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THE CURIOUS PUBLIC will perhaps, desire to know, why, when newspapers are already so numerous, the means of conveying them to the great public are so meagre and uncertain, and most of all, when *hard cash* or its representative, is scarcely to be had, we should have the temerity to thrust another *Daily* into the scramble for popular favor. It would seem specially hazardous, when the *standard* of political truth fails to impress itself upon the popular ear, when the public confidence in those who aspire to control the masses, make slow *progress*, and the *record* of public virtue is as if written upon the sand. Yet it must be remembered, that at no time does the public service demand more, than in such a case, the watchful *sentinel*, to guard the citadel and give the alarm.

We admit the prospect looks gloomy to keep the *sentinel* at his post, midst so much to discourage, but the wants of hungry mouths and the demands of the times call for it, and hence at their bidding, *we mount guard*. Figures aside, the public so far as we can read their wishes, desire a vehicle of thought at the metropolis for the for the masses—not simply for those who follow in the same wake or utter the *shibboleth* of a class, but a medium of intercommunication, with sufficient verge and space for the liberal, conservative, loyal sentiment of the State of all shades to find vent. It is not a time when men lie stiff and still upon platforms. The war and its surroundings, have so long pent up and made sore the people, they desire space for an airing; and as exercise and fresh air are good for health, we invite them to the green lawns and pleasant fields of free, sober, wholesome thought.

Our Provisional Governor after much hard labor, will in a few days direct the holding of an election, that all loyal North Carolinians may select delegates for a Convention of the people, to bring back the State to her first love. The proceedings of that Convention will be intensely interesting to the people. We design furnishing our readers with full and truthful reports of the doings of that body. Then must succeed the elections for members of the Legislature, members of Congress and officers of State generally. In all these matters every citizen of the State is deeply concerned. To be indifferent, callous to the progress of events, is blameworthy, if not criminal. Every one has a privilege and a responsibility in these matters, which he must neither lightly esteem nor shun. Our children have a patrimony in them which must not be ignored or squandered by us. We therefore abjure every citizen of the State to keep well posted, and neglect none of his franchises, nor shirk any of his responsibilities.

The *Sentinel* is purely a private enterprise. It has no backers but the broad shoulders of the proprietor. It will therefore be controlled by neither party nor click, nor can it be bought up to the interests of any man. If we shall need help, we shall ask it of our friends, just as every man does who builds a mill, or embarks in merchandise beyond his present ability to pay.

The *Sentinel* will be loyal and ingenuous to both the Federal and State governments. It will sustain the military authorities in the preservation of quiet and order and in enforcing the orders of the government. Not a disloyal or unkind word against the government of the Union of these States shall pass our lips, but it will be true without sycophancy, honest without flattery, nor will it *lie* to shield its own throat.

It shall advocate sound principles and support good men. Its motto is not, "principles *not men*," but principles *and* men. A bad man can find no quarters with the *Sentinel*. A good man, i. e. a man of truth, of high toned integrity—a gentleman in the true sense, honest and capable, if we are not deceived, can alone claim our support.

This paper is not such an one as the proprietor designs according to his Prospectus to publish, when mail facilities are restored to the State. In style and character it will be such as his facilities will enable him to get up. Hence he receives no subscription at present for this paper, beyond the 1st of January next.

If with the foregoing exposition of our purpose, the public sustains us, we shall do our best to merit it.

WE BEG ALL OUR FRIENDS who are interested in the success of the *Sentinel*, to send us good lists of subscribers at once. We think that our packages can be delivered promptly at all the Depots on the Raleigh and Gaston, the North Carolina, the Atlantic and Wilmington Rail Roads, until the mails are established.

WE SHALL SEND SEVERAL of our first issues to a number of our friends both in town and country, who have not yet signified their intention to subscribe. Those who intend to take it will please inform us immediately.

THE Convention of the State, to be convened in a short time by Gov. Holden, in many respects, will be the most important body ever assembled in the Commonwealth. To [illegible] and restore a once beautiful building after it has borne the brunt of a tornado, is far more difficult and perplexing than to [illegible] it from the foundation. There are so many pillars crushed and [illegible], so many ruins [illegible] from their [illegible], that readjustment is not so easily effected. Wise, judicious, pains-taking and prudent [illegible] are required.

The fiat has gone forth that none but *loyal* men will be allowed to take part in the work of reconstruction. Every thoughtful man will readily concede the wisdom and propriety of this decision. Immense responsibility rests upon the shoulders of President Johnson. It must be borne in mind that his task is a most delicate one. He has not simply to adjust matters to suit the South. This would be not so difficult. But the dominant North must be satisfied with what is done, and more, the great party which put him in position, and the fierce, uncontrollable, unchanging haters of Southern institutions must be quieted. Who does not see that he sails between Scylla and Charybdis?

So far as North Carolina is concerned, this immense responsibility is placed upon the shoulders of Gov. Holden. Justice and right demand that they should be judged charitably and kindly, and that their hands shall be held up. If we understand the programme of the President, there are but two things demanded of this State as a *sine qua non* in order to her full restoration.—First, that only the *loyal* men of the State shall be responsible for the readjustment—that the *loyal* voters shall confide their [illegible] to *loyal* representatives only, and secondly, that involuntary slavery or servitude shall be forever abolished. The latter is an immense sacrifice to offer upon the altar of peace and Union. But it must be made, and we believe the people of North Carolina have determined to make it. The intimations that many of the slaveholders will resist or oppose it, we believe has no foundation except in the fancy of [illegible] agitators, who would readily sacrifice Southern peace and quiet to compass their selfish ends. They seem bent to obliterate every trace of Northern confidence in the Southern people, and to keep up an interminable strife between the two sections. We believe that the intimation that a majority even of the slaveholders of this State, intend to oppose the abolition of slavery by the Convention, or design when the bayonets are removed to re-enslave the black race, is a libel upon them of the vilest character. We admit that the results of the war have effected no change in Southern sentiment in regard to the institution of slavery. Our people are not convinced that its abolition is right and just—that it is best for the negro, or best for the South or best for the future prosperity of the whole country, yet as the North demands it, the South, will make the sacrifice in good faith for the sake of peace and Union.

That only *loyal* men should re-adjust the State government, we presume all are agreed. If there is still among us a secessionist in principle, or one who under the circumstances is a disunionist at heart, we are quite sure no such person desires to take a hand in the work of reconstruction.

The great difficulty lies just here. Who are loyal men? Whom do President Johnson and Gov. Holden allow are Union men? Gov. Holden will doubtless make this plain in his forthcoming proclamation. We understand them to mean, every citizen of the State who is not included in the fourteen exceptions in President Johnson's proclamation or who has not been pardoned, and who take the oath prescribed, is a loyal man.

But it is not enough for the people that their representatives shall be simply loyal men. It is of the highest importance to them that all their officers and representatives shall be also men—men of integrity, reliability and thoroughly capable. Let none others be chosen for the Convention, especially.

IF THERE IS a respectable man in North Carolina who objects to or opposes the earliest restoration of civil government to the State, as soon as it can be done safely and properly, we do not know the man. We deny that there is any such opposition. So far from it, all citizens and all shades of opinion within the reach of our information, are united not only in the desire for it, but are determined to throw no obstacle in the way of the President or of Gov. Holden, in its early and proper adjustment.

It is not to be expected that there will be a universal accord with the authorities, as to the best manner of effecting it. There are honest differences of opinion on this subject, it is true, but so fully committed are all our people to an early adjustment of our difficulties, that there is almost a universal surrender of the opinions, and the public and private interests of the people, to the known will of the authorities. All that the people desire, is to know fully what are the President's wishes in this regard, to yield a ready acquiescence. The wisdom, utility and propriety of his measures are discussed and respectfully canvassed—they claim still the privilege of doing this—yet there has been no hostile array, no threatening attitude assumed by any one. Gov. Holden receives the warm support of the people in the work of reconstruction, although there are many who do not agree with him in everything. The movement in some other States may seem to be more rapid and harmonious than in this, but we doubt if their future will be as felicitous as ours. We repeat that the quiet acquiescence of our people is almost universal, whatever may be said by penny-a-liners and newspapers hostile to the peace of the State, to the contrary notwithstanding.

IT was very [illegible] in this State who have been [illegible] among [illegible] and dissensions, that they are now active and [illegible] to [illegible] in getting [illegible] of reconstruction, i. e., that they are seekers of office, and are anxious to represent the people in the State Convention. Candor and simple justice to that class of citizens, oblige us to deny peremptorily the charge. So far as we are informed, the charge is utterly groundless. They utterly ignore all disposition to put themselves prudently forward as political leaders. Even in those counties where secession prevailed at one time, the disposition appears to be general, to confide the public interests entirely to that class of persons who are known to be conservative, Union men, and to those only who are believed to be acceptable as loyal men to the authorities.

In this they act wisely. Any other course at this time would be derogatory to their own interests as well as the quiet of the State and its early reconstruction. The people of the State will fully commit their interests into the hands of unquestioned conservative men, who are known to be *true* to the Union.

Equally unfounded and base is the charge, that Gov. Holden is pandering to the wishes of the secessionists and disunionists. They neither throw themselves upon him, nor trouble him with their wishes so far as we know, except to ask his kind offices in forwarding and endorsing, if he can, their petitions for pardon. Beyond this we know of no special intercourse. Indeed among that class of persons there is but one spirit manifested, and that is to let those citizens who are esteemed to be loyal by the authorities, manage public affairs, while they quietly acquiesce and fully sanction the earliest restoration to civil government in the best way.

IT WILL be seen that Gov. Holden has appointed a full bench of Judges for the Superior Courts of this State. But two of the former Judges are re-appointed, viz: Judges Gilliam and Rands. Judges Howard, French, Saunders, Heath, Osborne and Shipp are left out. We regard the present a most excellent and efficient Bench. Most of them are men of suitable age, and sound health, and all of them are men of ability and legal knowledge. The public would not have been offended at the re-appointment of others of the old Bench, but we presume few if any of them expected it. Indeed most of them will feel that it is a pecuniary relief.

The present bench we presume, until the full restoration of civil government, will only hold Courts of Oyer and Terminer for the trial of criminal cases, and we believe the desire is general, that the military authorities will speedily transfer all criminal cases which properly come under the civil jurisdiction to these Courts.

OWING to unavoidable obstacles the *Sentinel* could not appear on Monday morning.

For the Sentinel.

The Delphi Papers.

The *Standard* is publishing a series of articles under this title, containing some excellent and some mischievous things. In yesterday morning's issue, for instance, the Delphi Paper No. 3 contains an attack upon the University and the alumni.

In regard to the University it seems to write as though it rejoiced in the disaster which has befallen the endowment of this great glory of North Carolina, and uses opprobrious epithets in speaking of its alumni, charging them as a body with "unmerciful intolerance and aristocratical bigotry and tyranny." "They voted for a man because he was one of them. Self-made men they despised and persecuted to death." The article intimates that "wealth was a condition of entrance." It makes the assertion that "the bearing of very many of that class (the alumni) only aggravated and disgusted the great mass of the people who practically had no more interest in the University than they had in Madagascar." Now, Mr. Editor, I am no alumnus of the University, but I am acquainted with its hundreds and know that the reckless assertions of this writer in regard to them and their venerable *Alma Mater* are totally untrue. Has not the University educated more young men of small means than all the other Colleges of the State together. They are scattered all over the Union to-day to bear witness against this a thief. How have they damaged the mass of the people, when they have gone out to be teachers, pastors and laborers in every field for the weal of the State? There never has been a young man from the mass of the people who could not have the advantages of the University. "Self-made men they despised and persecuted to death." *I defy the writer to name one single case to sustain this assertion.* Who is the President of the University to-day? David L. Swain, son of a village postmaster, graduate of no college, self-made eminently. In your city the only clergyman who can be called "self-made" is the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church. That talented gentleman I am sure will contradict this statement. Early in his career the University singled him out for its honors. Dr. Craven probably has no distinction he values more than his *ex honore* A. M. from the University of his State. And the case might be multiplied.

In regard to the churches the "Delphi" writer says, that "as to their assertions that the Northern churches are corrupt, have become fanatical, introduce politics, and all that—it is only spleen, ignorance, or exclusiveism." How any man capable of writing an article for a newspaper can coolly assert that is incomprehensible. Every well informed person knows that the Northern churches glory in the introduction of politics into their pulpits and ecclesiastical assemblies. *They themselves will deny that assertion of "Delphi."* This writer knows that in the case of the two Methodist churches in America, the Northern church absolutely refuses to unite with the Southern church *except upon a basis purely political.* Every Northern church paper teems with political venom. A christian man cannot read them on Sunday without spiritual damage. There is not a Southern church unwilling to unite with its denomination at the North *if politics be dropped.* This is true of the Episcopal church. And if the editor and correspondents of the N. C. *Advocate* represent the Methodist church they maintain the *same* position.

For what purpose of mischief can newspaper correspondents endeavor to create animosity between sections of our whole country and classes in our own community? It is the duty of every patriot to endeavor to cultivate peace and concord, mutual respect and conciliation, generous forgetfulness of past mistakes and cordial co-operations in future advancement.

I hope the "Delphi" writer wrote in haste and upon sober second thought will take pains to neutralize the mischief the article No. 3 is calculated to produce.

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