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For Superintendent Public Instruction:

THOMAS R. PURNELL,

OF FORSYTHE.

NOTICE

Persons desiring to recommend, through the columns of the "Era," any friend for office of any description, must pay advertising rates for the same, in advance, whether Republican or Democrat, otherwise their articles (after the first communication relating to any one person, which will be inserted gratis), will not appear.

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The publisher can no more afford space in these columns, furnish paper, ink and labor, without compensation, than can a merchant furnish goods to the public, without pay. Persons who want office can well afford to pay.

The Democratic party in North Carolina has opposed equal taxation, equal suffrage and equal rights before the law for citizens of the State.

When the Republicans in 1868 adopted a Constitution guaranteeing to the people of North Carolina local self-government, the Democrats denounced it as "infamous."

When the Republicans in 1868 submitted a Constitution to the people of North Carolina authorizing them to elect all their offices, from the highest to the lowest, the Democrats said it was "infamous."

When the Republicans in 1868 offered for the ratification of the people of North Carolina a Constitution guaranteeing a homestead to the poor man, the Democrats denounced it as "infamous."

When the Republicans in 1868 declared that the people of North Carolina should never be taxed to pay any portion of the debt incurred in aid of Jeff Davis' Confederacy, the Democrats said the Constitution containing the proposition was "infamous."

The Republican Party the People's Party.

Prior to the revolutionary war the Governors of North Carolina were appointed by the English government, and as most of them used their office to oppress, they became very obnoxious to the people. The office of Governor became so unpopular, that when the Convention met at the close of the war to frame a Constitution for the State, the Legislative was made the principal department and the Executive and Judicial officers were made subordinate to an elected by the General Assembly. This continued to be the case until 1835, when the election of Governor was given to the people, but that of Judges and Justices of the Peace was still retained by the Legislature. But in 1868, when the Republican party came in power, the election of all officers of the State was given to the people.

The members of the Legislature, elected by the people, were authorized and empowered to enact laws, the Governor elected by the people was specially entrusted with the execution of these laws as construed by the Judiciary.

Prior to 1835, the Legislative department overshadowed both the Executive and Judicial branches of the government. When the election of Governor was given to the people it was a step in the right direction, but it was reserved for the Republican party to declare that all power is vested in the people, to place the ballot in every man's hands, and to give the people the privilege, previously denied them, of electing all their officers.

The Republican party favors the rights of the many, over the rights of the few, and so while our State Constitution was modeled after that of the United States, the veto power was denied to the Governor.

While under the old system Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts were elected for life, after the manner of appointing officers in European Kingdoms, the Republicans said it was better to elect them only for a term of years, when their qualifications should be again submitted to the arbitrament of the people's ballot.

Under the old system, Justices of the Peace were appointed by the Legislature for life. The Republican Convention of 1868 decided that

the people of each township or neighborhood could better select their own Judges, and in order to make them amenable to the people Justices were allowed to hold office only for two years.

Has the Democratic party ever shown as much confidence in the judgment of the people?

Our Candidate.

The Conservative party have nominated Col. Stephen D. Pool for Superintendent of Public Instruction. We deem this an admirable selection. Col. Pool is better fitted for the office than any other man in the State.—*Rocky Mount Mail*.

If Col. Pool is better fitted than any other man in the State for Superintendent of Public Instruction, isn't it a little strange that the all-intelligence party haven't discovered the fact before now? He was in the State in 1868—why wasn't he nominated then? He was here in 1872, and yet he was not nominated. Was a man less fitted than Col. P. run by the Democracy then, or has he become "fitted" since 1872? If he has become "fitted" by what process has it been done? Is the business of editing a Democratic newspaper and acting as Clerk for a Democratic House of Representatives specially calculated to fit a man for the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction?

The late John W. Cameron said that "Democracy" was derived from two Greek words—*Demon*, the devil, and *kratos* to rule, and that the literal meaning of the word is:—The devil's rule. Many Union men, who were oppressed during the war, and many Republicans who were oppressed by the Ku Klux since, can testify that Cameron knew what he was talking about.

The Era is pleased to learn that a large and enthusiastic Republican meeting was held in Kinston, Wednesday. Speeches were made by Hon. C. R. Thomas, R. W. King and others. The greatest harmony prevailed and the prospects for complete unity and proper feeling considerably advanced.

The Republicans of Carteret, in a meeting at Beaufort, express the earnest hope that Hon. C. R. Thomas will be re-nominated in the Second District.

At a large Republican meeting held in Greene county last week, Judge Clarke was fully and unanimously endorsed for re-nomination.

The Republicans of Pitt have instructed their delegates to vote for the re-nomination of Hon. C. L. Cobb to Congress.

The proceedings of Republican meetings in several counties are deferred till next week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

It must not be understood that THE ERA endorses the sentiments of its correspondents in every instance. Its columns are open to the friends of the party, and their publications will be given to the public containing the views and sentiments of the writers.

Gen. W. D. Jones for Congress.

We, the colored citizens of Graville, request that Gen. W. D. Jones be nominated as a candidate for Congress in the 4th Congressional District, he being the only and first Republican that has given a colored man any office in the Revenue Department. We therefore hope the Nominating Convention will respond to the strong solicitations of many friends.

I remain yours, very respectfully,

GRANVILLE.

April 27th, 1874.

A Working-man Declares for the Republican Party.

To the Editor of the Era:

Never having written anything for a newspaper, I feel somewhat unable now to make my letter of much interest to the people. I have been a Conservative ever since the war. I have voted that way more from prejudice than anything else. But of late, things have so developed themselves that I feel I must say one word about the nominations made by the Executive Committee of the different parties. First, the Republican party, represented by their Executive Committee, placed in nomination Thos. R. Purnell for Superintendent of Public Instruction. This nomination meets with my hearty approval, and I intend to support him in the election to take place in August, and also to use what influence I may command for his election. The Committee of the Democratic-Conservative party placed in nomination for that office Col. Stephen D. Pool, of Craven. This man should not be supported by the working-men of either party, for he certainly is an enemy to the working-class.

Now I come to home affairs. Jas. W. Holden has been nominated for Mayor of the City of Raleigh and will be elected without opposition.

This nomination meets with my full approval. In the Western Ward the Republicans have nominated John C. Gorman, John B. O'Neill and Jas. H. Jones. This is a good ticket and will beat any independent candidate that may be induced to run on independent tickets. I have watched the movements of both parties since I have been a voter, and when I see that in almost every instance where a poor man has been placed in office it has been done by the Republican party, I feel that hereafter it is my duty as a rep-

resentative of that class to take sides with the Republicans only. So when the Republicans hereafter make their nominations I will be found working hard for their election. The only way for the poor white or the poor colored man to have a proper respect shown him is by the success of this great party. A party that is always advancing in new ideas and doing away with old broken down men and things is bound to have success. So as Hon. Samuel Phillips said on one occasion, "Henceforth I am a Republican." Yours truly,

VOTER.

Col. T. B. Long for Congress.

To the Editor of the Era:

I am a plain homespun farmer, Mr. Editor, and I came to town last week to trade my tobacco crop, though no politician (God forbid). I like to hear what is said by my neighbors for or against this man or that man, who it is thought is seeking to fill the different offices which will soon be vacant, according to law.

There is right smart of a stir in our town about who shall fill our county offices for the ensuing term, but this is shaded entirely by the ponderous and most momentous, to us at least thought of, who can we nominate for our representative who will repair the errors committed by the Extraordinary representative of this District in the present Congress. To my mind the man to be trusted in the future is the one who has best served us in the past; just as I thought this I came to the Postoffice, and, as if by inspiration, my lips uttered the name of Tom Long. Most truly has he been a faithful servant in the past, and so surely should he reap his reward in the future. But pshaw! what is the use of talking about it, and why is it such an old fool as to have to stumbel on the Postoffice to remind me of the merits and many good qualities of Thomas B. Long?"

"He is the man, Mr. Editor, to whom

the people of Davie county would rally to a man to place in the seat of the present incumbent, Mac Robbins; and if he could only be prevailed upon to accept the nomination for Congress from this District, just as I thought this I came to the Postoffice, and, as if by inspiration, my lips uttered the name of Tom Long. Most truly has he been a faithful servant in the past, and so surely should he reap his reward in the future. But pshaw! what is the use of talking about it, and why is it such an old fool as to have to stumbel on the Postoffice to remind me of the merits and many good qualities of Thomas B. Long?"

AN OLD STYLER.

Fulton, N. C., April 13, 1874.

Columbus Co. speaks against Spelman's Appointment.

To the Editor of the Era:

I am pleased to see the manly position you have taken in the Smith-Spelman embroilment.

It seems to be very nice with Smith that Republicans will support him in all things, of his crusade, to kill and make alive, as per the *ipse dicitur* of Mr. Smith. His rule seems to be, that what he says must be and he must be the mighty King Bee in the swarm, and the honey must not be touched, but by some favorite little bee of his own pet hive.

To Republicans, and Republicans alone is the Hon. W. A. Smith indebted for the honors conferred upon him, and now in the meridian of his strength he turns and hurls the poisoned arrows of his wrath into the midst of his friends.

I don't know Maj. Smith personally, only as a representative man; and his name had become prominent in my section as the coming man for the next Governor of North Carolina. But be assured that no man will be acceptable among Republicans here, who only uses his friends to abuse them.

If this must be the rule, well may Republicans stand amazed, and enquire whether are we drifting?

Where is the anchor to the ship?

Is the anchor lost, and the brave old ship, that has breasted so many storms, has been destroyed and taken possession of by the spoil-rats, then is it that the faithful seamen wake up? Not abandon her, drive off the piratical crew, pull down the Death's head at the fore, repair the hull, stop the leaks, put on board a cargo of good material, place at the wheel a faithful steersman and let none touch the ropes but experienced seamen; and then the brave old ship will sail safely into port with victory written upon her colors, flying at the masthead.

COLUMBUS.

RUBLICAN OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

Seventh District—Col. Thomas B. Long, of Rowan County.

To the Editor of the Era:

The time is rapidly approaching when the Republicans of this district will be called upon to select a candidate for Congress; and professing to have the good of the cause at heart, we propose to suggest the name of a gentleman we have known for years, and whom we think eminently qualified for said place. We should nominate a man who can portray to the people of this district the many disadvantages they labor under by being misrepresented at Washington by a party who endorse a representative that would substitute the crow for the great American eagle. To this end, I am satisfied that in Col. Thomas B. Long, of Rowan, we have a gentleman fully qualified in every sense of the word.

An able defender of the principles of the Republican party; one of the best stump speakers in the State; thoroughly posted in State and national politics; in full accord with the administration, and by his courteous manner, his intense devotion to the prosperity of his native State, his power of portraying the good to come to the country from the endorsement of principles which we know him to entertain, point to him as the man peculiarly suited to be our standard-bearer in the coming contest; and we do here pledge that, should he receive the nomination, no county in this district shall give him a more hearty and zealous support than the county of

ALEXANDER.

Taylorville, April 10, 1874.

The Desire of the People.

To the Editor of the Era:

Much is being said as to who are the proper men for candidates for the election to be held next August; and as my position is one that admits of my being posted to a who the people wish I propose giving the name of one; it is the name of ROBERT W. WYNNE, Esq., as candidate for Sheriff of Wake Co.

Mr. Wynne is so well known to the voters of Wake, that it is useless to more than merely give his name. He has been transacting business for the people near thirty years, and no man in the County or State has given more general satisfaction. Robert W. Wynne would make a Sheriff that the people of Wake County would be proud of. REPUBLICAN.

Raleigh, N. C., April 21, 1874.

Merry Oaks, April 21, 1874.

Hon. Wm. A. Smith.

To the Editor of the Era:

Your remarks in the last *Era* relative to the appointment of the late associate editor of the *Sentinel* newspaper to a paying place under an administration he has abused, lied about, and to the extent of his ability vilified and sought to bring into contempt, are not only timely, eminently just and proper, but will receive the unqualified endorsement of every true man in the District. In these demoralized times, gratitude is a virtue highly commendable, and when exercised at the expense of one's own time or money or individual interest, deserves the sincere approbation of every honest man and woman. When, however, in this instance, we call upon them to repay our obligations, the act loses its commendable character, and we can but help from feeling that we are being used as the monkey used the cat's paw to possess the roast chestnuts.

Mr. Smith may be under obligation to Mr. Spelman, and it is highly creditable for him to desire to repay such indebtedness. I protest, however, that he should do so at the expense of those who placed him in a position to contract such obligations, and who gave him an opportunity of making the friendship he wishes thus gratefully to cherish and cement. The party, I mean the Republican party in North Carolina, though strong in the *ad locum* of the masses, cannot stand the appointment of its enemies, or of lukewarm friends to the places of profit and trust within its gift. Such a course will, *has to* an alarming extent, demoralize and threaten its unity, and will eventually overthrow it. I care not how perfect, on paper, may be its organization.

The men who fill office in the State by the suffrages of Republicans, repay the obligation that they should be under by ignoring their claims to the places within their gift, and induced by motives of greed, to be perfectly opposed to the party of the people; and when the party is divided, and the publican together, as much as possible, in Congressional, Judicial and Senatorial districts; or in the various Republican conventions with small majorities in the same districts with Democratic counties having large majorities. The consequence is that in the Republican districts there is some of the very dissension which the Democrats hoped for.

But notwithstanding the efforts of some men inside of the Republican party to advance themselves by intrigue or legerdemain, there is a healthy sentiment which pervades the entire ranks of the organization, that none but true and honest members of the party shall be put in nomination. These efforts of our political opponents, which are directed to dividing the undoubted Republican majority in North Carolina, will fail. No ordinary ties bind together the Republicans of this State. They have stood side by side under persecutions which were calculated to make stout hearts fail. Against them have been brought social proscription and personal violence. In the secret conclaves of the Ku Klux allies of the Democracy, the butchery or exile of entire communities of Republicans has been decreed; and no method which ingenuity could devise, or vindictiveness could contrive, has been left to prevent the proscription of the South from cutting off from the party of tradition and giving their adhesion to that organization with which they sympathized.

The voters are beginning to experience that there are in the Republican party two distinct and well defined classes, the drones and the workers; and although the drones have heretofore managed to have things pretty much their own way until they have begun to arrogate to themselves a complete ownership of the Republican party, the time has come when the workers intend to show their might and "unlaid," and then "every tub must stand upon its own bottom." RUBLICAN OF THE OLD SCHOOL.

MEAT FOR FOWLS TO MAKE THEM LAY.

One subscriber asks what food will induce fowls to lay; another asks about scrap cake; and another about hens' high offal. To those who would say "It is the nature of fowls to lay in good health to lay, and they cannot help it"—the eggs will come.

Scarcely fare will reduce their laying propensity, and on very short commons, eggs cease altogether. Rich food promotes the tendency; certain seeds, like buckwheat, sunflowers and hemp seeds increase it, and meat of any kind does the same. All this, however, forces the fowl into an unnatural state, and ordinarily shortens her life. The eggs, besides, have often a poor flavor. Occasional feedings of fresh meat, like the lights of hogs chopped fine, are very good in winter when the fowls find no insect food. They need, besides, hearty food in cold weather, especially if they are not kept in warm houses. In very cold weather, hens running about and roosting in exposed places will not lay, though richly fed; their food goes to keeping them warm.

—*Southern Farmer*.

Thomas R. Purnell, our candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, intends canvassing the State, and to understand designs going into every county. He is a gentleman of pleasing address, and a fine speaker. The young men of the Republican party ought to rally around him, and give him their earnest support. It is time for ancient inertness to give way to youthful energy. Mr. Purnell is a young man, but well qualified, by education and training, to fill the position to which he has been nominated.

He is moreover full of youthful strength, and will bear our standard with honor to himself and credit to the party.—*New North State*.

There is every prospect, if harmony prevails, as we believe it will prevail in the Republican camp, of carrying both houses of the Legislature and nearly all the Congressional Districts next August.

The record of the Democratic party for years has been a record of infamy; and the people are rising indignantly and will hurl it out of power.—*Fayetteville Statesman*.

Our candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. T. R. Purnell, is earning a fine reputation at the Raleigh bar.—*New-Berne Times*.

A Mississippi paper proclaims this motto for the country:

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