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THE CONSPIRACY.

The evidence of the foul conspiracy grows stronger every hour. As we say on our editorial page, the plot thickens. But we do not surrender our hope that the cause of liberty and right will triumph in the end. We only note now (Thursday night) that the Democrats through their great leader, Gov. Tilden, will make a strong fight in the *legal* way before they will succumb to Grant's policy of force and usurpation, or will ever agree that Reconstruction Board should be inaugurated. The American people are not slaves or tools, and they now know as they never knew before that "strong vigilance is the price of freedom." We hope yet that we shall have the blessed privilege and "repose" of seeing the South freed from all this dastardly "host with his banners." We copy the closing paragraphs of the Richmond *Dispatch*, editorial of the South Carolina revolutionary development. It avows hot and bold:

"Every man must demand that the people's House of Representatives shall control the wrongs attempted to be done under the forms of law to the institutions handed down to us by the fathers of the republic. The course of the South Carolina conspirators foretells what has been agreed upon for both Florida and Louisiana, and regarding all questions of the grand interest of the nation—the grab iniquity of the *Single Speech*. Hamilton in Congress of the United States. Let us not fear that it will fail to do its duty. By these high-handed acts, the people of the North will have their prejudices removed, and Congress, standing in the full blaze of the public eye, mortifying the very movement, will not dare to refuse to rectify this great wrong."

"We feel more confidence in this moment that Tilden will be the next President of the United States than at any time during the last week."

They have found another master's nest in North Carolina. It is reported that a movement is on foot to throw out the whole electoral vote of North Carolina, on the ground that the ballots were printed when the North Carolina statute says the names shall be written, and there is a vast show of learning on the technical difference between the words "written" and "printed."

Gen. Wade Hampton has issued the following temperate and wise address, full of patriotism and firmness. Read it:

*To the People of South Carolina:*  
Without extravagance we can affirm that the outlook is more encouraging. Altogether the sky is brightening. The action of the Supreme Court of South Carolina is firm and consistent, and shows no sign of "exhaustion." The trick of the Canvassing Board has had a good effect among the best elements of the Republican party in the North. There is a decided recoil if we may trust the reports, and the people are beginning to understand the true situation.

From Florida we have also encouraging news. The Democrats have shown not only their contempt and defiance of the Supreme Court of the State, but their utter disregard of their own official integrity. While the grave questions determining the result of the recent election were pending before the Supreme Court, composed of three judges belonging to the Republican party, and in direct violation of the orders of that tribunal, the Board have issued certificates of election to the Republican electors and to the Republican State officers, and have refused to give certificates to Democratic members of the Legislature shown by the returns of the same Board to have been elected in the counties of Edgefield and Laurens. This high-handed outrage is well calculated to arouse the indignation of our long-suffering people, but assure you that this daring and revolutionary act of the Board can have no legal force whatever.

I appeal to you, therefore, in the fullest confidence, that this attempt will not be unheeded, that you will maintain, even under this provocation, your character as an orderly and law-abiding people. During the past exciting canvass you have studiously avoided every semblance of purpose to disrupt the public peace, and transgress the law. Your cause—and it is the cause of the conservative government of the country—has been carried to the highest court of the State, and we are willing to abide by its decision, feeling assured that this tribunal will see that the law shall be enforced and justice secured.

(Signed) W. H. WHEELER.  
*Florida.*

*THE SITUATION YESTERDAY—PREPARING FOR THE CONTEST.*

TAILOHASSIE, Nov. 22.—Perfect quiet prevails here in political circles. Everything is suspended to await the contest before Judge White to-morrow, when the injunction against the Governor will either be confirmed or withdrawn, and the cause of the *mandamus* against the Returning Board, compelling them to begin work will be decided. The Judge arrived here to-night, and the argument will open at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

The result can hardly be reached in one day. It is impossible to discover what course the counsel for the Governor will take. It is believed that he may deny the right of the court to issue an injunction against him. It is said, on the other hand, that accepting the jurisdiction of the court, he will go into an elaborate

GRANVILLE.

Official to the Star.—  
Tilden 2,178; Hayes 2,112. For Congress—Davis 2,208; Young 2,368; Yancey 2,401. Ratification 2,150. Rejection 2,387.

defense of his right to canvass the electoral vote.

There will doubtless be an appeal from Judge White's decision, no matter what that may be.

It is said the Pennsylvania militia are arming and organizing under the leading Radical officers, for the purpose of reinforcing the capital and forcing the inauguration of Mr. Hayes. All right, gentlemen; if your people can stand the "national bankruptcy" which Ben Butler says will result from the usurpation, proceed and consummate your little plan. It is less of our funeral than yours, if you did but know it. *Petersburg Index Appeal.*

Our friends in New York are doing their best to get the *Advertiser* to publish the *Advertiser* in New York, so that every one who reads it will be stamp of the office where the letter is mailed, will be liable to be taxed. Letters from New York and the states both for and against the *Advertiser* are to be sent to the postmaster and take his receipt for it. Letters to us in this way are at our risk.

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## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

We have received a *Sentinel* extra containing Governor Brogden's message to the Legislature. It is a long document and we have not had time to read it. We shall refer to it hereafter. The Governor's State papers are better than his speeches. They contain less inapt poetry and rhetorical rhodomontade. His conclusion reads somewhat out of tune with our feelings when we know what is transpiring in Louisiana, Florida, South Carolina and Wisconsin. But the sentiment is patriotic and pious and we will not complain.

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The people of North Carolina will read with exceeding interest the deliberations of the two houses of the General Assembly. They may rest assured that unusual consideration will be given to all that they may say and do. Upon their wisdom, prudence and fidelity depend much of the welfare and prosperity of the whole State. This is a time that requires constructive talent—ability to devise ways and means for the relief of the people and for developing the hidden resources and latent energies of the State. It is a time for reform, and he will be found the truest and surest reformer who creates and develops. That wise saying of Rousseau is true at all times—"The science of government is merely a science of combinations, of applications, and of exceptions, according to time, place, and circumstances."

In the history of every people there are epochal points when they go forward as from a new starting place with renewed vigor and life, and when greater achievements follow their career. We trust our State has arrived at such an epoch in its history, and that a tidal wave of property, social happiness and glory will break over the whole territory from the surf-beaten shores of Currituck to those grand mountains of the West that lift their eternal heads to the heavens. To such a sentiment every good and true North Carolinian, native or adopted, white or colored, may respond with a hearty amen.

Referring to the fortunate time at which our General Assembly has met, and the important work before it, the Raleigh *Sentinel* has given a graceful expression to the following opinion, which is in harmony with much we said in our issue of Wednesday morning:

"It is a time when good and honest men—men of pure hearts and clean hands—are needed, and when their labors will be appreciated. There is much to be done in our State. Wise and skilful legislation will be required to carry out many of the provisions of our amended constitution. Many abuses are to be corrected, many wrongs redressed, many improvements introduced, many reforms established. Intelligent and judicious men prevail in all our counsels. No doubtful policies must be inaugurated. No doubtful and ambiguous measures must be tolerated. Absolute, stainless integrity and purity of purpose must shine out conspicuously in every act."

The eyes of the State, of the whole country, are upon them. Much is expected of them, and we feel confident that the expectations will not be disappointed."

Races are to be runnned at the once famous course at Petersburg, Va.

THE CONSPIRACY.

We do hope that henceforth every Southerner will give the go-by to the *Tribune*, which is as treacherous in executive as it is false in statement.

Its degeneracy is marvelous. It is the meanest of the mean, and no man

in the South should invest one dime

in such a monstrous fraud upon

reputable journalism. Read this, and

then sit down quietly in your corner

and smoke the pipe of peace, if you

can! Disrupt your suffrage!

Now can those States in which the laws

are respected, and the morals of the

franchise preserved afford to be linked

to such a body? If not, then these bodies of

political slaves, in whose veins the blood of

the slaves flows, must be purged

out of the *Tribune* before we can

trust the press again.

We are not alarmist, but we cannot

refuse the evidence before our eyes

that the condition of affairs is a very

grave one. We believe that the people

of the South will remain peaceful,

submissive, quiet under the

repeated assaults upon their liberties

and rights. We do not for one moment

believe that a Southern man

will raise his hand to resist the

bold strides of the Washington *Cabinet*.

It is not improbable, however, that the

Administration made over this

extremism made over this administration

possible. The troops were ordered to Washington for no other purpose than to provoke indigenous remonstrances from the opposition. There is no symptom of turbulence in the country now. Notwithstanding the troubled state of politics, the public peace is everywhere preserved, and it is

now as quiet as it was before the

election. All pretensions to

cover some ulterior design in those who

fabricate them. If President Grant could

succeed in stirring up the hot indignation

of a great party, and provoke a

temperate expression, he might easily

convert these into menaces against the

order and the safety of the country.

It is a beautiful sight to see the

returning Board, including

the *Advertiser*,

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