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THE SENTINEL.

WM. E. PELL, PROPRIETOR.

DEPARTURE OF THE PRESIDENT. The [illegible] and suite left this City on yesterday morning, at 9 o'clock, on a special [illegible] for Chapel Hill, where they will remain [illegible] Friday morning, in attendance upon exercises at the University. This is the third occasion, within the last [illegible] on which that venerable institution has been honored by the presence of the Chief Magistrate of the nation, Mr. [illegible] having visited his *Alma Mater* in 1847, Mr. Buchanan having attended the Commencement of 1859. We hope to be able to present to our readers a full account of the exercises said and done at the University during the next few days.

The President and suite were escorted to the depot in the Yarborough Hotes, on yesterday morning, by the same military escort that welcomed their arrival.

Gen. Scott and Gen. Sickles accompanied the President to the University. A number of other distinguished gentlemen also went up on the occasion, so that the festival will be one, every way, of unusual attractions.

The President, we notice by the Depot, was greeted with many demonstrations of respect, the ladies on the line of progress waving their handkerchiefs in token of welcome, and the President acknowledged all these demonstrations in an appropriate manner. The President, and his distinguished associates, we are glad to know, were the recipients of the most cordial terms of welcome, and the character of their reception and entertainment in Raleigh. They left behind them the most grateful feelings for our people, and the President with a heightened regard for his native City.

We learn that the Yarborough City authorities the present year, all their arrangements have been well and judiciously ordered, and were well calculated to reflect credit upon their good taste. The police of the City were active, efficient and successful in their efforts to preserve order and maintain quiet. We have heard of nothing unpleasant having occurred to mar the harmony and general enjoyment of the occasion.

IS IT TRUE?

Whatever may be the doubts which have been created in Southern minds, by the declarations of members of Congress, against the Reconstruction Acts are presented to the Southern people as a final settlement of the sectional difficulties of the country, yet we are forced, by the facts connected with the legislation on those acts, as well as the language used to express the will of Congress, to regard them as a final act; and we believe the country will hold that body to a strict compliance with its provisions, provided the *South* will fully comply.

Our people desire a settlement. They are not in a condition to tamper, to be trifled with, in a matter of such moment. Believing the Congress to be sincere, they are ready to do what the law demands, however humiliating to them, for the sake of peace and quiet. Under such circumstances, we have not hesitated to advise all classes, who are entitled to vote under the law, to register and vote. This our friends throughout the State should encourage every one to do.

We have been well aware that the Reconstruction Acts were not satisfactory to Radicals in the South. We know that the vindictive among them desire more violent and more oppressive measures. But we were not prepared to believe that they were disposed, after the endorsement which they have given the Congressional platform, to adopt the most effective measures to prevent Reconstruction.

We learn that the rumor is well founded that the Radicals in this State, disappointed at the readiness which the people manifest to reconstruct on the Congressional platform, have determined to use every effort to induce the colored people to *register*, and then *vote against the calling of a Convention*. We have no direct means of ascertaining the truth or falsity of this rumor. But we ask those who know, if this be the policy or not. The argument to be employed in this inflaming the blacks, is *confiscation*. The ignorant may be disposed to listen to this, and, so far as the colored vote may go, they may yield to this flimsy pretence, but, unless a change which we do not look for comes over the spirit of our people, we expect the Conservative men of the State to carry the reconstruction in spite of the Radicals and to place in the Convention men of integrity, who will do their duty to the State and to the Union.

THE PRESIDENT, accompanied by Messrs. Seward and Randall, Gov. Worth and Gen. Sickles took a walk about the City, on Tuesday afternoon, visiting, among other places of interest, the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institution, by invitation of the Superintendent, W. J. Palmer, Esq., and the Insane Asylum, by invitation of Dr. Fisher. The party expressed themselves greatly pleased with what they saw, and we understand that Gen. Sickles, on leaving, divided $20 among the children of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

IT is a significant fact, and one to which we call the especial attention of the colored men of this State, *that there was not a single colored man elected on the Radical ticket*, at the municipal election in Washington, on Monday last. The Radicals had everything completely in their own hands, and their refusal to confer any of the offices upon blacks is the best commentary upon the *sincerity* of their regard for the negro!

U. S. CIRCUIT COURT—IMPORTANT DECISION BY CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE.

The Chief Justice of the United States, in opening the Circuit Court, on yesterday morning, and before proceeding to the regular discharge of business, addressed the gentlemen of the Bar as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE BAR: Before proceeding to organize business I think it proper to address a few observations to you.

For more than four years the Courts of the Union were excluded from North Carolina by hostilities. When active hostilities ceased in 1865, the national military authority took the place of ordinary civil jurisdiction, or controlled its exercise. All Courts, whether State or National, were subordinated to military supremacy, and acted, when they acted at all, under such limitations and in such cases as the Commanding General, under the direction of the President, thought it be proper. Their processes were disregarded, and their judgments and decrees set aside by military order.

Under these circumstances the Justices of the Supreme Court, allotted to the Circuits which included the insurgent States, absented themselves from the District Judges in holding the Circuit Courts.

Their attendance was unnecessary, for the District Judges were fully authorized by law to hold the Circuit Courts without the Justices of the Supreme Court, and to exercise complete jurisdiction in the trial of all criminal and almost all civil cases. And their attendance was unnecessary because it was impracticable. For military tribunals at that time and under the existing circumstances were competent to the exercise of all jurisdiction, criminal and civil, which belongs, under the Constitution, to such Courts.

Being unnecessary, the Justices thought that their attendance would be improper and inconvenient. They regarded it as unjust to Circuit Commissioners, many ways to the public interests, that the highest officers of the Judicial Department of the Government should exercise their functions under the supervision and control of the Executive Department.

At length, however, the military control over the civil tribunals was withdrawn by the President. The writ of *habeas corpus*, which had been suspended, was restored, and military authority in civil matters wholly ceased. The war effected partially by the proclamation of April 2, and fully by the proclamation of August 20th, 1866.

The proclamations reinstated the full authority of the National Courts in all matters within their jurisdiction, and the Justices of the Supreme Court had expected to join the District Judges in holding the Circuit Courts during the interval between the terms at Washington, whenever that authority should be fully reinstated by executive or legislative action.

On the 2nd of July, 1866, however, an act of Congress reduced the number of the Circuits and changed materially the Districts of which the Southern Circuits were composed, without making or providing for any adjustment of the members of the Supreme Court to the new Circuits, and without any assignment the Justices of that Court have no Circuit Court jurisdiction. The effect of the act therefore was to suspend the authority of Justices to hold the Circuit Courts of the United States.

[illegible] was assumed by the act of March [illegible], which made [illegible] Under this act the [illegible] of the Supreme Court have been [illegible] and the Chief Justice has been allotted to hold, with the District Judges, the National Courts in the County in which the District of North Carolina holds a part.

I am here, therefore, to join my brother, the District Judge, in holding the Circuit Court for this District. It is the first Circuit Court for any District within the limits of the United States, which a Justice of the Supreme Court could be present, without disregard of, or usurpation of jurisdiction.

The Justices for the other Southern Circuits will join in holding the Courts at the regular terms prescribed by law, and thus the national civil jurisdiction will be fully restored throughout the Union.

But I trust that military authority is still exercised within the Southern circuits, but not now as formerly, in consequence of the disappearance of local civil authority, and in supervision or control of all tribunals whether State or National. It is now used under acts of Congress, and only to prevent illegal violence to persons and property, and to facilitate the restoration of every State to equal rights and benefits in the Union. This military authority does not extend in any respects to the Courts of the United States.

Let us hope that neither rebellion nor any other occasion for the assertion of any military authority over Courts of justice, will hereafter suspend the due course of judicial administration by the national tribunals in every part of the Republic.

THIS language admits of no misinterpretation. It is a plain and emphatic decision that General Order No. 10, of the District Commander, does not appeal to the civil jurisdiction of the U. S. Courts, and will therefore be disregarded by them. It is rumored, we learn, that Gen. Sickles holds that his Order does not apply. In this event, we are likely to have a conflict of authority. The question was raised by Judge Biggs, as to whether the rules of practice and pleading in the Federal Court should correspond with those obtaining in the State Courts, as was the case prior to 1860. In other words, whether the Stay Law would be observed by the Court.

After some remarks by Mr. Moore, in opposition to such recognition, and by Judge Biggs, on the other side, the Chief Justice announced that he would reserve a hearing until to-morrow.

The following gentlemen, in addition to those heretofore named, were admitted to practice in the Court, viz: Messrs. P. H. Winston, A. W. Tourgee, W. H. Bagley, George Howard, W. W. Peebles, W. J. Clarke, John F. Wooden, Thos. Wilson, D. M. Carter and C. R. Thomas.

WE INVITE attention to the grand Poem on our fourth page, which was read by George D. Prentice, at the inauguration of the statue of Henry Clay, in Louisville, on the 30th ult.

THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

The *Standard's* account of the President's visit is a mere caricature—an attempt to be funny, in order to cover up its malice. So far from being a cold, unmeaning or formal reception, from the blacks and whites of the lower order, as intimated, we are sure that the citizens of Raleigh, and of the State, who were here, never gave a more flattering reception to any man, since the days of Henry Clay. Many of the first citizens of the State were here, and all did the honor due to the Chief Magistrate of the United States. As to the reception at the Hall of Commons, all classes of our citizens of every position and color, called on him there, excepting perhaps, those who had previously made his acquaintance at the Hotel.

The following extract from the *Standard's* article is especially untruthful:

"But few of the aristocracy appeared and this aristocratical party came by special tailor boy's hand. Only the friends of the descendants of the friends of Mr. Clay did come. Those who went to Greensboro' through a thousand in the attempt to get the hand of Jefferson Davis' first President, were not there. On the whole we think it was proper that they did not, for we applaud their consistency; we also feel complain only that they did not make it so much."

We defy the *Standard* to name any gentleman, who is at present holding the "aristocrats" of the city, who did not attend the call upon the President or otherwise show his respect for the Chief Magistrate, who was not invariably presided by Dr. Hawks, as well as the committee of Mr. Davis, were there except Mr. H. Heartt himself and some of the black who were not invited to be in different and company. It would was not there, at any rate, by invitation. It is well to say and on the other hand we think it was proper to omit it, and we applaud [illegible]

IMPEACHMENT.

After a long and laborious session, conducted in all the spirit of the Star Chamber, the Judiciary Committee of Congress, which was charged with the duty of the impeachment of President Johnson, has at last arrived at a conclusion. The most corrupt and unscrupulous tribunal of which history makes any mention, have not prosecuted their inquisition with more rigid, unscrupulous, [illegible] and contemptuous details. An impeachment [illegible] has not instituted under the most favorable auspices of the President's bitterest enemies, and disgusting exposures of [illegible] have elicited over his household and [illegible] and prominent members of the Committee have not scrupled, in the dark and secret hours of the night, to hold conversations with criminal, convicted of perjury and confessed felons of evil, for the purpose of extorting something (probably with a promise of pardon as the reward) to the prejudice of the Chief Magistrate of the Nation.

After several ordinary and the grand [illegible] from all parts of the country are compelled to acknowledge that they have utterly failed to elicit anything to the prejudice of public life of the President to gratify the cherished project of impeachment. But conscious that something must be done to excuse their conduct before the country they could not adjourn without a *solemn farce*, in the shape of a vague and indefinite declaration that the President is guilty of the crimes of *the times*. Mere fanaticism impotent conclusion! Such a report to such labors will elevate the President still higher in the confidence of all good men, and is the severest reflection that this Committee could have heaped upon themselves.

GEN. SCHOFIELD'S ORDER.

The Virginia papers very generally, without due consideration, immediately upon the appearance of Gen. Schofield's registration order, were greatly dissatisfied at it and affirmed that it disfranchised every one and that it paid no attention to the Attorney General's opinion. The same objection has been repeated in this city. An examination of the order will show that the construction of the disfranchised is a comparatively small and that, while the Attorney General's opinion cannot in its present form be accepted as law, yet Gen. Schofield has very closely adhered to it, except in the case of county officers, with respect to which the opinion of the Attorney General has not yet been definitely given.

The Richmond *Dispatch*, which at first was shocked, has since taken the precaution to consult Col. Chaffin for an official *expose*, and now says:

"The Colonel expressed his regret that the order should have been misconceived by the press generally. He thought it plainly enough worded, and was fearful that some of the registering officers in the country might be misled, and adopt the interpretation first put upon it by the press. The order, he thought, sufficiently indicated that none were to be disfranchised but such as had formerly held office under the Government of the United States and of the State, and afterwards given *aid and comfort* to the rebellion. No man that had never been an officer of the State or United States previous to the war was disfranchised. He requested us to correct the wrong impression the order had created."

Judge Kelley on returning from his Southern tour was proffered money by the Congressional Republican Committee, to reimburse him for expenses and outlays incurred in his travels. The Judge, however, declined, alleging that the practical knowledge he had received during his tour had more than repaid him for the money invested.

As an instance of the great depreciation in the value of property in the Southern States, it is reported that a plantation in Louisiana which anterior to the war yielded an income of $50,000, was sold the other day for $2,000.

LETTER FROM GOV. GRAHAM.

We have the pleasure of giving below an admirable letter from Gov. Graham, in reply to an invitation to be present on the occasion of the recent inauguration of Hart's statue of Henry Clay, at Louisville. Like everything else from Gov. Graham's pen, it is dignified, manly and able.

HILLSBORO', N. C., May 28, 1867.

GENTLEMEN: I regret that it is not in my power to accept the invitation of the City of Louisville, so politely tendered through your note of the 6th inst., to be present at the inauguration of the statue of Henry Clay, by the Kentucky artist Hart in the Court House of the City, on the 30th of the present month.

[illegible] a native of the State, an artist capable of perpetuating in enduring [illegible] the lineaments and the face of the great Ajax to whom Kentucky [illegible] as her first citizen, is itself a work of [illegible], rendering all the more appropriate her tribute to the genius and character of the illustrious statesman.

[illegible] purpose, by her hospitality to [illegible] her citizens from all parts of our [illegible] country, whose intercourse has been [illegible] and warm friendships may have [illegible] between the events of a sanguinary civil war, affording an occasion to unite the associations of the late contest, to renew [illegible] and to exchange [illegible] mutual good will, we [illegible] the [illegible] commend it, [illegible] and [illegible] to the success of [illegible] which it was [illegible] to the dead.

[illegible] and [illegible] public service of Mr. Clay, [illegible] with [illegible] in which he [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]