

Bedford Inquirer.

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UNION STATE NOMINATION.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE, HENRY W. WILLIAMS, OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

UNION COUNTY NOMINATIONS.

FOR ASSEMBLY, JOHN T. RICHARDS, Fulton County, JOHN WELLS, Somerset County.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

M. A. POINTS, Bedford Borough.

TREASURER.

JOHN E. JORDAN, Bedford Borough.

JURY COMMISSIONER.

WILLIAM KIRK, St. Clair.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

WILLIAM KIRK, Hopewell.

DIRECTOR OF POSS.

ADAM ELERY, Middle Woodbury.

AUDITOR.

JOHN S. SWARTZ, Snake Spring.

UNION COUNTY COMMITTEE.

CHAIRMAN, J. H. LONGENECKER, Bedford Borough.

SECRETARY, D. S. ELLIOTT, Bedford Borough.

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THE TRUE ISSUE.

Hon. George Sharpswood and Hon. H. W. Williams stand as opposing candidates on the tickets of the respective parties in the coming political contest.

The contest is not between them as individuals, but between the representatives of fixed and well defined principles. Williams is a sound lawyer and an acceptable Judge; Sharpswood is the same, and in these respects many persons might be disposed to say that it is of small consequence which is elected. Not so, however, the principles which they represent are directly antagonistic, diametrically opposed. Judge Sharpswood represents the principles of the party that precipitated the country into the bloodiest civil war ever recorded in the pages of ancient or modern history; and although overwhelmed and defeated, its adherents are now assiduously striving to obtain by legislative enactments and judicial decisions the triumph which they sought in vain on the bloody field of battle. The election of Judge Sharpswood would be regarded by the men who sought our national destruction as a step toward reversing the verdict of the people rendered at the point of a million bayonets, and at the cost of hundreds of thousands of most valuable lives, and thousands of millions of hard earned treasure. It would once more check the work of reconstruction in the lately rebellious States, and in every part of the country inspire the enemies of the Union and true republican liberty with fresh hopes of a final triumph. In short the election of Judge Sharpswood to the Supreme bench, at the present time, would be scarcely less than a national calamity. His whole life and all his public acts and professions have been thoroughly identified with the party of slavery, nullification, State rights, secession and rebellion, and to-day he is its candidate, and as such the representative and exponent of its political faith.

On the other hand Judge Williams is the representative of progressive Republicanism, and the exponent of its principles. He is the standard-bearer of the party whose whole history has been a continual struggle for the upholding and carrying out of the great principles laid down in the Declaration of Independence, the right of all men, to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. With this as its guiding star it has never swerved from the faith which our revolutionary fathers fought and bled, and to-day after having preserved the nation from the periclitous hands of its own rebellious people, still stands forth as the champion of the largest liberty consistent with the safety and unity of a free and intelligent people. It is on such a broad and comprehensive platform, that Judge Williams stands as the candidate of the Republican party, and the representative of the only true principles on which to found and preserve free institutions. The issue then as we have already said is not between the two men as individuals, but as the representatives and exponents of great principles. On the one hand stands Sharpswood, the representative of a party and principles that for half a century has vainly striven to check the wheels of progress, turn back the tide of human civilization, and convert a continent dedicated to freedom, by the blood of our revolutionary martyrs, into a slave mart for the buying and selling of human beings, and which in its last desperate effort has deluged our fair heritage with the blood of our fathers, husbands, sons and brothers, and darkened the pages of our country's history, with the records of Andersonville, Belle Isle and Libby prisons.

ADDRESS OF THE UNION REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, HARRISBURG, July 26, 1867.

TO THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Fellow Citizens—The official term of Geo. W. Woodward, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, is about to expire; and under the Constitution his successor will be elected on the second Tuesday of October next. This election is every way important, and the more so, because of the great principles and issues involved, and of the fact that the term is for fifteen years.

All the powers of our governments, both National and State, are divided into three classes: the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial. The people are the source of all power, and our Constitutions provide that power should be vested in those bodies, and the terms for which they shall be held. The National Judiciary being for life, and that of the State Judiciary fifteen years, changes in these tribunals are wrought more slowly than in the other branches of Government, and hence should be made with the greater caution and wisdom; for nothing is of greater public importance than a wise and patriotic judiciary. Our past history shows a constant tendency in these several departments to enlarge their respective jurisdictions, and occasionally to encroach on each other; and especially is this true of the judiciary. It is but recently the Supreme Court of the United States, in the interests of slavery, gravely undertook to overturn the foundations of the Government on that question, and to nullify and destroy acts of Congress enacted by the men who made the Constitution. The Dred Scott decision virtually legalized and extended slavery over all the Territories of the Union, in defiance of Congress and the people; and laid down principles, which, but for subsequent events, would have extended slavery and made it lawful in all the States. And after the recent civil war was inaugurated, our State judiciary, by a denial of the constitutional powers of Congress and of our State legislature, in measures absolutely necessary to carry on the war and save the nation, so imperiled our cause as to make intelligent patriots everywhere tremble for the issue of the contest. True, these false theories did not prevail. But it is equally true the continued assertion of them paralyzed the arms of both the National and State Governments, distracted and disheartened our people, gave aid and comfort to the enemy, prolonged the war, and added immeasurably to our sacrifices of blood and treasure. Hence it is, "That warned by past misfortunes, we ask that the Supreme Court of the State be placed in harmony with the political opinions of the majority of

the people, to the end that the Court may wield its legal by unjust decisions, seek to set aside laws vital to the nation."

Who, then, are HENRY W. WILLIAMS and GEORGE SHARPSWOOD, the candidates for this vacant seat upon the Supreme bench? What are their past records, and where do they stand, in those momentous times, and on these momentous issues? The word or words of the Commonwealth, and perhaps of the nation, is involved in these questions; and it behooves every patriotic voter in the State of Pennsylvania to be fully informed as to the candidate, we here propose to give no extended biography. He is a high toned Christian gentleman, about forty six years of age, a ripe scholar, a learned and eminent lawyer, with many years of official experience, on the bench of the District Court of Allegheny County. He was first elected Judge in 1851, when he ran over one thousand votes ahead of his ticket, and was re-elected in 1857, by a unanimous vote of the entire party.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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