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THE JOURNAL AS AN ADVISER.

The *Journal* in the issue of Feb. 27th ult., when anxiously enquiring if the Board of Aldermen of this city would "hold over" after the bogus election which had then been ordered by the Radical legislature, and after lashing itself into a froth and fury like a catfish in a puddle of muddy water, winds up by commending to all parties interested Davy Crockett's motto "to be sure you are right, and then go ahead, but first be sure you are right."

The *Journal* thinks "it would be a singular state of affairs that would permit the Board of Aldermen to hold possession of the City Government after their terms of office had expired," according to the provisions of the infamous city charter bill passed by the last legislature. We are told that the pains and penalties proposed to be imposed were certainly very heavy, and they were intended so to be, too heavy indeed, to be borne; that their little game of rascality was no child's play nor was it intended so to be, and then the plaintive questions is asked *how* a man duly convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment for refusing to surrender the office of alderman after the expiration of his term of office by due course of law?

For fear that the *Journal* will either die or *howl* if this long since asked question is not quickly answered, we will inform it that when there is a *law* in North Carolina requiring the present Aldermen of this city to surrender their offices to their successors who may be legally chosen, and when such successors have been legally chosen and duly qualified, then the said offices will be considered, not before.

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ignored not only the poor white men of their party, but the foreign element also, and at the municipal election which they held here in March, out of a population of more than three thousand voters, there were less than six hundred votes cast. The ticket that these destructives put forth for poor men and aliens to vote, was composed almost entirely of Aristocrats who have no use for poor men, and who do not want aliens to have anything to say in the management of the affairs of this city and State. Who among our foreign-born citizens has forgotten the slur and insult so ungenerously flung at them by Maj. Engelhard, (him elf of foreign descent, and a carpet-bagger,) when he said that he did not want any mass meeting to be held for the selection of candidates for Aldermen, because a mass meeting held a few nights before had been controlled by *Aliens*, unregistered citizens and boys?" In a note addressed to Messrs. Sloan, Darby and Macks, members of the Democratic Conservative Committee, by I. B. Grainger, N. Jacobi, H. Vollers, P. Heinsberger, G. C. W. Muller and James Reilly, gentlemen than whom none stand higher in this community, inquiring whether, in a meeting of the Executive Committee, Maj. Engelhard had not used the language imputed to him above, they replied in substance that the words were used by him.

A few of these aristocrats in the so-called First and Second Wards entirely ignored all other elements in this city except their own: -niggers, scallawags, poor whites and aliens—and determined to rule or ruin; and now that Dan. Russell and the Supreme Court have brought them up with a round turn in their villainy, they are raising a terrible cry against the Constitution of the State, and want it altered so they can abolish the Supreme Court and remand poor men, niggers and aliens back to the infernal domination of the aristocratic ex-slave oligarchy.

PERSONAL.

When we say *personal* we mean what we say, and for fear that those to whom allusion is made may not comprehend the matter fully, we would state that we mean to say just what we *do* say, and if parties, whose names we here give desire to interview us on the subject, we can usually be found at our office.

We prefer not to condescend to personal allusions in our management of a political newspaper, and only do so when we feel ourselves justified by the personalities of those whose name we may use, and while we think and believe that a political campaign may and should be carried on *without* personalities and abuse, yet we will not allow our political foes to slander and traduce us of the Republican party without once expressing our views and stating what we may know, fully and freely.

We first roll up our sleeves and "go for" Julius A. Bonitz of the Goldsboro *Messenger*. A few days ago that delectable paper, in an article headed "Civil Rights a Live Issue," says:

"The Radical candidates will tell our people that Civil Rights is a dead issue. Let no one be deceived! Only last week a negro man and two negro women demanded accommodation at the Humphrey House in this place. Does that look like Civil Rights were a dead issue?"

The Goldsboro *News*, a paper published in Goldsboro, under date of August 7th, 1872 in an article over the signature of Mr. John Robinson, a gentleman too well known in eastern North Carolina to require any endorsement from us, in a card published by him, says:

"We give the above morceau from the columns of the *Carolina Messenger*. We hope its patrons are satisfied with the truthfulness of the [illegible] John Robinson [illegible] the News [illegible] should [illegible] W. Ransom's visit to him while on a visit to Goldsboro.

It is a *fact* that a book containing pictures of the most obscene and disgusting character that could be pictured by the most depraved imagination, was found on a table in Bonitz room as he will remember, at the time when T. T. Hollowell was Mayor of Goldsboro and that by order of the Mayor it was destroyed because of its obscenity.

(Signed) JOHN ROBINSON.

We want to know if this is not the same Julius A. Bonitz who, in 1861, employed some negroes (who were then in his service) to break into a smoke house and steal therefrom a quantity of bacon stored therein; if the said bacon was not found next day in said Bonitz house, and when it was discovered if he did not take leg bail and kept himself out of the way of the officers of the law until the matter had blown over.

Will Julius A. Bonitz rise and explain?

And *this* is one of the men who belongs to the Democratic party which claims that they possess all the *virtue* (Lord save the mark!) and the intelligence of the State! This is one of those high toned chivalry who never do naughty things, oh, no! This man who rants and raves about the infamy of the Civil Rights bill is himself a living, breathing, walking exemplification of it, living in open adultery with a negro strumpet, and raising up a family of bastard mulatto children. Bonitz had better "dry up" on the civil rights question, he is too much like a great many of his Democratic friends whose private lives are like his, and who would find it almost impossible, were he to throw a brick into almost any crowd of little negroes on the street, to avoid cracking the skull or breaking the skin of some of his own flesh and blood.

Our next remarks apply to Mr. Pool of the New Berne *Journal of Commerce*. In that paper a few days ago it said:

The Supreme Court has decided that the new charter for Wilmington is unconstitutional, and has remanded that unfortunate city to the control of ignorance and rascality.

When this curious article appeared we naturally felt very indignant and wrote a note to a friend in New Berne requesting him to call on Mr. Pool and ask him to retract what he had said reflecting on the authorities of the city of Wilmington. Our friend called on Mr. Pool and communicated to him our wishes, and he promptly replied that he *would not* retract.

This is neither the time nor place to enter into an arrangement to show whether or not this city "is in the control of ignorance and rascality," but we *do* think this is a good and fitting time to say that if the editor of the New Berne *Journal of Commerce* says that the Board of Aldermen of the city of Wilmington practice rascality in their management of the affairs of this city, he lies and knows it.

We are desirous of knowing if this man Pool is or is not the man who not a very long time ago was in the employ of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company at this place in a fiduciary capacity and who *stole* from said Company a large sum of money for which offense he was indicted in the Superior Court of New Hanover county, and after untold trouble and anxiety on the part of influential friends he was allowed to depart, fled from the State and became a first-class *chevalier* in the far off city of New Orleans? Speak up Mr. Pool and tell the truth about the railroad money, and how much of it did you invest in your *Journal of Commerce*?

We earnestly urge upon our friends throughout the State to correspond with us freely during the campaign. Let the [illegible] Republicans, and all who are [illegible] the attempt now being made [illegible] people of good govern- [illegible] as they can [illegible]

CITY ITEMS.

The excursion to be given under the auspices of the Sumner Light Infantry will take place on Wednesday, July 21st, instead of Monday the 19th, as heretofore announced.

A RARE CHANCE.—We offer for sale one of Edwards Plotts' Star Parlor Organs, fresh from his factory at Washington, N. J. This instrument is surpassed by none in the market. Call at this office.

Registration for the first division of the First Ward is at A. A. Dudley & Bros. store, on Fourth between Brunswick and Bladen streets, instead of the Brooklyn Engine House. Hours for Registration: from 7 a. m. to 12 m., and from 2 to 7 p. m.; A. A. Dudley, Register.

EXCURSION.—We call attention to the excursion advertised elsewhere of the Sumner Light Infantry, which takes place on the 21st inst. Companies A and B, Wilmington Rifle Guard will participate, and a good time generaly is expected. We wish them a pleasant day and lots of enjoyment.

TOWN CREEK.—Judge Russell will address the people of Brunswick County at Thees' Store at Town Creek on Saturday the 31st inst., on the important issues of the day.

There will be a rousing old time we have no doubt, and those who want to see the extraordinary sight of fur flying from a *Stone* had better be there and observe how the Judge does it. Time will be divided with the strongest proconventionist that may venture to appear.

There will be mass meetings of all voters, Democrats and Republicans, at the following places:

Long Creek, Lillington, Friday, July 16th, at 1 o'clock.

Rocky Point Depot, Saturday, July 17th, at 1 o'clock.

Spring Branch, Grant, Wednesday, July 21st, at 1 o'clock.

W. W. Humphrys, Esq., Harnett, Friday, July 23d, at 1 o'clock.

Leesburg, Union Township, Saturday, July 24th, at 1 o'clock.

These meetings will be addressed by the Republican nominees for Convention and other eminent speakers.

Shall We Have a Convention?

Shall we have a Convention is at present the all absorbing questions in both negative and political circles. We reiterate to all the thinking men and women, of North Carolina. Shall we have a Convention?

Will it benefit the people of this State to have a Convention?

Is it expedient to call it?

Is it politic to call it?

Is it wise to call it?

Is it well meaning and disinterested and ingenous to call it?

Is it not a mere political affair, gotten up regardless of the peoples interest, and, mark you, gotten up regardless of their wishes.

Is it not a trick, an intrigue of political hacks and gamesters?

Beware, good people, of this camel production of a feeble and effete diplomacy with a Lions hide drawn over it. Be not deceived by its manes, it is a sickly and disappointing animal which some unwise and short-sighted tricksters are trying to ride into power and place over you. A costly animal it will prove to be if it once gets into the stalls of the State, no fodder nor hay will he get, but must feed upon fat crisp bundles of greenbacks. He is gaunt and lean and hungry, and a quantity will it take to give him the plethoric physique he covets. He longs to grow fat in the peoples crib, he desires to impose more taxation upon the people, he wishes to increase the State debt. Verily! it is a modest beast who stalks up to our crib doors and proceeds to enter without so much as salutation or "by your leave" good sirs. Verily they are modest men who, mounted upon this ungainly quadruped are riding by dint of whip [illegible] hindmost over [illegible] they declare, [illegible]

If the last assembled legislative body had the audacity to appoint a Convention to convene at such a time and place, to order as it were the free people of the whole State to vote *for* said Convention, many of the members acting and voting contrary to the wishes and instructions of their constituents. What would not a Convention composed of such material presume to do? What guarantee can we, the people have of their prudence, their patriotism, or their wisdom? We deny that this can be made into a mere party issue. It closely concerns the sacred rights of every man, woman and child—of every Republican, Old Line Whig and Democrat—of every white, black and mulatto person—of every Indian and half-breed in the whole and entire State of North Carolina.

People of North Carolina! the time has come for you to reflect. Are you willing to resign all expression of your sentiments—all exercise of your rights as freemen and citizens into the hands of the legislative bodies. Are you willing to give them supreme control over your political, financial and governmental affairs? Such a course is being advocated now by certain political leaders. These men say that members of the State Legislature ought not to be trammelled, but be sent there to act according to their judgment. Are the people willing to admit that they do not know what they want done? That they do not know what they *do not* want done? and that all the ability to devise, plan, execute and control is contained in the head of the man they elect to the Legislature? Are they willing to give him unlimited power to destroy constitutions, make playthings of solid and sacred laws, appropriate, as he pleases, their means, dispose as he chooses of the proceeds of their labor, control the taxation, dispense the public funds, and disdain to account to anybody for his course and conduct? These noble leaders coolly take the ground that the people are useful automatons to cast their votes for the members of the Legislature, after which their service is no longer needed—after which their duty is to bow the head and bend the knee to their supreme masters. Fellow-citizens, you are in danger; your rights and freedom are in danger. The rights of your wives and daughters are in danger. Your roof-trees and hearthstones are in danger. Your property is in danger. The wages you receive for your daily labor is in danger. The rights and liberties of future generations are in danger. Our beloved old North State is in danger. Rally to the rescue and vote against the convention movement by electing delegates who will at once dissolve it and return to their houses. Again, fellow-citizes, rally to the rescue. ACHEAR.

We, the undersigned, who were summoned by the Sheriff of the county, and acted as jurors in the case of Harper vs. Fisher, take occasion in this card to inform the Hon. A. A. McKoy, that we have rights which, if he understands his duty as a Judge, he is required to respect, and that he has rights that we have not failed to properly regard.

After we rendered our verdict, the Hon. Judge took occasion to administer a reprimand to us for having discharged our duty as jurors. In this improper and uncalled for act of the Judge we were insulted as jurors, and the men of our race in this county reflected upon most unjustly.

The substance of the structure was that we should have brought in a verdict the opposite of the one rendered in (his) view of the evidence and because we failed to find the defendants guilty, we were to be disqualified to act as jurors hereafter in a court in which he presided. Now, as jurors we understood the oath administered to us, and the obligations which it imposes, and in addition we understand the law as laid down by the court in the case.

With these lights before us we retired to a place of privacy, and as honest men, after due deliberation, rendered our verdict, which the court may not question in the absence of proof that we or any one of us has been tampered with.

[illegible] the things to be passed upon [illegible] credibility of witnesses [illegible] reasonable, com- [illegible] as to the [illegible] to give [illegible] tem of trial at once, the value of which is approved by the world's highest civilization?

If we may be made ineligible to act as jurors because we do not render a verdict in accord with the views of a partial court, the time is not distant when colored men will not be permitted to sit as jurors; that Sheriffs will be forbidden to summon them, that Commissioners will be denied the right to make a return in which colored men are drawn as jurors.

We say this in view of our answering in part, and in whole to the full requirements of the law, being real estate owners, respectable, and possessed, to say the least, of a reasonable share of ordinary intelligence, some of our number having enjoyed the advantages of schools.

Though five of our number were regular jurors, and were fully and entirely qualified by the statements of the County Commissioners, yet this did not deter his Honor from the utterance of his unauthorized rebuke.

As the Judge has gone beyond his authority to insult us, and through us the colored men of New Hanover County, representatives of the respectability of our race, by questioning our verdict, we propound this question: Why did you not see fit to censure a jury of white men for acquitting a man who, if he were not the murderer of that colored man Jackson, was by popular consent an accomplice of the murderer?

Your prejudiced judgeship did not see fit to find fault with white men who were members of the same order, with which the accused was convicted, for acquitting one of their member, who had simply killed, according to general sentiment of your race, a 'nigger;" yet we colored men, who were not socially nor otherwise connected with the accused, because, we acting faithfully and conscientiously up to our oath, acquited colored men believed by us to be innocent, are to be by you disqualified. This is insult, injustice and usurpation of power, and we take occasion to let you and the public know the same over the signature of the foreman.

BENJAMIN MERRICK,
Foreman of Jury in the case of Harper vs Fishers.

Columbus County Convention.

There was a rousing old time Republican Convention held at Whiteville on last Saturday the 10th inst., to consult as to whether or not there should be a party nomination made for a candidate to the State Constitutional Convention.

After the organization of the Convention several stirring speeches were made, the principal one having been made by George W. Price, Jr., of Wilmington. There was a very large attendance of people, among whom were to be seen a great many democrats, who seemed deeply interested in the action of the Convention.

After a thorough discussion of the question at issue the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Republicans Party of Columbus County will refrain from making a nomination of a candidate as a Delegate to the State Constitutional Convention, but should any suitable person be announced as a candidate and pledge himself to favor an immediate adjournment of the Convention without any action; that we will give him our united support.

GEORGE WHITE,
Chairman.
GEORGE M. STALDING,
Secretary.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THERE WILL BE AN ELECTION HELD at the usual polling places on the first Thursday in August, 1875, in New Hanover county for the election of the following township officers, viz:

WILMINGTON TOWNSHIP—Seven Magistrates, one Township Clerk, one Constable and three School Committee.

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