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## The Lowreys and the Legislature.

It is remarkable to what extreme lengths the organs of the Ku Klux Democracy of this State will go, for the sake of a little political capital.

Some few weeks since, *The News*, of this city,—which by its overheated zeal and mendacity is fast taking the wind out of the sails of *The Sentinel* vessel—sought to attach the responsibility of the Lowrey banditti, upon Gov. Caldwell. It declared that he was responsible for these cut-throats and robbers being at large, and affirmed that he had not performed his duty in the matter of their capture, or exerted proper efforts in wiping out the disgrace which attaches to the State in permitting them to openly defy the law. The hue and cry thus raised by *The News*, was quickly taken up by *The Greensboro Patriot*, *The Wilmington Star*, and the whole kennel of the Ku Klux pack. Lengthy double-leaded leaders, with flaming capitals have been written on the subject, and an immense amount of gas expended by these indignant journalists in a vain effort to fasten the responsibility upon the Executive of the State.

Now, what are the facts? Is there any truth in the charges thus made by these valiant knights of the quill, who quietly sit in their offices and write flaming editorials on the subject, and then retire to downy couches to *dream* of battles with the terrible robbers? These sheets know they are perverting facts when they make these charges. They know that Gov. Caldwell is in no wise responsible for the fact that these outlaws are yet unpunished. Yet they persist in charging him with a neglect of duty and thereby attempt to blacken his good name, simply to create party capital, and pander to a wicked, malicious and depraved spirit which governs in all things his political opponents.

It is well known that the Lowrey gang of outlaws had its origin in the year 1865. Previous to that time the individuals comprising the party were runaway mulattoes from the press-gang of the Confederacy which sought their labor on the fortifications at the mouth of the Cape Fear, and as they were forced to seek shelter in the swamps to evade impressment, naturally became thieves to obtain the means of living. When Sherman's army entered this State on its northward march, its left wing covered the territory in which these runaways were hid. It was charged, (with how much truth we do not know) that they gave aid and comfort to the federal forces, and led the plundering bummers of that command to the houses of the most prominent Confederates. After that army had passed, and the county of Robeson had again fallen into Confederate possession, the incensed white citizens organized a body of men to catch and punish them for their course of conduct while the county was in the possession of the Federals. It was then the first murder was perpetrated. The aged father and brother of three of the present gang were caught, and without trial, tied up and shot to death with musketry. It was this crime which aroused the tiger in the hearts of the sons and brothers—which transformed them from simple thieves to highway robbers and murderers—and led to the bloody *vendetta* that has since prevailed. The commanding officer of this party of lynchers was soon after way-laid and murdered, and another active participant in their arrest early met the same fate. Peace had then been declared, and for these murders the gang was outlawed by the Courts, and in their swamp fastnesses they defied the law, and the officers charged with its execution. Since that time more than a score of victims have fallen in attempts to effect their capture. We give this brief review not to palliate in any degree the enormity of their crimes, or to set up a defence in their behalf, but simply as a matter of history.

These men were proclaimed outlaws and defiers of all law during the whole of Gov. Worth's administration of the State Government, as well as that of Gov. Holden. The former did nothing whatever, as Executive of the State, to capture or destroy the gang; and it is well to note that these eminent croakers who are now so eager for an exhibition of stern Executive authority were at that time as silent as the grave concerning his duty in the premises.

During Gov. Holden's administration, some time previous to the election of the last Legislature, and whilst the militia law of the State was in an effective condition—he ordered the militia of Robeson county to be organized to assist the civil authority in effecting their capture. By this aid the whole gang, with one exception, was caught and lodged in prison to await their trial under indictments by the Courts. But before the time of trial arrived—or rather after some of the party had been tried and convicted of murder, the majority succeeded in breaking jail, and again reached their swamp fastnesses. Numerous efforts have since then been made to effect their capture, by *posses* summoned by the civil authority, and their want of success—being mainly attributed to the aid afforded the fugitives by the settlement of "mulattoes" among whom the outlaws had hiding places—caused such chagrin that the pursuers were often guilty themselves of outrages and wrongs scarcely less heinous than those charged upon the pursued. United States troops have also been repeatedly sent to assist the county authorities. Added to these, numerous parties of self-summoned men, in disguises, which were doubtless suggested by the operations of the Ku Klux who were at that time spreading terror in the central portion of the State, would make occasional raids into the disaffected quarter, and failing to catch or obtain information of the outlaws for whom they professed to be hunting, they would wreak their cowardly vengeance upon the inoffensive mulatto citizens of that district. In this way, several deliberate and wanton murders were perpetrated, so glaring and outrageous, that it became the duty of Judge Russell, when the white people of Robeson failed to indict them, to interfere; and the result has been, that more than a baker's dozen of the "chivalry" have been forced to flee the State, outlawed for deliberate murder, for which they dared not face the proofs.

In the meantime, the General Assembly, the members of which were elected in August, 1870, and of whom nearly two-thirds belonged to the Ku Klux Democracy, began its sessions. Among their first acts,—before the deposition of Gov. Holden—was the repeal of every feature of the militia law that could be rendered operative. Visions of future Kirk demonstrations preyed upon their guilty consciences, and they made haste to wrest all power from the Governor which would enable him to vindicate the majesty of the law, and arrest those who were their confederates.

The representative from Robeson county, together with the entire Democratic majority in both Houses of the General Assembly voted for the repeal of the operative features of the militia law, although they knew that by so doing, they would paralize the only organization that had ever coped successfully with the banditti of their county. The militia of Robeson county formed an almost isolated exception in the State. Its militia had been enrolled, mustered and officered for this very purpose. But what cared they for their own constituency? By striking down the militia arm of the State were they not protecting their Ku Klux brethren who might be at some future time imperiled?

The consequence has been, the Lowery gang has since established a kingdom, and defied all authority, marching rough shod over the edicts of the law, and treating with supreme contempt the paper proclamations authorized by the General Assembly offering a reward for their capture, "dead or alive." A reward of $5,000 for the capture of these outlaws, was all the General Assembly then gave the Robeson representatives for their surrender of the operative feature of the militia act. The Governor of the State promptly published his proclamation of reward as authorized by the dominant party in the Legislature. He could do no more. The Legislature had shorn him of all authority to further act in the premises. Nevertheless, he felt that something should be done. In the early part of last summer he visited that section with the view of consulting with the prominent citizens as to some effective method to be used. They pointed to the militia as the only force that had ever hitherto been of any avail, and notwithstanding the known inefficiency of the organization, under the manipulation of the General Assembly, an effort was made to again use the militia. But it failed. Failed because the men of Robeson knew that the law was inoperative, and refused to obey the officers. The Governor then sent his Adjutant General to that section. He consulted with the leading men and proposed the raising of a force of fifty volunteer citizens, to be fed and paid by the county, and agreed to take the field himself. He obtained the co-operation of a like number of U. S. troops. Though the proposition of the Adjutant General was agreed to, were the volunteers furnished? Scarcely half the proposed fifty were forthcoming at the time agreed upon; the number never increased, and after a four week's campaign, the citizen militia dwindled to the number of three men, and finding no co-operation from the people directly interested, the troops were recalled, and the Adjutant General was reluctantly compelled to abandon any further attempt.

This was in the fall of last year. In December the Legislature again met.—It knew the powerless condition in which it had placed the Executive.—He called the attention of the General Assembly especially to this matter; and the Adjutant General, in his Report, alluded to it as follows:

"In conclusion, I would add, that the military organization, which I attempted to institute under the law in Robeson county during the past fall, to subdue a gang of outlaws who have for sometime overawed that section, resulted in failure. The law is too much out of joint to perfect an organization which would be effective for such a purpose; and from local causes I doubt if even the organized militia of the county, without strict discipline, would accomplish their capture. The Indian characteristics of the banditti, the peculiar character of the section in which they operate, and other local causes, render operations against them by militia as ordinarily organized, of doubtful practicability. An independent body of men, raised for this especial purpose would, in all likelihood prove successful, and it would be eminently proper, if authority was given by law, to that end."

Did this Democratic Legislature heed the suggestions of the Governor and Adjutant General? Not at all. No effective measure whatever was enacted to meet the emergency. The members were privately appealed to to authorize the raising of an effective company to catch or exterminate the outlaws.—They would listen to no suggestion of the kind. The very thought of a musket and bayonet in the hands of a soldier, gave them a "Kirk ague." During their session, the outlaws were if anything even more bold than usual.—They outlawed and threatened the life of the Senator from Robeson, who had for months been a refugee from his own home. The Legislature knew these facts, but they refused to do anything whatever to wipe out the disgrace. The "Governor has too much power yet," said some, and they adjourned after increasing the reward for the capture of the banditti to $40,000.

These are the facts. Let the people judge for themselves who is responsible for the disgrace which attaches to this State in permitting these outlaws to so long set the law at defiance.

## Which did they Do?

Last summer during the Convention campaign Democratic members of the General Assembly assured the people that in case Convention was voted down they would be forced to resign their seats, levy a tax of $50 on each $1,000 valuation of land, or perjure themselves.

Did any of them resign? Only three, and the people elected Republicans to fill two of the places. Did they levy the $50 tax on each $1,000 valuation of land? They did not.

The question recurs: Did they perjure themselves, or were they only trying to frighten the people by telling a bare-faced lie?

If they perjured themselves sooner than resign, are they worthy to be longer trusted?

If they deliberately told a falsehood to frighten the people into the support of an unconstitutional measure, are they fit to be trusted?

Take either horn you choose, gentlemen.

## No Compromise.

We are informed that the Democratic Ku Klux of Caswell county, conscious of defeat in August next, are endeavoring to effect a compromise with Republicans, by parceling out the offices of that county to Republicans and Democrats. Surely, there is no Republican, who will, for a moment, listen to this proposal from the arch-enemy of Republican liberty. There is no middle ground in the contest that is before us. There can be no compromise with the Ku Klux Democracy without a sacrifice of principle. Our friends in Caswell will be recreant to the trust reposed in them as members of the Republican party, if they listen to the insiduous compromise propositions of the Evil One. A victory awaits us in August. It should be complete and decisive. Our Caswell friends must not make it partial by compromising with the enemy.

## More Recruits.

Col. William F. McKesson, Esq., of Burke county, heretofore a prominent and active member of the Democratic party, has renounced his allegiance to the rotten and sinking concern. Last week he attended a Republican Convention at Marion, McDowell county, and in a speech of great power, gave his adhesion to the great principles of progress and human rights, as embodied in the platform of the invincible National Union Republican party.

By the by, Col. McKesson is the father-in-law of our talented townsman—Fabius H. Busbee—who aspires to be a leader of the Democratic party. We advise Fab., if he desires to hold on to his present political opinions, not to make a summer trip to Burke, as that climate is said to be not healthy for the stability of Democratic principles at this particular juncture.

## Tammany Offspring.

*The Patriot*, a Democratic organ of the vilest type, published at Washington, D. C., drew its first breath by virtue of the Millions stolen from the taxpayers of New York by William M. Tweed. We are not surprised that the chosen and acknowledged exponent of the Ku Klux Democracy at the Capital of the Nation, should have been started upon money stolen by leaders of the Democratic party. It bears the well known marks of corruption, fraud and robbery. We doubt not that it was sired by the Chief of Democratic Rogues—Bill Tweed. Such, fellow-citizens! is the history of one of the organs of the Ku Klux Democracy.

## REPUBLICAN MEETINGS.

### Craven County.

The Republican County Convention, convened Wednesday at the Theatre. Mr. I. E. West, Chairman of the County Committee, called the meeting to order and Mr. E. W. Carpenter, was elected permanent Chairman, T. A. Henry, Secretary, L. B. Abbott, Asst. Secretary.

Upon motion, Messrs. O. Hubbs, C. R. Robbins, R. C. Kehoe, A. Bass and J. Munford, were appointed a Committee on credentials.

Upon motion, Messrs. L. J. Moore, A. S. Seymour, O. Hubbs, J. Mumford, C. L. Wetherington, J. P. Godette, A. Bass, Furney West and Moses T. Bryan, were appointed a Committee to draft resolutions.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, 1st. That the hearty support of the people of the United States is due to the administration of President Grant, for its wise and statesmanlike policy as shown in its conduct of both foreign and domestic affairs; for its humane and christian treatment of the Indian tribes on our frontier; for its energetic enforcement of law generally and especially in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina; for its large reduction of taxation; for its economy in the collection of the public revenue and the consequent unprecedented reduction of the National debt; and for its firm maintainance of the equal rights of all men under our Constitution and laws. And that, while we will cast our suffrages for whatever candidate may be nominated by the Philadelphia Convention, we believe that both gratitude and sound policy will induce the Republican party, to support for a second term the Statesman who has so prosperously filled the presidential chair, for the last three years; the successful conqueror of Rebellion and the destined conqueror of Peace.

*Resolved*, 2nd. That our present Representative in Congress, the Hon. Charles R. Thomas, is entitled to, and possesses our full confidence; that we are proud of him, as an upright able and unswerving Republican and that our delegates to the Congressional Convention are instructed to cast united and entire vote for his re-nomination first—and if there is occasion, last and all the time.

*Resolved*, 3rd. That the firmness, good judgment and fidelity to principle of Governor Caldwell, recommend him to our continued confidence and that we cordially endorse his administration as Governor and his claims to the support of the Republican party for re-nomination.

*Resolved* 4th, That we are highly gratified at the frequent mention of the name of R. F. Lehman, Esq., in connection with the nomination for Lieutenant Governor and of the name of Augustus S. Seymour, Esq., in connection with that of Attorney General. We heartily endorse them and each of them as true Republicans and as worthy and able to fill the respective offices for which they have been severally named, and recommend them to the favorable consideration of the State Convention to be held at Raleigh, on the 17th of April next.

*Resolved* 5th, That the late State Legislature has by its unconstitutional enactments; by its denial of the right of petition; by its covert laws in favor of bloody and illegal secret political organizations in our midst; by its unjust and unequal manner of redistricting the State and its general partizan legislation, shown itself unworthy of the confidence of the people of North Carolina.

*Resolved* 6th, That we approve of the laws passed by Congress for the suppression of the so-called Ku Klux Klan and that our thanks are due and hereby tendered to the Hon. John Pool and Hon. C. R. Thomas, for their efforts to secure the enactments of the same.

On motion the following delegates, were appointed to the State Convention.

Hon C R Thomas, Hon R F Lehman, Hon A S Seymour, Hon Geo Green, E R Stanly, Thos Powers, E Hubbs, E A Richardson, J C Harrison, Thos A Henry, Geo Fisher, Jno R Good, Ed R Dudley, Jno Stilley, C J Gibbs, Blake Howell, I E West, J M Kilburn, A J Marshall, A G Nelson, G C Rixford, O Hubbs, John A Richardson, P M Draney, W G West, D N Kilburn, Austin Blount, L L Randolph, W L Palmer, Jno Patterson, S T Jones, Alex Jackson, Geo B Willis, R Hancock, Jr. E W Fisher, F E Alfred, Geo E Tinker, Isaac Patterson, R C Kehoe, W Dove, L J Moore, H C Richardson, Chas Sutton, Ed H Hill, Adam Culley, Jacob Grimes, Israel B Abbott, C R Robbins, Sandy Baron, Moses T Bryan, Chas. Hibbard, J L Hassell, J Bateman, Benj Bennett, Sylvester Gaskill, Garret Moye, Cicero Wright Cane Berry, Simon Sikes, Benj H Harris, E P Lorch, G W Young, L D Wilkie, Hiram Daniels, J B Roberts, R R Green, Rufus L Cotter, Benj Culley, Slyvester Mackey, John S Manix, E W Carpenter, Amos York, Rich'd Tucker, E E Tucker, Southey Hunter, Major Dixon, Willis Pettipher, David Speight, Jos Hoover, Geo W Nason, Jr., Ed Havens, Willis M Lewis, Timothy Keeler, R J Brown, Furney West, D H Harris, Jno Bantom, Jno B Brown, Alex Bass, Thos S Battle, V A Crawford, Jos Mumford, J V Wilson, Jos Nelson, David Wilson, Jno Latham, Jesse Brooks, W W Lawrence, W Culley, Limber Lewis, T F Woodward, H B Bennett, Geo H Grover, William Moore, Mich'l Sawyer, Phillip Lee, Titus Boyd, Jas Frazer, Southey Fromveil, Pompey Fromveil, W H Hunnicutt.

The following resolution was also adopted:

*Resolved*, That any Republican, resident of Craven county who shall be in Raleigh, on the day the Convention is to be held, and who having obtained a certificate from the Chairman of the delegation, above named, is hereby declared a delegate appointed by this Convention.

Upon motion, L. J. Moore, E. R. Dudley, R. C. Kehoe and Jno. R. Good, were appointed delegates to the District Convention.

The Convention was ably addressed by Hon. C. R. Thomas, L. J. Moore and H. C. Richardson and the best feeling and harmony prevailed throughout the Convention.

E. W. CARPENTER, Ch'm'n.
T. A. HENRY,
J. B. ABBOTT,
Secretaries.

For the Carolina Era.

### Northampton County.

There was a meeting of the Republicans of Gaston Township, Northampton county, held at Dr. Turner's Store on Saturday, 16th March, 1872, when, on motion, Terensa F. Moore was made Chairman, and D. Turner elected Secretary. The object of the meeting was explained by the Chairman, who gave the ku klux some hard blows, it being to reorganize the Township Committee. The following compose that Committee for the present year, viz:—

Messrs. T F Moore, Wesley Brooks, James Mason, James Taylor, Solomon Vincent, Buck Floyd, Lem Sykes, Isaac Garner, Gilliam Peters, Stephen Rook, Albert Turner, Nelson Squire, Edmond Vincent, Coy A Lee and D Turner.

On motion, it was requested that the Secretary send the proceedings to THE CAROLINA ERA and request publication.

T. F. MOORE, Ch'm'n.
D. TURNER, Sec'y.

For the Carolina Era.

### Montgomery County.

According to previous notice, the Republicans of Montgomery county assembled at the Court House, in Troy, on Saturday, the 23d of March, 1872, for the purpose of appointing delegates to represent us in the Raleigh State Convention. After the crowd had assembled, the meeting was organized by calling Allen Jordan, Esq., to the chair and requesting P. H. Morris to act as secretary, after which the chairman explained the object of the meeting, and announced the meeting ready for business; when, on motion of C. C. Wade, Esq., a committee of three was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. The committee, consisting of C. C. Wade, John Boggan and Littleton Dennis, reported through their chairman, C. C. Wade, the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It becomes the Republicans everywhere to make known to the State and the whole country that they still maintain the principles of the great National Republican party unsullied; and, whereas, we believe President Grant, as the Chief Magistrate of our Nation, has kept steadily in view the principles of the platform upon which he was elected, and maintained unimpaired their requirements, and that he has continually diminished the National debt by his well directed management of the finances of the same, that he has raised our once depreciated national currency to value almost equal to gold, and that with the assistance of a bold and fearless Congress he has succeeded in putting down organized crime and lawlessness in every State and section where it has been our national misfortune to find it.—Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in view of the above we are willing again to place him at the helm of the Government for the next four years, and hereby pledge to him our support for re-election.

*Resolved*, That we are not unmindful of the well merited services of the Hon. John Pool, our U. S. Senator, and that we see no cause why he should not be re-elected by the next Legislature.

*Resolved*, That we recognize in his Excellency, Tod. R. Caldwell, an able statesman, an honest gentleman, and well fitted for the high position he now occupies by the suffrages of the people of the State.

*Resolved*, That while we cannot wish for one to serve us better than our present Governor, we must recommend for the consideration of the State Convention to be held at Raleigh on the 17th of April next, the name of our neighbor and friend, Hon. O. H. Dockery, for the nomination for our next Governor, as we know him to be a tried Republican, a true patriot, and an able statesman, and well deserving the highest position in the gift of the people of his native State, and that if he should receive the nomination at said Convention we will give him our undivided and hearty support, believing none to be more fit and entitled to our confidence than he.

*Resolved*, That we will support no man for office who has been guilty beyond a doubt of fraud, corruption or malfeasance in office.

*Resolved*, That we re-assert the great principles of the National Republican party, viz: Universal education and equality of all men before the law.

*Resolved*, That the chairman of this meeting appoint three delegates from each township in this county to represent us in the State Convention.

*Resolved*, That the Convention to be held for the purpose of nominating county candidates for this county, shall be called by the chairman of this Convention, and that each township shall be entitled to three delegates who shall have one vote, and that in case any township shall fail to hold a meeting and appoint delegates, the Trustees of such township, or any one of them may, with two other good men selected by himself, constitute the delegation from such township, and in townships where there are no Republican Trustees, any ex-magistrate agreeing with us in politics may select two other good men who shall constitute the delegation from such township in case they shall not hold a meeting for the purpose of appointing such delegates.

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the chairman of this meeting to confer with a committee of like number from the county of Richmond, to decide which county shall be entitled to the candidate for Senator, and that the place of their meeting shall be the place where the polls are compared in this Senatorial District.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent THE CAROLINA ERA for publication.

The chairman then appointed the following named gentlemen as delegates to the State Convention, viz:

C C Wade, D Wright, P H Morris, L Dennis, N W Smart, J G Christian, John Boggan, W G DeBerry, Jones Smith, G M Ballard, P Fraser, W T Wade, J G Skinner, Jas Haywood, C J Cellis, John Robertson, Duncan Parsons, Neill McCallum, Dan'l McAulay, S L Parsons, Norman Martin, G W Cagle, Reuben Freemen, Jesse Freeman, Reuben Deaton, Peter Cornelison, William Thomas, P C Callicott, W H Hurley, P C Riley, A S Harris, J G Morgan and William A Russell.

On motion of C C Wade, Esq., the name of the chairman was added to the list of delegates already appointed.

The chairman then appointed C C Wade, Neill McInnis and P H Morris Senate Committee to confer with a committee from Richmond county as above resolved.

On motion, the chairman's name was added to the committee.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

ALLEN JORDAN, Chm'n.
P. H. MORRIS, Sec'y.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor must not be understood as endorsing the sentiments of his correspondents. Communications on all subjects are solicited, which will be given to the readers of THE ERA as containing the views and sentiments of the writers.

For the Carolina Era.

### McDowell County.

MR. EDITOR:—This is Court week with us, and has been a busy time—a great deal of business having been done on the docket—Judge Henry presiding.

On Thursday, at the adjournment of Court, we had an enthusiastic meeting of the Republican party in the Court House, all portions of the county being represented. Much good feeling and harmony prevailed, and every one seemed alive to the issues of the approaching campaign.

Resolutions were adopted, endorsing Gov. Caldwell's administration, and urging his re-election.

We had several fine speeches from gentlemen present, all in the same vein—urging harmony in our ranks and success in the coming struggle. Col. Wm. F. McKesson, of Morganton, who has united himself with the Republican party, being present, was called upon, and in his inimitable style, for nearly two hours, entertained the audience handsomely. He denounced in vehement and severe terms the course of the Ku Klux Klans in their lawless efforts to subvert the State Government in violation of law, and commended Gov. Caldwell for his stern and uncompromising opposition to their lawlessness, and his endeavors to maintain peace and order. He spoke in terms of encomium and praise of President Grant's administration; said he was the right man in the right place, and hoped he would be re-nominated and was sure of his re-election. In the relation of his *dream* he was particularly happy and facetious on his late Whig "allies" in the Democratic camp, and in his side-splitting allusions to such old line Whigs as Vance, Merrimon, and others, who served as foot-balls for modern Democracy. He kept the audience in a roar of laughter by his description of the antics which these gentlemen are constantly compelled to cut to prove their "*war record*" and their secession proclivities in order to keep themselves in odor with the true Democracy. He told the audience he wanted no office, and would have none, but had got tired of staying in the ranks of a party that had always despised him and his friends, and had only used them as tools, by which they, the simon-pure Democrats, could climb into office, place and power. He said that during the war, their loyalty to the Confederate cause, and since the war, their loyalty to the Democratic party had always been suspected, and they have been compelled to take back seats in the party, while less worthy and more unscrupulous democrats, who had always abused him and his friends, were put forward as leaders. He said that he actually associated with these Democrats until he had gotten the *locofoco stink* on him. He called upon the old line Whigs to come out from among them; told them that the Democratic ranks was no place for them, and urged them to abandon a party which only despised them, while they used them. He said the only and proper place for the old line Whigs was in the Republican ranks. This was an organization, controlled by the old leaders of the Clay and Webster parties; men who were their friends, and who sought to deal justly with all men of all parties. We must not omit to notice his animadversions on the mismanagement of the affairs of the Western North Carolina Railroad, by its present officials.—Being a heavy stockholder himself, and a large contractor, he could speak with accuracy of the details of the *blunders*, to call it by no harsher name, by which, under its present management, the road has been permitted to be sold at Sheriff's sale, and purchased at the sum of two or three hundred dollars, by a "ring." In closing his speech, Col. McKesson took occasion to bid a long farewell to the Democratic Ku Klux party, and to announce himself for the future a Republican.

All in all, Mr. Editor, we had a splendid meeting. Our party is on rising ground in McDowell, and we have accessions to our membership every day, on account of the developments of the Ku Klux outrages and the utter hollow-heartedness and faithlessness of Democratic pledges and promises. You may look for a rousing majority from us in August next.

Yours truly,

A REPUBLICAN.

Marion, March 29, 1872.

For the Carolina Era.

### Not A Candidate.

MR. EDITOR:—A writer over the signature of "Ad Rem" in your paper of the 26th inst. has seen fit to recommend me to the Republicans of the 2d Congressional District for the nomination for Congress. I am no candidate for Congress, and if I was it would have been publicly known before this.

Thanks to my friend, "Ad Rem," for the compliment.

I am, very respectfully, &c.,

JOHN H. COLLINS.

Halifax, N. C., March 29, 1872.

For the Carolina Era.

### "A Tax Payer," alias English Bully.

MR. EDITOR: My attention has been called to an article in your paper of March 29th, signed "A Tax Payer," which states that the red no-horned cow grazing on the city lot adjoining Carson D. Murry, &c., is the property of the State. This statement I pronounce false and the author of it a base liar and a vile slanderer. To enable the public to place a proper estimate upon any statement this *calumniator* may make, I will proceed to ventilate him.

He is considered by many as the "Bully of the town," and the knowledge of having established this character has greatly increased his insolence.

He is the fellow who figured so conspicuously before the Penitentiary investigation committee and whose evidence was impeached by two highly respectable witnesses. For particulars see printed report of committee.

He is the superintendent of the Gas Works. His rough and insolent manners, meddlesome and quarrelsome disposition, and gross neglect of business, is said to be the principal cause of so much dissatisfaction with the patrons of the Gas Company, and has induced a large number of them to stop using gas. This fellow cursed and threatened to thrash one of the patrons of the gas Company, a business man on Fayetteville street, because he made some complaint about his gas. Is it to the interest of the gas Company to retain in their employ a man who is so obnoxious to their patrons and this community?

He is the "Bully" who was charged by Jas. H. Harris, Esq., ex-member of the Legislature, with being an European convict.

He is the *gentleman* who applied for the position of Deputy Warden of the Penitentiary. He thought on account of his monkey-wrench reputation and his having ground meal for Thos. G. Sparrow, that the Directors would not dare to vote against him.

From the foregoing exposition a correct idea can be formed of the character of "A Taxpayer."

D. CARSON MURRAY.

April 3d, 1872.

For the Carolina Era.

### Hon. Thos. Settle.

MR. EDITOR: As numerous correspondents from the Western and Central portions of the State have expressed, through the columns of THE ERA, their views in reference to proper nominees for State officers, we deem it no more than fair that the East should be heard in the subject.

While we freely accord to Gov. Caldwell his due meet of praise, and heartily endorse his opposition to the unconstitutional action of the Legislature, still we prefer Judge Settle as our candidate for Governor. In the approaching conflict we shall need our most popular and able men to uphold the standard of Republicanism against the Democratic hordes.

With Judge Settle as our leader we can carry the State by a large majority. The Republicans of the East would rejoice to see him nominated, and no other man would inspire the Democrats with such uneasiness and fear.

For the position of Attorney General we know of no man so eminently qualified as Hon. J. W. Albertson, of Perquimans. As a lawyer he stands at the head of his profession in the first district, while as a stump speaker he has few equals and probably no superiors in North Carolina. The character of his mind is logical and analytical, as was clearly evinced in his masterly discussion of the "Convention Act," in the canvass of last Summer.

One choice for Auditor is John W. Betts, of Granville. Mr. Betts is a man of fine character and ability. His success to the Republican party has been invaluable and he deserves some recompense at its hands. Though living in a different locality we acknowledge with gratitude and pleasure his efforts in opposition to the ku klux Democracy, and pledge him a cordial support should he be nominated.

With these names and others of equal reputation inscribed upon our banner, we can march to victory almost without striking a blow. PASQUOTANK.

For the Carolina Era.

### Treasurer.

MR. EDITOR: After a great and unsuccessful revolution the financial condition of the South is as might be expected a deplorible one. It will not do to say that this or that party since the close of the rebellion is responsible for it. The fault lies with those who without a resonable consideration or cause plunged us into a pecuniarily exhaustible war. It cannot be denied that North Carolina is nearly as bad off in that respect as any one of her late confederates, but I see no reason why she should not with her great resources speedily emerge from her present condition, provided able and competent men are continued in the various departments of her government, particularly in the Treasury office. Without at all intending to reflect upon the management or ability of Treasurer Jenkins, I would in behalf of a large number of voters in this section of the State suggest to the Republican Convention soon to assemble in Raleigh, the name of John Watts, of Martin county, as a fit and in every way capable man to fill the position of Treasurer of North Carolina. Mr. Watts is a thorough going Republican, and has followed the principles of that party through evil as well as good report. As a financier he is certainly the equal of any man in this State. It is truly to be hoped that the Convention will take his claims upon the party into consideration. W.

From the Pioneer.

MR. EDITOR: While others are proposing candidates for Governor in the coming election, allow me to suggest the name of Hon. Geo. W. Logan, of Rutherford. He deserves the nomination at the hands of the Republican party. He is in every way fitted to fill the office, and the great mass of Republican voters in North Carolina would prefer him to any one else.

With Judge Logan in the Governor's Chair, corrupt rings and Ku Klux murderers would have to lie low.

BLUE RIDGE.