



COL HOKE'S CARD.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

Having been solicited by a large number of the people from all parts of the circuit, I announce myself a candidate for the office of Judge of the Ninth Judicial District on the 13th inst., as the act of the Conservative party of the district, nor binding on them. The convention was not harmonious but divided, and the nominee unacceptable to a large portion of the party.

From all parts of the district, we have received evidence of dissatisfaction and determined opposition to the ticket. There is a great dissension among the ranks of the voters that is widening and deepening. The waters of discontent and opposition are spreading over all sections of the country. Defeat hangs in the face at every point. It is evident that the heart of the Conservative people of the circuit is not with the nominees of the Lincoln convention.

Col. Hoke knows as well as we do, that he is taking advantage of the split in the Conservative ranks to elevate himself. He failed to obtain a single township in his own county; he did not get a single vote in the nominating convention; and he knows that his only chance of success is to ride into office on the shoulders of his personal friends and Schenck's enemies.

Yes, there is dissatisfaction in our party; and defeat does "stare us in the face." But that is no justification of Col. Hoke's course. On the contrary, to advance himself, he is doing all in his power to widen and deepen the breach; to make that opposition more determined; to increase the unfortunate dissensions in our ranks and to spread as far as he can "the waters of discontent."

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THE ELLIOTT-NEAL HOMICIDE.

He says: "Having been solicited by a large number of the people from all parts of the circuit, I announce myself a candidate, &c. Although an editor of any experience with candidates, cannot but smile over this stereotyped mode of modestly announcing one's self for office, yet we will be generous enough to allow that Col. Hoke has been called out into the arena by an admiring public to be crowned with judicial honors. We know that public-spirited gentlemen do sometimes sacrifice themselves to please the people. But it may not be amiss to inquire whether the "large number of the people" solicited him to become a candidate for the nomination, or to run as an independent candidate? There is a wide difference between the two.

Col. Hoke further says: "I do not regard the action of the nominating convention at Lincoln on the 13th inst., as the act of the Conservative party of the district, nor binding on them." The best reply to this is the official report of the proceedings of the Convention. The counties were all represented, and the nominations regularly made. It might be asked, how would Col. Hoke regard the action of that Conservative Party, if he had received the nomination? Would he not then have considered it binding on the party? Would he not have stood by the nominee? We cannot but think so. Else why did he seek the nomination at the hands of that Convention? We are irresistibly reminded of the fable about the fox and the sour grapes. These judicial honors hang too high for him.

We admit with Col. Hoke, that the Convention was inharmonious; that there are evidences of dissatisfaction in our ranks, and that there is determined opposition to the ticket. But this is no justification of his course. The Convention was not divided on his account. The discord does not arise from the failure of the Convention to nominate him for the judgeship, and the opposition to the ticket comes not from Hoke's friends so much as from Schenck's enemies.

It is not out of place for us to state in this connection, that the newspaper article alluded to in the affidavit was published in the Intelligencer, of Statesville; was written by the junior proprietor of the OBSERVER, then associate editor of that paper, and the substance of the evidence, which was elicited before the magistrate's court, and fully corroborated when the prisoner was before his Honor Judge Mitchell under a writ of habeas corpus, upon the application of the prisoner for the right of bail.

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Much interest has been manifested in regard to this unfortunate affair, ever since its occurrence, and it was manifested on the occasion of its first appearance in Court by the attendance of citizens, interested to hear what disposition was to be made of the case.

The counsel for the State, consisting of Solicitor Caldwell, Messrs. McCorkle & Bailey, D. M. Furches and R. M. Allison, as well as the counsel for the defense, Z. B. Vance, Messrs. Armfield & Folk and Maj. J. Wright—were all present.

VALUABLE RAILROAD PROPERTY FOR SALE.

PURSUANT to a Decree of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the Western District of North Carolina, at the April Term, 1874, in a proceeding then and there pending in Equity, to foreclose a mortgage mentioned in the pleadings between Henry Clews, Hiram Sibley and others, Plaintiffs,

The Western North Carolina Railroad Co., (E. D.) Tod, R. Caldwell, Rufus Y. McAdams, The First National Bank of Charlotte, John Rutherford, Hiram Kelley, Thos. G. Greenlee, James Greenlee, Mary Carson, A. H. Erwin, N. H. D. Wilson, Assignee, R. M. Walker and others, Defendants.

At public auction, to the highest bidder, all the fixtures, rolling stock, and property of every kind, nature and description belonging to the said THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RAIL ROAD CO., mentioned and described in said Decree.

Those who purchase at said sale, provided they be holders of the bonds secured by the mortgage mentioned in the said Decree, may retain their shares of the purchase money, except as to the said sum of \$10,000.00, by surrendering to the Commissioners an equal amount of said bonds.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—Hon. George Davis has taken the field in the east, to plead for the triumph of the Conservative party. He sets a bright example to the other leading men in the State. Those who have eloquence, ability, and influence, and whom the people have honored, owe it to their State to go before the country and arouse it to a full appreciation of the vital importance of a Conservative triumph in August.

THE METHODISTS AND TEMPERANCE. The Book of Discipline of the Methodist Church, South, has been so amended by the General Conference, as to positively prohibit the "making, buying, selling or using as a beverage intoxicating liquors," by any of the members of the Church.

BALD MOUNTAIN EARTHQUAKE. Severe Shocks. Strange Lights on Broad River. [Asheville Examiner, May 23.] Thursday evening last, about half-past seven, several severe shocks of an earthquake again were observed at Bald Mountain equal in severity to any that have preceded them within the last three or four months of these rumblings. The noise was heard and quaking felt distinctly at Chimney Rock, a distance of ten miles from the disturbance.

Let us probe his card to the bottom, and discover the reasons he assigns for this irregular and, as we conceive, most dangerous action, on his part.

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