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CHIEF JUSTICE PARSON.

The whole country, even decent, honest Republicans, were shocked at the miserable trucking of Chief Justice Parson to Gen. Holden in the matter of John Caswell and his manifest sympathy with Holden's unlawful usurper of the public office. Whatever reputation Chief Justice Parson may have secured in the State and country hereafter for legal learning, and for firmness in the discharge of duty, his shameful trucking, and his open partisanship in the matter of John Caswell, prostrated him completely in public estimation. The contempt of the public press and the opinion of gentlemen of the high profession, have been almost universally adverse to his course. From Dallas to Texas his conduct and that of Judge Brooks have been held up with a most damaging contrast to the reputation of the Chief Justice, and thus the reputation of a lifetime has been blasted without hope of recovery.

We did hope that the quietude of home, and time for reflection, would lead him to come back to the time-honored principles of justice and of the law; but in the interval the general elections had not been held in the State, and the contest and Judge Brooks had stolen his thunder by marching up promptly to his duty; hence Judge Parson returned to his task in a scholastic condition, snuffing and snarling at every one who chanced to come in his way, evidently bent upon blood or vengeance upon some one.

The strong partisan feeling of the Chief Justice and of his associates has been particularly manifest, as well as on the part of the counsel for the prosecution, since the Alliance case has been taken up. At times we are told the judges have exhibited marked anxiety to lead witnesses to confess their guilt, as if they had previously given them a private examination. Boyd and Long seemed to be favorite witnesses of the Court, and especially of Judge Parson. On one occasion at least, while one witness was on the stand, the chief of the Court, in a searching cross examination by R. H. Smith, Jr., as reported by the Standard, the Chief Justice interrupted as if to give directions to the witness.

As proof of this partisanship, we refer to the attention of the reader to the report of yesterday's investigation. We shall be greatly obliged to any intelligent, honest gentleman who sees, that this is the Constitution, by laws, orders and workings of the following named associations: Heron of America, United League, Grand Army of the Republic, Constitutional Union Guard, White Brotherhood, Invaluable Empire, Democratic Union or any other of the kind. Also any positive, reliable information in regard to the organization, if any, of the Ku Klux. We want to get at the bottom of this thing and know the truth and the whole truth.

It is affirmed that the Heron of America, United League and Grand Army of the Republic are Radical secret political organizations, that their real object is purely political and designed to promote the success of the Republican party, and it is further affirmed that the object of the Constitutional Union Guard, White Brotherhood, Invaluable Empire and Democratic Union, was purely political and designed to promote the success of the Democratic and Conservative party. It is affirmed that there is nothing in either of them, whether Radical or Democratic, either in their written or unwritten laws, contrary to the Constitution of the State or of the United States, or that any of their evil contemplated views, wicked or unwholesome conduct on the part of their members, because of their connection with these institutions. None of the foregoing associations we understand wear disguises or are in any sense secret, they are open to all eyes. In the case of the Ku Klux, we do not know whether they wear any disguises, but we do know that there was an underground organization in Dallas and the Court that was held up and finally held morning.

But there was no necessity for ordering the case to be held in our judgment as it is the intention of the Court to try the case on the merits. The Court has decided to try the case on the merits. The Court has decided to try the case on the merits. The Court has decided to try the case on the merits. The Court has decided to try the case on the merits.

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BENCH WARRANT CASE.

Court records and the testimony of the witnesses in the bench warrant case, which was heard by Judge Parson, have been the subject of much speculation and discussion. The case has attracted the attention of the public mind for many years.

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