck you in, what an unconquerable desire to jump up and run home came o'er you; how your lips trembled as you said good night, and how, as your little friend soon slept by your side, you wondered if you'd dare to cross the bridge if you should get up, and how you finally concluded you would stay if it killed you, and you almost thought it would kill the pain in your throat; and then you wondered if mother was rocking the baby to sleep, if little John had gone to bed alone, and this made the sobs come, and with the corner of the sheet pressed close to your eyes, you fell asleep and dreamed: such dreams! How quick you dressed next morning, how easily everything went on, how certain you were you would be needed early at home, how stoutly you affirmed you weren't one bit hungry, and how for fear the boys would see you, walked though your heart ran on before.

With what eagerness did you turn the latch and fairly shout your morning greetings, and how through all the years that have followed, crowded with the harmony and discord of busy life, the echo of those words "Good morning my child, have you had a pleasant time?" has floated down. The question may have been answered very equivocally, or slighted altogether then; but since, many years since, when little ones were having the same experience, perhaps staying with your little ones, you have told her how your heart longed for her, or even the clasp of her hand, of the dreams you had, how like a fearful banishment that anticipated pleasure was, and the recital seems to draw you nearer each other, for the tears fill her fond eyes and she seems so quiet and still all the evening; the memory has taken her back and o'er sad ways, for the baby grew never beyond a baby, and little John, always delicate, passed away long ago, and even farther to a larger grave, perhaps she is wandering. She stops at your room to ask if you are comfortable and well covered that night, and long after you think her asleep, hear her tucking the children in.

The memories of childhood are tender plants, do not crush their blossoms and you may enjoy their fragrance through all your journey.

GENERAL NEWS. A fruit farmer in Ohio is planting an orchard of thirty thousand trees.

Game is remarkable abundant in Louisiana, and is usually welcome in view of the short supply of other food.

A party of one hundred people, each mounted on a velocipede, lately left Paris all together for Versailles.

A Tyler wine grower has shipped thirty barrels of wine to New Orleans this season. Market price five dollars a barrel.

An obnoxious couple were recently drummed out of Portsmouth by a mob of boys and men.

Nearly a third of a million men and boys are employed in the coal mines of England and Wales.

Madeira made 550,000 gallons of wine last year, an amount about equal to the production of 1866, but it was much better in quality.

A Western lyceum informed Dr. DioLewis that in consequence of his having adopted a colored girl he might consider his lecture engagement with them at an end.

Thomas Hitchcock, who, report says is to be associated with Dana editorially, is the editor of the Swedenborgian weekly known as the New Jerusalem Messen ger.

The Herald has the reputation of paying the smallest salaries to resident journalists, and the largest to corresponding ones, of any paper in New York.

A Minnesota physician is in the habit of riding up to a house, and in the absence of a hitching post, knocking out two pains of glass and trying his horse to the sash.

Canada has about 84,000 active militia, of which Ontario and Quebec have 31,000, Nova Scotia 1,000 and New Brunswick 2,000. The enrolled militia of the Dominion numbers about 142,000.

Holland claims that Luxemburg owes her 7,000,000 francs, a debt of thirty years, standing. The Grand Duchy insists that Holland is her debtor, and Holland declines to submit the two claims to an arbitration.

There are in Germany more than seventy Baptist churches, with a membership of 12,000; and in Sweden 183 churches, with 7,000 members. A church has just been completed in Stockholm at an expense of \$40,000.

The price of eggs in Springfield, Mass., when they can be obtained at all, is sixty cents a dozen. A man paid a dollar for two dozen one day last week, and out of the entire lot found only one good one.

The report from the White House that Grant promised to let Johnson know if he concluded to stop raking chestnuts from the War Department for the President lacks confirmation. In the first place, Mr. Johnson is plainly the author of the report. In the second place, it is Mr. Johnson's interest to have the report or something like it believed. In the third place, when it is Mr. Johnson's interest to have all told and believed, Mr. Johnson is not so obstinately and blindly given over to truth-telling as to prevent it being told—and that is the matter.—Brooklyn Union.

Constitutional Convention.

Special Correspondence of the Post. TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION. RALEIGH, N. C., January 14, 1868. 12 o'clock M.

The Delegates elect to the Constitutional Convention, in obedience to the General Order No. 193, of the Commanding General of the Second Military District, assembled in this city, this day, in the Commons Hall of the State Capitol.

Precisely at 12 o'clock M. order was called by Mr. Isaac King of Davidson, who nominated Mr. R. W. King, of Lenoir, for temporary Chairman, he was elected, and addressed the Convention as follows:

Gentlemen of the Convention. I feel honored by being called, to preside temporarily over this body. Allow me to congratulate you on the fact that a loyal Convention chosen by the people is about to begin the great work of framing a Constitution, under which the State will be speedily restored to its place in the Union. Let us bring to this work a feeling of paramount attachment to the National Government and a final purpose to make a Constitution that will secure beyond all question, equal political and civil rights and privileges to all our people; and thus institute a Government of the people, by the people and for the people, for this and coming generations.

I beg your gentlemen to accept my heartfelt thanks for the honor you have done me. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Walker, Delegate of Guilford.

Mr. J. P. Andrews, of Wake, was appointed temporary Secretary.

The roll being called eighty-five members responded to their names—before the close of the session one hundred delegates appeared.

On motion of Col. W. B. Rodman, of Beaufort, the following oath was administered to the members elect who were present, by the Clerk of the District Clerk:

"You solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and that you will honestly and faithfully discharge your duties as members of this Convention."

At one o'clock, P. M., the Convention adjourned to meet on Wednesday, at 12 o'clock, M. It is hoped that by that time so many of the Western members will have arrived that a permanent organization can be effected.

During the session a telegram was received from Gen. Canby, correcting the list of members elect as published in General Order No. 165, viz:

Rowan.—John S. McCubbins in place of Isaac M. Shaver.

Yadkin, Surry, &c.—John Marter in place of E. C. Bartlett.

There are several aged gentlemen in the Convention and few young men. The colored members are intelligent and commend the respect of their colleagues.

SECOND DAY. Jan. 15th, 12 o'clock, M.

Convention called to order by Mr. King, the temporary President. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Logan of Rutherford, (Delegate).

The roll was called, ninety-seven members answered the call.—The names of delegates who were not present yesterday were called and the gentlemen were sworn in.

On motion of Gen. Abbott, it was voted to proceed to the election of a permanent President for the Convention.

Mr. A. W. Tourgee, moved that the vote be taken by ballot. Mr. Hodnett, of Caswell, advocated voting *in voce*.

On motion of Col. Heaton, of Craven the motion was so amended that the vote was taken by calling the roll and each member as his name was called designated his candidate. Mr. Tourgee, was appointed as assistant Secretary.

Nominations for President, viz: Mr. J. H. Harris, of Wake, nominated Mr. C. J. Cowles, of Wilkes County.

Mr. Hodnett, of Caswell, nominated Mr. Plato Durham, of Cleaveland.

Vote resulted for Cowles, 101. Durham, 5. Bradley, 1. Rodman, 1. Hodnett, 1. Mr. Cowles was declared elected permanent President, and was conducted to the chair by Gen. Abbott and Col. Heaton.

Remarks by the President, expressing thanks for the distinguished honor conferred upon him, also diffidence in his own capacity to meet the exigencies of the chair, and bespeaking the sympathies and co-operation of the members of the Convention the President characterized the convention as representation of the people and not of politicians; and declined to make a lengthy address both as a matter of principle and example. He exhorted the members to an economy of time, thereby making a short session and speedily submitting a Constitution for the approval of the people. Although the times are hard and money scarce, still, if it were necessary to expend the whole wealth developed and undeveloped of the State in adopting necessary reconstruction measures the cost would be justifiable and economical. Let us not be too penurious or too party, but be careful to adopt ourselves to the want of the times. The Constitution must be shaped in requirement to the exigencies of the times—it must regard and confirm the rights of all, irrespective of class, race or color—such that we can certainly come back into the Union. Order is the first law of Nations. The convention will proceed to business.

On motion of Col. Heaton, of Craven, it was voted to elect a permanent Secretary. Mr. A. H. Galloway, of New Hanover nominated Mr. T. A. Byrnes, of Cumberland. Mr. Byrnes was unanimously appointed permanent Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Hood, of Cumberland, it was voted to proceed to the election of door keeper.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Harris, of Wake, Mr. John H. Jones, was nominated for door keeper, to be elected by acclamation. Mr. Moore, of Granville, wished to vote by ballot. Mr. J. H. Harris, urged his motion on the ground that as there was no opposing candidate, this method of balloting would be a saving of time. Gen. Abbott urged election by acclamation at a saving of expense.

Col. Heaton moved as an amendment to Mr. Hood's motion, a resolution declaring Mr. J. H. Jones, as elected assistant door-keeper to the Convention.

The amendment was adopted and the Convention proceeded to vote by calling the yeas and nays:—viz: Yeas, 96.—Nays, 10.

Mr. Jones was declared elected. On motion of Mr. Hood of Cumberland, Mr. J. T. Ball, was nominated for assistant doorkeeper and he was accordingly elected by acclamation.

Gen. Abbott, of New Hanover, offered the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That the rules of order of the House of Commons of the Legislature of this State, for 1865-'66, be adopted by this Convention so far as practicable, until otherwise ordered.

Oath of office was administered to the Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Principal Doorkeeper.

On motion of Col. Heaton, of Craven, it was: Resolved, That a Committee of two members from each judicial district be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to proceed to consider and report at the earliest practicable moment, the best mode of proceeding to frame a Constitution and civil government according to the provisions of the acts of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Sweet, of Craven, it was: Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of five, to frame rules of order for the government of the Convention, which was adopted.

Mr. Pool, of Pasquotank, offered the following resolution: Resolved, That this Convention has been called for the purpose of framing a Constitution republican in form, and that no proposition purely legislative shall be entertained until the Constitution shall have been adopted.

Seconded by Mr. Abbott, of New Hanover. The adoption was opposed by Watts, of Martin; Tourgee, of Guilford, and Jones of Washington. Advocated by King, of Lenoir, on the ground that haste is necessary if the restoration of the State would be secured; also by the mover and Gen. J. C. Abbott.

Mr. Jones, of Washington, moved to lay it upon the table. Mr. Marin, of Surry, moved to adjourn which was withdrawn to enable Col. Heaton, of Craven, to read a resolution which he wished to offer.

Mr. King, of Lenoir, moved to amend the motion to adjourn by adding 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. The motion to lie upon the table renewed by Mr. Jones.

Moved by Mr. Tourgee, that the yeas and nays be called. Ayes, 44.—Nays, 53.

Mr. Abbott moved to refer the resolution to a committee of three.

Mr. King, of Lenoir, moved an amendment and pending the discussion the Convention adjourned to Thursday, 10 o'clock A. M.

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