

## **NORTH CAROLINA BOURBON PLANS. USING THE POLL TAX QUESTION AND PROHIBITION TO FURTHER DEMOCRATIC SCHEMES.**

**RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.**—The Democratic Party of this State is trying to have the Constitution amended so as to require the exhibition of a receipt for the payment of poll tax as a prerequisite to voting. A bill for this purpose passed the Senate on Saturday last. It is not probable that the bill will pass the House of Representatives, although the pressure is very great to get the bill through. The Democratic majority in November last was 6,000. It is thought by leading Democrats that they can bull-doze the people at the polls and have this amendment ratified if they can get it before the people. In this way they expect to disfranchise 40,000 Republican voters and make North Carolina a Democratic State for many years. The Republican Party will eagerly accept the issue made by this bill, if the amendment is submitted to the people, and they confidently expect to defeat and destroy the Democratic Party upon this question.

It is given out that the joint committee on prohibition will report a bill in a few days absolutely prohibiting the importation, sale, and manufacture of intoxicating liquors throughout North Carolina. Petitions containing at least 100,000 names have been presented to the Legislature, praying for the passage of this law. There is great doubt as to the passage of a bill for absolute prohibition. It will probably be submitted to the people of the State for their approval. The Democrats desire to pass this bill in order to get rid of the Internal Revenue officers apportioned to this State, and thus relieve their party of this influence, but it is not believed that they possess the backbone to vote the bill through. The Legislature has spent 50 days of the session, and there are only 10 days left, without the passage of any legislation of public importance. All legislation absolutely necessary to be enacted in order to run the State Government for another two years must be passed during the next 10 days. It looks now as if the present Legislature would prove as incompetent as its predecessors for the last 10 years.