J. C. L. H.ARRIS, Editor.]

"Ours are the plans of fair delightful peace-unwarped y party rage to live like brothers."

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# VOLUME I.

The statement going the rounds of the Press that a Confederate flag was hoisted at Atlanta during the recent visit of the President, is without foundation. Postmaster General Key says so.

## NOMINATIONS.

We see it stated that our Republican friends in the first district are already beginning to agitate the question as to who shall be the nomince for Congress next summer. We think that it is entirely to soon to bring up this matter. It cannot possibly do any good, but on the contrary is calculated to engender much bitter We had hoped that our friends feeling. of the / lb marle section would have profited by the butter experience of last year, and that all wrangling in the future would cease. Our advice is, to await the action of the Democracy, and then take such steps as sound policy would seem to dictate. Watch the enemy closely and don't fire until you see the white of their eyes-this is our p'an in the old first.

asked of Congress to make a preliminary Judge Schenck has been over ruled in"survey for a railway from the Republic of Liberia eastward one or two thousand miles on his face-"Yes, and I hold with Judge into the interior of the rich and populous Schenck, his decision was right, the su-Soudan and to report upon the country, its preme court to the contrary !" lization over the vast interior.

The Weekly Register ber that Young was indicted by the grand jury of Polk county for an assault alleged ber that Young was indicted by the grand to have been committed on a citizen of Gathering of Colored People according to this county, whilest he (Young) was act ing as a special deputy marshal. Judge Schenck at the last term of the court had refused to permit the defendant, Young, to transfer his case to the federal court. Subsequent to this refusal, the supreme court of the State in the case of the State vs Hoskins, reversed the ruling of His

Honor, deciding that write of certiorari issued from the federal courts must be obeyed by the civil courts, of this State. When the case against Young was called this morning, the following coloquy ensued between His Honor, Judge Kerr, and Mr. J. M. Justice, attorney for the defendant:

Mr. Justice.-"May it please your Honor, this defendant is indicted for an offence committed whilst he was one of a posse of revenue officials. I desire to have his cause transferred from this court

Judge Kerr-the rugged lines in his face hardening, and his lips closing in sullen and obstinate firmness-aside, 'ugh !"

"The federal court," Mr. Justice con-"An appropriation of \$50,000 will be tinued: "Your Honor is aware that Judge Kerr-with a sneer of contempt

population, climate, productions and the Mr. Justice-blandly continuing-"But, practicability of such road, when, if favor- if your Honor please, Judge Schenck has able, efforts will be made with a view of been overruled and the decision must be extending colonization, commerce and civi- accepted as law, and I presume your Honor will so accept it."

The above has been going the rounds of Judge Kerr-indignantly, and with the press for several days. We think if the great emphasis and feeling-'No, sir I shall not accept it ! I regard the opinion in the case of Hoskins as a most extraordinary one ! I'do not believe wards the Southern Pacific Railroad. In that the people of North Carolina underthat event thousands of colored labor recould stand that decision. It means that a be put to proficable work without leaving band of desperadoes, under the guise of revenue officers, can go to the house of one of the most reputable citizens of Polk county, and with profane and indecent language, demand the liberty of searching his house, and outraging the feelings, to see in President Haye's Southern policy if not the persons, of his wife and daughthe total disruption of the Republican party, ters. It means that our people can be in we give the following statement of the late sulted and outraged by these revenue officials, and the civil courts are powerless to punish the offenders. No, sir, I do not ecognize it as the law! I shall not obey he writ of certiorari! If the Federal courts are disposed to take this prisoner from this court, let them attemptit! I know of no power by which it can be done! I shall not regard the decision of the supreme court as law! It is not against 136,823 in 1876, and 119,298 in 1875." law! If our people are to be outraged and have no protection from these ruffianly assaults of revenue officers, the sooner it is known the better it will be!" "Why, sir, in Hoskins' case, the testimony was that the revenue officer, Hoskins tied with a rope the arms of a poor defenceless woman, and yet instead of punishing the -brute, I am reliably informed that the Government paid Mr. Ball, the attorney for the defendant, a (with increased vehemence and feeling) 'the prisoner must be tried in this court The cause shall not be removed ! I shall not regard the writ ! Neither do I recognize the decision of the supreme court !' This language, spoken as it was with the utmost emphasis, created a profound sensation in the crowded court room. An asking for a chance of venue. The case was removed to Rutherford, and in de fault of bail the defendant was com mitted to jail. The State vs E. L. Merrell, will be called to-morrow. It involves the same question. If his honor disregards the writ in his case, which he will certainly do, Merrell will appeal to the supreme court. The ruling of Judge Kerr is one comment throughout the State. It is the first occasion on record where a superior court Judge has openly ignored the decis-State, and contemptuously pronounced its

call of Leaders. CONVENTION ORGANIZED.

Call of State Convention to consider their interests unanimously endorsed.

SPEECHES OF JAMES H. HARRIS AND J. E. O'HARA.

ABLE EFFORTS.

Election of Delegates to State Convention.

EVERYBODY HIGHLY PLEASED.

### To the Edutor of The Register :

TARBORO, N. C., Sept. 17th, 1877. SIR :- One among the grandest times Harris and Jas. E. O'Hara.

the result of the convention. Here and there might be seen small groups of eager listeners, seeking to gain some information from some sagacious person, who had satisfactorily informed. By 10

resert THE SPEAKING.

HE RALEIGH REGISTER.

RALEIGH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1877.

At precisely 12 o'clock, W. P. Mabson tok the stand and said. Fellow-citizens, jeds no introduction from me, you speak a soothing word in their last mo- applause.) ske substantially as follows:

FELLOW-CITIZENS: It always affords me gat pleasure to appear before a North Grolina audience. But I must confess the great drama of life? tlt on this occasion I am somewhat at a

la for a beginning, not knowing what here no campaign pending national or ly- and permanently established in this Carolinians we are all in the same boat. loca you certainly cannot expect a political speech. Permit me then to bespeak mn, I have issued a call, for a State Convotion to consider our educational moral pln for our advancement in these re-Long before the time for the convention spets. No one can find a reasonable ob-

> friends will help us to remove the obstructions placed in our pathway by the pos to look after our material and other

been shrewd enough to find out the reason intrests which have been too long neg- support only good men for office. We have the best men sent to the Conventhey were called together, most generally leced. We have been told that when the must not support that class of white men tion. Men of thought; for the time is Denocratic party should come into power who are void of character and standing o'clock, the streets were crowded to such wewould be well nigh reduced to slavery with their own race; who profess great selves. For twelve long years I have agin, and that there would scarcely be love for the negro but only wish to use stood on the watch tower, ever ready to an chance for us in this land. I said him as a voting machine or a ladder give a warning word; and if needs be I then what I repeat to-day, that we were whereon to climb into office, and who af- am ready to stand there twelve years lorn here, we were raised here, our fore- ter securing the office care not if the ne fithers fought in the Revolutionary war gro, the party and the country all go to t establish this Government, and bore the devil together. (crics of "That's so ! tion I spent four winters in Washington, the part of heroes and patriots in the war That's so! we are done supporting such whispering in the ears of Grant, Sumner, o' 1812, and in part by their sweat and demagogues") til the great resources of the South have Many wish to know for what object the heen developed. It was the labor of the State Convention has been called, and jegro, that produced millions upon milwhat it is proposed to do. I cannot say tions of bales of cotton, which being ex- what will be done, I can say this; some line, and propose to surrender only when ported to and sold in Europe have realized of the best colored men of the State are the battle has been won practically and hundreds of millions of dollars to our at the head of this Convention, and you in truth. white fellow-countrymen, and enabled may rest assured that all will be done them to build their Railroads, found their that can be done for our advancement colleges, erect their churche's and school and elevation as a people. (Applause.) houses, and educate their sons and daugh-It is true that the conditon of the colters. In view of these facts (and many ored people in North Carolina is much more might be cited) I declare here to- better than it is found to be in any other day, that the black man is entitled to a Southern State. We have our Schools, home in this country, and so help him God our Insane Asylum, and our Institution here he is going to remain (applause, and for the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, cries of yes ! yes !) all of which we highly appreciate. Yet We have heard something about the there are some disabilities under which colored people preparing to emigrate. we labor in connection with these Insti Emigrate where to, and for what I ask ? tutions which should, I think, in common a invitation to Hon. J. H. Harris of These hirelings who 'are going about justice to my race, be removed. We are Warren, and J. E. O'Hara of Halifax through the country disquicting and u set of a right entitled to representation on the counties, to address the colored people of tling the minds of our people, may get a various Boards of Directors of our public the county to-day, and that they were in few idlers to go. That's about all. I Institutions. No true North Carolinian know of no reason why we should emi- can object to that. We should be, aye, We dont want white overseers; not

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Grand Time in Tarboro. ated that fully 2,000 people were did not die, I suffered death forty times the merchant is animated and hopeful, over, and all who went to that country and the doctor, the lawyer, the money (Africa) as I did, suffered a similar fate. lender and the mechanic all feel joyful Many suffered far worse. Large numbers together. If the colored people should of emigrants died daily in that strange leave Edgecombe county, why, the white's have before you to-day, a man who land, without an eye to pity or a friend to would certainly emigrate. (Laughter and

low his record, and it is known through- ments on earth. Talk not to me about I say to our white fellow citizens, we t North Carolina, as being an earnest emigration. This is my home. Here I are willing to cultivate the soil and to wocate and worker for equal rights. I propose to stay, and I advise my people enrich you, but you must reciprocate by troduce to you Hon. Jas. H. Harris of everywhere to do the same thing. "Oh,!" enriching us some also through the paylarren. Mr. Harris came forward and says one, "but the Democratic party is in ment of fair and reasonable wages. Let power and there will be no chance for the us hear no more talk about this being a colored people." I ask, what can the white man's country; for it must be ad-Democratic party do to prevent our eleva- mitted that the black man has a share in tion if we only will act well our part in it, purchased by his blood and toil, and his welfare is to be considered. There is I hold that these great and fundamen- no enmity in the colored man's breast tal rights-suffrage and the equality of against the whites. Why should we not suject you wish me to discuss. There all men before the law have been secure get on together harmoniously? As North

If we swim, we swim together ; if we country. It is for us now to work out our own salvation. Let us do it. So far sink we sink together. Let us at all times yor attention, while I attempt to present as the law-making power is concerned, see to it that none but good men are foryour consideration a few suggestions whichever party may be in the ascendency placed at the helm, that the old ship may it must make laws for the whole people, be steered right. The thing for us to do and not special laws for any class or col is to obtain wealth in money and land, or. Our rights are secured by the recon- raise good crops, save our carnings, edustruction acts, the 14th and 15th amend- cate our children and teach them to be ments to the constitution of the United sober, industrious, honest and virtuous. States, and we intend to stay here and This having been done we as a people will fight it out on that line. All that we ask command the respect of all whose respect is a fair chance in life in common with is worth having. Wealth, character and other American citizens. If our white intelligence are respected the civilized world over.

I regard this as being the most impor-Iaving for twelve years worked steadily institution of slavery, and then let us tant crisis in our history. So when the in he political harness, and there being alone, we will become a contented, pro- Convention meets in Raleigh, we must at his time a lull in politics, I now pro- gressive and prosperous class of citizens. consider well what we do. All thinking We must be careful in the future to men should be on guard, and labor to fully come when we must think for ouronger. During the trying days of reconstruc-Wilson, Morton and others your wants and necessities, and urging them to pass

that was ever witnessed in Tarboro, was on Saturday the 15th inst. Notice had been given throughout the county, that repecting our future welfare in this counthe convention question would be con- tr as a race. First, I will say that, in sidered on that day, and delegates were cojunction with other leading colored invited from every township to select delegates to go to the State Convention, and also to hear speeches by Hon. Jas. H. and national interests, and to devise some

to meet, crowds from every direction jection to such a convention, quite to the poured in town, and interrogated one an- cotrary all good men and women should other as to what they thought would be biens God-speed.

object is to benefit the colored race, it could better bedone by a large appropriation totheir old homes.

### THE MAINE ELECTION.

For the benefit of such croakers as pretend result in Maine :

"The official vote of 389 fowns in Maine gives Connor (Rap.) a plurality of 11,774 over all other candidates. It is stated that Connor's official plurality in the entire State will be 11,500. This exceeds his majority in 1875 by 6,628 votes, and comes within 3.311 of his majority in 1876. The total vote in the State is about 100,000

This result is calculated to remind us of Lincoln's joke about Grant. While the General was slowly but surely making inroads upon the Confederates at Vicksburg, some of his enemies, who were "smelling the battle from afar," grumbled considerably and told Lincoln, that Grant drank too much. "If that be so" said the President whiskey." If Haye's policy is producing such effects as are exhibited in the Maine election, let us have a plenty of such policy. Hayes should send a printed copy of his

to one another, when all at once without self into a committee of the whole, or to other. I tell you, my countrymen, we friendship and confidence toward the some curious revelations. For instance, he the passengers intelligence of the fact, take two from each township to represent must all unite and work together to ad- blacks; for the latter during the whole there is an awful collision. The two must tells how they used to manage things in vance our material interests. Labor ard dark periods of the late war proved the work together, or else the labor question the voice of the county. New York so as to make the votes go as far capital must go hard in hand together. staunch friends of their owners. In the The time for speaking having arrived, will, as has been presaged a short while further action was suspended, until ad- Labor is honorable. It is the laboring absence of the men on the field of battle as possible. One of the most striking passince, shake the country from center to dresses should have concluded. Several man who draws from the bosom of the they remained quietly at home faithful y sages in his testimony before the New York circumference. We find more men of written requests having been handed to earth, her untold riches. It is the hard caring for the families of their masters Aldermen is that in which he made a clean small means here employing labor than working-man, after all, upon whom the which had been committed to them. The breast of this part of his business. There the Chairman from white and colored, anywhere in the entire country. We have foundation of all wealth and prosperity white people of North Carolina are too called a State Convention, and it is mostly who were very desirous of hearing speakwas no pretence, he said, of keeping within must rest. No country can afford to lose generous, and magnanimous to forget or of great importance, and will excite much ing, but could not get in the Court House, needed right now. The past issues are wished to have it in front of the Court its labor. It is often said that the bank- fail to appreciate such self-sacrificing and sight of the actual vote. They would count dead, and new ones demand your consid House door. It was so agreed. About er, the merchant, the lawyer, and doctor conscientious devotion. the ballots in bulk or without them as was eration. I am glad to tell you that your inare the tax payers of the country. This most convenient, and change the totals from this time Mr. Harris and O'Hara apterests are secure, and will ever be looked is a great mistake. The farmer after all that we are prejudiced to color, no, no; ion of the highest judicial tribunal in the peared. After being conducted to seats, one column to the other, leaving the figures after. The question is, what position the and spontaneous applause having greeted is the real tax-payer. The success of all but it is important and necessary that colored people are going to assume in the to be apportioned through the counties at them, the following resolution of welcome other branches of business depends main- colored citizens should have representacoming struggle? We have got to look one!" It is a startling case of judicial in- by J. C. Dancy was, read (by him) amid ly upon the farmer; for it is the farmer tion where possible through capable and discretion. The ballots made no results; after our welfare and prosperity. We the counters made them. Being asked who has to feed them all, and without competent men of their own race. I hold have lights before us, who will shape the breathless silence and adopted: whether he ever gave directions to anybody surbordination ! Moreover, it is a decissomething to eat we would have but lit that no Frenchman can represent an destiny of that Convention. The first Resolved, Believing as we do, that the the use for bankers, lawyers or doctors. Englishman so well as the Englishman thing we need is an education! Don't the intention of which was to induce a falsi- ion cooly ignoring a writ of the United fication of the ballot, he replied unhesita- States District Court, and will certainly educational, moral and material interests (Laughter and applause.) Why, if the la- can represent himself, that no Englishyou know if you have not got some edutingly: "I can answer 'yes' to that, as to provoke a direct conflict between the of the colored people can, and should be borers were all to leave Edgecombe coun- man can represent an Irishman so well as cation you can't tend a one horse farm inevery ward in the city-the whole twenty- Federal and State judiciary. raised to a higher degree, to prepare us to ty, what would become of your beautiful an Irishman can represent himself, and telligently? Compare your income with Will Judge Dick back, or will he pro- receive all our rights in reality as well as town? Her fine stores would soon be- that no German or Irishman can repretwo wards." How easy all this appears, that of an educated man, and you will nounce the "powers of the Federal Judi- considered before the law, so as to be call come empty, the court-house deserted, and sent a white American so well as the and how it upsets all the many ingenious find him outstripping you. First of all ciary exhausted ?" The action of the culated to enjoy them, and knowing this the bats and the owls, I imagine would white American can represent himself. theories heretofore promulgated to account things get an education; it makes better Federal court will be looked for with can only be done by the instruction of have their nests in many of her best and It follows therefore that a white Amerifor the perpetuation of the power of the citizens and better christians. You are men, who are well acquainted with our interest. In the interium, Judge Kerr costliest buildings. can cannot represent a colored American ring. cast to-day in the same boat on the same bids defiance to Federal and Supreme necessities, and can implant useful lessons so well as the colored American can rep-I am proud to find that the colored peosea with your white brother; so if you i 1 our minds, that will be instructive to us courts, and announces his fixed determi-JUDICIAL INSUBORDINATION. ple are making such head-way in farming represent himself. ever intend to discharge your duties, you and tend to amelior ste our condition. nation to try every "mother's son of' em," As to politics the issues of the past as should commence now. You must socially in this county. Let us go on increasing so long as he occupies the bench. Therefore be it resolved, That it is with DISGRACEFUL EXHIBITION OF our harvests. Let use gain wealth and an they existed are dead, and I say "let the ostracise all penitentiary convicts. Learn , feelings of joy and satisfaction, that we welcome to Edgecombe County, these LATER .- Judge Kerr has rescinded his education, and make ourselves a prosper- dead past bury it's dead." We must now your young men that they can't gain your TEMPER. decision of yesterday and has ordered the ous people. Labor and capital must go deal with the living present and from it favor until they are upright and sober. clerk to certify the Merrell case to the heroes and advocates of equal rights and SECOND THOUGHT-JUDGE KERR SUBER together, and we intend to stay here and shape our destiny as citizen's of this Re- All of is have made up our minds to stay Federal Court ! Says he does not desire BACKS DOWN. civil liberty, especially the interests of our prove it a truth. I, myself was once fool- public. You, fellow citizens, are a part of here, and not only command, but receive to "provoke a conflict with the Federal race, J. H. Harris and J. E. O'Hara, ish enough to go on an emigrating ex- the body politic, and as such should and the respect of every race and color. From The Henderson ville Courier of Sept. 20th, 1877. hoping their remarks will be b\_neficial, pedition; therefore I can speak from ex- must have representation. The most of We propose, among other thing, to Courts." COLUMBUS, Sept. 19th, 1877. and have a lasting impression on the perience, I visited the Canadas, returned, you are farmers, and I maintain that the have a colored newspaper in our State. Great preparations are being made to The fall term of the superior court minds of our entire people. and traveled throughout the Northern farmer is the life and the hope of the We want a decent, first class organ to receive President Hayes at Richmond for the county of Polk convened to day, States, and finally became insane enough country. Let the farmers in Edgecombe speak for us. No people develops public The resolution was adopted amid loud during the State Fair. The Richmond Ilis Honor, Judge Kerr, present and to cross the Atlantic Ocean, and visit county cease all agricultural operations sentiment as much as a newspaper. If applause. presiding, and Solicitor Montgomery correspondent of the Pertersburg Index The crowd repaired to the front of the Africa. Settling first in Liberia, from and the stores, banks, and business houses you will take and foster one you will be prosecuting for the State. Court House door, where the stand for thence I went to Sieria Leone, where I will inevitably close and will be gloom happy. You will know what cotton is The case of the State vs. Lynch Young says, it will be the grandest affair ever was called during the morning session. witnessed in the State since the reception the speakers was erected. The yard was was stricken with the African fever and and desolation, where now is life and ac- worth, and be acquainted with the market completely covered. It has been esti- a hundred other plagues. Although I tivity. When the farmer makes good crops (Ses Fourth Page. The readers of the COURIER will remem- of Lafavette.

an extent that persons could scarcely make their passage through the dense throngs.

At 11 o'clock the Court House bell rang, and everybody as if drawn by a magnet, made their way in rapid succession thitherward in order to obtain a seat near the speakers, and be comfortable. Immediately after the second bell rang, the meeting was called to order by Hon. W. P. Mabson, the Court House being literally packed.

THE CONVENTION.

The colored citizens of Edgecombe County, met in the Court House Saturday the 15th of September, for the purpose of considering the call of the Convertion, made by the leading men of our race in North Carolina.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. W. P. Mabson, Chairman Republican Executive Committee of the county. The object of the meeting was stated very explicitly by him, after which, on motion he was unanimously chosen Chairman, and John C. Dancy, without a dissenting vote was elected Secretary of the meeting. The Chairman stated that he had extended

the laws which secured to us the rights we now enjoy. I am still fighting on that

I appeal to you for the success of the Convention. Send your best men as delcgates to represent you in that Convention. Let there be no division ; for "united we stand divided we fall." In some respects we feel that we are being wronged and we propose to resist that wrong, believing that right must ultimately triumph. Let us put our trust in God, and press forward in the good work, and all will be well. Loud and continuous applause.)

The speech, throughout, abounded in rich ideas, interspersed with lively and applicable anecdotes. The opinions of all were that it was one of the best speeches that has been heard here for a long while. Every unbiased mind pronounced it an unusually able effort.

Hon. Jas. E. O'Hara, was next introthe town. On motion a committee of three was grate. The interest of the colored man, we must be allowed to see after our own duced, and made one of the finest matter appointed to conduct the speakers to the and the interest the white man require race in these Institution.s We are citi-"I'll send all my Generals a bottle of good fee of \$500 for his defence. No, sir !" of fact speeches, it has been our privilege. Convention. The object of the Con- that we should remain here. We have the zens, and we are tax-payers, and the theto hear for a longwhile. After prefacing vention was thoroughly explained by the labor and the white's have the capital. ory of our government is that taxation his remarks in a scholarly manner, he Chairman, during the absence of the com- One cannot get on without the other. carries with it the right of representation. commenced to discuss the questions, so mittee. A resolution was offered endors- The whites are dependent on us for labor, We do not wish in any way to infringe much demanding consideration viz: Eduing the call of the Convention, which was we are dependent on them for capital. upon the rights of the white people. We cational, moral, and material interests of The interest of the white man is the in- earnestly disclaim such a desire or depolicy to all his subordinates. the colored people. Said he: When unanimously adopted. There were divers opinions as to the terest of the colored man. The welfare sign. We only ask to be justly dealt with capital strikes against labor it is similar to best method of selecting delegates, of one is the welfare of the other, the suf- by them. In fact the white people of the HOW THEY DID IT. two trains making rapid speed, unaware. whether the Convention should resolve it- ferings of one are the sufferings of the State can but entertain a sentiment of Boss Tweed, in his confession, lets out affidavit was then filed by Mr. Justice,