

JOHN CHARLES BLACK.

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Commissioner of Pensions Under the New Administration. The Career of a Man Who Attained Distinction in the Late War While Yet a Young Man—The Heavy Responsibilities of His Office.

Two days after the advent of the new administration to power, Mr. Lamar, secretary of the Interior, at the request of the president, telegraphed General Black, of Illinois, the request that he would take the office of commissioner of pensions. The gentleman thus distinguished immediately accepted the appointment.

John Charles Black, the new commissioner of pensions, was born at Lexington, Missouri, in January, 1839. He received an academic education, and graduated at Washburn college, Indiana. A short time after he joined the army in the Thirty-seventh Illinois regiment.

When he left it, in 1865, he held the rank of brevet lieutenant-general. His next step was to procure admission to the bar. He entered the office of a prominent firm in Chicago, for this purpose, and in due time was admitted to the practice of his profession.

General Black has been active in politics, as a Democrat, and has been frequently nominated for office. Several unsuccessful nominations for Congress, the last only last fall, have maintained his prominence in local party struggles and are significant of the respect in which his ability is held.

General Black was the Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor in 1872, and when General Logan was sent to the senate in 1875, Black was the Democratic caucus nominee. He was a delegate at large to the last Democratic national convention, before which an attempt was made to put him in nomination for the vice presidency, which he prevented.

Giving the Thing a Fair Show. From the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph, March 3. When the Macon & Brunswick railroad was being built a half dozen gaunt-looking Montgomery county crackers came out of the woods one day, and with great seriousness began to examine an engine that was attached to a construction train.

Presently the engine gave a blast and started slowly. The faces of the crackers blanched, but they still stood their ground. When the machine reached within a few feet of them the oldest, with a sudden show of energy, exclaimed: "That's the way, boys, let 'em show 'em their own power."

Our Republican friends seem now disposed to give President Cleveland a "fair showing."

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