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PUBLIC FOLLOWING—The Sheriff has
made the following appointments for col-
lecting taxes, and the county candidates
for the Convention will, also, meet the
people and discuss the questions at issue,
at the same times and places, viz:
J. W. Freeman's Monday, July 12
J. H. Stanley's Tuesday, 13
W. D. Haddon's Wednesday, 14
W. W. Miller's Thursday, 15
J. C. Cobb's Friday, 16
J. R. Gilmer's Saturday, 17
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Jesse Tribble's Wednesday, 28
High Point, Thursday, 29
Jamestown, Friday, 30

The Peoples' Candidates.
NEREUS MENDENHALL.
JOHN A. GILMER.

Why?
Why is it that in the strong Rad-
ical counties we hear no talk of ad-
journing? Not a word. But in the
counties where the odds are
against them, that's their game, by
which they hope to deceive people
and thus get a majority, in which
case adjourning will be the last
thing thought of. They are playing
a slippery game.

REMEMBER THAT the elec-
tion in August is not to decide
whether a Convention will be called
or not. That is settled; the Con-
vention will meet, and it is only a
question with the people whether
they will send a majority of Con-
servative or Radical delegates.

Let the People Know
That under the present Constitu-
tion, if a vagabond "equals" on
your premises you can't go to a
magistrate as you once could, un-
der your old Constitution, and have
him thrown out immediately, but you
are forced to go to the Superior
Court, which only meets every six
months and it will be a year before
you get a trial, if then, and yet
Touge and Holton say the Canby
Constitution is good enough for
North Carolina.

A Good Investment.
This Constitution requires FIVE
EXTRA JUDGES, at a cost of
Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Dol-
lars a year—a large part of their
time has been consumed in trying
to tell what the "thing means"
means—and so far without success.
This year makes seven. 12,500
multiplied by seven, and we see
that in the pay of Judges alone this
Constitution has entailed a useless
expense of Eighty-Seven Thousand
Five Hundred Dollars. Add to this
the interest and then compare the
cost of a Convention.

The Convention will probably
continue in session three weeks—
but put it at thirty days; what
will it cost?

130 Delegates, \$5 per diem, \$650.00
2 Clerks, 10.00
2 Door Keepers, 10.00
Engrossing and Enrolling
Clerk, 10.00
Extra per diem of President, 2.00
Total \$682.00

Multiply by 30
\$19,560.00
Mileage, 3000.00
Printing, 1000.00
Total \$23,560.00

Add for mistake in calculation
5000.00 and we have the outside
cost of a Convention to be \$28,000.
500.

Suppose we had held the Conven-
tion six years ago; see what we
would have saved.

The pay of the five extra
Judges for that time
amounts to
\$62,500.00
Subtract
28,500.00
\$33,940.00

We would have saved \$33,940.00.
Is not a Convention a good in-
vestment?

Justice! Justice!
If some scoundrel maliciously
kills your dog or hamstring your
sheep or your cow, you can't go to
a magistrate and get pay for it at
once, under this Canby Constitu-
tion. You have got to sue in the
Superior Court, give a bond of 200
dollars for costs, with security
worth 1500 dollars over all his
debts. You have to wait two terms
(6 months apart) before you can
have a trial and yet, Touge and
Holton say this Constitution is good
enough for poor men.

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Whiskey Smeller and Revenue Noser.

Touge admitted at the speaking
at Gilmer's, last Saturday, that he
went with Stanley to old Mr.
Brooks' house in Forsythe and that
the old man's house was searched;
that a room was broken into, and
denies looking under the bed while
Mrs. Brooks was on it, sick; but he
had no commission from the Gov-
ernment to make the search. He didn't
tell how much he received as spy and
informer.

Remember!

That under the present Constitu-
tion the poor laborer who has a
claim for less than twenty-five dol-
lars is not allowed to appeal from an
erroneous judgment of fact by a
Magistrate—his only fault being
that he is too poor to have a large
claim. It is only the well off who
have large claims.

Yet, Touge and Holton say this
this Constitution is good enough.

Artful Dodgers.

The radical bellweathers are
cheeking over the idea that some-
body is fooled by the "meet and
adjourn" dodge. They forget that
the people have found out that in
the negro counties they make no
such pretence, but only in doubtful
counties hoping to "steal a march"
on the unsuspecting. MIGHTY
SMART BUT WON'T GO DOWN.

Who Knows?

The radical whippers-in say that
the question of Convention or no
Convention should have been sub-
mitted to the people. Chief Justice
Pearson gives his opinion that the
people have no authority to call a
Convention. That the legislature
alone can call one. The people acted
on his opinion in 1871. That
settles the question.

Guilford in the Conven- tion!

The Convention has been called
in the only way allowed by the con-
stitution. It will meet on the 6th
of September next. It will amend
the constitution. The amended
constitution will be submitted to
the people for ratification or rejec-
tion.

These are settled facts—WHAT
THEN IS THE QUESTION?
Only this: Shall proud old Guil-
ford appear in that Convention by
Messrs. Gilmer and Mendenhall or
by Messrs. Touge and Holton?

ONE per cent. Corrup- tion Fund.

We had hoped, as there was to be
no national election in the State
this year, that the will of the peo-
ple could be expressed without out-
side influence, but the radical wire
pullers are assessing the office-holders
one per cent. on their salaries for
ELECTION purposes.

Bondholders Candidates

Have we any such in Guilford?
Answer for yourself.
Who told the people we owed no
debt?—Touge.
Who voted to put in the Consti-
tution the section requiring the leg-
islature to levy the tax to pay the
debt we didn't owe?—Touge.
Who proposed the same section?—
Touge.
The Treasurer reported to the
last legislature that he had been
sued by a bondholder under a law
passed by the radical legislature, to
make him pay up—and asked that
the law be repealed.
Who voted against repealing the
law? Holton and the negro Sena-
tors.

Hit Him Again.

At the speaking at Gilmer's on
last Saturday, Col. Gilmer said that
he had information that Touge and
Stanley went to the house of old
Mr. Brooks in Forsythe county, and
after the old gentleman had set out
his liquor for them and after they
had eaten his dinner, they searched
his house, broke open a door, looked
under the bed on which Mrs. Brooks,
who was more than 70 years of age,
was lying sick.

Touge denies that the old lady
was sick, admitted that he was with
Stanley, but denies that he had any
commission from the government.—
Worse and worse!

A self-confessed volunteer to go
with the revenue "nosers" to spy
upon old men and women. Can
there be a white man, of any party,
office-holders excepted, in Guilford
county who will vote for such a
man?

Marriage between the Races.

Who voted against putting in the
Constitution a section forbidding in-
termarriage of whites and blacks?
—Touge.

Who favors the Civil Rights Bill?
Touge.

Who professed to be opposed to
the Civil Rights Bill, last summer?
Holton.

If you are opposed to intermar-
riage of whites and blacks, go to
THE POLLS and vote accordingly.

Help! Craven Calls on Guilford.

At a radical convention held in
New Bern last week nominations
were made for various offices—and
now listen: 14 nominations made,
5 white men and 9 negroes were
nominated, and of the white men
not a solitary one was a native, but
among them is one or more federal
office holders.

White men of Guilford, would
you come to the relief of your race
in Craven, go to the polls and vote
for Mendenhall and Gilmer.

Let Him Explain.

Mr. Holton said in a speech at
Gilmer's that at about the end of the
session he voted for 3 dollars per diem,
but admitted he had already
drawn his pay at 5 dollars per diem.
The Journal shows that he was ab-
sent often. Did he draw for the
days he was absent?

Wooden Nutmegs.

The inventor of wooden nutmegs
was a "success"—for a short time.
His imitators in our midst are not
quite so cute as he. When he was
found out he subsided and was con-
tent with the glory already won.—
Not so with our "nutmeggers." The
Holding Over Clause so cunningly
inserted in our Constitution by
Touge, Sweet, Heaton & Co. was
a very large wooden nutmeg and
enabled Touge and others to hold
offices two years longer than the
people thought they were elect-
ed for, but the last nut of that kind,
the "meet and adjourn" programme
wont fool anybody a cent's worth.

The nutmegger, Touge and the
would be nutmegger, Holton, are
before you. Do you like 'em?
Go to the polls and answer.

Who are They?

There is no doubt that the radical
office-holders and the negroes, who
are misguided by their leaders op-
pose amending the constitution—
but it is an acknowledged fact that
five sixths of the white people of the
State want a North Carolina Con-
stitution.

The Little Nutmegger.

A. S. Holton voted for \$3 per
diem after he had already drawn \$5.
Now this was a very small sum
but it is true, and could not deceive
any one but a simpleton, and if
he gets to the convention he may
get up a large sized "wooden nut-
meg" amendment, something like
Touge's "holding over" clause in
the present Constitution. We feel
certain he can if Touge goes along
to help him.

Consistency.

A. S. Holton replies to the charge
of duplicity by voting against the Civil
Rights resolutions in the Senate, after he
had pronounced against the bill on the
stamp, by saying that it was a question
which did not properly belong to the
legislature, one of the reasons why he
voted against the resolutions, and yet
with a strange inconsistency he turns
right around after voting against them
and introduces another batch of his own.

The Convention Call!

The Convention has been called by
the only way in which it can legally be called
under the constitution which the Radicals
made for North Carolina in 1868. The ques-
tion could not be submitted to the people
under the Constitution and the Radicals
know it when they assert that the legisla-
ture refused to submit the question. It is
understood that these proceedings are not to be
published, BUT THE RESOLUTIONS ARE FOR
THE "CONFIDENTIAL" USE AND GUIDANCE
OF THE EDITORS CONCERNED.

Revolutionary.

Judge Pearson pronounces
the programme of the Rad-
icals to adjourn the Con-
vention without doing anything
revolutionary, and ex-Judge
Touge answers this by
saying that Judge Pearson
is opposed to the retro-active
feature of the homestead law.
What an answer for a Judge!

READ THIS.

The first Bill to call a convention
was introduced by one of the best
known Republican leaders of the
Senate early in the session. The
members of the Legislature deferred
acting on the Bill until some of the
members could go home and consult
their constituents. In the mean-
time bills were introduced to amend
the constitution in more than ninety
particulars, and more than eighty
amendments came from the Repub-
lican side. After Christmas, at the
very last of the session, after duly
considering the cost of amending
by the legislative method and after
consulting their constituents, 38
senators out of 50, and more than
80 out of the 120 representatives
voted for the act calling the Con-
vention—both Democrats and Re-
publicans voting for it.

County Government.

One of the most serious objections
to the Constitution is that it is filled
with matter purely of a legislative
character. While the present Con-
stitution has many features
which should be preserved, still as
it is in the constitution the people
can't modify and improve it with-
out amending the constitution itself.
If it were not in the organic law, the
people could have their legislature
to make the necessary changes.

Swapping Horses.

We have heard one of the radical
candidates gravely tell the people,
that amending their constitution
was like "swapping horses in the
dark." We want to swap constitu-
tions if we were to swap "in
the dark" we don't think we could
be worsted much—but we propose
to swap after seeing the amendments.
The amended constitution will be
submitted to the people, and then
after comparing it with the present
"concern" they can take choice,
"swap" or not as seems to them
best. The radicals are so much in
the habit of working in the dark they
think every change should be made
in the shades of night. They are a
dark set.

A Reason!

In his answer to the reason as-
signed by Gov. Caldwell for par-
doxing the two negroes sentenced
by the judge to the penitentiary
for Ku-Kluxing, viz, that they did
not have a fair trial, and were im-
properly convicted and sentenced,
Judge Touge says: "Suppose I
had not sentenced these negroes
wouldn't there be a howl from every
Democrat in the State about my
partiality for negroes?"

And was this a reason—to pre-
vent Democrats from howling at
him—why he sent those two poor
devils to the penitentiary, in viola-
tion of law and justice, and left
them there three years?

Another Admission.

The radicals do not deny
that the leaders of all parties
have time and again told the
people that they should be
permitted to amend the Consti-
tution as soon as "things
got quiet," and all parties have
admitted time and again that
the constitution needed re-
modeling. How does it hap-
pen now that some of the rad-
icals (not all of them) say
"things have got quiet," say
this constitution is good
enough? They have at last
confessed that their only ob-
ject in opposing the amend-
ing the constitution is, "that
they want to keep their party
in ranks for the next presiden-
tial election."

"I love my Love."

We have no doubt that
Touge and Holton will
"meet and adjourn" if elect-
ed, but we have a little doubt
that the "adjourn" part of
the proposition will take place
at the exact time Holton voted
for 3 dollars per diem—that
is at the end of the session—
after they have drawn their
per diem and mileage.

Were the People Consulted?

Were the people consulted when the so-
called Convention was ordered, to make a
constitution for the State? They were not.
On the other hand at least one-half of the
people were disfranchised—before the
military order was published calling the
convention. The negroes then alone were
free.

When the mongrel convention had com-
pleted their work the constitution was such
a monster "in shape and form" that the lead-
ers themselves declared publicly and often
that it could not be made to work and
would have to be amended, but if the peo-
ple would vote for it, and let us again
get back into the Union and our old home,
then they, the radicals, would cheerfully
join in calling a convention and so amend
the constitution as to suit our people. How
have they redeemed their promises? This
question is easily answered. They have
not scrupled to oppose every effort that
has been made from that day to the present
to make any, even the least change in the
Canby constitution, made under the cir-
cumstances mentioned, and which at the
time the people were called upon to vote
for or against it, they themselves, on every
stump and in all of their organs readily ad-
mitted, was a sadly defective if not a mon-
strous abortion. Yet these are the pre-
cious political saints who are howling out
until they are hoarse, against the present
Constitution which has been called by three-
fourths of all the members of both branches
of the Legislature—because, *forsooth*, the
people were not consulted. Was there ever such
hypocrisy exhibited in this world before
by any party or set of men? The Radical
party talk of consulting the people. When
in their history did they ever consult or re-
spect public opinion or legislate in ac-
cordance with the wishes of the majority
of the people?

Is it not a notorious fact that this Rad-
ical party has always been in a fearful mi-
nority in the United States—and that they
have been able to retain power only by
fraud and force? And yet this is the party
and these the leaders who pretend to have
great reverence and respect for the peo-
ple and desire to have the people con-
sulted before they can favor a convention
regularly called by the Legislature and as
prescribed in the Canby Constitution itself.
If this does not cast the climax in the way
of audacious, brazen, hypocrisy we do not
know what will. The conduct of the Rad-
ical leaders, as far as our constitution is
concerned, has been sneaking, contempti-
ble, mean, oppressive and intended to be
degrading and such as none but the ne-
groes of the State can applaud and ap-
prove.

Look to your record, O ye Radicals and shut
your mouths about consulting the people.
For months you have been telling the people
of North Carolina until you learn to blush
for many diabolical deeds and Repre-
hensible conduct.

Choice Extracts.

We append a few choice extracts from
the secret circular issued by the associa-
tion of Radical editors, to show what ar-
tful dodgers they are and how they run
the machine on the sly.

Federal office holders must vote the
ticket or lose their heads.

OFF WITH THEIR HEADS.
Resolved 6, That the Association con-
demns the employment in Federal offices
of those who are unwilling to vote the
Republican ticket, and that the employ-
ment of such persons will be deemed a
sufficient cause, when ascertained, to im-
pel this association to use its influence for
the removal of the heads of offices who
thus abuse the confidence of the Republi-
can party.

And now they propose to play a little
game of "see-saw." "Now you see me,
now you don't."

THE USURY LAW TO BE USED FOR THE AN-
NULLIFICATION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

Resolved 7, That the passage of the
Usury Law is of doubtful utility and that
it is likely to cause much distress to the
people; and that while it is not recom-
mended that the Republican press shall
take decided grounds for or against it, it
is deemed advisable to take such advan-
tage of an unpopular law as will insure to
the advantage of the Republican party.

And they will button their lips on Re-
pudiation and play a little game of mum.

MUM ON REPUDIATION.
Resolved 8, That the true Republican
ought to advocate repudiation of the
State debt, but it is deemed most fitting
that Republican newspapers should not at
present discuss the question.

It won't do to offend the man and the
brother, so they play a little "hide-and-go-
seek" on the Civil Rights Bill.

CIVIL RIGHTS A LIVING ISSUE.
Resolved 9, That an extended discus-
sion of the civil rights bill is deemed un-
advisable, but that the Republicans should
never intimate that the bill is wrong in
principle; and that while it is not recom-
mended that the Republican press shall
take decided grounds for or against it, it
is deemed advisable to take such advan-
tage of an unpopular law as will insure to
the advantage of the Republican party.

They go for the office-holders and de-
mand the wherewithal to run their she-
bangs.

HELP ME, AGAIN.
Resolved 14, That this Association ap-
peals to the Chairman of the Executive
Committee to urge upon the Chairman of
District Committees and office-holders the
urgent necessity of sustaining the Republi-
can press of the State, leaving the mat-
ter of solicitation to his judgment.

This cat must not be let out of the bag,
so they resolve to be mum and "confiden-
tial."

Resolved 15, That copies of these resolu-
tions be forwarded by the Secretary, to-
gether with the proceedings of this meet-
ing to every Republican newspaper here
represented, and to every editor who has
responded to the call by letter; and it is
understood that these proceedings are not to be
published, BUT THE RESOLUTIONS ARE FOR
THE "CONFIDENTIAL" USE AND GUIDANCE
OF THE EDITORS CONCERNED.

But some miserable, sneaking devil or
wretch, as the North State calls him,
peached, and that's how this nice little
plot was made public.

Special Legislation.

Radicals talk about the expense
of the Convention. Why, the ex-
pense of the Convention will be
more than balanced in one year by
an amendment to the Constitution
prohibiting Special Legislation, the
fruitful cause now of long and costly
sessions of the Legislature. This
one item alone is a sufficient reason
for calling a Convention, if there
were no other.

Constitutional Amendment in North Carolina.

[We clip the following article on
the convention question from the
N. Y. Tribune. It shows how our
effort to amend this defective con-
stitution is viewed by intelligent
people in the North—a striking
contrast to the howling of interest-
ed parties in this State who are
struggling to perpetuate the bur-
dens under which the people bend,
because it is their individual inter-
est to do so.]

The people of North Carolina, follow-
ing the example of Arkansas, Virginia,
and other Southern States, have set about
the work of remodeling the Constitution
given to them during the Reconstruction
period, and the adoption of which was
made a condition, precedent to the reha-
bilitation of their State in the Union.
If this work is done in the proper spirit,
as it has been in the other States we have
named, it cannot be open to any reason-
able objection. The imperfections of
many of these Reconstruction Constitu-
tions were pointed out by *The Tribune* at
the time of their adoption, and have since
been generally acknowledged. They
could hardly have been otherwise than
imperfect. The authors were too often
deficient alike in theoretical knowledge,
observation, and practice of the science
of government; loyalty to the Union
and acceptance of the results of the civil
war were their only qualifications for
office. Many of them were newly en-
franchised, and mastered by a prejudice against
a large portion of their fellow-citizens,
which was natural indeed, but none the
less deplorable on that account. Others
were intelligent and to some extent edu-
cated, but new citizens of the States whose
organic law they were to frame; and
others again were mere adventurers who
having acquired their seats by pandering
to the prejudices of the lowest class of
voters and manipulating primary meet-
ings in their own interest, directed all
their energies to the perpetuation of their
own power and the opening of State
treasuries for their own dishonest pur-
poses. Nor did the better class of citi-
zens have an opportunity of saying
whether they would accept the instru-
ment thus fashioned. As a measure of
protection to the freedmen it had been
thought best to exclude for a time a large
proportion of the people of the South
from the exercise of the right of suffrage.
Not one-tenth of those who voted at the
Constitutional elections could so much as
read the ballots placed in their hands,
and the number who could understand
the plainest proposition of law was quite
small. Thousands voted for the adoption
of a new Constitution merely because
it seemed to them their freedom, and
others because its adoption seemed to
offer the easiest way of escape from mil-
itary government. No wonder that laws
thus framed should be crude in concep-
tion and execution, and prove utterly un-
satisfactory to the people to whose benefit
they should have inured.

One of the most faulty of these Recon-
struction Constitutions is that under
which the people of North Carolina have
lived for eight years, and which it is now
proposed to amend.
[Here follows an extract from the
Address of the Conservative Exe-
cutive Committee which we omit.]
The address which we have quoted also
urges the necessity of a less expensive
judiciary system, the abolition of useless
offices, a return to the old practice of a
rotation of judges, and the disfranchise-
ment of persons convicted of infamous
crimes; and we are glad to find that the
people are called upon to elect to the Con-
stitutional Convention "men of enlarged
and practical statesmanship, spotless in-
tegrity, representatives of all classes of
society, and whose positions will entitle
their labors to confidence and support."
The subjects here suggested for considera-
tion by the Convention surely may be
discussed and acted upon without giving
rights to any well-grounded fear that the
rights of the colored man are in danger,
but this cry has already been raised by a
partisan press in North Carolina, and we
may expect soon to hear it come from
Washington. The Legislature, however,
in calling the Convention, was wise
enough to impose certain restrictions
upon its action which forestall such par-
tisan clamor. These restrictions simply
secure personal liberty; each delegate
before he shall be permitted to sit in
said Convention shall swear to observe
these "restrictions"; and Judge Jamison
and other high authorities on the powers
of Constitutional Conventions have clearly
held that Conventions are bound to
observe the restrictions imposed by the
Legislature in the act calling such Con-
ventions. We repeat, therefore, that in
view of the necessity for changes in the
fundamental law of the State, the declara-
tion of the people, expressed by a two-
thirds majority of their chosen representa-
tives in favor of amendments by Con-
vention, and the restrictions imposed by the
Legislature as to the topics to be con-
sidered, it would seem that the attempt
of North Carolina to improve her Con-
stitution should be allowed to pass without
further imputations of evil intent. It is
to be hoped, and there is reason to be-
lieve, that the members of the Conven-
tion to be elected next month shall be
such as are called for by the Democratic
Committee; if so, there will be little
cause to fear that the changes which may
be made will give any class of citizens
cause for complaint.—N. Y. Tribune.

Radical Programme.

Assess their office-holders
one per cent. make every one
of them vote against the white
people or—"off with their
heads." See the five radical
Editors' resolutions.

NULLIFIERS.

Chief Justice Pearson pro-
nounces the "meet-and-ad-
journ" dodge revolutionary.
Governor Graham calls it
"nullification."

Civil Rights.

Don't say anything about
it? Keep dark—but be sure
you never admit that it is
wrong in principle. See res-
olutions of radical editors.

Admitted at last.

The radicals admit now
that their object was to catch
the votes of unsuspecting con-
servatives, or to make them
so lukewarm that they would
not go to the polls, when
"that little" game of "meet
and adjourn" was started.—
They need not trouble them-
selves to admit it now. Ev-
ery intelligent man knows it.

Don't Forget.

That the programme of the
radicals, last winter, as ad-
mitted by one of their best
known leaders, an ex-Judge,
was to come out in favor of a
convention and make it a
plank in their platform in
1876—if the legislature failed
to call one this summer.—
Then they were going to as-
sume that they were the
"Carolina party" and de-
nounce the democrats for go-
ing back on their promises to
relieve them from the present
unintelligible concern—which
all parties have heretofore
agreed was not our constitu-
tion and needed amendment.

Fix The Salary.

The Convention if com-
posed of a majority of Con-
servatives—which it will be,
unless the people permit
themselves to be deceived by
Radical falsehoods—will fix
the salary of members of the
Legislature at a reasonable
figure, thus lopping off the
per diem nuisance and saving
the people more in one single
session than the whole ex-
pense of the Convention will
amount to. What do you
think of that?

Money Saved.

Reducing the number of
Judges in the Supreme and
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Not to be Wondered At!

It is not to be wondered at
that the bulk of Federal and
State Radical officials and
politicians are laboring might
and main to defeat the Con-
vention movement. They
are working for pay and
that's the side their pay is on.
What care they how the people
groan under burdens while
they themselves hold fat posi-
tions and draw their salaries
regularly!

THE PATRIOT.

GREENSBORO, N. C.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1875

The Peoples' Candidates.

NEREUS MENDENHALL.

JOHN A. GILMER.

Public Speaking.

Gen. A. M. Seales and others will address the people at Pleasant Garden Academy in Guilford on Monday 2nd August, in Randolph county at Union Factory, Saturday the 21st July; and at Liberty on Tuesday August 3rd.

Col. Morehead, Seales and others with our candidates will also be at Pleasant Garden Academy, Aug. 2nd, and at Col. David Cobb's on Saturday 31st July, and at Mebaneville on Wednesday Aug. 4th.

GRAND RALLY.—AND BARBECUE.—There will be a grand rally and reunion of the people, and a sumptuous barbecue at Bevil's, Saturday, July 31, 1875. Hon. A. S. Merrimon and other distinguished gentlemen will address the people on the subject of Constitutional Reform. The ladies are cordially invited.

The Last Chance.

The opportunity now presented to the people of North Carolina to amend the constitution of 1865, if they fail to take advantage of it, is the last they will have for years. Any material amendment by Legislative enactment is out of the question, for the three-fifths vote which is required under this mode is almost impossible to get. The convention is not only the most effective way to secure amendments but the only possible way and if the people fail to relieve themselves now it will be their own fault and they must suffer for it.

The Radicals have persistently fought every move towards amendment since the adoption of the constitution till the present time and will continue to do so. It is the creature of their own making and as such they will stand by it not withstanding the fact that nine-tenths of the white people of North Carolina are opposed to it as a whole.

It is not all bad, and the Radicals are cunning enough to take advantage of what good there is in it by alarming the fears of the credulous, and thus attempting to perpetuate it with all its imperfections. Hence the cry of "danger to the homestead" when they know that there is not the remotest intention of interfering with it. But it answers their purpose to assert the contrary for there are people simple enough to believe them and be governed in their actions by that belief.

There is no matter of public policy better established in North Carolina, to-day, than the homestead law and there is not a public man in the State who would dare to take a position against it.

Were it not for the clamor raised by the Radicals about the homestead they would not stand a ghost of a chance in their opposition to convention, for every tax-payer who can put figures together can very soon satisfy himself as to whether it is a wise move financially or not. Considering, for sake of argument, that the convention, will cost twice or even three times as much as a liberal estimate would make it the annual cost of government that the tax-payers will save millions by it. Is it in accordance with good sense or reason to continue to bear burdens that oppress us when there is offered an easy, speedy and effective mode of relief? No. And unless the people of North Carolina are blind to all their interests they will avail themselves of this opportunity to redress the grievances of years.

Buying Votes.

Judge Tourgee, referring to the barbecue to be given at Bevil's next Saturday, said in his speech at Bruce's, last Saturday, that it was an effort to buy votes with "raw beef and hog." It sounds funny from one belonging to Mr. Tourgee's party to talk about "buying votes" when it is well known that buying votes is the usual practice with them. They feed the negroes at barbecues before election and sop out of the same dish with them until the vote is deposited and then they have no further use for Sambo. It will take a considerable supply of "raw beef and hog" and some greenbacks to get Tourgee and Holton through this business, but there is not enough of either in the country to elect them.

The people of Bevil's will appreciate and rebuke this deliberate insult from one who has the impudence to ask them for their votes.

Their Privilege.

It must be understood that the privilege of indulging in epithets belongs exclusively to the Radical editors and stump-performers in this State. They have a patent right on such words as "Conspirator," "Plotter," "Rebel," "Traitor," "Ku-Klux," &c., &c. For Conservatives to indulge in epithets of any sort is an infringement of Radical rights at which they become indignant and vociferously complain.

The Conservatives and White People as Conspirators.

Can any one wonder at the hostility of the Radical party to the "conspirators" who are opposed to the following tenets of Radical faith:

1st. To the payment of interest on the public debt, and recognition of the special tax bonds.

2d. To a census every ten years.

3rd. To the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*.

4th. To holding more offices than one under the constitution.

5th. To the office of Superintendent of Public Works.

6th. To the letting of the building of the Penitentiary to Northern contractors at exorbitant prices.

7th. To extravagant fees for lawyers and clerks.

8th. To Five Thousand Dollars for the Governor.

9th. To seven dollars per diem for members of the Legislature.

10th. To Five Supreme Court Judges, instead of three.

11th. To twelve Superior Court Judges, instead of nine.

12th. Mixed schools.

13th. To thieves and convicted felons holding office and voting.

14th. To intermarriage between the races.

15th. To Civil Rights, and social equality.

16th. To the power of Congress to control and direct State elections.

17th. To the power of the President to disperse State Legislatures at the point of the bayonet.

18th. To the power of the President to declare martial law, suspend the functions of civil administration, and substitute therefor military authority, and military government.

19th. To more than two terms for President.

20th. To taxes on Tobacco and Whisky, whereby numerous offices are created, and spies and informers are maintained at the public expense.

21st. Bribery and corruption in office.

22nd. To the assessment of government and State office-holders, upon their salaries, for election purposes.

And last but not least, of their opposition to the negroes having more rights and privileges than white people—and their opposition to the State's being controlled by negroes and their unprincipled leaders.

The Radical convention of 1865 was composed of 18 Northern and 87 natives whites, including six conservatives. There were 80,000 negro voters and they had 15 of their color in the convention while there were about 2,000 Northern men in the State who supplied 18 of the delegates. In proportion to the numbers they managed the thing wonderfully. And these 18 made the Constitution of 1868—*Patriot*.

Is it to be understood that the above paragraph is published to help along the crusade against northern men in the south? Yet the *Patriot* is edited by a northern man! It is a dirty bird that befools its own nest.—*North State*.

In reply to the interrogatory we will say that the "above paragraph" is not to be so understood, and we don't think the editor of the *North State* so understood it. It was intended to illustrate a point which we think it does. It is a well known fact that the Northern men in the Convention of 1865 were the ruling spirits, and that the Constitution then made was their creature. Nine out of ten of the Northern men in North Carolina at that time acted with the Radical party—and that's not our "nest."

The editor of the *North State* used to be a very good Democrat. Does he ever think of his quotation when he is splashing ink now?

That's It.

Gov. Vance says "the man who says the Conservatives want to abolish the homestead is a fool or a liar, or both." Vance has a very apt way of speaking the truth.

Let the People Know.

That under the present Constitution, if a vagabond "squats" on your premises you can't go to a magistrate as you once could, under your old Constitution, and have him thrown out immediately, but you are forced to go to the Superior Court, which only meets every six months and it will be a year before you get a trial, if then, and yet Tourgee and Holton say the Canby Constitution is good enough for North Carolina.

Tourgee on the Negroes.

Mr. Tourgee is not as popular with the negroes in this section as he formerly was, because he has expressed his opinion pretty freely as to their capacity "to exercise the rights of citizenship." He said in his letter to Mr. Parker of Graham, which letter was published in the *Gleaner*, that "the Government made a great mistake in putting the ballot in the hands of the negro," and that it ought not to have been done within this generation.

And yet Tourgee has the cheek to go before these people and expect them to vote for him.

Bright Skies.

The Convention prospect grows brighter every day. The people are seeing through the shallow, hypocritical pretence of the Radicals and are repudiating them on all sides.

Gen. Leach is doing good work on the stump for the convention.

Don't Forget

That the convention cannot alter the Homestead exemption!

Don't Forget

That the amendments have to be submitted to the people before they become law.

Don't Forget

That 'tis only in the doubtful counties that the radicals promise to "meet and adjourn" without doing anything—in order, by deceiving conservatives into not voting, that they may get control of the convention.

Don't Forget

That the radicals have at last admitted that their opposition to the convention is only made to keep their voters in ranks for next year.

Don't Forget

That more than 80 amendments to the constitution were proposed by republicans in the last Legislature.

Don't Forget

That the Bill to call a convention was introduced by a prominent republican, an ex-Judge—a native Carolinian, and that both republicans and conservatives passed the Bill.

Don't Forget

That if Tourgee and Holton are delegates from Guilford it will be owing to the white people not going to the polls.

Hung Up Again?

We have heretofore called attention to the fact that the Judges of our Supreme Court admit that they can not agree upon what some of the most important provisions of the constitution mean.

We have just seen the last copy of the Supreme Court reports and we find that they can't agree as to what it meant before the recent amendments were adopted—and they are again divided as to the effect of the amendments.

Fourteen opinions in three cases—Is this unintelligible instrument suitable to our condition?

North Carolinians, answer at the polls next week.

Attention White Men!

There never has been such an effort, since 1868, as is now being made to mass the negroes for the election.

Night meetings are being held and now the streets are filled with negroes looking for the Registrars.

There will be few negroes between 19 and 80 by Saturday night who have not registered or attempted to do so.

Remember, white men, that the old *league leaders* are at work. If Tourgee is elected it will be due to the apathy of the whites.

Settled Facts!

That there will be a convention, no matter for whom we vote.

That it is "settled law" in North Carolina, that the restrictions are binding.

That the Homestead and the Laborers' lien can not be touched.

That the amended constitution has to be submitted to the people, for ratification or rejection.

That the question for the people of Guilford is only this: Who shall be our delegates to the convention?

Why?

Why is it that in the strong Radical counties we hear no talk of adjourning? Not a word. But in the counties where the odds are against them, that's their game, by which they hope to deceive people and thus get a majority, in which case adjourning will be the last thing thought of. They are playing a slippery game.

Let Him Explain.

Mr. Holton said in his speech at Gilmer's that at about the end of the session he voted for 3 dollars per diem, but admitted he had already drawn his pay at 5 dollars per diem. The Journal shows that he was absent often. Did he draw for the days he was absent?

Money Saved.

Reducing the number of Judges in the Supreme and Superior Courts and wiping out special legislation will more than pay the expense of the Convention in a single year, allowing it to cost double as much as a reasonable estimate makes it.

And then, remember, this reduction in the cost of government is not simply for one year but for years to come, saving in the future millions to the people.

Remember!

That under the present Constitution the poor laborer who has a claim for less than twenty-five dollars is not allowed to appeal from an erroneous judgment of fact by a magistrate—his only fault being that he is too poor to have a large claim. It is only the well off who have large claims.

Yet, Tourgee and Holton say this Constitution is good enough.

Gov. Vance has taken the stump for Convention in the Western counties.

Edward Conigland's Opinion.

Below we give an opinion of Edward Conigland, one of the first Conservative lawyers in the State, on the binding force of the restrictions. We clip from a speech recently delivered in Halifax:

It is well known to my friends, that many of the restrictions imposed by the act, not only as unnecessary, but as inconsistent with the best interest of the State, dictated by a timid and short-sighted policy, and especially unjust to eastern North Carolina. But I have not hesitated to declare as a lawyer, and I do now declare, my opinion to be, that they are of binding force. I am very sure that no Convention composed of the majority of Conservatives, would attempt to disregard them, but should they do so, there would be null and void even were it sanctioned by the people, and would be so held by the Supreme Court.

The precedent of 1835, when Judge Gaston declared, and the Convention so decided, that body to be bound by the restrictions contained in the call, is said, by our opponents, to be of no value, because the said restrictions were imposed by a vote of the Legislature, which has no power to bind the people.

A very few words will show the utter fallacy of this reasoning.

Previous to 1835, the Constitution contained no provision for its own amendment. The Legislature had no power to call a Convention, because such power the people had reserved to themselves, and had not delegated it to that body. It follows then that previous to 1835, the people could only call a Convention either restricted, or unrestricted.

But by the Constitution of 1835, and by the present Constitution, the people parted with the power to call a Convention and delegated such power to two-thirds of the Legislature.

The people then have no power to call a Convention, except through two-thirds of the Legislature to whom that power has been delegated. And when that power which rested in the people in this particular before 1835, now rests in the Legislative body who have thus the right to call a Convention, either open or limited in all respects as the people had before that period.

It seems to me that this position is impregnable. The sanction of the people can give no force or validity to any amendment of the Constitution, except in the prescribed mode. To attempt to do so would be simply "revolution."

Such is the doctrine of the Supreme Court of the United States in the "Dred" case and the same doctrine is emphatically sustained and approved by Judge Rufin, "clerk of venerable women," in his letter to a member of the Convention of 1865. It is also sustained by the high authority of Mr. Moore, to whom I have already referred.

Those who now hold a different doctrine and who insist that the restrictions are of no binding force, or through ignorance, or are endeavoring to deter the timid and mislead the unwary, in the hope of defeating all amendments to the Constitution.

You will know now somewhat the importance to attach to the senseless restrictions that the rights of married women are in danger, and that the homestead also may no longer be provided for. Whereas both of those measures are for the benefit of property holders, who alone are interested therein, and besides we are indebted for both to the white men of North Carolina, and not the negroes and their associates.

As long as 1848, Colonel Andrew Joiner, then distinguished Senator from this county, made the first move in behalf of the rights of married women.

He introduced and carried through the Legislature an Act securing to married women a separate estate in their land (Rev. Code chap. 26, sec. 1). The act has remained on the statute book ever since, and to this day a married woman has no greater estate in land than that Act secures to her, and did secure to her nearly thirty years before our hasty Constitution was ever thought of.

In 1850 the Act was passed allowing a married woman to insure the life of her husband for her own use. In 1858 at Lenoirburg in Franklin county, if I may be allowed to refer to myself, when personal property was of great value, I made a speech upon invitation, which was then published, and advocated from beginning to end, the separate rights of married women to their personal as well as real estate. I was one of the first men in North Carolina to take up the subject, and I well recollect how the beautiful girls of that section applauded me, nor were the sentiments expressed less appreciated by the more staid matrons.

Now does the claim of our opponents to the

HOMESTEAD

rest on any better grounds, Judge Reid in Garrett vs. Cheshire, decided at June term, 1873, 69 N. C. Rep. 396, calls attention to the act of 1866 and 1867, ch. 61 p. 81, where a homestead of 100 acres, including a single dwelling and out-houses is allowed, and that, two, without regard to value, and the same is continued after the death of the father until the youngest child attains twenty-one years of age. The same act is also most liberal in the exemptions of personal property, and this act was passed by Conservatives, on the 27th day of February, 1867, a full year before a negro could poll a vote or the Radical party had a foothold in the State.

For that party then to claim the paternity of those measures, is a false pretence which no man of respectability will set up.

It may be asked why they were not made a "Constitutional provision" before 1868. For the ample reason that such a provision was not necessary, as the whole subject was within the province of the Legislature, and secondly, because we had never before been fully impressed with the need of it. Although the slaves had been emancipated,

yet in 1866 cotton and all other products were selling at prices never before attained, and every man thought he had a fortune within his grasp. But when in 1867 suits for debt crowded the dockets, when crops failed and products fell to market prices, and men saw their high hopes vanish, and themselves reduced to beggary, then it was determined to transfer these beneficial provisions from the statute book to the Constitution. They belong to no party—they simply grew out of the progress of events and the exigencies of the time.

Randolph Alive.

Our Convention friends are making things lively in Randolph county. Worth and Robbins are using heavy scimitars and pinning their rivals to the wall every time. The fact is the Radicals are not pretending to make an open fight and are depending for the votes they get on working in secret. Our friends are confident of carrying the county by a handsome majority.

Unreasonable.

If the North State finds fault with our criticisms of Mr. Holton's manner of speech why in thunder does the editor swear he won't vote for a magistrate who can't spell correctly? Has Mr. Holton the exclusive privilege of playing havoc with the vocabulary, and a little magistrate not be permitted to try with a letter or two? This is simply unreasonable.

Too Thin.

Mr. Holton says his bill on the per diem question was lost, for which reason it did not come up till the end of the session. Nice representative that, to sit in his seat for three months and let a bill he promised to urge and work for be lost.

How fearfully attenuated—monstrous thin—that is for a story to tell the people.

"I shall vote for Tourgee and Holton," exclaimed a Democrat after reading the last number of the *Patriot*.—*North State*.

If the aforesaid individual is not a myth we'll wager we can stick all his democracy on a toothpick and then have a good deal of room left.

His democracy is on a par with the Quakerism of the man who asked Dr. Mendenhall that question at the meeting.

The *North State* says "perhaps the criticism" (of Mr. Holton's speech at Gilmer's) is a just one," and winds up by styling it "abuse."

If it was "just," can it be called "abuse."

The dodge the *North State* is playing on the "farmers' candidate" is too thin by half. The farmers of Guilford are not simple enough to be deceived by any such attenuated stuff as this.

If A. S. Holton exhibits his ignorance on other subjects as fully as he does when talking about the editor of the *Patriot* he will soon establish the reputation of being a first-class blockhead.

Hear what John Page, negro, and Radical candidate for Convention from Chowan, says:

"If the Republicans get hold of 'Constitution,' we intend to give the white folks hell, d—n them. We will have no such thing as a color distinction in anything."

One Reason Why.

The Rads charge that the question of Convention should have been submitted to the people—why not?

Because Chief Justice Pearson in his opinion on the call of 1871 said: If submitted to the people the Act would have been unconstitutional.

Judge P. was good authority then—will they go back on him now?

Necessity for Convention.

In the last legislature numerous bills were introduced proposing to amend the Constitution in more than ninety particulars and of these more than eighty were proposed from the Radical side of the House.

One of the best known Republicans in the State was heard to say, that if the Democrats did not call the Convention majority didn't call the Convention, that the Republicans would advocate it and make it the issue in 1876 and show which was the North Carolina party.

The Restrictions.

There is not a single candidate put forward by the Conservatives who will not respect the restrictions. As a party we are pledged to them and cannot disregard them.

Fix The Salary.

The Convention if composed of a majority of Conservatives—which it will be, unless the people permit themselves to be deceived by Radical falsehoods—will fix the salary of members of the legislature at a reasonable figure, thus lopping off the per diem nuisance and saving the people more in one single session than the whole expense of the Convention will amount to. What do you think of that?

REMEMBER that the election in August is not to decide whether a Convention will be called or not. That is settled; the Convention will meet, and it is only a question with the people whether they will send a majority of Conservative or Radical delegates.

[For the Patriot.]

The Ayes and Nays.

The old Constitution allowed any member to call for the ayes and nays. The convention that took the State out of the Union, thought proper to amend the constitution so as to require one-fifth of all the members to call for the ayes and nays. This amendment was made to enable the members to do a great deal of harsh and arbitrary legislation, without leaving any record behind to tell who voted for the obnoxious measures. The Radicals in the Canby Convention took particular pains to retain this particular amendment of the secessionists standing and in full force and effect, that they might be the better enabled to plunder the State at the expense of each legislator, and leave no record to tell who did the work. Now there can be but little doubt that it would be worth all it will cost to call a convention—if the present constitution so as to allow any member to call for the ayes and nays and prohibit any member from recording his name who is not in the bar of the house before the result of the vote is announced. These amendments should unquestionably be made. And also two others of kindred import. First prohibiting the Legislature from taking recesses—and limiting the sessions to ninety days, and if they remain longer in session prohibit them from drawing any pay from the public treasury. These amendments would secure prompt attention to business, sound and beneficial legislation—and fewer and better laws than we will ever have under the present constitution.

Secondly, the amendment of the old constitution and customs of our fathers must be restored in these respects before we can hope for reform.

[For the Patriot.]

That Supposable Case.

In reply to the *New North State*. Nobody in the State of New York would question the "right" of Jno. A. Gilmer, or anybody else, to free participation in political discussions there, because of his being a native of North Carolina, or from any other cause. Nobody in North Carolina questions this same "right" for every body here. Yet, the inquiry remains as pertinent as ever, as to the "modesty, taste and judgment" of Mr. Gilmer, in denouncing the good people of New York who should favor a convention to amend their constitution. The answer would be against him. Human nature, especially American human nature, is much the same in New York that it is in North Carolina—the claim of our editor to a superior article in New York to the contrary notwithstanding.

Shift the scene of this supposable case from New York to North Carolina, and you have an array of facts in place of suppositions, which add ten-fold force to the illustration.

The editor of the *State* may have the benefit of his disclaimer, that he has not denounced the good people of North Carolina as "plotters" and "conspirators." He has denounced somebody as such—downed down to its lowest denotation, the denunciation must be admitted to stand against the two-thirds majority of the legislature who "plotted" and "conspired" to call the convention, and to all the people, "good and bad," who endorse the call. It is difficult to discover how this position helps the matter.

If the editor of the *State* could persuade himself, and hint the same to his readers, that the "rebellion" has subsided, and that the land is not filled with "harpies, gorgons and chimeras dire" to terrify the timid amendment and the third term withal, he might "do the State some service."

The Constitutional Convention of 1868 was, as our readers know, overwhelmingly Radical.

By that Convention, to the disgust of all the decent people of the State, the marriage of A. C. Thornton, white, to a negro woman, both residents of Fayetteville, was by solemn enactment declared valid and binding.

But still we are told that the Republican party in North Carolina is not a Civil Rights party!

What higher proof could it give of its adhesion to the infamous doctrine of social equality?

White men of North Carolina, what do you think of such a party?

VANCE ON THE HOMESTEAD.—"The Radicals say that if we get a majority in the Convention, we will overthrow the Homestead law, but he that says so is a fool or a liar. For would we destroy the law that gives us our home, where our children have been born and reared—where they have died and been carried forth to their last resting place. I say no, we will not, and he that says so, is both a fool and a liar."

Great Saying.—Let us suppose that the Convention will be in session the very longest probable period—60 days. The Convention for this time would cost (\$36,000) Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars.

The Legislature for the same time and the same pay would cost One Hundred and Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars. A Clear Saving in favor of the Convention over the Legislature of Sixty-Six Thousand and Six Hundred Dollars. Think of these figures, Voters and Tax-payers.

Going Back on His Party.—Capt. T. M. Argo left for the West Saturday evening to canvass some of the Western counties in the interest of the republicans. Sam Merrill asked him on the streets Saturday what he was going for? He replied "To heat your party." Mr. M.: "Well, what good is it if you do heat; your party won't do anything but meet and adjourn?" Capt. A.: "Yes we will do something. We will gerrymander the State so that we'll never touch it again."—*Raleigh News*.

The North State styles Holton the "farmers' candidate." Good gracious! Woe candidate then is Tourgee! Do Tell.

[From the Charlotte Observer.]

The Radical Party and Lawyer's Fees.

Editors Observer:—Among other charges made by the Radical incendiaries in the campaign in order to prejudice the popular mind against a Convention, is that it is a scheme on the part of the "Lawyers" of the Conservative party to increase the number and amount of their tax fees. Abuse of lawyers has long since come to be recognized by decent people as the laziest and most vulgar of all cant, and as being indulged in by those whose past lives put them in dread of that sort of organized scrutiny in which "lawyers" bear a very important part. Let us see now what the Radical Legislature of 1868-69 did in the same matter of "lawyers' fees" and what the Conservative Legislature of 1870-71 did upon the same subject and what the Conservative lawyers did.

Under our old law the lawyers' tax fees were as follows: Equity suits, twenty dollars; actions for land, ten dollars; other actions four dollars; in Supreme Court actions at law ten dollars. This is rather a short schedule, and so the Radical Legislature found it. The Legislature fixed the fees as follows:

[See Code of Civil Procedure, section 297.]

In case of judgment for want of answer, \$10.00

In case of judgment on appeal from clerk, 5.00

