

THE SENATE OUTLOOK.

One very important consideration for the coming session of the Legislature—the most important in the view of those ambitious of honors—the election of a Senator to fill the vacancy occasioned by the expiration of the present term of Senator Ransom. It is certainly a most important transaction, and its gravest cannot be over estimated, especially now, when again a party is in power, once unequivocally unfriendly to the South, and again to renew the policy inaugurated by the four years' national administration. More than the South will need the presence of the Congress of its strongest to breast the tide of a possibly hostile majority. And the South will look to North Carolina to contribute, as it has heretofore done, her ablest, strongest and most influential men to stand as bulwarks against the renewal of the encroachments which once so seriously menaced the rights of the South and the sovereignty of all the States.

And this is the key note of the whole contest, or ought to be. Individual ambition and personal aspiration must be subordinated to the general good of the South, the State and the democratic party, in which alone are preserved the essential elements of a constitutional republican government. The democratic majority in the Legislature cannot wisely and safely permit itself to engage in factional strife, to fritter away its strength in frontal partisanship, and in the end find itself divided into embittered fragments, to go forth to meet the most important future with divided counsels and hostile faces. The effect of such division, the result of zealous senatorial ambition, would have upon the integrity of the whole democratic party, has already had its illustration in those whose influence has never been effaced from democratic memories, and whose baleful presence has been felt in every succeeding electoral election. The party will learn nothing by experience to do not look beyond the narrow limits of individual preference to the broadest principle of the best general good.

The Senatorship is a prize worthy of the loftiest ambition; it is a splendorous reward for eminent character service. But it is something more than a mere honor. It is the highest position of honor in the State sovereignty. It is the presence of the State itself or the grand arena in which each State presents itself to assert the original idea of self existence and independent power, and claim and enforce its ally with all the other component parts which go to form this glorious empire of united, free, independent States. Therefore the choice of a Senator the State the prior right to consideration, that which is to be represented, that or faction or individual honor should come as a free, unobscured recognition of fitness the representatives of the people, not yielded to personal passions, unmodest pretensions, or any influences which seduce the judgment and legislative will.

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unimpaired. The responsibility for vigilance rests upon the people whose best interests require that they should always maintain jealous watchfulness that the government do not go beyond its limits, and that there should be no infringement upon the fundamental inherent rights of the governed. But just here the trouble comes in. It is the maintenance of this "eternal vigilance" that so taxes the indolent temper of the greater mass of the voters, far too prone to abdicate to others the labor of thought and direction. The result is that power of protection, power for arrest of public evils, power for their redress, unconsciously has passed away, to make it evident at last that all has been surrendered in the hands of active banded organizations, assuming and professing to think direct, and act for the people; creating at length a system so adverse and so antagonistic to the idea of popular government as to suggest the succession of an oligarchy, or a series of co-ordinate oligarchies, planning and working in harmonious aim to absorb to themselves all the powers of the people, and shaping and apply to their own use all the powers of government. The people applaud or condemn the principles or pretenses set forth in party platforms, are roused to enthusiasm or rage in the support of party candidates, and in the end find results have been reached, not through the true interest of the ballot, which presumes intelligence, probity and patriotism, but through the frenzy of excitement or the poison of corruption.

If the late Presidential election is to be cited as example, our question is answered. Our system of elections does not work well, or as it was intended. Instead of reliance upon intelligence, probity and patriotism, the bad passions of human nature were aroused and played upon. Will sectionalism put patriotism to flight, blind prejudices clouded all intelligence, and flagrant corruption put probity to the blush. If the two first elements had only played their part, there might have been hope for the future. But the prospect is a dark one that is clouded with corruption. When votes are bought and sold then it comes to proof how little the voter values that which ought to be most dear to him. He parts with that for a price which stands between his liberties and despotism. The latter is not far off when the proof is so near how much the essential power of government has fallen into the hands of the few, ready, able and willing to buy all that changes its spirit, while they may retain all its forms. The money power has at length attained those enormous proportions anticipated at an early day of the republic as its great future danger, concentrated in relatively few hands by uses and abuses of the powers of government, until a few abnormally rich men, a score or so of mammoth corporations, and a community of interest among them all, indicate ominously who are to be the governors, and what is to be the fate of the governed.

Unless the last are content to be bound hand and foot, to have the voice of freedom stifled, and surrender all participation in what is rapidly drifting into the meekery of self-government, they must decree the restoration of the purity of the ballot, they must denounce the briber and corrupter as the greatest of traitors, they must arraign the contributor to election corruption funds as the deadliest of public enemies. But to restore the purity of the ballot, and to stigmatize with effect the stain upon that purity, they must themselves be pure. Can that public and private virtue needed to do this, be aroused and recalled from the grave in which it seems to be buried?

Another wonderful discovery has been made, and that too in this country. Disease fastened its clutches upon her and for seven years she withstood its severest tests, but her vital organs were undermined and death seemed imminent. For three months she coughed incessantly and could not sleep. She bought of us a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and was much relieved on taking first dose that she slept all night and with one bottle was being miraculously cured. Her name is Mrs. Luther Lutz. Thus writes W. C. Hamrick & Co., of Shelby, N. C. Get a free trial bottle at H. H. Lyons drug store.

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