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## THE SENTINEL.

W. E. PELL, PROPRIETOR.

### "UP GUARDS AND AT THEM!"

The Conservative organization of the state is now well nigh completed. We have a glorious State ticket in the field—District Conventions will soon be called for the nomination of candidates for Congress and Lieut. Governors—for the most part active, young, enthusiastic young men have been appointed in a large majority of the counties, and will soon be designated for all of them. Sub-Committees have been formed for every Captain's District in the State. Everything thus far looks well and promising. What remains to be done?

In the first place, let the Canvassers go—decide, enclose, tally, and promptly, about their work. Let them canvass every portion of their respective counties, and, by every proper means, seek to impress the population of the State to a *true* sense of the principles which depend upon them.

Let County Conventions be held in every county, for the nomination of the Legislature. In other countries, also, give the same body and actively at work.

Let Conservative Clubs be formed in every town and village, and then hold weekly meetings.

Let one or more mass meetings be held every county, and let every individual be called and afforded to the people to turn out.

Let the Sub-Committees proceed at once to the enrollment of Conservative voters, and of white men, who abominate their color, propose to act with the enemies of civilization. *Let every man be enrolled!* This is of the highest importance. We must know how we stand.

Let every Conservative man, who has thus failed to register, be earnestly exhorted to do so, by every consideration which affects the good of himself, his children, his race and his country.

In one word, let every true white man in North Carolina constitute himself a *Constitutor or One*, whose aim and purpose shall be work! work! work!, and whose slogan shall be: *NORTH CAROLINA MUST BE GOVERNED BY WHITE MEN!*

Our gallant standard-bearers in the field will do their whole duty. Let us do ours, and all will come right in the end!

### ACCEPTANCE OF JUDGES PEARSON AND READE.

The following correspondence speaks for itself. It will be seen that Chief Justice Pearson and Judge Read accept the nominations tendered them by the State Conservative Executive Committee, in terms worthy of the elevated positions which they now hold.

Judge Battle, having left the city, has not yet been heard from but will be doubtless, in the course of a few days.

*Hon. R. M. Pearson.* —The Executive Committee of the Conservative party, now assembled in this city, have nominated you for the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Hoping that you will accept the same, we are very respectfully,

Your ob't servants,

D. G. FOWLER. For the

W. C. BADGEON. M. A. BLENKORN. Committee.

(A similar letter was addressed to Judge Read.)

*Gentlemen:* —I accept the nomination of which you have just informed me. You are aware that I have already accepted the nomination of the Convention of the Republican party. As Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, should the people of the State elect me to fill that responsible station, I shall feel honored by this concurrence of opinion in regard to my efforts as a Judge for more than half a life time, and, without reference to party affiliations, to which, as a Judge, I have never yielded, I shall, to the best of my ability, endeavor to discharge the duties of the office, without fear or favor.

Yours very respectfully,

R. M. PEARSON.

*Messrs. FOWLER, BLEDSOE AND BADGEON.*

(A similar letter was addressed to Judge Read.)

*Gentlemen:* —I have just received your letter, informing me of the nomination of my name, by the Executive Committee of the Conservative party, for election to the seat which I now occupy upon the Supreme Court Bench. I am honored by this mark of your confidence in me as a Judge, and accept the nomination, without reference to any party affiliation.

I am nothing but a Judge. If elected by the people, I shall, as I always have done, declare the law to the best of my ability, and do equal justice to the rich and the poor, to the State and to individuals, without fear and without partiality.

Thanking you for the kind terms of your communication,

I am, very respectfully, &c.

E. G. READE.

*PANIC STRICKEN.* —Our information leads us to believe that the Conservative ticket, just nominated by the Executive Committee, has thrown into the camp of the Radicals. Many of the men, upon whom they have relied, cannot sustain the ticket, and declare their determination to go against it. Others, we learn, will scratch, removing the names of several of their own nominees and putting on some of ours instead. We should not be surprised if such moderate Republicans as Dick, Pool, Dockery, Goodloe, and others, cannot swallow it, but yet none of them will allow the Constitution, which is ten-fold worse than the Radical ticket. The Radical ticket, even if elected, which we think impossible, will last but a few years, but the Constitution, if adopted, may be fixed upon us for a generation.

*PRINCIPLES NOT MEN.* —The Radicals, in their late nominations, act, we presume, upon this old political dogma. Their principles are mean, groveling, despotic, and they therefore select the same class of men to illustrate and carry them out. This is, no doubt, necessary and proper. Men of character and respectability, whose interests are linked with the interests of society, and whose aspirations rise above the *pure* *politics* of demagoguism, can not support mean, despotic principles or illustrate them in their conduct.

We have long held, that *mean men cannot be trusted with good principles*. They will either adulterate or mutate, or wholly abandon them. Hence we go for principles and men. We will not support mean, bad principles, nor will we support mean, bad men. If the principles of a party are sound and worth anything, they should be enforced and illustrated by good men—but that can be obtained from the oven-stone.

The Conservative ticket, we judge, has been framed with *mean men* in view. Our principles focus to the intention of enforcing them, educating and instructing another people, the maintenance of Constitutional liberty, and the promotion of the peace and harmony of the nation. To secure these objects, men of tried integrity, of ability and respectability, have been selected to enforce and illustrate our principles. How much sooner these gentlemen have been divided in political sentiment in the past, they are believed to be a unit upon the great principles which now agitate the country. They are devotedly attached to the principles of government, as set forth in the Constitution of the United States. They are lovers of Constitutional liberty. They are anxious desirous to promote the restoration of peace, harmony and good will, between the people of the various sections of the Union and of the States. These are friends of law and order and of their enforcement by the peaceful remedies of the Constitution, viz.—the supremacy of the civil over the military power. They are friends of the negro race, but they are opposed to clutching the herds of ignorant and vicious negroes of the South with political or social positions. They are for a white man's government, to be administered for the benefit of all races and conditions. Hence, they are opposed to the new Constitution proposed for North Carolina. If there be one man on the Conservative ticket, opposed to these principles, he ought not to allow his name to remain on it.

*INGRATITUDE.* —The Ex-Provisional Governor had twice defected, horse and dragoons, by the white people of this State, in his maddest aspirations after the Governorship. *He was politically down at the heel*, clean down. Not a man in the State was so heartily despised. In this low estate, he was taken by the hand by His Excellency, the President of the United States, and made, what he most desired, *shak of his soul's salvation*.

After his time expired, the President again attempted to honor him by a foreign appointment, nominating him to the U. S. Senate, as Minister to San Salvador, with a salary of \$9,000 per annum, and \$4,500 as outfit. The Radical Senate rejected the nomination—but were even then acquiring an ascendancy that has since nearly overthrown the Government. *The southerner was shrewd.* He ascertained which way the wind lay; and quietly acquiesced in the Radical Senate's decision. Returning home, the almost Minister began to give the cold shoulder to his benefactor, and to conspire with those wild spirits who had shown him this indignity. By the time of the President's visit to N. C., the quondam Governor had completely veered around, and was whacking away at the very policy he had himself established, and, in every issue of his paper, sneering at the high official who had been to him the fountain of honor—all the official honor he ever knew. He had watched the signs of the times. Gratitude? What are past favors to those that are to come? The Ex Provisional Governor could not afford to call—even by a little ceremonious visit—to the President while among us, and that high official had the mortification of going back to Washington City without even seeing his old protege.

*Now we are papered up in N. H. Hampshire or Massachusetts*, in full as energetically urging his impeachment, as would so rejoice to see him punished for "high crimes and misdemeanors," as thus same Standard.

Lives there a man, in this broad land of ours, so intensely ungrateful, so ingenuously inconsistent, and so utterly shameless?

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### CANVASSERS FOR THE STATE AT LARGE.

### THE "CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION," SO-CALLED.

### NIGHT SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAR. 28, 1868.

The Convention was called to order at 7 o'clock.

The Chair announced that following gentlemen be the Committee on the Adjournment of the State at Large.

Mr. Jones of Washington, Mr. Durbin of Durham, Mr. Moore of Morehead, Mr. McLean of Orange, Mr. T. B. Satterwhite, Mr. H. A. Biggs, Mr. J. W. Godwin, Mr. R. Y. McDonald, Mr. George Davis, Mr. J. R. Sturges, Mr. S. J. Person, Mr. W. H. Smith, Mr. W. T. Dorfert, Mr. Robert Strange, Mr. Nathaniel Boykin, Mr. John K. Jones, Mr. George Howard, Col. R. H. Cowan, Mr. P. B. Brown, Capt. L. French, Esq., Mr. M. D. Tice, Mr. A. McLean, Esq., Col. D. F. Foy, Capt. T. C. Foy, Mr. W. F. Martin, Mr. J. J. Morehead, Mr. C. R. Sanders, Esq., Mr. W. F. McRae, Esq., Mr. J. J. Yeates, Esq., Col. S. B. Sprunt, Hon. Thomas S. Ashe, Col. Walter L. Steele.

The following gentlemen have been appointed, by the State Conservative Executive Committee, Canvassers for the State at Large. It is to be hoped that they will at once make appointments to address the people.

Hon. William A. Graham.

James M. Leach.

Gen. M. W. Raney.

Hon. J. R. McLean.

Mr. George G. Shepherd.

Mr. Moses Evans.

Hon. F. B. Satterwhite.

Mr. H. A. Biggs.

Mr. J. W. Godwin.

Mr. R. Y. McDonald.

Mr. George Davis.

Mr. J. R. Sturges.

Mr. S. J. Person.

Mr. W. H. Smith.

Mr. W. T. Dorfert.

Mr. Robert Strange.

Mr. Nathaniel Boykin.

Mr. John K. Jones.

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