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LISTEN, FRIENDS OF PEACE!

In 1868, Gov. Vance, in speaking against Republicanism and the election of Gen. Grant to the Presidency, said: "Whenever the conservative party gets control of this State, we will make it more INHOSPITABLE FOR THE REPUBLICANS *than it ever was for the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah.*" Mind these words! Did not that speech burn itself like fire and brimstone into the hearts of Republicans? Did not he and such as he pour the contempt which they felt for us into the ears of England? Take warning, I pray you, from this utterance. It was publicly said, but was whispered by all your leaders! Some men of moderate views are driven to you by *day* Republicanism is strengthened in the made so to a great degree by such men as their cruel counsels and designs. Be steadfast and immovable. Your votes and those of the good and true men of the Republican party in August and the years to come in our State. Do your whole duty; do it before the election day; do it on that day; and your State and common country are safe and will continue to grow in prosperity and well-being!

☞ We see that the *Sentinel* assails Farrow of Hyde, for being a drunkard, &c., since his nomination by the Republican party.—Why did not that paper assail him every week during the session of the General Assembly since July 1868? Was he more temperate then than now? *Not a bit of it.* We are glad that the general sobriety of Republicans is thus admitted. If it means anything at all it says *"that as long as an Old Whig adheres to the sham Democracy he may get drunk as much and as often as he pleases and no note is made of it—it is consistent and becoming in that party, but when the same man sees the error of his ways and joins the Republican party then it becomes a great crime in him to do the very things that he did unrebounced and unondemned as a Democrat."*—Always may it be so. We hope that the drunkenness will remain with the deserted Democracy, as is proper. What a miserable sham and [illegible] political morality in the Klux De[illegible]

WHY WE SUPPORT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

In the present organization of parties we find the principles of the National Republican party nearer in accord with those which have ever been entertained and advocated by us, than those of any other now in existence, and more particularly in most of the following points:

1. Its thorough unreserved and unqualified devotion to the Constitution, and the Union of the States—entire nationality,—and consequently its equally determined *opposition* to the mischievous dogma of "States-rights," "complete State sovereignty," and their concomitants, secession, revolution and constant disposition and tendency to sectional strife and too general disturbance of the peace.

2. Its support, of the principles, in the main, which were embodied in Mr. Clay's great AMERICAN SYSTEM of policy—viz: the unity of the nation; protection to American Industry; Internal Improvement; sound currency of uniform value throughout the country [our national currency, under the favorable management of President Grant's administration, is rapidly approaching par]; Education; progress and the development of the resources of the country; opening up and making accessible to all classes; the benefits of new channels of enterprise, trade and commerce, and multiplying the means of independence and happiness among the people.

3. Its progress in developing many of the great resources of the country, even amidst the many adverse circumstances incident to a war.

4. Its restoration of national authority and the perpetuation of the Union of the States.

5. Its patriotic course in the settlement, as a part of the fundamental law of the land, of those great and luminous principles of justice and equality as embodied in the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution of the United States and accomplished in that peaceful and conservative [illegible] out by the fathers of the Constitution for its amendment.

6. Its influence in the leniency exercised [illegible] people in the South who [illegible] years of duration, against [illegible] law and authority [illegible] such real and effectual [illegible] honor [illegible] and [illegible]

7. [illegible] which, as a [illegible] constitutes it does [illegible] section of the country and the [illegible] the extension of the right of suffrage to [illegible] by law even those named by the [illegible]

8. [illegible] to the Blacks and this, to a great [illegible] almost compulsorily by the [illegible] teachers, [illegible] we do not now [illegible] our opponents wantonly [illegible] large land [illegible] which by the people of the State for educational purposes.

10. Its platform of principles adopted in the State Convention in May.

11. Its opposition to that reckless and overbearing spirit of intolerance, turbulence and radicalism which characterizes the greater portion of the Democratic or Conservative leaders and presses towards their political opponents, thus seeking to enforce their views and notions by a sort of coercion not consistent with that relation of propriety which should ever subsist between man and man—which spirit and bearing has the direct effect to create disturbances of the peace, resulting in numerous instances in gross insult, personal rencounters, disorderly and riotous demonstration, and in secret, clandestine and fatal attacks by beating, maiming and even killing of those who happen to fall within the range of their special displeasure.

12. Its nomination for the office of Attorney-General of the State, of Samuel F. Phillips, Esq., who is well known in intelligent circles, acknowledged to be, one of the ablest, soundest and most reliable lawyers in the State, whose liberal and *really* conservative character and course in the Legislature since, as well as during and before the war, has challenged the admiration of moderate men throughout the State.

These principles—not being merely factious opposition to something else—commend themselves to every man who loves good laws, the [illegible] States, [illegible] prosperity [illegible] people of the [illegible]

It is no answer, by any intelligent, candid man, that instance of extravagance and bad—ill-judged—management has been practiced in this State. Admitting this, (and we shall not approve what our judgment condemns) it is only local and temporary in its nature, and cannot effect the wise and beneficent policy of the national organization. These, having been brought about, for the most part, by a combination of circumstances, in which leading members of both political parties have been involved, are and have been seen and regretted, and will be avoided in the future, and remedied as far as may be. But these blunders—bad enough, to be sure—have not, we repeat, been common to either party, as has been supposed, and was represented. For, official investigation, that of the Brogden committee for instance, clearly shows that leading, intelligent and influential members, of both political parties, and persons not very strongly identified with either—the Republicans even less so than their opponents for evidence which, see report of the Committee. By the way, let that report and investigation be liberally read from whatever these charges are made. Democrats or Conservatives, and Republicans alike, had their friends *in* the legislature, and their hosts of lobyists "irrespective of party," *mean* it, pressing through favorites schemes.

Most of it—for we do not place the low estimate on human nature which many of our opponents do in order to *manufacture* censure—was done through a desire to promote the interests of the respective sections of the State, and the enterprise [illegible] greatly concerned. The [illegible] great trouble was, [illegible] people of the State [illegible] were not able, just [illegible] the time, perhaps, with [illegible] but a very serious [illegible] upon them. And the [illegible] der such great burdens as all the wants [illegible] solemn—many of them woe and [illegible] demand.

The friends of the Republican party therefore, as well as the friends of [illegible] world, should now [illegible] and the reasonable [illegible] compensations with them [illegible] lenders.

Great and leading principles, affecting the [illegible] and the welfare of the [illegible] people of this country are [illegible] on account to any merely local and temporary, when in [illegible] question.

With this [illegible] of our political [illegible] appeal to every [illegible]

ATLANTIC [illegible]

Mr. D. [illegible]

DEAR SIR:—The [illegible] that should [illegible] Ku Klux Anti Peace, [illegible] Mr. J. Smith, [illegible] You and [illegible] ates our [illegible]

[illegible] crazy, [illegible]

The gentlemen [illegible] will know how to [illegible] that the election [illegible] sees this [illegible] he gets [illegible] Uncle also], N. [illegible] by giving free [illegible] the N. C. Rail Road!! This, [illegible] true, as Smith [illegible] elected by a large majority, without bargain or using intimidation [illegible]

"Good Frank" continues; he says that Maj. Smith has boldly said that "every employee of the Road should vote the Republican ticket." O, Frank, them *eggs* must have made thee crazy. If you continue to write in this way about your old friend Smith I am afraid he will [illegible] you another free ticket. You have told the people [illegible] that Smith was the only President that [illegible] ever treated you [illegible] "Frank," you are [illegible] him because [illegible] gave the little [illegible] vile. I presume [illegible] thanks and [illegible] Greensboro that [illegible] will carry away [illegible] to say, that Alamance [illegible] large majority [illegible] Whapper! Frank, [illegible] Alamance by it [illegible] Why, Frank, [illegible] portion of the [illegible] servative party of Alamance will vote [illegible] that the N. C. [illegible] Company should [illegible] Banking privileges [illegible] to save the people from paying taxes and build up the State. You know "Frank," that you and your Brother Addison have advocated this for fifteen years. But you never put your shoulder to the wheel to get the bill passed. Everybody knows that Smith will carry through whatever he undertakes, and will not work for the country, like you, by everlasting "blowing" and "talking" and "shouting" and sitting still until your wife, "Frank," gets mad about the amount of packing she has to do. You know, "Frank," that you said when Smith was first elected President of the North Carolina R Road Company, that he would destroy the road—that he would bankrupt the stockholders, that everything was lost. That was a whopper. Did the stockholders know its so by the [illegible] tell them, and the road is in twice as good condition as it was when Smith took it.

Now, Frank, you ought to vote for Smith and assist to elect him. You know he is the Prince of good fellows; and after he gets the charter through [illegible] at Big Bank at Greensboro is under [illegible] your Brother Addison will be Cashier [illegible] you "blowing" Agent.

[illegible] Ab[illegible] request of Col [illegible] him to visit the [illegible] brought to [illegible] from [illegible]

Mr. Bates: Have you [illegible] as to the manner in which they were disposed of.

Ques. 3. Were you aware when the suit was compromised that other bonds were to be