

Every American citizen, no matter what his political predilections may be, who properly values the elective franchise, must view with concern this growing evil. One of the corrupting tendencies of which, if not arrested by an elevated sense of patriotism and frowned down by public opinion, must sooner or later undermine our free institutions, by rendering our periodical elections to office a deceitful snare and a pitiful farce.

Now we submit that all this is radically wrong, and that every attempt to influence elections by the use of money in future, ought to be rebuked by an indignant public opinion, and punished, so far as rendered criminal by law. It is idle to talk of a "free ballot and a fair count," so long as such practices are continued and sanctioned, instead of being scorned and condemned.

The warnings of history emphasize our own experience, by denouncing this growing evil. In the Ancient Democracies we are told:

"Men, all but a few, were bought and sold. As interest or caprice enjoined."

In Modern times European Statesmen have been quick to calculate and swift to profit by the use of money in elections. From the grave Englishman and the witty Frenchman, we may learn lessons of wisdom upon this important subject.

Yet we find in looking over the returns of the late election that over two thousand white men in these counties failed to go to the polls and cast their ballots in favor of their own protection.

"Whose treason like a deadly blight Come over the counsels of the brave To blast them in their hour of might."

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Cleveland's majority in New York is 194,000.

What Shall the Harvest Be?

In the midst of our rejoicing over the great victory which the democratic party has just achieved, we should not forget the responsibilities which it devolves upon us, nor fail to utilize all the opportunities which it affords of redeeming the pledges heretofore made to the people.

That no permanent good came to the democratic party from the great tidal wave of 1874, though humiliating to remember, may be made to us a profitable lesson. One such experience ought to be sufficient to teach us to avoid the snares and quick-sands by which our hopes then were wrecked.

Our Next Legislature. Of the many-sided victory won on the 7th day of November, no part is more gratifying or of deeper interest to the people, than the large majority of democratic members, elected to the next Legislature.

The delicate, important and responsible duty of revising and codifying the laws of the State will devolve upon the Legislature which meets in Raleigh on the first of January next.

Our Congressmen. Our Congressional delegation in the next Congress of the United States will stand 3 republicans and 6 democrats. Pool, in the first, O'Hara in the second, and York in the seventh, republicans, and Green in the third, Cox in the fourth, Scales in the fifth, Dowd in the sixth, Vance in the eighth, and Bennett Congressman at Large, democrats.

The defeat of Latham in the first and Robbins in the seventh districts is very much to be lamented. The majorities by which they were defeated are small, Robbins by 50 and Latham by a few hundred, which in each case might have been easily overcome by proper efforts.

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The State Normal School held in Wilson under the superintendence of Prof. Tomlinson aided by Prof. DeGraft of New Jersey, as Principal, is the only one in the State receiving special mention. In an enrollment of 396 pupils in the Wilson school, the percentage of attendance for the year was 95.88. During the session there were 8,296 visits made to the school.

majority. Ruffin and the Judicial ticket are elected by fully 2,000 majority. It is evident that the republicans bent all their energies to the election of Dockery, leaving Folk and the Judicial ticket to take care of themselves, and this accounts for the tight race between Bennett and Dockery.

On Tuesday of last week the editor of the ADVANCE sent a telegram to the News-Observer in which he called Mr. Hugh F. Murray a radical. Mr Murray requests that we make a correction. He says that he was not a republican but an independent democrat.

The result of the election may be summed up that the democrats carried thirteen states and the republicans two states.

The next House of Representatives will stand democrats 301, republicans 124, according to the New York Times.

Dr. Curry's Report. We have just received the report of Hon. J. L. M. Curry the distinguished agent of the Peabody Education Fund, made to the Trustees of that Fund at their late annual meeting in New York City.

The Chairman of the Board is Hon. Robt. C. Winthrop of Mass. Among other members may be mentioned Hon. Wm. Aiken of South Carolina, Hon. Wm. M. Everts of New York, Chief Justice Waite, Washington.

Wm. A. Graham, our own lamented statesman was a member of the board until his death. The report covers about 60 pages and gives a full account of the work done in 12 Southern States. The outlook for a general Educational revival is bright, and the General Agent contemplates with interest the present agencies which are at work to place beyond contingency or peril the free-school system.

There is no Southern State where public officers, communities, and citizens are more thoroughly alive to the need of schools, or are accomplishing more hopeful and fruitful results. Goldsboro and Wilson have acquired special prominence in the educational revival among the inhabitants, and for their excellent graded schools. The influence of these radiating centers has been widespread.

Professor Moore, as a teacher, organizer, and administrator, has wrought a marked change at Goldsboro in public sentiment and in teaching. Professor Tomlinson, at Wilson, by his powers of organization and skillful management, has demonstrated that almost any town in the South can have a system of graded schools adapted to the entire population.

Not only were the students eager in their search for light upon educational matters, but the citizens came day after day, and gave the closest attention to the work. To strangers coming into town, the point of interest was the "Normal School" while professional and business men were constantly to be found listening to Professor DeGraft's lectures on visiting classes. Among others who addressed the Normal School was the Governor, who spoke encouragingly and warmly of the graded school and

of the great good being done by the Normal School. This high commendation of our Graded School and Normal School, coming as it does officially, and from such a distinguished person and made to such an honorable body, to be read throughout the length of our country, can but fill every citizen of Wilson, and as for that, every citizen of the State with just and honest pride, and should cause us more fully and rightly to appreciate our two particular institutions with the special advantages they afford, to nourish and sustain them to their very need, and in every way we can—Do we fully realize the boon we possess?

The second year of the Graded School is working auspiciously and is leading last year's record of enrollment and attendance by the number of 75 pupils. During the past six weeks 130 visits of county superintendents and teachers in other schools have been recorded, these teachers and officers representing near a score of counties, and making said visits with especial reference to inspecting the workings of the school.

As to the next Normal it is already thought, if the incoming legislature should continue, or as it is expected to do, increase the appropriation for Normal schools, that with Prof. Tomlinson and Prof. DeGraft, as wheel horses, there will be from 300 to 400 teachers in attendance at the next Wilson Normal School. This estimate is fully justified by expressions made by those who were in attendance last year and by a great many who were not, but expect to be next year.

The Official Vote.

The following table shows the official vote of Nash County:

Table with columns for Candidates (Bennett, Dockery, etc.) and Counties (Wilson, Wayne, etc.).

MISCELLANEOUS.

MUSIC LESSONS. I offer my services to any parties desiring a course of instruction on the guitar or in vocal music.

LAND POSTED. I hereby give notice that I have had my land posted, and all parties trespassing thereon during the following season, will be held liable for the law.

NOTICE. I will sell on the 19th day of December 1887, at the late residence of Wm Taylor, deceased, the following personal property.

NOTICE. Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Wm Taylor, deceased, before the Probate Judge of Wilson County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the estate of said deceased to make immediate payment and all claims against the estate to be presented to me on or before the 1st day of January next.

IMPORTANT SALE. On Saturday, the 2nd day of December next, I will sell at auction at the place above named, the entire stock of material on hand, to wit: wool, cotton, and all other goods, and all other contents of the premises, also a large lot of finished and unfinished goods, and all other contents of the premises, also a large lot of finished and unfinished goods, and all other contents of the premises.

187 ACRES OF LAND FOR \$3000.00. Situated 1 1/4 of a mile from Black Creek. A four-horse farm cleared and under state of cultivation.

FLORIDA ORANGES AND LEMONS. W. K. Lawrence, of Tarboro, N. C. and F. H. Smith, of Western, N. C.

Lawrence and Battle. Dealers in and Shippers of Oranges, Lemons, Grape Fruit, Limes.

Cotton Ginning. Turpentine has played out and cotton has played in, and I have bought me a new gin, and am now ginning. Your seed will not be lost, and you will get the best quality of cotton and see it ginned. Your seed will not be lost, and you will get the best quality of cotton and see it ginned.

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Wilson Market. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY Bynum Daniel & Co.

Table with columns for various commodities (Wheat, Corn, etc.) and their prices.

A. W. Arrington, Leader of Low Prices, Buys For Cash and Sells at Small Profits. EVERYBODY GO AND TRY HIM And You Will be Pleased.

Transit of Venus! The transit of Venus, which takes place next December will be the great attraction of the year and the eyes of the scientific world are agog for the event.

L. EDWARDS, Stock is complete in All Branches. In Dry Goods and Dress Goods I have a full and complete assortment of the very latest patterns.

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LADIES CLOAKS AND DOLMANS. That has ever been brought to Wilson. My stock of BOOTS & SHOES is simply unparalleled.

HATS and CAPS. Is also completely complete, and in this department purchasers will get bargains.

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Cigars and Tobacco. My motto is quick sale and small profits. I can sell you a Fine Lamp, worth anywhere else \$2.50, for \$1.00.

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MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENT. 82 FALL AND WINTER 85 WARREN & BARNES, Cor. Nash and Tarboro Sts., Wilson, N. C.

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