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POLITICAL WARFARE.

We call the attention of our readers to the card of Judge Russell, to be found in another column. The language of the Judge is plain, pointed and pungent, and any one who knows the meaning of words, will know just what he means from what he says.

The method of political warfare adopted by the political opponents of Judge Russell is something very different from our idea of the way in which political warfare should be conducted. We are a Republican, and honestly and manly advocate the policy and the principles of the Republican party, which we believe to be the true theory of self-government, and the one most best calculated to advance the happiness and prosperity of the whole country; and our political affiliations are with those who, like us, advocate the principles of our party. We are opposed to the Democratic party, and are politically opposed to those who are the supporters of that party, because we think that the result of the carrying out of the views and intentions of that party will result in the overthrow of the republican institutions, and the plunging of the country into another terrible fratricidal war that will in its effects a thousand times worse than the war which lately prevailed all through our beloved south, which was brought about by the unfortunate ascendancy of the Democratic party.

As an American citizen we feel that we have a right to weigh and discuss the issues and differences between the Republican and Democratic parties, and as a journalist, we feel that we would be remiss in our duty to our readers, did we not do so. We think that the good, hard, common sense of the people should be appealed to in political matters, rather than their passions and prejudices, and whenever we are forced to go out of this line of warfare, we do it unwillingly and with regret. But in such a warfare as is being waged against the Republican party by the Democratic party, it is not our privilege to select the weapons which we would use, nor to choose the ground on which the battle is to be fought; and when we find the enemy resorting to the lowest and most unscrupulous tricks and devices to injure and cripple our party, we can but fight him on his own ground, and with the instrument of his own choosing.

During the campaign last summer the Wilmington Journal indulged several times in low, vulgar and scurrilous attacks on Republicans, and we felt impelled to go for that paper in a rather unceremonious and savage manner. We went for it, with what success and effect the most of our readers already know. We were in hopes that the campaign for the next election was yet a number of months off, and that we would not yet be called upon to arm ourselves in battle array, and go forth to slay our political enemies; but it seems that we are not to have "peace," but rather that we should be on the alert to repel the most scurrilous and unprovoked attacks that we have ever been called on to defend.

The Journal has discovered a high mare's nest, and is cackling and chat-tering like an old hen over the imaginary large egg that is contained therein, and, with the greatest amount of brass and impudence, has published several times a report of a certain transaction that it claims did actually occur in this city, when its writer well knew he was telling that which was false, and that he was engaged in a mean, contemptible conspiracy to injure, wrong and defraud Judge Russell.

As we have already said, we are opposed to personalities and abuse in political warfare, and we never indulge in them unless we are forced to do so by our opponents; and we hereby give good and fair warning, to the Journal particularly, and to each and all other papers in this State or elsewhere, that if they intend to "fight it out on that line" that we will be with them, and show that while they are crying out against social equality and civil rights, and are muddying the water for the purpose of hiding their own sins in the practice of social equality and civil rights, that their game is understood; and we shall take particular pains to ventilate and expose to public scorn and contempt, the Journal man and his party associates and to show, by naming the names of the persons and places and circumstances under which these villainous men have acted against the preaching of the democratic party, and against the most solemn laws of God.

Does the Journal invite the contest, and does it court the issue?

My nativity has treated me badly," said a drunken egghead, "but I love her still." "Probably," replied a gentleman, "she still is all that you do love."

The revolutionists who spent five dollars and lost one man in overturning the State Government of Panama last month were disgusted to find only \$3 11 in the treasury.

A CARD.

A bankrupt paper of this city, which is said to be supported mainly by swindling its printers out of their hard earned wages, has, stated, by mean and sneaking insinuations, that a certain colored man was wine and dined at my private residence in company with certain white friends. The statement is well known to be a more than usually stupid lie. The colored man referred to, whose name was the only one that this sheet had published, promptly denied the charge, and explained the whole transaction. Notwithstanding the full explanation which was given, the unscrupulous charlatan continued to repeat the falsehood. It now seems to have been taken up by another infamous hummer who lives with a negro wife, has been charged, and perhaps convicted of stealing leather, and a "white man's" organ in Goldsboro. If this lie had been confined to the columns of these two sheets, I should not deem it worth while to notice it. One of them has so frequently lied about me that I secretly ever know of a fresh one when he gets it off. The only annoyance I ever had from the sheet was when it used to praise me. I did then wonder what wrong I had done to cause me to be damned by its praise.

I have not now the time to scold the author and publisher of this falsehood. The game is not worth the candle. To do so would only be to act on the principle of the boy who, when he kicked a dead dog, explained, saying that he knew he was dead, but he wanted to make him *dead*.

I will say, however, that several gentlemen in this State, who have been wronged by this common libeller, have made it their business to find his dark and hidden trail through life, and have followed it by its stink and slime. The result is a mass of testimony which can be given to the public whenever the subject shall become of sufficient importance to justify it. When it does come, the columns of the free and independent press will be lively, and the subject of social equality will be exhausted.

Honest men are disgusted with this sort of political warfare, and with the creatures who in the capacity of editors, make their columns the common cesspool for every base and lying slander that knaves can invent and rascals publish. So far as I am concerned, all such insinuations are harmless. I am not a candidate for any office, and do not expect to be. The absurdity of this report is its best answer. What motive could I have had? The negroes of New Hanover county have no place in their gift which I would have under any circumstances. I do not expect to ask for their votes in any capacity whatever. I am not in any way dependent upon them, and this is well known. I shall always exercise my freedom of opinion and of political action, and in the future, as in the past, I shall, so far as I am in my capacity as a private citizen, maintain the rights of the laboring people, white and black, against the aggressions of oligarchs and the assaults of caste. I believe that in this country privileges are for the people and not for classes. I shall act with whatever party I believe to be right, and I shall not ask anybody's permission about it. I ask nothing but the right of every man to set and think in political matters as a free man, without restraint, persecution or intimidation. This the people of this State are entitled to, and I think, sooner or later, will have it.

D.M. L. RUSSELL.

CITY ITEMS.

A list of civil cases for this and next week, in the order in which they will be called before the Superior Court now in session, will be found in our advertising columns.

THEO. N. RANSLEY, State Lecturer of the L. O. G. T., on account of the bad weather which has prevailed for the past week, being unable to fill his engagement here last evening, will lecture in this city, at Temperance Hall on Third between Princess and Chestnut streets, on Monday evening next.

THE DETROIT FREE PRESS has acquired great celebrity for its fund of quaint humor, sparkling wit, stories, sketches, choice general literature, chess and puzzle columns, news, etc. We have arranged to club THE WILMINGTON POST with THE DETROIT FREE PRESS at greatly reduced rates, and will take subscriptions for the two papers for \$3 per year in clubs of 100 of each paper. Send us your subscriptions.

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Every one who knows Capt. Blocker, bears testimony to his worth; there is no better officer, politer gentleman or through Republican living than Capt. O. H. Blocker.

THE A. M. E. CHURCH: A Brief Sketch of its Rise and Progress.

The following sketch, furnished to us by a friend of our city, will likely prove of interest.

THE A. M. E. Church in this Episcopal diocese, which at present represents the largest colored organization of Christians in the world, as well as the oldest, and probably the most distinguished in its kind, is a body of people who are not only a credit to the cause of the colored race, but also a credit to the cause of the Christian religion.

In the early history of Methodism the idea of being divided, or an independent body was not thought of. The colored people of the West and South were not organized until the face of circumstances compelled them to quietly withdraw from their white brethren, when led by Rev. Richard Allen, in the year 1787, they established what is to-day the African Methodist Episcopal Church (in America) and though they are an independent organization, they are in opposition to any branch of Methodism, but we are striving with every orthodox church in Christendom for the propagation of the Gospel of Christ and the evangelization of the world. In 1846 they held their first convention. The Rev. Richard Allen having been at that time seventeen years an ordained minister, having been ordained by the Rev. Bishop Asbury, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was unanimously elected to fill the office of Bishop, and on the 14th of April, 1846, the Episcopal diocese was solemnly set apart for him by prayer and the imposition of the hands of seven regularly ordained ministers, one of whom was Abshalom Jones, a priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of the Right Rev. Bishop White, of Pennsylvania. The general conference in Philadelphia and the manuscript receive Richard Allen as their Bishop, being fully satisfied with the validity of his episcopal ordination.

The have had, during an organic existence of nearly sixty years, eleven Bishops in regular succession, and in keeping with the growth of the church, six of whom are now living, their jurisdiction extending throughout the United States. They have two thousand traveling ministers, their work being in this country and in foreign lands among the heathen, with about two thousand four hundred local preachers.

The Church membership embraces about 318,000 three hundred and eighteen thousand; two hundred and fifty thousand of which are in the Southern States. Several thousand of this number have been members since the organization of the A. M. E. Church. Churches have been established in Charleston, New Orleans and other cities of the south.

There at least three Theological Institutions in the connection—one located in South Carolina, one in Florida, the principal one (Wilberforce), is located in Xenia, Ohio, valued at \$100,000; also, their book concerns, publishing house and printing press, their church paper, &c., is worth from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Independent of these, their church property is worth, and is actually valued at \$5,000,000.

Thus has the A. M. E. Church, organized by sixteen men, more than three score years ago, like the little cloud in the heavens the size of a man's hand, spread until her power through God is felt throughout the universe.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA M. E. CONFERENCE, FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT—W. S. BLACK, P. E.
Wilmington, Front Street, J. E. Mann.
Wilmington, Fifth Street, J. M. Rhodes.
Topsail circuit, J. B. Bailey.
Newbern station, J. T. Bagwell.
Magnolia circuit, S. M. Davis.
Clinton circuit, J. B. Alford.
Cokesbury circuit, M. N. Boyles.
Bladen circuit, J. Sanford.
Elizabeth circuit, O. J. Brent.
Whiteville circuit, Ph. Greening.
Waccamaw Mission, to be supplied.
Smithville circuit, J. W. Randle.
Onslow circuit, to be supplied (by G. W. Harrison).
NEWBERN DISTRICT—E. A. YATES, P. E.
Newbern station, W. C. Gannon.
Goldsboro station, J. R. Brooks.
Wilton station, R. A. Willis.
Wayne circuit, F. H. Wood.
Mt. Olive circuit, W. H. Call.
Kinston circuit, C. C. Dodson.
Snow Hill circuit, Jas. P. Simpson.
Neuse circuit, J. J. Carden.
Jones circuit, N. A. Hooker.
Lenoir circuit, J. N. Andrews.
Swift Creek circuit, to be supplied (by Wm. Wine).
Craven circuit, D. Culbreth.
Raouf, A. R. Haven.
Carteret circuit, James Mahoney.
Strait, to be supplied.
WASHINGTON DISTRICT—W. C. CLOSS, P. E.
Washington station, B. B. Culbreth.
Warrenton station, J. W. Shackford.
Warren circuit, J. R. Griffith, J. T. Gibbs.
Roanoke circuit, R. O. Burton.
Tabor circuit, F. D. Scindell.
Williamston circuit, L. L. Nash.
Greenville circuit, J. R. Johnson.
Plymouth and Jamesville, W. S. Roane.
Columbia circuit, Wm. H. Watkins.
Bath circuit, to be supplied.
Mattamuskeet, J. M. D. Baie, to be supplied.
I. H. Hill, supernumerary.
Fortsmouth and Oercke, J. M. Lunley.
John E. Lippitt.
Cap. Hatters, to be supplied.

A. M. E. CONFERENCE.

FIRST DAY'S SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Jabez P. Campbell in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by the Bishop; hymn page 171.

Rev. Arthur Staton addressed the Thorne of Grace.

Rev. E. Robin read the lesson, 17th chap. 1st Corinthians, after which the roll was called and members answered to their names.

Financial reports were then made, with the exception of those of the city pastors, whose reports were deferred until Monday, while Rev. Henry Epps, was allowed until Saturday to prepare his.

Bishop Campbell addressed the Conference on the rise of Methodism, and explained the formation of African Methodism in this country.

Benediction by Rev. Wm. H. Bishop.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Conference met at 9 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, Bishop J. P. Campbell in the chair.

The religious exercises were conducted by Rev. W. H. Bishop; hymn, page 201.

The Bishop then addressed the Thorne of Grace and read the 231 Psalm.

Roll called, minutes of previous session read and approved.

A motion was made that Robert Nichols, Daniel Sanders, Elijah Hawkins, Thomas Wood, J. E. C. Barham and J. R. Key be admitted on trial, providing they pass their examination. The motion prevailed.

Revs. A. T. Carr and M. B. Salter, of the South Carolina Conference, were introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat in the bar.

Rev. Z. T. Pearson was introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat in the bar.

Declarator McClauey and C. M. Blount, were designated to remain on trial.

A motion that Anthony Smith be discontinued prevailed.

Conference then adjourned, after benediction by Rev. B. W. Morris.

FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Bishop J. P. Campbell in the chair.

Religious exercises conducted by Rev. M. J. Gaston, Hymn page 275 of Song. He then addressed the Thorne of Grace and read the 1st Psalm.

Roll called, minutes of previous session read and approved.

The Committee on Letters and Petitions reported progress.

Rev. R. W. Morris offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Mr. J. Walton and Mr. D. Hoston have offered to give the members of this Conference books and tracts;

Resolved, That we receive them with thankfulness, and may the Lord bless them and their friends.

Revs. G. Price and W. Rawlings of the M. E. Church of the United States, was introduced, and invited to a seat in the bar.

On motion, Rev. J. W. Telfair was granted leave of absence.

Rev. J. Nichols offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Some of the members have made it an habitual practice to stay away from the Annual Conference; Resolved, That any member who neglects to meet the Annual Conference, and cannot give a sufficient cause, his name shall be stricken from the roll.

The Conference took a recess to hear Rev. A. T. Carr, of the South Carolina Conference.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Rev. Mr. Carr for his able address.

A motion that the resignation of Rev. R. Waters be received, was lost.

Appointments for Sabbath.

Committee on charges and complaints was announced by the Bishop as follows: Revs. H. Epps, R. Rudd, M. J. Gaston, W. H. Bishop and Horne.

Conference adjourned, after benediction by Rev. A. T. Carr.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

New Hanover County

SUPERIOR COURT.
December 7th, 1875.

The following named civil cases, pending in the Superior Court of this County, have been prepared for trial and are set for the respective days and dates of this and next week as follows, to-wit:

THIS WEEK.

J. B. Underwood, et al.
A. J. Emmerson.
James B. McPherson, Admr.
Heirs at Law of Sophia Perry.
Sutton & Childs.
John L. Cantwell.
John E. Lippitt.
Daniel A. Smith.
W. V. B. Smith.
Isaac H. Brown.
John J. Moore.
Samuel P. Hard.
Alex. Oldham.
Francis W. Keibner.
W. D. Preston.
W. W. Owen & Co.
H. Marcell.
G. C. W. Muller.
Mary Davis.
D. A. Smith & Co.
Isaac B. Grainger.
Geo. R. Scott.
Reuben Jones.
The Navassa Grant Co.,
D. Coleman & Co.
All the above set for trial on Friday, the 10th inst.

NEXT WEEK.

City of Wilmington.
Margaret Dalmer.
John McFuchins.
Henckiah Reed.
Pondexter Shemwell, et al.
J. B. Southerland.
Elsha Porter.
Henry H. McKethlan.
Alfreda Moore, by her Gdn.
Selbreth Dickson.
S. S. Satchwell.
Northrop & Cumming.
W. H. Lyon.
C. W. Joyner.
L. Chapman.
Margaret Silva.
Antonia Silva.
E. K. Brink, et al.
T. C. Bennett, et al.
Chas. W. McClammy, Jr., Admr.
Willie Webb.
All the above set for trial on Monday, the 13th inst.

John C. Heyer.
Ned Beatty.
A. J. DeRosier, wife et al.
William Carter.
Wm. J. Sutton.
John J. Speight.
Hart & Bailey.
John A. Neimyer.
John E. Davis.
City of Wilmington.
Sol. Bear & Bro.
John C. Blocker.
A. L. Morell.
L. L. Howard, et al.
Wm. Larkins.
S. X. Cannon, et al.
The Bank of New Hanover.
W. E. Krum.
All of the above set for trial on Tuesday, the 14th inst.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co.
Carter Page.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,
CITY OF WILMINGTON,
December 4, 1875.

"THE holders of the Bonds calling due on the first of January next, against the City of Wilmington will please notify the Treasurer of the City at once. Each person will state the amount they hold.

dec 10-11 W. P. CANADAY, Mayor.

LAND WANTED! Northern enterprise and capital are constantly on the outlook for favorable openings in the south. Northern farmers are "wasting out" and look with longing eyes toward the mild climate and fertile lands of the sunny south. Parties in the south having lands to sell should seize the golden opportunity and advertise. The Carolina County Times, published at Camden, Ga., has the largest circulation of any country weekly published in western New York, is the medium which the traveling commensal of the south may be best reached. Circulars and specimens copies sent free upon application. Address:

dec 10-11 S. J. HILLS, JR., Camden, Ga.

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controversy, in which, if I am informed correctly, you will be charged with "social equality" far surpassing in degree that of dining with a colored man. Of course I have nothing to do with the controversy. You have called on me to answer certain questions, and this does answer them freely and unanswerably.

J. H. SMYTH.

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