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THURSDAY, JULY 30, 1874.

Public Meeting.

A meeting was held in the Court House in Charlotte, on the evening of the 20th inst. Mr. Burt Schenck presided and W. R. Myers acted as Secretary. After prayer by Rev. Isaac Stevenson, Rev. Mr. Pearsall addressed the meeting in an eloquent and comprehensive speech, in eulogy of the late Governor Tod R. Caldwell. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions, during the retirement of which, Mr. R. E. McDonald, by request, addressed the meeting in a feeling and appropriate speech, impressing upon the convention the great loss which the country had sustained. The committee having reported, Mr. Myers spoke on the resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

A poem was read by Rev. Z. T. Pearsall.

After requesting the *Era*, among other papers, to publish the proceedings, the meeting adjourned.

Sheriff Lee's paper makes faces and calls ugly names, because the *Era* says that the Sheriff has squandered sixty-six thousand dollars of public money. Now, neighbor, as you are in the "sere and yellow leaf" (though your heart is young), you doubtless recollect Dabol's arithmetic. Well, it appears from the statement of Wake finances (official) that $56,250.56 is charged against the Sheriff, with the credit side blank; while State Treasurer Jenkins has a bill for $10,530.54. Adding, after Dabol, we make the aggregate indebtedness of Sheriff Lee $66,781.10. As to the participle used in speaking of parting with this sum, it matters but little with Capt. Lee, for he says we can call it stealing, defaulting, or anything else we like; so, having his permission to choose language, it does not become his paper, in taking up the cudgel, to lose sight of that courtesy due from one journal to another.

Republicans of the First District: vote for COBB.

Mr. Ross, a Democrat who had never voted the Republican ticket, was recently nominated by the Republicans of Pitt as a candidate for the House of Representatives. He made many professions of allegiance to the principles of the Republican party, but being a very illiterate man, and withal a very weak vessel, his Republican professions soon leaked out, and he returned to his wallow in the Democratic stye. The Republicans of Pitt heartily thank Mr. Ross for leaving so soon, as he would have lost us votes if he had continued in the field. As it is, we lose only the promise of one vote, the Republican party is strengthened by the nomination of Calvin Cox, Esq., an "original true-blue," and there is no longer any doubt about our success in Pitt.

Horace Greeley was notoriously in favor of civil rights, social equality of the races and mixed schools. The Democrats nominated him as their candidate for President. He never retracted a word he said on the above subject, and the Democrats voted for him almost to a man.

Mr. Sumner, a renegade Republican, co-operated with the Democratic party, and heartily assisted in the effort to elect Mr. Greeley President, and introduced the civil rights bill, which no Republican member from North Carolina voted for, and which is opposed by every prominent Republican in the State.

And yet the Democrats charge that the civil rights measure is a part of the Republican platform.

Tim Lee has squandered sixty-six thousand dollars of the people's money in six years. This is only *eleven thousand dollars* per year *besides his regular commissions*. This being the case, if he should be elected again for the next two years his defalcation in the same proportion will reach the enormous sum of *eighty-eight thousand dollars*. He has not a cent's worth of property upon which an execution can be levied. Papers are said to be returned and marked no property found. Think of it, Republicans of Wake.

Hon. Oliver H. Dockery is doing valuable service in the Third District. On Monday, the 20th inst., he spoke at Magnolia to a crowd of over four hundred persons. Such was the desire to hear him that the merchants closed their places of business and listened attentively. The people of Duplin are tired of being humbugged by the Ku Klux Democracy, and now declare they intend in the future to hear both sides and vote dispassionately.

The news from the Fifth District is of the most encouraging character. Henderson is everywhere putting Scales on the defensive. We hear that in Rockingham (Scales' county) our nominee will make large gains on the "Shooting Brigadier." The people of the District are becoming disgusted at the low personal attacks on Col. Henderson, and will by their votes prove that they have not forgotten the horrors inflicted upon them and their friends during the dark days of Jeff. Davis' reign by the orders of Scales.

Republicans of the Second District: vote for HYMAN.

The Republicans of the 7th Judicial District are rallying to the support of Thomas Ruffin for Judge. Hundreds of gentlemen of the Democratic party refuse to be whipped into party traces in this District, and will support Col. Ruffin for Judge.

Calm, cool, clear-headed, and well versed in the law, he will be an honor to the bench in the State, and recognizing his peculiar fitness for the place, the people without regard to party are determined to elect him.

Those Democrats of the 7th Judicial District who have been declaiming so loudly against partizan Judges, and who never tire of boasting of the good old times when Judge Ruffin graced the bench in the State, now have an opportunity of proving their faith by their works. Col. Thomas Ruffin is a candidate for Judge at the solicitation of the people without regard to party, and it will really remind us of "old times" when he hear the people everywhere praising Judge Ruffin.

Shall white children and negro children be forced into association in the same schools?—*Daily News.*

Well, if Republicans are elected to office, separate schools will be provided, but if the Greeley Democracy are elected, it is probable that the white children and negro children will be "forced into association in the same schools."

A vote for Republicans is a vote for separate schools—a vote for the Greeley Democracy is a vote for "mixing."

Republicans of the Third District: vote for McKAY.

Our Chatham friends will please notice the appointments of Col. Young, at Merry Oaks, July 31st; Pittsboro, August 1st, and Egypt, August 3d, and get him out good crowds.

Col. Young is one of our most effective speakers, and all should hear him. Let our friends go to work. The Colonel will be met at each appointment doubtless by some of Capt. Davis' friends, as he has openly invited them to a division of time.

The news from the Third District is of the most cheering character. We learn from an intelligent gentleman thoroughly acquainted with the people of that section, that McKay has turned the tables completely upon his opponent on the civil rights question. The opinion among all Republicans is that we will carry the District by a handsome majority, and even a good many Democrats have been heard to declare that McKay is everywhere getting the best of the fight.

Republicans of the Fourth District: vote for HEADEN.

Appleton Oaksmith, a carpet-bagger from Europe, Asia and the northern portion of North America, is the Democratic Independent candidate for the House of Representatives from Carteret. Republicans of Carteret, you would now be in a majority but for men like Oaksmith. Let him severely alone. He has no claim on the Republicans for support, and we call on you to see that not a single Republican vote is given him.

The Democrats expect to get a bill through the next Congress giving them continual and exclusive authority to favor social equality. Their only regret seems to be that Greeley and Sumner are both dead, and they will therefore have some difficulty in getting a candidate for President in 1876.

Maj. W. A. Smith, the Republican Representative of the Metropolitan District in Congress, is openly opposed to the civil rights bill, and no member from the Southern States is more popular in Congress or with the President. Vote the Republican ticket.

Tickets.

Tickets for Superintendent of Public Instruction have been forwarded to prominent points in all the Congressional Districts. Our friends receiving them will please see to their distribution throughout their respective districts. There being but one name, tickets can be written, and we trust that some Republican at each precinct will attend to this, should printed tickets fail to come to hand. Orders for Purnell tickets sent to us will be turned over to proper persons.

Hon. C. L. Cobb is making a most successful canvass in the Frst District. The Republicans of every county have become thoroughly aroused and will turn out and vote the entire ticket. Although Mr. Cobb's health has been for some time feeble, yet he is meeting all of his appointments and rapidly gaining accessions.

Our gallant young standard bearer, Thos. R. Purnell, is waking up the sturdy mountaineers, and everywhere the people are flocking to hear him. The "living and dead man" will soon be the dead politician. The West is *all right*. The people want active, energetic men. They are tired of old political hacks.

Col. Young has accepted an invitation from the Republicans of Fayetteville to address them on the political issues of the campaign, on Tuesday, the 4th of August.

We bespeak for the Colonel a good crowd, as he is one of the best stump speakers in the State.

Republicans of the Fifth District: vote for HENDERSON.

Col. Thomas B. Long delivered a speech at Smith's Grove, Davie county, on Monday, the 20th inst. It was on the occasion of the meeting of the county candidates, and we understand that the Colonel made a fine impression. If we do not carry Davie the vote will be exceedingly close.

Tim Lee was nominated with the distinct understanding that he would settle in full with the County and State or withdraw. Having broken his pledge he is no longer the nominee of even a packed convention.

From a friend we learn that Col. Ruffin will make tremendous gains in Orange and Alamance. It is believed that he will carry the latter county by a handsome majority and that the vote will be close in Orange.

Republicans of the Sixth District: vote for McLEAN.

The back-bone of Democracy is being broken in Orange. Headen is making rapid inroads on the opposition. Ruffin and Headen is the rallying cry of the patriots of the old classic county.

Hon. C. L. Cobb is making a gallant canvass in the First District. The true Republicans are rallying as one man to his support, and his election is predicted by an increased majority.

Mr. Business Manager Uzzell, of the *Republican*, says the insertion of the name of Col. Harris, for Commissioner, instead of that of Mr. Rhodes, was an error.

Vote for competent men for County Commissioners. This Board is your County Legislature. Bear this in mind.

Republicans! the registration books are open. See to it, that your name is on them and the correct name.

Republicans of the Seventh District: vote for COOK.

The campaign in Orange is being pushed forward vigorously by Messrs. Ike Strayhorn and H. B. Guthrie.

Hon. W. A. Smith will accompany Col. I. J. Young to Pittsboro, and will address the people on Saturday, the first day of August.

Republicans of the Eighth District: vote against VANCE.

On the morning of the 21st inst., when the compositors of the Cincinnati *Gazette* who had taken the place of the Union compositors went home, they had to be escorted by policemen, as threats had been made against them during the day. After the regular midnight lunch several compositors were seized with sickness and they are supposed to have been poisoned.

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 communications will be given to the public as containing the views and sentiments of the writers.

Cobb's Election Sure.

To the Editor of the Era:

I hope I will be allowed space in your columns for a few desultory remarks, which in my opinion, may be for the good of Republicanism.

Since the outrageous and disgraceful action of a few Democrats, in the Republican Convention, held in this place on the 28th ult., there has existed considerable dissatisfactson, and even a spirit of discord in our ranks, in this county. When Maj. Yeates opened the canvass in this District, Mr. Cobb was ill in his bed in Washington, and could not possibly meet him on the hustings. Advantage was taken of this circumstance to injure Mr. Cobb's prospects with his friends; and it was insinuated that he was *conveniently* sick for the purpose of avoiding Maj. Yeates.

I am happy to say, however, that this ungenerous inuendo had no effect on any true Republican; for the people of the First District had not yet forgotten that two years ago, Mr. Cobb not only met that old Democratic war-horse, D. M. Carter, at every appointment to speak in the District, but rolled up a majority over Col. Carter of 1452 votes; more than his most sanguine friends had dared to hope for. I simply make this statement of a fact beyond doubt in order to discredit any assertion or insinuation that Mr. Cobb was not in the field when he might have been.

Now, however, Mr. Cobb is here, he invites discussion with the gentlemen of the other side; has made two telling speeches in this county and has also spoken in Pitt and Beaufort, met Jarvis, Latham and Ransom, and to-morrow speaks in this county again, when he will meet the redoubtable champions of the opposition at this place, Latham and Ransom. Whenever and wherever he speaks he invites the other side to a discussion of the issues of the day, showing that he not only does not wish to avoid them but is anxious to meet them.

Under his powerful reasoning and candid and unvarnished statements of facts and figures the disaffection has been dispelled and discord has melted like ice in the sun, and dissolved itself into the pure and refreshing streams of peace and harmony. All is now calm and quiet as the bosom of a summer sea, and the result will be that on the 6th of August, the pent-up waters will rush out with an irresistible force and carry everything before them for the Hon. C. L. Cobb.

His popularity is greater now than at any time since he first came before the people: the false and uncharitable statements regarding him have created a strong sympathy even in the breasts of the more honest and upright portion of the Democrats, and to-day he stands before the people of the First District the injured but honored champion of Republican principles, the only representative we have ever had in the U. S. Congress who hass ever made any effort in behalf of Eastern North Carolina.

I assert without the fear of contradiction that he has had more money appropriated and expended in developing the resources of this section than *all* his predecessors for the past eighty years.

In view of these undeniable facts it is a task rather beyond the powers of Maj. Yeates or any other man to persuade the people of the First District not to vote for him. In the two speeches made here by Mr. Cobb, the Democrats have, if I may be allowed the expression, double teamed him; Maj. Latham and Dr. Ransom both took the stand against him and used every effort in their power (and I may say here *en passant* that both these gentlemen are pre-eminently gifted with the faculty of vituperation and abuse) to hold Mr. Cobb up before his constituents in a false and injurious light, but happily without success. To the charge of being infavor of the civil rights bill, he replied that he was opposed to that bill known as the Sumner bill, but that he was in favor of a civil rights bill that would insure to every citizen of the States of Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky, the enjoyment of all the rights and privileges guaranteed by the 14th amendment to the constitution.

In regard to the "salary grab," every conceivable statement had been made but the true one; false impressions had been made and the minds of the people prepared to consider any man who had dared to take back pay as a monster too mean to look an honest man in the face. Despite all this, he explained his vote on that subject to the satisfaction of every fair, unbiased mind, and received his acquittal in the cheers and plaudits of his audience. It was a triumph.

By the advice of his friends Mr. Cobb will remain on this side the sound until the election, despite the advice of *Mr. Latham* and *Dr. Ransom* that he had better go over on the other side. It is a rather singular thing that neither Dr. Ransom and Maj. Latham nor Dr. R. and Maj. Yeates have any cause of disagreement, although one is a *soi desant* Republican, the other two wool-dyed Democrats. Fortunately the Republicans do not believe Dr. Ransom's statements, and I can assure him that he will not get a single vote that Mr. Cobb would have got had he been out of the field.

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Plymouth, N. C., July 18th, 1874.

J. S. Jones has been appointed United States Marshal for the Southern District of Florida.

The First District All Right.

To the Editor of the Era:

The Democratic papers of the First Congressional District have been whistling to keep their courage up by telling the people that Hon. C. L. Cobb (the standard-bearer of the Republican party in this district) was afraid to face the music by appearing before the people, and that he would tamely permit the bob-tail Democratic nag, Maj. Yeates, to quietly trot over the course, attended by the pseudo Republican colt, Dr. Ransom, to keep off the flies; but the announcement a few days since that our champion had appeared in the district and would be heard, caused horror, consternation and dismay to be depicted upon the elongated faces of the Democrats and the renegades.

On last Saturday, the 18th inst., there was a public discussion at Plymouth, and after some little sparring by the Senatorial candidates, Dr. Ransom, the Conservative-Republican-Democratic aspirant for Congressional honors, drew himself up like the opening of a rusty jack-knife and stated to the assembly that he intended to handle Mr. Cobb with ungloved hands and would preach his funeral discourse, but he failed to discuss any political principle, his only theme being Cobb, Cobb, Cobb, and after having ranted and raved and beat the air, and howled worse than a "whang-doodle mourning for his first-born," he brought his speech to a close, like the expiring strains of a far-off jackass gently wafted through a knot-hole.

Mr. Cobb then arose and entertained the people with clear and unmistakable language--told us that he was opposed to the civil rights bill in its present shape, but that he did desire a civil rights bill that would give to the colored man in Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee the same rights before the law as enjoyed by those in North Carolina, and that an enforcement act was necessary to secure them this right, and explained to the satisfaction of all, his course in regard to the salary grab, and his views upon the other issues before the public—thereby healing dissensions in our own ranks and enlisting recruits from the ranks of the enemy.

Maj. Latham then ventilated himself in behalf of Yeates—said he could not reply to Mr. Cobb's speech any better than a schoolboy—that his throat was sore [we rather think it was his heart], yet he felt called upon to say something; so he proceeded to jerk out a little chin-music for the amusement of the boys. He took his text on Cobb—imagined himself to be a new-fangled patent cob-crusher, and ground out a little cob-meal to feed his friends upon.

While Mr. Cobb is winning golden opinions of all sorts of people, the Democrats and renegades hope to alienate the Republicans by attacking Mr. Cobb, or to *ransom* themselves from political damnation by creating division in our ranks and encouraging the renegades.

Ransom had nothing to say against Yeates, and Yeates' friend, Maj. L., had no fault to find with Ransom, but the speeches of both were only attacks on Cobb, and were like tales

"——told by an idiot,
Full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing."

All of which helps elect Mr. Cobb.

MARATOCK.

July 21, 1874.

Seventh Judicial District.

To the Editor of the Era:

Will you allow me space in your columns to say a few words in behalf of Col. Thomas Ruffin, our candidate for Judge in this District? I can scarcely pick up a Democratic paper but I see something said about this gentleman running as an independent candidate.

The editor of the *Recorder*, published at this place, and the little pop-gun editor of the *Tobacco Plant*, published at Durham, seem to be more interested than all the other editors combined. They speak like they are really alarmed at the situation and call loudly for the people to vote down independents. We would say to these editors they have good grounds to be alarmed at the situation. Our people are becoming bolder and more independent, and are going to try the experiment of thinking a little themselves instead of being used altogether for personal preferment of a few self styled leaders.

It is high time that the honest yeomanry of the country were asserting their inalienable rights of free thought and free action. And I believe the time has come when our people will learn a lesson that liberty without independence is a stab at the rights of every American citizen. And we appeal to every voter in the district before they cast their votes on the 6th day of August, to make diligent inquiry as to the merits and fitness of the candidates that they are to cast their suffrages for. It is conceded by the better thinking Democrats of the District, that the nominations made at Graham, on the 3d of June, are men totally unfit to fill the important positions of Judge and Solicitor, and call loudly for redress. The voters of both political parties after viewing the situation thought it was a duty demanded of them to heal the damage that was done, urged upon Col. Thos. Ruffin, of Orange, to be a candidate for Judge, and George F. Bason, of Alamance, to run for Solicitor, and after repeated solicitations from both parties, they consented to yield to the wishes of a dissatisfied people. Now it remains with the honest voters of this district to say who shall reign over them for the next eight years.

NIL DESPERANDUM.

Hillsboro, July 19th, 1874.

The Sheriffalty.

To the Editor of the Era:

We are confident that we are sustained by the sentiments of a large number of the qualified Republican electors of Wake in denouncing the course pursued by Mr. Timothy Lee, as a violation of the principles of honesty and good faith; as detrimental to the cause and the honor of our party, and an insult to the people of the county. All good Republicans bitterly execrate the corrupt practices of Gov. Moses, of South Carolina, and deeply sympathize with that unfortunate State in her efforts to cast off the insatiate vulture that is preying upon her vitals. And yet, sir, what Moses is to South Carolina, Timothy Lee is, in a measure, to Wake county. We do not in this comparison include Mr. Lee's personal character, but have reference solely to his official and political conduct. That he was not the people's choice for the Sheriffalty is a fact which the wide-spread and deep-seated dissatisfaction produced by his nomination demonstrated beyond all cavil or refutation. That he would not have received the nomination even at the hands of the packed Convention, had he not pledged himself on the honor of a gentleman and a faithful servant to liquidate his entire indebtedness before entering the campaign, is a truth which Mr. Lee himself will not dare to call in question. At a period later on, when he saw the opposition against him daily increasing, he renewed his pledge, and assured the public that the fifteenth of July should see every dollar of his obligation discharged, and the money entrusted to his care satisfactorily accounted for. In case of a failure to settle by the above mentioned time he promised to resign his place on the ticket, and relieve the party of the embarrassment in which he would necessarily involve it by attempting to secure a re-election. But how stand the facts? The fifteenth of July has long since passed; the campaign is far advanced, and yet Mr. Lee has not only failed to settle his account, but remains on the ticket, and with unblushing effrontery goes before the honest and intelligent people of Wake and solicits their suffrages. When two parties mutually agree to a contract and the one violates his part of the agreement, the other is absolved from further obligation. The nomination of Mr. Lee was of the nature of a bargain. The support given him by many up to the day fixed for settlement was not unqualified, but conditional. Mr. Lee, however, has failed to stand by his bargain, and refused to comply with the condition expressly stated by himself, and clearly understood by his friends. We submit it, if his action has not cancelled all claims on his part for Republican allegiance and justified the withdrawal of the support that any may have extended him. The course of this gentleman in taking the field as candidate for Sheriff merits the severest condemnation at the hands of every worthy citizen. It cannot be characterized otherwise than as dishonorable and impudent; evincing as it does, an utter disregard for plighted honor, for truth and for party welfare. The Republicans of Wake county owe it to themselves who have been deceived and imposed upon; to their children who are daily wronged by the unjust withholding of the school fund, and above all to the purity and safety of the Republican organization, to repudiate a man who has proved so derelict in the discharge of his functions, and who, in anticipation, felicitates himself on a triumphant election by his superior knack in falsifying and *managing*. To vote for such a man in the full knowledge of his damaging record, would be an endorsement of his guilt, and a bid for the future commission of similar sins. Those who acknowledge themselves as in conscience opposed to Mr. Lee, but justify their support on the ground of his having been nominated by the regular and only recognized Convention, give evidence of a devotion to party rule bordering on abject servility. Such a spirit is unworthy of freemen and contrary to moral law. There is a standard of right higher than mere civil or political regulations. To that standard all men should seek to conform their actions and unhesitatingly refuse to compromise their principles by deviating from it at the bidding of *any* power, whether it be the civil arm or the party whip. Far be it from us to countenance the total abandonment and rejection of party discipline. This is absolutely necessary for its success and perpetuity. The point that we wish to enforce is that the Republican party, with all its excellencies, is fallible, and that when error creeps in it can and should be rectified within the pale of the organization. With regard to the case in hand, there is no necessity for leaving the ranks to rid ourselves of the disagreeable burden inflicted upon us in the person of Mr. Lee. We have simply to unload him where we stand and select in his stead one in every way capable, and in the highest degree worthy of our confidence and support.

It is needless to state that we refer to R. W. WYNNE, Esq., a gentleman whose private character is unimpeachable; whose Republicanism is sound to the core, and whose efficiency as a servant of the people is acknowledged alike by friend and foe. The charges by which Mr. Lee is endeavoring to prejudice the minds of the colored voters against Mr. Wynne are not only a tissue of falsehoods, but withal too contemptible for a moment's consideration by serious-thinking men. The conduct of that gentleman since the rebellion has been in utter antagonism to these slanderous accusations. We would that our faith in Mr. Lee's attachment to the interests of the colored man were as firmly secured as it is in that of Squire Wynne's. His speech at Apex, advising them to vote for Dunn, the Conservative candidate, in the event of a choice between him and the Squire, certainly did not strengthen our assurance of his devotion to the welfare of the colored people. It shows the utterly selfish nature of the man, who, rather than to bear the mortification of his antagonist's triumph, would have the colored man commit suicide by deserting a friend and joining a political enemy.

To the Republicans of Wake county we say, in conclusion: If you would rebuke the evil doer and show him that the servant is not greater than his lord, vote for Mr. Wynne. If you would see the taxes faithfully collected and legitimately expended, vote for Mr. Wynne. If you would maintain the glorious principles of your party and preserve it from every blot of foul dishonor, vote for Mr. Wynne.

ITHURIEL.

Raleigh, July 20, 1874.

Henderson's Platform.

Col. W. F. Henderson, the Republican candidate for Congress in the Fifth District, stands upon the following platform:

1. He opposes the Civil Rights bill, and mixed schools, holding that no legislation is necessary to secure to the colored people their full rights under the law.

2. He favors repeal a of the Internal Revenue Laws, and will introduce a bill into Congress for the repeal of the same.

3. He opposes back pay and salary grabs.

4. He pledges himself to introduce and advocate in Congress, a bill for a low rate of interest, not to exceed six per cent., so that poor men, farmers, laborers and mechanics may not be crushed by the money kings.

5. He will advocate the bill now pending in Congress, making freights uniform throughout the United States.

6. He is in favor of educating all the children of the State, and to this end, will favor the passage of a bill in Congress, to devote the proceeds of the sales of the public lands to educational purposes, and no other; each State to share proportionately, North Carolina to have her part.

7. He will favor the restoration of the direct land tax collected, in 1867, in the counties of Rockingham, Guilford, Alamance and Davidson, amounting to $90,000, which money was taken from the hard earnings of the people.

8. He pledges himself to use his influence to get pay, ($20,000,) for the Court House at Lexington, destroyed by fire in 1865, while occupied by federal troops.

Gov. Brogden.

This gentleman has entered fully upon the discharge of the duties of the high office to which he has been called by the sudden and unexpected death of his predecessor, and a great portion of the people and the press of the State are anxiously awaiting his first important public act, with a view of determining his official policy.

We are pleased to note that a spirit of forbearance and a disposition to give Gov. Brogden a fair chance before assailing him, characterizes the opposition press, a fact remarkable only because of their former plan of attacking untried and unheard, every Republican official. Many of them go so far as to express the belief that he will make a good Governor, an admission at this early day important in itself. To them and to the people of the State we say, your good opinion is not undeserved.

Mr. Brogden *will* make a good Governor, if an eye single to the public good, if mature age and large public experience, and an honesty of purpose and unflinching adherence to the cause of right, are deemed necessary to a good Governor.

We predict that under the new administration no interest of North Carolina will suffer; no class of her people discriminated against; no measure left untried to insure her welfare; and the Exec[illegible] but the hearty co-o[illegible] people in his efforts [illegible] Carolina where sh[illegible] longs—in the front [illegible] *New-Berne Time*[illegible]

PERSONAL.—[illegible] day, a very ple[illegible] T. B. Long, a[illegible] Office Departme[illegible] ularly connecte[illegible] the money orde[illegible] Long is a native of [illegible] was from the start, and [illegible] has been, a staunch Union man, prominent in local and general politics, an able stump speaker, and withal an officer in a difficult department of the government service. The quietude and reticence of Col. Long, and his agreeable and courteous bearing as an official of the government, have left a pleasant impression on all who met him. Wherever he goes he proves that bluster and loud talk are not necessary qualifications for a vigilant and efficient officer.—*Georgia paper.*

Col. Long is certainly a good postal agent, and we are glad to see that several mail robbers and post-office thieves have been brought to account recently through his efforts. We hope he will continue the good work until they have all been captureda nd the people can entrust their money to the mails without the fear of its being stolen.—*Watchman.*

The safe and office furniture of the local branch of the Freedman's Dank of New York, was seized on the 21st inst., by a city marshal under a judgment in the case of Arabella R. Mappin.