THE SENTINEL.

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SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1870.

INFERNAL EXPLOSION—Again.

We, yesterday, noticed in part the base and false charges made by the Governor's son and organ, on the character of the Editor of the SENTINEL, on Monday last. The *Standard* has always been known for its wholesale dealing in scandal, slander and billingsgate, and it has not at all improved, in this respect, under the *new regime*.

The *Standard* says, in speaking of us, "He is a devil and we will fight him and those behind him with fire."

If we fight, we are entitled to choice of weapons; but Joe is much mistaken if he supposes our columns will be devoted to discussions of a personal character, such as his drunkenness, or of a personal defence of ourself against his base and false charges. We can afford to be silent under his calumnies, for he has descended so low that none will believe him.

Joseph's is an educated baseness; it has "grown with his growth and strengthened with his strength;" his scoundrelism is complete; he was reared in the best "school for scandal" in the country—the *Standard* office—where bad men fed upon the characters of such men as Badger, Mangum, Morehead and others whose names have illuminated our State history, and in which was served up for dessert, in the article "Work," the character of every lady in the

Joseph says, that [illegible] called us a liar, and that we took it and had to take it. He might have added that the same thing was done by his Excellency, "Dad," Windy Billy Henderson, indicted and acquitted of stealing Darr's mule; Dr. Sloan, who got the $30,000 of State bonds; Judge Alden, who ran away to avoid arrest for swindling; Littlefield, the plunderer; Estes, the defaulter, and Tryon Morris, of Montgomery county, who not only called us a liar but put a d—n to it, and that before five hundred people. But we tell Joseph that these things have not ruffled our temper nor disturbed our equanimity for a moment, for we were aware that our statements, which called forth these blackguard attacks upon us would soon appear to the people, as most of them have already done, backed by the immutable force of truth.

Old Tryon Morris gave us the d—d lie for saying that Holden was the first to call for Abe Lincoln's head, but we proved it upon the spot by Gen. Dockery and the *Standard*.

Joseph might also have added that Snead, the horse thief, and Davis, of Montgomery, for whose benefit and correction we sent the widow a cowhide, also indulged in the pastime of calling us a liar. And that Gen. Clingman, puffed up and elated with his $100,000 from the "Ring," charged us with telling "petty falsehoods" on him, because we alluded to his age, and intimated that he used Batchelor's hair dye to conceal his gray hairs from the girls.

In the same list may be included the "Rev." Sinclair, who was arraigned, convicted and silenced by his Church, on charges of lying, stealing, drunkenness and fornication. Also, Judge Watts, who granted and then dissolved the injunction in the Railroad case, and to whose possession was traced $5,000 of the bonds belonging to the party in whose favor the suit was decided. In short, Joseph might have added the name of every other scoundrel, swindler and plunderer in the State, whom we have, in our editorial capacity, been under the necessity of lashing for their swindlings and rascality.

We call Joseph's attention to one fact: *None of those against whom we have published charges have been able to disprove them in the first instance*, which would have been much better for themselves, if they had been able to do it, than to depend for their vindication before the public, on merely calling us "a liar." We are not surprised at their squirming for

> "No rogue e'er felt the halter drawn,
> With good opinion of the law."

We should forfeit our character for moderation and discretion should we stop to engage in a personal quarrel with every blackguard who chooses to cry "liar" when we expose him.

As to our being a "coward," we shall have but little to say. It is no reproach to any man to be a coward, because, in that respect, he can be only what God and nature made him. It is laying claim to courage when a man has none which renders him contemptible and ridiculous. Take for example a man who proposes to go into a back-yard to fight and then proposes to adjourn to the street, and finally cries "quit," before fist or limb is in danger, but not soon enough to avoid a good "mercantile mauling."

Or, a man who selects a crowd of a dozen, chooses his time and place, to make an attack upon one individual and then at the order "halt!" stands stock still with all his backers, apparently afraid to advance or retreat.

Or, the man who walks up in a hotel, behind an aged and decrepit man, sitting at his meal, and strikes him without warning.

Joseph, in speaking of the editor of this paper, in his "infernal explosion" of Monday last, says, "people are afraid of the rascal!" We do not believe that there is a man in the State afraid of us, except it be the rogues who are afraid of exposure.

He also says, "when we see him on the street he is nervous," and, "when we look him in the eye he quivers." Joe is mistaken in the man. We have not felt any nervousness on looking him in the eye, nor meeting him on the street, because we have never apprehended danger from that source since his grand display on Davie Street.—Besides, we have been generally prepared for any attack that may be made on us since that time.

We have no means of disproving Joseph's charge of cowardice without indulging in vainglorious boasting, after the manner of Joseph himself, and we are not disposed to put ourself upon his level by becoming our own trumpeter. But what will the world think of a man who bases his claims to courage on the fact of making a "coward" nervous by looking him in the eye on the street, and then begging quarter as Joseph did in Tucker's back-yard.

Finally, if Joseph has improved his character for truth or decency by his late editorial attack upon us, we are content; we shall neither envy nor imitate him.

The Tarboro' *Southerner* in speaking of Jaybird Jones' congressional aspirations in connection with a Radical pow-wow recently held in Hyde county, says:

"A few weeks since, the proceedings of a meeting in Hyde county were published, in which Jones was recommended for Congress. We have learned the *facts* of this meeting, which are about as follows:

During Court week notice was given that a Republican meeting would be held in the Court House on a certain night.

The hour arrived, two tallow candles were lighted, which attracted the curiosity of a few white gentlemen, who went up to see the sights.

As they came into the room, the parties having the thing in charge, immediately blew out the lights, adjourned to the Grand Jury room and locked the door against all outsiders. Here Jones is said to have harangued at considerable length, and the proceedings state that he was recommended as noticed above.

Since then, however, a most responsible old gentleman, who was present, denies that any such recommendation was passed and indirectly charges Jones with having such interlopated in the published proceedings."

[illegible] the Columbia *Message* that an excursion [illegible] school of the M. E. Church of that town, will leave on the 10th for Raleigh and will return on the same day. The children will be accompanied by a number of invited guests. They will probably arrive in Raleigh about 10 o'clock, A. M. Have any steps been taken to receive them properly?

The citizens of Wilmington held a meeting last Wednesday evening, for the purpose of expressing sympathy for the sufferers by the late Richmond calamity.

Appropriate resolutions were passed, and a Committee appointed to solicit funds for their relief.

WHERE DID YOU GET IT.—We see in the *Western Sentinel* of the 5th inst., the notice of the awarding of contracts for the building of the Penitentiary. Where did you get it, neighbor?

The Annual Commencement of Davidson College will take place on the 1st of June. Judge Aldrich, of S. C., will deliver the address before the Literary Societies on Wednesday.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TOD. R CALDWELL.—In the proceedings of Congress, as published in the Washington City *Daily Globe* of a late date, we find that "Mr. Abbott presented the memorial of Tod. R. Caldwell, of Morganton, North Carolina, remonstrating against the removal of the disabilities imposed on James B. Kincaid, William S. Sudderth, John R. Sudderth, Bartlett A. Berry, Alphonso C. Avery, Willoughby F. Avery, Joseph Brittain, E. W. Dorsey, and B. S. Gaither, of North Carolina; which was referred to the select Committee on the Removal of Political Disabilities."

This Tod. R. Caldwell is, we presume, the same Tod. R. Caldwell who, by virtue of his office as Lieutenant Governor, is President of the North Carolina Senate; the same individual to whom Conservative Senators in the plenitude of their generosity and chivalric magnanimity, with great ceremony, formally presented a gold watch in token, we presume, of their admiration for his impartiality and his want of partisan rancor. It is an old and a homely, and perhaps to the over nice ears of the present generation, a vulgar saying, but none the less true, that forbids throwing pearls before swine. We do not say that Lieutenant Governor Caldwell is a swine, for that would be unparliamentary and uncourteous to the second officer of the State, but we do think that the pearl of chivalry displayed before Governor Caldwell by our Senators was not duly appreciated by him. We say, furthermore, that in our opinion it is time these mockeries and farces in which bitter, open, avowed, rancorous partisans are formally "thanked" for virtues they do not possess and to which, indeed, they scarcely make any pretence, were stopped.

To do Governor Caldwell justice we believe he has never laid much, if any, claim to mildness in his political views and conduct, and we very much doubt whether in his heart he sees any political merit in political moderation. If, however, we are mistaken in his character, it is passing strange that he should so far forget the obligation resting upon him as the Lieutenant Governor of a State and not of a party; should so far forget the obligation resting on him as a presiding officer of the Legislature, to bury all political differences in oblivion, as to memorialize Congress, over his own name, to keep in political slavery his neighbors who happen to entertain views opposed to his own.

The watch has not yet been made capable of measuring a portion of time so minute as that during which Governor Caldwell forgets to be a partisan, and until such an one is made we think he ought to buy his own time pieces.—*Wilmington Journal.*

United States District Court for the District of Cape Fear, Judge Brooks presiding, is still in session here. Six civil cases were tried or disposed of yesterday. The principal item of interest to the people of this city was that of United States ex John Dawson, security for Daniel Dickson. This latter gentleman, now deceased, was Post Master at Wilmington in 1861, and on the secession of the State, turned over certain funds in his possession to the Confederate States Government. Hence the suit. The damages in this case were yesterday assessed $2,047, of which sum $1,334 is principal. *Wil. Journal.*

FIRE.—The dwelling and kitchen of Mr. B. F. Hooks', a few miles from Goldsboro', were destroyed by fire on the night of Tuesday last. The fire originated in the kitchen, and is supposed to be an accident. Mr. Hooks' loss will exceed $1,500.—*Goldsboro' Messenger.*

THE CAPITOL BUILDING—ITS HISTORY AND ITS WEAKNESS.

The following interesting sketch of the Capitol building at Richmond, from the New York *Post*, is by Mr. John R. Thompson, now connected with that paper:

The appalling disaster which has shrouded Richmond in gloom, and sent a thrill of pain throughout the country lends a vivid momentary interest to all that is connected with the occurrence and the scene.

The State House, or, as it is called, the Capitol of Virginia, is an old building, standing on the highest point of ground in the city, in the center of a park of thirteen acres, known as the Capitol Square. The grounds were some years ago laid out with taste by Nottman, of Philadelphia and adorned with some of the best statuary in America. The great monument to Washington, designed by Crawford, surmounted by his colossal of the Pater Patriæ, and flanked by heroic statues of Patrick Henry, Marshall, Jefferson, and other Virginia worthies, occupies a position but a short distance from the Capitol building, and in another part of the grounds there is a marble statue of Henry Clay from the chisel of Hart, erected by the women of Virginia.

The Capitol was built immediately at the close of the Revolution. The model chosen for it was the well known Maison Carree at Nismes, a miniature pattern of which was sent over from France by Mr. Jefferson, but the architect made many deviations from the model, whereby the effect of the building was greatly impaired. It was always an ugly, inconvenient and ill arranged structure, though from a distance it has an imposing appearance and even looks like a Pantheon.

Its historical associations are of the most interesting kind. In the basement story, where the Chancery Court was held in the old time, Henry Clay began life as a deputy clerk under Chancellor Wythe, the George Wythe of the Declaration of Independence. In its halls sat the memorable Constitutional Convention of 1829 '30, which numbered among its members John Randolph, John Marshall, James Madison, James Monroe, and many others, scarcely less illustrious.

Twenty three years before, the trial of Aaron Burr for treason had been conducted there. From the Southern portion of the building it was that Daniel Webster delivered, in Oct., 1840, 'standing beneath an October sun,' the political speech which has been thought one of finest popular expositions of the Constitution.

[illegible] necessity to fit up apartments in the building for the accommodation of the Confederate Congress, and great changes were made in consequence in its interior arrangements. The building, which was originally strong, was thereby greatly weakened by the removal of supports and girders. The court room which has just given way, entailing so fearful a loss of human life, was made by throwing two apartments into one, and was occupied by the Confederate Senate throughout the war. The floor had swayed much from the true level, and settled from the sides towards the center, to such an extent that an examination was ordered into its security, and it was not until a report was made by master carpenters that it was safe, that the Senate consented to occupy the chamber. Had the examination been more thorough the alarming insecurity of the floor would have been detected, and this recent heart-rending disaster would have been avoided. The Superintendent of Public Buildings in charge of the Capitol at that time, died but a few days ago.

VERY TRUE.—"As long as the Judiciary is kept pure all will be well, but as soon as *that* is corrupted there is no safety for life or property."

The above extract is taken, as near as we can recollect, from the charge of E. W. Jones to the Grand Jury on Monday last; and to its sentiments we add an heartfelt Amen.

But will E. W. Jones dare say that the Judiciary of the State is now pure and incorruptible?

Will he have the hardihood to assert that he, "Greasy Sam," Tourgee, and other radical Judges are above suspicion, and that the lives and property of our citizens are safe in their hands? While every honest man will cordially re-echo the sentiments contained in the extract, all will pray for the speedy appearance of the day that shall witness the purity of the Judges as explained by Jones.

When, before such men as he were thrown upon the Bench by the throes of a revolution, was there ever an intimation against the purity and honesty of our Judges? And who are directly responsible for the degraded position in which the Ermine of the State is now placed?

Where in the olden times can an instance be recalled of a Judge of North Carolina being charged with receiving money to bias his decision, as in the case of Watts? When did ever the Bench of North Carolina contain a convicted Penitentiary thief and felon, as in the case of Tourgee? And when has ever decency, morality and justice been so outraged, as in the case of Jones, when he displayed his drunken antics upon the public streets of Raleigh; enunciated his notorious partizan rulings, and laid his unscrupulous hand upon the liberties of a free press.—*Tarboro Southerner.*

AFFECTING SCENE.—The Hon. Lt. Col. O. H. Dockery and the lutensely Hon. Andrew Jackson Jones, both aspirants for the next Congress, "met by chance" in front of the Purcell House on last Monday morning, and, to the astonishment and, we may add, terror, of many around quietly began to smile upon and to hug each other. It was truly an affecting scene to behold two men of such note and importance meet in such a genial humor, (and Andrew in a particularly dirty shirt, the same, rumor says, in which he does his dirty work) each of them, probably swearing to go the "whole hog" for the other in the coming campaign. The scene would have been complete in its melting significance had only Geo. Z. French been present also.

As it is, it is said that the people must choose between Dockery Jones, and French for Congressional representation in the next Congress. The race will probably be between the two former. As Jones himself remarked to us a few days since, "I think my chances are pretty good, for I don't believe that any of 'em is a damneder rascal than I am." According to his own admission Andrew should certainly be successful with the Radical party.—*Wil. Journal.*

THE AUTHOR OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BATTLE FLAG NOT DISCOVERED.—On Saturday last a young boy, named John Howell, aged about fifteen years, was arrested at his home in Goldsboro' and lodged in the jail of Edgecombe.

He is charged with the burning, and the circumstances, certainly look suspicious, but as the matter will no doubt soon undergo an official investigation, we refrain from publishing a full statement of all the facts.—*Tarboro Southerner.*

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