

SHAFFER'S VICTORY.

OPEN KICKING AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION.

NO MORE CHANCE FOR RE-

publican Congressmen From This State--Some Points Showing How Postmaster Shaffer Held On.

There has been no wailing, but there has been some mighty gnashing of teeth among the republicans in Raleigh since the official announcement of Shaffer's confirmation as postmaster here. They don't gnash and talk among themselves, but talk out loudly so that the world may know what they think.

C. D. Upchurch, Esq., who is known all over the State as a republican leader, was interviewed yesterday morning by the CHRONICLE and asked to give his opinions and expressions on the affair. He said:

"Well, the confirmation of Shaffer shows that the administration doesn't care a cent for the party in the State, or for that matter in the South; and that same party in those same sections will proceed to show that it cares but little for the party as a whole while the present administration holds. We are indignant and

Disgusted Here.

So far as I am concerned I wash my hands of the whole combination of them and will say so publicly when opportunity offers.

I can't say that I am surprised at the confirmation. When I was in Washington last December I plainly saw that everything was unfavorable to our home republicans, Carpet-baggers from the North were the favorites, and they will have their way as long as the present administration lasts. I was confident that we had Senator Hawley on our side against Shaffer, but we lost him. Mr. Jno. Wanamaker has every one of 'em just where he wants them. He schemes around, and presently does something by which he binds the influential Senators to him. For instance he appointed the editor of Hawley's paper, postmaster at Hartford, Conn., and that won Hawley over to him. I had supported Hawley in the national nominating convention once, and carried the North Carolina republican delegation for him. He was appreciative--said so--and I had every reason to believe that he would stick by us in this case, but he didn't.

Who Created Him.

Now, you see, Postmaster Shaffer is the creature of "Liver Pad" Warner and "White Livered" Wanamaker. With their backing and influence, a fight against him was almost a forlorn hope. But we went a head, and knowing the sentiments of the party here against Shaffer, we represented to the committee that he had no local backing, and could not get twenty-five men to sign a petition for his confirmation. Right here we got a stunning blow; for a few days after we had made this representation, here came a petition signed by all the leading democrats in Raleigh in favor of his confirmation. That was a practical "settler" in Shaffer's favor; but it was a "settler" only because the committee wanted to appoint him anyway. It would not have been worth a cent otherwise. I think the democrats signed that petition because they knew it would create a schism in the republican party. They knew that if Shaffer were retained many republicans would be mad enough to almost kick out of harness, and that of course is just what the democrats want. They would like to see a split among the republicans."

What Upchurch Was Charged With.

"Shaffer was not easy in making charges against us. One he had against me was that I had draped the county court house in mourning when Jefferson Davis died. I don't know what effect that charge had upon the committee, but it did me no good there and added no weight to my influence."

He Assumes Virtue and Captures the Press.

"Mr. Shaffer has assumed great virtue and succeeded in capturing some of the press. He says he took his stand against the appointment of a negro in the Raleigh office and that he stuck to that position throughout. He had a communication in one paper in which he called me a "mud slugger" or something like it. Then on account of his anti-negro tendencies another paper says something about "congratulations" to him. There has been a considerable change in his tendencies toward the negro. He refuses point blank to appoint one now; but I know when he went on Jno. Nichols' bond as postmaster, it was on condition that Nichols would appoint a negro; and he once took his name off my bond because I not appoint a negro in my office."

"Well, it is settled for the present; but I have every reason to believe that this and some other actions on the part of the administration has so dissatisfied the party here and all over the State, that there is no chance whatever to elect a republican to Congress again. One unfortunate phase of the matter is the breaking up of friendly relations between myself and Shaffer. We were formerly on good terms. Now, we don't speak."