

# The Sentinel.

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*SENTINEL FOR THE SESSION.*

The *Sentinel* will be placed on desks of members or left at their residences by leaving the order at our counting-room, or with our reporters.

The reports of both branches will be full and complete as our space will permit.

Besides our legislative reports, the *Sentinel* will contain full reports of the circuit court which meets next Saturday for the trial of the *Kuklux* case.

Send in the orders.

**DAEMON AND PITTHEUS PHILLIPS AND HIS FRIEND.**

Classical readers will remember, when Phillips was condemned, and wished to fore the day of execution to make some kind arrangements, his friend Damon volunteered to take his place in prison, and at the block, if Phillips did not return. Phillips was delayed and did not return as soon as expected. When he did return he found his friend on the scaffold ready for execution.

This was heroic and deserving all praise. The friendship of Damon and Phillips was never surpassed, not even by that of Jonathan and David.

But history only repeats itself. The Long Ferry of the 16th inst., gives a case of disinterested friendship—hardly surpassed by that of Damon and Phillips or Jonathan and David. A correspondent of the *Perry*, signing himself "Conservative," says: "For quite a number of years I have been the personal and political friend of Mr. Phillips, and until his death he was my only personal friend, notwithstanding he is now a member of the republican party, while I remain a conservative. I have read of late, from time to time, with pain, from various papers, exceedingly severe strictures upon, not to say abuse, of Mr. Phillips and other distinguished gentlemen of his party, that have been in my opinion both impolitic and unjust. And while I do not think he is endowed with that peculiar character or mind requisite to make a statesman, I do think he has already acquired a deservedly high reputation as a lawyer and scholar, as well as for integrity of character and the high virtues of a christian gentleman. Mr. Phillips has been for more than twenty years a true friend of dear friends of mine. I bring this matter before you, Mr. Hanes, because I have always regarded you as free from personalities, prejudices and infatuations of temper as most men."

While a conservative editor you were never bitter or abusive. I make this an occasion to ask you, in consideration of old acquaintances, if these things are not so, and if you don't think the people are tired of newspaper personalities.

Has not the press of North Carolina become too personal, abusive, and vituperative?

If the state ever needed the assistance of all her true sons it is now in the dark days of her prostration and sorrow."

"This," says the *Perry*, "is from the pen of an eminent member of the conservative party who now fills a high position in the government."

Who is this Damon, offering himself as a substitute and sacrifice for Samuel Phillips? Mr. Phillips was our early friend. We had great regard for and confidence in him. He deceived us, he betrayed his friends and his country. We could have only a little more confidence in him than we have in Kirk, Holden and Bergen, whom he supported and sustained in their vice, wrong and oppression of offending citizens. We regarded Holden, Kirk, and Bergen as enemies of good government, social order and civil liberty; and we put Mr. Phillips in the same class with them, for he gave them his encouragement and support.

We venture this "Conservative" defender of Mr. Phillips is no better than Mr. Phillips himself. The constitutional editor of the *Perry* says, he, ("Conservative") now holds a high position in the government. If we had to guess, we would say "Conservative" was Tim Lee, Hester, Pool or Cobb. We tell "Conservative" when the robbers are in the house there is no time for mild words and compromise, either with them or their allies.

## LEGISLATURE.

This assembled in the capitol at 12 o'clock yesterday.

In the Senate, President Warren called the body to order, and after a few congratulatory remarks directed the clerk to call the roll.

The first business of the session was the introduction of a bill by Mr. Robins, senator from Rowan, for divers changes in the constitution of the state. The bill and action thereon will be found in the Senate report.

In the House Speaker Jarvis welcomed the members in a short appropriate speech which will be found in the proceedings of that body.

There wanted three members to make a quorum in the House. After the speech from the speaker and call of the roll, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-day.

After 6 o'clock the train from the east brought in a number sufficient to make a quorum in the House.

The talk among the members is all about amendments to the constitution and a short session. Our experience has been that when all the members work for a short session it is then difficult to make it. We hope the young men who compose this legislature will meet with more success than did their old predecessors in out day. The citizens of Raleigh have not been so demonstrative toward the members of the legislature as the citizens of New York towards the Prince Albert, but our welcome was more honest, earnest and sincere.

## Legislature of North Carolina.

**SENATE.**

MONDAY, NOV. 20, 1871.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock, Mr. President Warren in the chair.

The roll was called and the following senators were found to be present:

Misses Adams, Albright, Beasley, Brown, Cook, Councill, Dargan, Fanning, Gilmer, Graham, Grinnan, Hanes, King, Latimer, Lehman, Massey, Merriman, Noyes, Olds, Parker, Skinner, Waddell, Whitehead, Worth.

A quorum being found, present.

President Warren briefly addressed the Senate, congratulating the members on their prompt appearance for duty, and their arrival, &c., &c.

On motion of Mr. Latimer a message was sent to the House informing that body of the readiness of the Senate to proceed with the business of the session.

**FIRST BILL OF THE SESSION.**

Mr. Robins, of Rowan, introduced a bill entitled "An act to alter the constitution of North Carolina."

Ordered to be printed and made special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Robins, of Rowan, moved that a message be sent to the House to raise a joint select committee on constitutional reform. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Noyes, these being no further business ready, the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

**MR. ROBINSON'S BILL.**

The following bill was introduced by Senator W. M. Robins: "To alter the constitution of North Carolina."

**AN ACT TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact (Three-fifths of all the members of each House concurring) That the constitution of this state be altered as follows:

Strike out sections four, five, six, seven, and eleven of the seventh article.

Amend sections eight and nine of the seventh article by striking out the word "or" in the word "or" in the same section.

Strike out section three of the ninth article, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The General Assembly shall have power to provide for the election of trustees of the University of North Carolina, who, when once elected, shall be vested with all the powers, rights, franchises, and immunities of a corporation in any wise created or conferred upon the board of trustees of said University, and the General Assembly shall make such provisions, laws and regulations from time to time as may be necessary and expedient for the maintenance and management of said University."

Strike out section fifteen, fourteen and fifteen, of the ninth article.

Amend section ten of the eleventh article, by striking out the words "at the charge of the state," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "by the state, and such of them as are indigent, at the charge of the state."

Add to section seven of the fourteenth article the following: "No person holding any office under the United States shall, at the same time, hold any office under the former president."

The following appeared and took their seats: Ministers Thos. J. Fowler, S. Apple, H. B. Hayes, A. Isley, Wm. S. Long, R. G. Anderson, J. W. Wellons, A. G. Anderson, W. B. Wilkins, T. W. Walker, Thos. Fruitt, J. W. Hatch and E. W. Bentle.

Lay-delegates W. H. Atkinson, A. Morris, B. Y. Utley, J. G. Langston, Henry May, C. W. Winston, J. R. Farrell, T. H. Fleming, J. G. Garrison, W. G. Maynard, Almon Graham, Alvin King, Joseph L. Moore, H. W. Moore, W. S. Moore, N. M. Wadell, J. C. Mann, Thos. B. Farren, M. C. McElroy, W. C. Tarpley, A. Whitsett, Thos. Truitt, M. S. Morris, J. T. Bell, Alvin Stone, Wm. Reid and Josse Gruber.

Although a large portion of the members delegated had not arrived, a quorum was created or, to confer upon the board of trustees of said University, and the General Assembly shall make such provisions, laws and regulations from time to time as may be necessary and expedient for the maintenance and management of said University."

Strike out section two of the second article by striking out the word "annual," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "biennial."

Amend section six of the first article by striking out the word "final," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "final" in said section.

Amend section ten of the second article by striking out the word "final," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "final" in said section.

Amend section five of the second article by striking out all that precedes the word "and the said state districts, and by striking out the phrase "as aforesaid," as:

Add a new section to the second article to be styled "section 30" and to read as follows: "Each member of the general assembly shall be allowed three dollars per diem, while attending upon the sessions thereof; and for each session he attends, ten cents mileage for every mile he may have to travel going from his home to the capital and returning the distance to be estimated by the most convenient route. No member shall receive per diem for any days when he is absent from his place, unless for good cause, to be judged of by the House of which he is a member."

Strike out the words "Superintendent of Public Works," wherever they occur in the constitution, as to abolish that office.

Amend section one of the third article by striking out the words "four years," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two years."

Amend section six of the third article by striking out the word "annual" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "biennial."

Amend section ten of the third article by striking out the words "or which shall be created by law."

Strike out sections two and three of the fourth article.

Insert the words "county courts" in section four of the fourth article, immediately after the words "superior courts," and in the same section, strike out the words "special courts" and insert in lieu thereof the words "inferior tribunals" in said section, and insert in said section.

We all have abundant cause to desire that the new and the old sections may be embodied together and numbered consecutively, giving to any new section substituted for another the same number which, by the way, is given to it in said section.

Re-number the sections in those articles from which any section has been stricken without the insertion of a new one in its place, so that the new and the old sections may be embodied together and numbered consecutively, giving to any new section substituted for another the same number which, by the way, is given to it in said section.

Amend section five of the fifth article by striking out the words "four years," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two years."

Amend section six of the fifth article by striking out the word "annual" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "biennial."

Amend section ten of the fifth article by striking out the words "or which shall be created by law."

Strike out sections two and three of the fourth article.

Insert the words "county courts" in section four of the fourth article, immediately after the words "superior courts," and in the same section, strike out the words "special courts" and insert in lieu thereof the words "inferior tribunals" in said section, and insert in said section.

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Amend section eight of the fourth article so that said section shall read as follows:

"The supreme court shall consist of a chief justice and two associate justices.

Amend section ten of the fourth article by striking out the words "four years," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two years," and insert in lieu thereof the words "inferior tribunals" in said section, and insert in said section.

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Amend section five of the fifth article by striking out all that part which begins with and follows the word "but" in said section, and, in lieu of the part so stricken out, inserting the following: "And any officers, including three of the judges of the peace, pertaining to the organization of the county courts, as they may be constituted by law, shall be chosen by the voters of the respective counties for such terms as may be prescribed by law. The voters of each precinct, as far as possible, shall elect one of the judges of the peace and other inferior tribunals to serve for a term of three years, and the other two shall be chosen by the voters of the respective counties for such terms as may be prescribed by law."

Amend section fifteen of the fourth article by striking out the word "twelve" in said section, and insert in lieu thereof the word "four," and in the same section, strike out the words "two weeks" and insert in lieu thereof the words "such length of time, in each case, as may be prescribed by law."

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