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THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

We published yesterday, Governor Hol[den] proclamation for the arrest of the [Wil]cox murderers, and various other [bre]akers of the law, from January 1869 to date. This proclamation requires and shall have, a more extended notice than we have time to give it to day.

If "Dad" were Governor of Virginia, he would be called "proclamation Bill," from his great proclivity to issuing those docu[ments]. He issues a proclamation on every [occ]asion and on all occasions, except when [some] good man, like the McLeods, are murdered.

When the murder of these men was com[mitted] in Cumberland, he issued no proc[lamation], nor offered any reward for the as[sassins], until the SENTINEL spurred him up to it by calling public attention to the neglect. Then he inserted what he called a proclamation, in the editorial columns of the *Standard*, which was nothing, in fact, but an election document, such as he had recently before written for the columns of that paper.

There was so much in it about Outlaw and Stephens and others, about which offi[cial] proclamations had been issued before, that one could hardly see anything about the murdered McLeods in it all.

A few lines reciting the murder of the [men] at the murderers, would have been [sufficient], and cost the State much less [money], but that didn't suit the Governor's [purposes]. Besides a few original "whereases," that [show] him to have been extremely negligent [in] his duty, heretofore if there was any neg[lect] or propriety of bringing them in at [all].

Among the rest, he has a "Whereas" that J. M. Shoffner was obliged to "sacrifice his property and leave the State because of his [devo]tion to the United States government [and] opposition to the Ku Klux."

Now, is it not astonishing that any man [of] ordinary pretentions to common sense, [can] ingraft such flimsy fabrication as this [on] that ought to be a grave and dignified [state] paper? Was Shoffner peculiar in [his] devotion to the United States govern[ment], and opposition to Ku Klux, that it [became] necessary for *him* especially to sac[rifice] his property and run away to save his [life]?

That part of the proclamation relating to Shoffner, like several others, is a palpable [fa]rce.

The plain truth is, that Shoffner was in [debt] and ran away; no doubt saving his [fifty] dollars a-day to aid him in his flight. He traveled through his own county, pass[ing] four different stations on the Railroad before he took the cars. Three several ad[vertise]ments, attaching his property, stick[ing] up at the Court House door in Graham, show that he ran away.

That Shoffner was a rebel soldier and [fought] the Confederacy in catching deser[ters] in Moore county. He is the man who [dug] a grave, taking from it the body of [a negro], which he boiled in a sorghum [kettle] until the flesh left the bones; the [bones] he then threw to his dogs, and the [skull] he sold to a physician for $35 in [Confederate] money! For this act of in[humanity] he was indicted in Guilford Su[perior] Court, where he plead guilty and paid [the] cost, after the fashion of Stephens for [stealing] chickens in Rockingham.

We have no disposition to republish [such] facts as these, now that Shoffner [has] run away, and got out of the [State], but when the Governor [seeks] fit to embalm such characters in his [official] proclamations, we think it well [enough], nay, even absolutely necessary, to [show] the public know who it is he is thus [attempting] to create sympathy for. He [has] devoted three times as much of his ex[traordinary] proclamation to this first class [scoundrel], as he has to the Mc[Leod] murder.

The people of the State have to pay for [these] false and unnecessary statements in [the] proclamation, as an advertisement, in the *Standard*, a pastime they will hardly [begrudge] the fun it in these hard times.

The proclamation is merely a Radical [campaign] document, replete with falsehood, and is an unnecessary republication of former proclamations. Next to the publication of the Graham affidavit, it may be set down as the most shameless and false document that has appeared in the columns of the *Standard* since the appearance of the article "Work."

Verily it is true that, "when the wicked [rule] the people mourn."

We are not done with this proclamation [yet].

DISTURBED.

From the way "Dad's" bull calf, Joe, [acts] this morning, we think it likely we [have] touched him "on the raw" again.

We are not disturbed by these heroic [throwings]; they are only evidences that [we] hit—but the bull calf bleat, we [will] not turn from our path to see what [ails] him. We shall continue, however, to show up "Dad" and his organ, the [Sta]ndard and the Ku Klux all the same.—[There] are more important claims on our [columns] than that of answering the attacks [of] the Governor's prodigate and drunken [son] Joe, and his anonymus correspondents.

In Wilmington, the bolters from the [regular] County Convention, are kicking up [a] dust, and the nominees are getting sha[ky].

DISCORD.

Last night, the Rads attempted to hold a township meeting in the Court House, and such a meeting! The State Radical Convention was pursuing "O Ring in the new" born, although Galloway, the brains of that Convention, as well as of the Senate, was put in the guard house, and another New Hanover delegate knocked down on the street.

Mr. M. A. Prendergast was chosen, last night, Chairman of the meeting, the purpose of which was to nominate delegates to the County Convention on the 11th.

No sooner was the meeting organized and called to order, than the disorder began.

Mr. C. D. Upchurch objected to the meeting, as the voters outside of the city were not represented, having had no notice of it.

Friday Jones made a few remarks, apparently, but owing to the uproar, not a word be uttered could be heard.

Doyle, policeman, said, "There is a Democratic *click* here, for mischief."

Friday Jones. "I call the gentleman to order. We want no *personizing* in this meeting." (Shouts and laughter.)

The Governor was represented in the meeting by his private Secretary, Mr. Richardson, who made an appeal for order and harmony.

John Jones, the Barber, called for a [Mr.] Pool, who arose and said, among other things, that he was no reconstructed Republican, but was [a] Conservative Union man, (Applause.) He spoke loyally and to the point, but didn't explain how it was he pocketed the ten thousand dollars of Railroad bonds, be found with his name on them in Littlefield's room.

Simon Craven said there was a man there to break up the meeting. Cries of, "put him out! put him out!" and "who is he?" Simon gave the name of John Manuel, as the guilty party.

John indignantly denied the charge.

Logan Harris, Cebe's son, took the floor and told an anecdote in his usual felicitous style, about an old woman travelling the road to Cherry Mountain, who, coming to a certain point in the road, classically exclaimed that "she'd be d—d if she weren't lost!" He began to feel that he was in the same predicament, and that if the Republican party traveled on in the road of discord it was now going, it would be lost in August next.

Ned Bryan, the colored shoe maker, said he had been quiet heretofore, as a Republican, but now, for once, he desired to "suppress" himself.

Cebe's son proposed nine names as delegates, among them John Jones and Moses Patterson.

An uproar ensued; many calling out to have John Jones's name erased.

John said he wanted his name taken off, for he had lost $10,000 by serving on Committees already; that he made his living by his razor, and not by serving on committees.

Moses Patterson asked to have his name taken off, too.

James H. Harriss then made his appearance on the arena, said he was a Republican and a tax-payer. (Some of the sovereigns looked as if they thought this a personal reflection on their own tax receipts.) Bryan Lunn threw in the remark that he too, would be a tax payer, if he had property. He moved that the meeting adjourn until Friday night.

"Hon." James moved that no man vote on the motion except those residing out of the city. The motion took; none but "the gentlemen from the country," voted, and the motion to adjourn to Friday was adopted. The meeting accordingly adjourned, amid much hallooing and shouting, and the Chairman carried off the packed committee in his pocket, as one of the outsiders wittily remarked. Col. Guthrie, of Orange, and Henry Hogan, late of the same county, were in the meeting. Hogan wanted to speak, but was hissed down.—James said, it must be apparent to Mr. Hogan that the convention did not want to hear him, on the present occasion, and he hoped he would be able to see it, and not obtrude himself. Hogan "shet up;" left in indignation, saying, he "didn't think there was so much ignorance in his party."

There was some sharp sparring between the brethren after the adjournment; some declaring that the Chairman went there, *under certain influences*, with the committee in his pocket, and that it was a "packed concern." The last our special reporter heard, as he left, was, a member from the suburbs declaring that "it was mighty *curus* and *obscf* to him, for the Chairman to come there and take his seat, with the delegates in his pocket."

GONE DEMOCRATIC.

The telegrams of yesterday noon announce that Oregon has given a large Democratic majority, electing the entire ticket and having a majority of 5 to 8 on joint ballot in the Legislature.

Day before yesterday was announced the success of the anti-radical ticket in the municipal election in Washington city; and in Hartford Connecticut, the People's ticket was elected over the regular Republican nominees.

The Radical press and leaders may hoot, and say these things are nothing, but we are more satisfied with them than we would be if they went the other way, and we have no doubt the Rads are less so.

Wilmington is doing a brisk trade in dog badges.

BILLY SMITH ON NEGRO TESTIMONY.

When Job was in a tight place in the controversy with his false comforters, he cried out "O that mine adversary had written a book!" because he knew that these rotating, uncertain, shifty kind of fellows, who are one thing to-day and another to-morrow, just as their private interests seem to point, would be sure to wind themselves up, if they ventured to put themselves in black and white.

Job's adversaries, it seems, had been too smart to give the patient old man such a hold on them, but our Billy Smith, the Johnston County candidate for the Senate in Alamance, has not been so cautious. Billy is now a rantankerous Radical, and wants all the negro votes he can get to send him to the Senate, but he has not always been so good a friend to the rights of the colored man, as will be seen from the letter below, which Billy wrote to his friend Pennington, when the said Pennington was trying to beat Hon. B. F. Moore, for the Convention, *because Mr. Moore was in favor of giving the colored people their rights before the law!*

We have several of these old documents on hand, which we expect to use during the present campaign. But to the letter.—Let the colored people read it and see what a good friend Maj. Wm. A. Smith was to them, before he wanted their votes to send him to the Senate.

BOON HILL, JOHNSTON COUNTY, }
Sept. 7th, 1868. }

Editor of the Sentinel:

I observed in your paper of the 5th inst. a letter from Moore county, in which the writer says that I am reported as having said publicly on the streets in Raleigh, that B. F. Moore, Esq., of your city, had said in my presence that he was in favor of negro evidence in the Courts. Mr. Moore *did say in my presence that he was in favor of negro evidence.*—Not only in my presence, but in the presence of John Pool, of Bertie; Mr. Brooks, of one of the lower counties; and ——, Thompson, of Bertie.

I was not present when Mr. Moore was in conversation with the above gentlemen, but they told me of it next morning at the Yarborough House.

Mr. Moore went further than merely stating he was for negro evidence. He argued with me an hour about it, and finally, I not yielding to his arguments, asked me to postpone making up my mind upon the subject, as he looked upon it as a matter of great importance and no one should make up their minds too soon until the subject was thoroughly investigated in all its bearings.

I have always been and am now a devoted friend of Mr. Moore's, and up to this time a political friend; but I could not and *time* is in favor of negro evidence.

You can use this as you please.

Very respectfully,
W. A. SMITH.

CAMPAIGN DOCUMENTS.

We are constantly receiving applications from various parts of the State for campaign documents; all of which applications and inquiries should be directed to J. J. Litchford, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer of the Conservative Central Executive Committee.

We will state here that, as yet, no documents have been prepared for distribution, for want of funds, and we suggest to persons interested in the getting up of information for distribution among the people, to exert themselves to raise money to pay for printing documents.

The Central Executive Committee cannot print documents, find the paper and pay the postage without money, we therefore, in behalf of the committee, call on our friends in all parts of the State to give attention to this matter. Our opponents will spend vast sums in this way, and in order to counteract the influence of their false statements, we must send forth *facts* to the people; and to do this it is necessary to have money.

Communications on this subject should be directed as above.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to the call of the chairman, the Executive Committee for the State, of the Conservative party, met in this city on the 8th inst.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Hon. Thos. Bragg, who stated that the object of the call was to nominate a candidate for the office of Attorney General.

After an interchange of views among the members of the Committee, James S. Amis, Esq., put in nomination the Hon. Wm. M. Ship, of Mecklenburg county, which nomination was concurred in by acclamation.

The following resolution, proposed by Hon. Thos. C. Fuller, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Committee do most heartily endorse the address of the Conservative members of the General Assembly at their last session, and recognize the same as the exposition of the principles of the party in the State. And we invite every honest voter in the State, both white and colored, to unite with us in carrying out the principles set forth in said address, and in establishing a wise, economical and just administration of the State government.

On motion of the Hon. A. S. Merrimon, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That each member of the Executive Committee will address the people of the State upon the condition of the State and country as often as he can between this time and the day of the approaching election, and that each urge our friends everywhere to do likewise.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every citizen to make personal exertion to secure the success of the Conservative Democratic ticket, in all parts of the State.

On motion the Chairman was appointed to inform Judge Shipp of his nomination and request his acceptance.

The Committee then adjourned.

THOS. BRAGG, Ch'm.
J. J. LICHFORD, Sec'y.

For the Sentinel.

CARTHAGE, June 6, 1870.

Editor of the Sentinel:

I alluded briefly last week to the *Standard's* Ku Klux communication from Moore county. I had not then seen the evidence of Daniel Graham as published by the *Standard*, but the whole affair is now before me. I hope I may be pardoned for taking the matter up again, not so much to defend the character of A. R. McNeill, E. H. Worthy, F. J. Swann and the other good citizens who are so cruelly assailed by the *Standard*, for these gentlemen are known to the people of Moore, of high standing and of irreproachable character, I simply wish to give a few facts to show how *desperate* the Radicals have become, after seeing they have plundered and robbed the people as long as they can. They see and know they must try some new plan to deceive and mislead the people. At a former period they were trotting on the hobby of Ku Klux and outlaws of the country for help; they seem to think, if the people are *blinded* by party spirit, that they will not believe leading Radicals and the League organ, surely they will not be stupid and skeptical as to disbelieve the sworn statement of Daniel A. Graham, though a horse thief.

In Graham's affidavit, before that we known but certainly very vigilant peace officer, he states that he, himself was a Ku Klux and was present when Ed. Blue's house was fired and his wife and children murdered. Why did not that *peace officer*, who took this affidavit have Graham arrested, who confessed that he was present aiding and abetting in a most foul murder? If the said peace officer believed Graham told the truth, why did he not arrest [illegible] who were mentioned by Graham, arrested? If he believed it was false, why [illegible] Graham? [illegible] Graham [illegible] Graham [illegible] Graham