

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT: ULYSSES S. GRANT, of Illinois.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT: HENRY WILSON, Massachusetts.

ELECTORAL TICKET.

FOR THE STATE AT LARGE: MARCUS ERWIN, of Brunswick. RANUEL F. PHILLIPS, of Wake.

FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS:

- 1. Edward Hanson, of Tyrrell. 2. William F. Loftin, of Lenoir. 3. Wm. A. Guthrie, of Cumberland. 4. Thomas M. Arge, of Orange. 5. Stephen A. Douglas, of Rockingham. 6. William S. Bynum, of Lincoln. 7. James C. Ramsey, of Rowan. 8. James H. Justice, of Rutherford.

STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR: TOB E. CALDWELL, of Burke.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: CURTIS H. BROGDEN, of Wayne.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE: WM. H. HOWERTON, of Rowan.

FOR AUDITOR: JOHN KELLY, of Cumberland.

FOR TREASURER: DAVID A. JENKINS, of Gaston.

FOR SUP'T. OF PUB. INSTRUCTION: JAMES REID, of Franklin.

FOR SUP'T. OF PUBLIC WORKS: ELIAS BURN, of Chatham.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL: TAL. L. MARGROVE, of Craville.

CONGRESSIONAL TICKET

FOR CONGRESS—1ST DISTRICT: CLINTON L. COBB, of Pasquotank.

FOR CONGRESS—2D DISTRICT: CHARLES R. THOMAS, of Craven.

FOR CONGRESS—3RD DISTRICT: NEILL NEKAY, of Harnett.

FOR CONGRESS—4TH DISTRICT: WILLIAM A. SMITH, of Johnston.

FOR CONGRESS—5TH DISTRICT: THOMAS SETTLE, of Rockingham.

FOR CONGRESS—6TH DISTRICT: OLIVER H. DOCKERY, of Richmond.

FOR CONGRESS—7TH DISTRICT: DAVID M. FURCHES, of Iredell.

FOR CONGRESS—8TH DISTRICT: W. G. CANDLER, of Buncombe.

LEGISLATIVE TICKET.

FOR SENATE—18TH DISTRICT: JAMES H. HARRIS.

FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—WAKE COUNTY: Richard C. Badger, Stewart Ellison, John C. Gorman, Robert S. Ferry.

WAKE COUNTY TICKET.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER: William M. Brown.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS: William W. White.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR: Thomas C. Smith.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: William Jinks, Henry C. Jones, Samuel Maynor, Moses G. Todd, Robert W. Wynne.

FOR CORONER: Albert Hagans.

FOR SHERIFF: Timothy F. Lee.

THE ERA, until further notice, will be under my control. J. C. LOGAN HARRIS.

The malicious slander of Beck & Co., which was nailed to the counter by Marshal Carrow, was gotten up to cover the importation into North Carolina of the Tammany stealings.

How can the Republicans punish their thieves, if the Democrats continue to elect prosecuting officers to release them for six cents in the dollar? Will Judge Shipp answer.

Those Democrats who opposed the Convention have been completely ostracised by the leaders of their party. Jo Turner and his crowd said "damn 'em drive 'em out" and they "drive 'em."

Saunders the negro, and Filkins the white man, both sent to our State by the Tammany Ring in the interest of Greeley, were both turned out of office by Gen. Grant. Go home, you sore heads.

The working, active Republicans should see that our tickets are at every box in sufficient numbers, and that the ignorant are not cheated out of their votes by putting them in the wrong boxes.

John W. Graham, Democratic candidate for Treasurer, and John A. Womack, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, both signed the Conservative address of 1871, declaring that they must levy a tax to pay the public debt, resign or perjure themselves.—They didn't levy the tax, they did not resign. If they perjured themselves as they declared they would, are they fit to be further trusted?

Speaking at Wilmington.

Hon. Frederick Douglas and Col. Geo. M. Langston will address the people of Wilmington on Saturday next, the 27th.

Our Wilmington friends should get up a Grand Meeting.

Boss Tweed sends greeting to Swepson. The money Tweed stole for the Democratic party is being used in North Carolina to pay for speakers and barbecues to help out Swepson's confidential adviser in the ring swindles.

A. B. Cornell, Chairman of the New York Republican State Committee, has issued a call for a convention at Utica on Wednesday, August 1, to nominate State officers, Representatives to Congress at Large, and Presidential electors.

The party of all the wealth, respectability, virtue and intelligence, has been convicted, and stands self-confessed, guilty of theft, rapine and murder, committed in the dark with disguised faces, and its leading representatives are to-day the inmates of felons cells, clothed in the garb of Penitentiary convicts!

Judge Merrimon and his friends are and always have been enemies of our State Constitution. They opposed its adoption, worked hard to cheat poor men out of their homesteads last summer, and are still working to repeal so much of the Constitution as possible.—Can you trust them?

Collett Leventhorpe who put the wives of Union soldiers in a bull pen because they would not (when they could not) tell where their husbands were during the war is a candidate for Auditor. Hand him around Republicans; honest Democrats will not sustain such a creature when they know his record.

XX Robbins who was censured by his own party for dishonorably taking a fee or bribe as State Senator, and J. M. Leach, "VIRTUOUS JIMMY," who swindled Mr. Brink out of \$800, are Democratic candidates for Congress in the 5th and 7th Districts.

Steal something if you want promotion in Democratic ranks, for few others receive favors at their hands.

Mr. John W. Graham secured the nomination for State Treasurer because he is the son of his father, because he "fit" for the Confederacy and allowed Northcott to be murdered like a dog, and lastly, because he introduced a bill to grant amnesty to every Ku Klux Democrat who had whipped, outraged, or killed a Republican to advance the cause of Democracy.

Judge Merrimon and his friends, in 1868, stumped the State against our present Constitution. Gov. Caldwell stumped the State for the Constitution. If Judge Merrimon had succeeded in defeating the adoption of the Constitution, where would your homesteads be? Who proved himself your friend, poor men of North Carolina, Gov. Caldwell or Judge Merrimon?

To our Friends.

Our friends throughout the State are requested to send by first mail the result of the election, in the various counties in the State.

Those living convenient to telegraph lines, will please telegraph at our expense the result at their precincts as compared with the Convention vote.—Let your dispatches be brief and accurate.

Democratic Audacity.

How can A. S. Merrimon ask a people to vote for him when he has aided his friend Swepson and others to rob and plunder?

How can Maj. Graham who allowed Northcott to be murdered and sneaked off to shirk the responsibility, ask any christian and civilized people to vote for him? Yet he does it after introducing a bill in the Legislature granting amnesty to every Democrat who had Ku Kluxed a Republican.

The Sentinel says the people of the West would listen to Gen. Clingman's Democratic harrangues with more complacency and satisfaction if the said Gen. Clingman would turn over the fifteen hundred dollars he got from Swepson to the State Treasurer.

Don't The Sentinel also think that Judge Shipp would be listened to with more satisfaction if he would turn over the SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS HE RECEIVED WHILE FRAUD COMMISSIONER FOR RECOMMENDING THE RELEASE OF HIS FRIEND SWEPSON? The people think so.

Let it be Known.

That W. M. Shipp and J. B. Batchelor, while members of the late Democratic Fraud Commission, and drawing \$5 per day for services as such, signed a recommendation to release Swepson from all prosecutions on his returning six cents in the dollar, AND THESE SAME COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED THIRTEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE DOLLARS AND SIXTY-SIX CENTS FOR SO RECOMMENDING.

These Democratic Fraud Commissioners generously allowed their friend and brother Democrat, Swepson, to RETAIN NINETY-FOUR CENTS ON THE DOLLAR OF ALL HE HAD GOT FROM THE STATE FOR HIS TROUBLE, upon condition that they receive the above mentioned sum.

W. M. Shipp is the Democratic candidate for Attorney General. Why don't The Sentinel call on him to pay back that money?

Read the letter of poor Northcott, written just before he was killed by the command of Major John Graham. This alone is sufficient to consign to everlasting disgrace the party who puts up as a candidate for State Treasurer a man who sneaked away and permitted poor Northcott to be shot like a dog, simply for want of devotion to the Democratic party, and would not die for a cause he did not love. Shame upon you Maj. Graham! Shame upon your party!!

SPEAKING AT METROPOLITAN HALL.

Thursday Evening, July 25th.

Hon. Frederick Douglas and Col. Geo. M. Langston will address the people of Raleigh at Metropolitan Hall, Thursday evening, July 25th. These gentlemen are tried leaders of the Republican party. Everybody should hear them. Let us have a rousing meeting. The Hall should be filled to overflowing.

Tobacco Law—Democrats Responsible for its Passage—Rogers, Leach and Waddell, voted for it.

The tobacco which is so much complained of is the offspring of the Democrats. Leach, Rogers and Waddell all voted for it, and they must be held responsible for the enactment of the law. Whatever damage the people may sustain is directly due to these men. They not only kept their mouths shut and said nothing against the bill, but voted for it. Think of this, tobacco men, and vote against Rogers, Leach and Waddell.

Poor Turner.

The Democratic candidates in the county of Wake have found it necessary to openly repudiate Joe. Turner in their speeches. They have found that the decent portion of the Democracy of the county will not support any man who is supposed to have any sympathy with the infamous blackguardism of The Sentinel of the last ten months. Their repudiation of Turner is pretty rough on him, but it speaks well for the character and decency of the people of Wake county, when the Democratic candidates are compelled to make a point before the people of their repudiation of the Editor of their party organ in the State.

Democratic Extravagance.

Facts and figures speak for themselves. The expenses paid by the State on account of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb and Blind for the year of 1871, under Conservative management, were Nine Thousand Dollars more than they were for the year 1870, under Republican management.

The expenses paid by the State on account of the Insane Asylum for the year 1871 were Twenty-one Thousand Dollars more than in 1870, under Republican management. The Penitentiary cost the State Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars more for the year 1871, under Conservative rule than for the year 1870, under Republican rule.

These three State Institutions cost the tax-payers of the State Seventy Thousand Dollars more for the year 1871, when the Conservative party had control of them, than for the year 1870, when the Republican party had control of them.

The Election in North Carolina.

North Carolina leads off this year. The first of the summer elections takes place here in August.

The eyes of the whole country are turned to us. If North Carolina goes for Caldwell she will go for Grant. If we go right in August, we shall go right in November.

Much depends upon this election. Nothing less than the salvation of the country. The issue is honesty vs. corruption. Caldwell is a man of the people—an able, high principled, pure-hearted man.

Merrimon endorses the usurpations of the last Legislature. He endorsed the Convention Bill. He prosecuted the women of Yancey, and Shylock-like, demanded the last cent of his fees. He is opposed to the Homestead, and is Swepson's chief friend and adviser. He lives in a fine house given to him by Swepson. He wears diamonds given to him by Swepson.

Which would make the better Governor for noble, honest old North Carolina?

The Republican ticket is composed of gentlemen "without fear and without reproach."

The Democratic ticket is before you. Judge for yourselves.

There are men on that ticket we are not willing to entrust with the affairs of North Carolina.

There are men on that ticket who hate the honest white and black men of North Carolina with the bitterest hate of hell.

There are men on that ticket who would crush the people as they would the head of a serpent, if they had the power. These men will get the power to gratify their infernal desires, if you do not vote them down on the first of August. Rally and save the State! Rally, for law, liberty and good government!

Read again the letter of Gen. R. M. Henry to Gov. Caldwell.

He says Judge Merrimon told him that he resigned his seat on the bench and moved to Raleigh to become the standing adviser of Swepson, at a salary of \$3,000 a year; that he was poor and wanted to make some money, and thought that of more importance than the honor of being on the bench. This was about the time Swepson was preparing to swindle the State. Merrimon drew the bills up adroitly as Swepson told him. He was the legal swindler's adviser before, during and after the swindling. He has made money in place of the honor of being on the bench. He lives in a house given him by Swepson. Could Swepson have been so liberal if he had not stolen the public money? Where did the money come from that paid for Merrimon's house? Now Swepson has been caught and is in danger of the penitentiary. But if he can get the people to elect for Governor his confidential and paid adviser, whom he moved from Asheville and settled in Raleigh and paid \$3,000 a year in place of the honor of being on the bench, and after that is done, can get his adviser to pardon him, then the law will be cheated as badly as the Treasury was, and Swepson will be a fortunate man.

What say the people of North Carolina to Swepson's programme? Caldwell will not pardon him. Could Merrimon refuse and still keep the house and lot and the \$3,000 which Swepson gave him in place of the honor of sitting on the bench?

P. S.—The letter is on our first page.

Organize—To the Polls—Work Like Men—Work for Liberty, Peace, Union.

Nine days from this day the sun will go down upon a State rescued and redeemed, or it will go down upon a State fast bound in the galling chains of poverty, disgrace and oppression.

Nine days only are left to us in which to prepare for the great battle. The time is short. Let us waste not a single hour.

The eyes of the whole country are upon us. We have now a glorious opportunity to wipe away every reproach that has ever fallen upon us.

But if we go into this fight to win we must work, work unceasingly, and leave nothing to chance. We are engaged in no child's play. We are working for our lives, for our liberties and for our property, against men who will stop at nothing to carry the election.

Greeleyites seem to think that their fate hangs upon the result in North Carolina. Doolittle, Tipton, Filkins, and several carpet-bag niggers are now in the State. Large quantities of the money stolen by Tweed has been sent to this State to buy white men. But neither there men nor money, nor threats, will avail anything if we are thoroughly organized on the day of election, and vote our full strength.

Remember, that though we have a clear majority, we can not afford to lose a single vote. Let us work then, unceasingly, and leave nothing to chance.

With the power that we hold in our hands, if we do not win this fight, we deserve defeat and all its fearful consequences.

Fail not to make arrangements before the day of election for every lame and crippled and feeble man to get to the polls.

Vance Attempts to Rally the Ku Klux.

The News of this city reports that Gov. Vance said at Newton, Catawba county, on the 17th, that he was informed by Reverdy Johnson, that the U. S. Supreme Court had declared the Ku Klux law unconstitutional in one of the South Carolina cases. This declaration is false, and was made for the purpose of rallying the Ku Klux of Catawba and other Western counties.

Vance and his cohorts of treason and Ku Kluxism know they are beaten unless they can call into play their great ally—the Ku Klux—hence Vance's effort at Newton. We tell the Ku Klux that the eyes of the U. S. officers are upon them. The law is still in force; and the first outrage will result in the arrest and jailing of every man implicated. Several hundred men were indicted at the last term of the U. S. Court held in this city, about fifty of whom are charged with murder.

These indictments reach all over the counties where the Ku Klux flourish. Copies have been issued and these men will be arrested and held for trial. Republicans are no longer afraid of Ku Klux. They have submitted to the outrages of disguised assassins in the interest of the Democratic party, until forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. From this time, the Republicans of this State are determined to maintain their freedom. They will not commit a breach of the peace, but they will defend themselves whenever attacked, let the consequences be what they may. Turner and Vance would like to have the Ku Klux ride the night before the election, but they dare not do it. Members of the Klan are known to the officers of the law, and the first move that is made, will be squelched by filling the jails with every man engaged in violating the law.

Vance will try to rally his Ku Klux friends wherever he speaks, but trying will be all. The poor wool hat boys will no longer be made tools of to advance the interests of the old slave oligarchy. They were deceived into the war and into the Ku Klux Klan; but they have turned their backs upon Vance and his cohorts, and will be freemen hereafter.

Rally in the Townships.

Organize in every township. Adopt some system by which every Republican will be certain to vote. We earnestly request every Republican who reads this paragraph, to work, work, WORK, from now until the close of the polls on the day of election. Be united. Put down dissensions if any exist; and get out our full strength and the day is ours. The whole Nation is looking on. Where is the Republican who loves the peace of his country, that stands idle in this contest? Be active—be vigilant.

The Democratic Failure—Grand Republican Triumph in the City of Raleigh.

On the 16th, the Ku Klux Democracy having imported several carpet-baggers, one from Wisconsin, named Doolittle; another from Nebraska, a fanatical spectacle preacher, named Tipton; and three colored men, who have reneged from the party of liberty, headed by a band of music, took up a line of march, composed of an omnibus, filled with jack-leg lawyers and old, spavined political hacks, a half-dozen carriages, and a few stragglers on foot, escorted by a corps of marshals, two of whom were colored, riding behind on a pair of bob-tailed, brindle-colored nags, in solitary communion and amidst general contempt and derision, repaired to Mordecai's grove, where the norators mounted the stand, the negro men being seated so close to Gov. Graham that his nose got into a curl and his placid countenance became the color of a turkey gobbler's, from mortification at the remembrance of his celebrated white line address in 1868, and opened their milk and cider campaign for Gratz Greeley and Dolly Brown in North Carolina.

The speeches were all weak, and made no impression on the crowd, which scrambled to the tables, destroyed the barbecue, guzzled whiskey and went home in disgust, folding their tents like Arabs and as silently stealing away.

The whole thing was a failure, and we have never before seen such a wretched-cropped set of Democrats, Ku Klux, Greeleyites as hung around our street corners on Tuesday evening, while a GRAND REPUBLICAN MEETING was in progress at Metropolitan Hall, filled with a larger number of voters than had attended the Ku Klux barbecue, sending the air with their enthusiastic shouts and listening to the glorious appeals and stirring eloquence of W. H. Bailly, Hon. S. F. Phillips and James H. Harris, Esq., the next Senator from the county of Wake.

This demonstration completely squelched Doolittle, Tipton, Walker and the Greeley negroes, for they left Raleigh on the next train and will probably leave North Carolina by a smaller hole than the one which they ventured to come in at.

We can say to the Republicans of this State that a blaze of enthusiasm has lit up the very heavens of Wake county for Caldwell and Grant, and that we will sweep this district by an increased majority. Our triumph is complete and the chagrin of the Ku Klux evident, ludicrous and altogether lovely to every Republican. We've got 'em, and they know it. "Old Grimes is dead, that bad old man, we ne'er shall see him more."

THE NEW BONDS.

Sixteen Millions issued to Democratic Presidents.

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE MONEY.

Of the bonds voted by the Legislature and the Convention, a part were declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.

Now let us inquire who urged the voting of those bonds, and who received them. The following are the names of the Presidents of the several roads for which the bonds were appropriated, and the amounts opposite their names are what they severally received.—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes R. H. Cowan (\$2,000,000), W. J. Hawkins (\$3,100,000), Mallett (\$500,000), J. R. Stubbs (\$450,000), etc.

Our comments on the above are brief. There is no need of comment. Everybody will see at a glance that of the appropriations \$16,256,000 were voted to Democrats at their instigation, were received by them, and if any of it was squandered, it was done by them.

What then becomes of the miserable, lying, and oft-repeated allegation that "carpet-baggers, sealawags and negroes" have pillaged the State? Who first urged the voting of bonds? Democrats. Think of this, tax-payers! and let the responsibility rest where it belongs.—

If necessary we can refresh our friends with a few more details on this subject which would be interesting.

The case then is this: First, the State is more than nine millions better off financially than it would have been had the so-called Democracy retained entire control. Second, if there has been any fraud in the appropriations it must rest upon the heads of Democrats, since they received nearly all the bonds. To these indisputable facts we ask the attention of all honest and thinking men.

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Democratic Candidates—Crime and Corruption—Which is the Reform Party.

Democrats would have the people believe that the Democratic party is the party of Reform. We do not think many people have been deceived by this cry of "reform." We charge that Democratic candidates are implicated in crime and corruption, and that the Republican party is the party of Reform; that the issue in this State is Honesty against Crime and Corruption, and that the Democratic party, by its nominations is on the side of Crime and Corruption. Why?

I. The head of the State ticket and leader of the party, Hon. A. S. Merrimon, drafted all the appropriation bills, the passage of which, enabled Swepson to rob the State of millions of dollars.

II. It is said that Swepson made Judge Merrimon a present of the house on Hillsboro' street, in which the Judge now resides. If this be so, and we do not believe it will be denied, Judge Merrimon stands before the people as a gift-taker from the Prince of Swindlers.

III. Hon. W. M. Shipp, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, recommended in his official capacity as chief prosecuting officer of the State, that indictments against Geo. W. Swepson be dismissed, provided, said Swepson would agree to pay back six cents in the dollar of the millions stolen from the State. Upon this recommendation the indictments were dismissed, and for which Judge Shipp and the other gentlemen who signed the recommendation, received two thousand dollars.

IV. Gen. Collett Leventhorpe, Democratic candidate for Auditor, was one of Vance's Home Guard Generals. This General, when in command in Randolph county, had forty-two respectable women arrested and confined in a Bull Pen. Not a moment's privacy was allowed, a guard attended the women whenever they left the Bull Pen. Some of the women were arrested and dragged away from suckling babies, the breasts of some of these women rose and burst because their little children were not allowed to draw the milk from the breasts, provided by the Almighty for suckling children. A M. Owen, the husband of one of these arrested women, was murdered in cold blood for which Gen. Leventhorpe is responsible. Mrs. Owen was tortured for the purpose of making her tell where her husband could be found. Her thumbs were put between the rails of a fence—soldiers were mounted on the fence, and the poor woman's thumbs were crushed to pieces. Gen. Leventhorpe is also responsible for this high-handed outrage.

V. Mr. John W. Graham, Democratic candidate for Treasurer, was a Major in command of troops under Gen. Leventhorpe in Randolph county. Early one Sunday morning, Major Graham left his camp before sunrise; at sunrise a man by the name of Northcott was tied and shot like a sheep killing dog by Maj. Graham's men. The Major knew Northcott was to be murdered at sunrise, because he (Northcott) would not fight against the Stars and Stripes; and not possessing courage to prevent a cold-blooded murder, or to remain and murder an innocent man, Maj. Graham left his command before sunrise and went to High Point, where he told different persons that Northcott was to have been shot at sunrise.

VI. Hon. T. L. Clingman, a leading Democrat and author of the Greensboro' platform, was Swepson's henchman in all the bond matters in which Swepson and Littlefield were engaged. For services rendered Swepson, Hon. Mr. Clingman received fifteen hundred dollars. This money was stolen from the State and should be returned to the State Treasury, more especially, as Mr. Clingman is just now engaged in stumping the State in the interest of honesty and reform.

VII. Mr. W. M. Robbins, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Seventh District, accepted a bribe of \$XX from Mr. J. W. Stephens, of Caswell, (since murdered by the Ku Klux), to vote to pay Mr. Stephens' regular per diem for time spent in contesting Hon. Bedford Brown's seat.

VIII. Hon. J. M. Leach, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fifth District, practiced a bare-faced fraud upon Jeff. Miller, of Davidson county, by procuring Miller's signature to a note for \$300,00 in gold, when Miller, as he has since sworn, thought he was signing a transfer to another hospital.

IX. Hon. Sion H. Rogers, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Fourth Congressional District, was President of a thieving, corrupt lottery company, by which the people were actually robbed of their hard earnings. Hon. Mr. Rogers is responsible for this robbery because he accepted the Presidency of the company and thus allowed robbers to use his name for the purpose of robbing all who patronized the swindling concern!

X. Hon. Josiah Turner Jr., Editor of The Raleigh Sentinel, and leader of the Radical Ku Klux Democracy, practiced a fraud upon the State in the matter of the State Printing; that is, he measured his type by the letter "m"; charged the State by the letter "m," and paid his hands by the em quad.—By this little "mistake," Mr. Turner succeeded in fleecing the State out of \$3,338.59, more than he was entitled to according to the written contract. Fortunately, the State Treasurer made Mr. Turner refund the amount "overdrawn," otherwise, stolen from the State.

XI. W. E. Bond, who is charged by Democratic papers as a defaulter to the National government of \$5,054.16, is

The Pool-Merrimon Correspondence.

The most infamous perversion of journalism on record is now being practiced by the Democratic Ku Klux press of this State. They profess to publish the correspondence which their candidate sought with Senator Pool, but suppress the Senator's last letter entirely. This is a confession of the terrible rebuke and discomfiture which Swepson's candidate received at the hands of the Senator. But was there ever such an instance of meanness and infamy in journalism, either in this State or elsewhere? Merrimon tries to expand himself on his moral lecture against deceiving the people. What does he say of the deception of trying to palm off on the people, for the correspondence, a pretended publication of the whole, when the last and most important letter is left out? But that is done in his own interest, and seems, doubtless, very comely in his eyes.

This mean trick smells so strongly of Swepson that we must suspect it was suggested by him. Swepson has pocketed the money which he stole from the State Treasury under bills carefully drawn by Merrimon, every much in the same style that the last letter of Senator Pool is now pocketed by those who advocate the election of Swepson's candidate for Governor.

The Test of Honesty.

All parties have thieves and rascals in them. So do all the churches.—Neither can be judged bad because rogues have joined them. But the test is this: How DOES THE PARTY TREAT ITS ROGUES?

Look to the Republican State ticket. Not a man, in anywise implicated in or suspected of connection with the stealing, was allowed by the Republican party to go on that ticket.

Look to the Democratic State ticket. The confidential and legal adviser of Swepson heads it. No matter whether Judge Merrimon is honest or not, it is an insult to the people to offer to elect the paid counsellor of Swepson, Governor, while the prosecution of the winder is pending, and nothing but the Governor's pardon can save him.—And then they offer for the chief prosecuting officer of the State, Judge Shipp, who, instead of pushing the indictment against Swepson, made a bargain to let him off by paying the State six cents in the dollar, and paying to him six hundred dollars. Will the people allow such officers to be placed over the State for the next four years? Do they wish the thieves, who have so injured and disgraced the State, punished?

The Republicans mean to punish stealing, and they therefore put no man on their State ticket who is under any obligations to or has had any connection with the thieves.

Charges Against Judge Merrimon—The Homestead.

Speaking of the charges made through THE ERA against the Democratic nominee for Governor, The Southern Home says we falsely

"Charged that Judge Merrimon was opposed to the Homestead, when it knew that he had published a card in The Telegraph, of Raleigh, expressed his approval of the Homestead."

—We know all about the card, but the Judge opposed the adoption of the present Constitution and used all his influence to prevent the people from having the benefit of the Homestead provision. Again: The Judge was highly elated when Judge Brooks decided that the Homestead was unconstitutional so far as old debts were concerned, and congratulated the Judge on a return to good old times. Again: The Judge was counsel in a case which involved the constitutionality of the Homestead. The Homestead was declared retrospective, and the Judge lost his case. His chagrin was so great that he endeavored to raise money to carry the case to the U. S. Supreme Court, hoping that the Homestead would be declared unconstitutional.