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## The Colored Vote.

The republican party bases its claim to the electoral votes of South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana upon the assumption that every negro voter is a republican, and would have voted for Hayes if he had come to the polls. But there never was a more absurd or outrageous claim. It lies at the basis of all the frauds that have been or are being consummated. In the first place, no party ever attempted, or was given authority, to claim the benefit of votes not polled, no matter for what cause they were omitted. If intimidation was practiced, it was the duty of the voter not to submit to intimidation, and it was the still more imperative duty of the lawful authorities to prevent intimidation. The president stationed troops in each of those states, sufficient in number, it was claimed, to secure a fair election and protect the rights of all. There was a fair and quiet election, and the dispatches of the associated press (a mere republican machine) which went north the day after, spoke in the highest praise of the manner in which the election was conducted. The charge of intimidation was an afterthought, rendered necessary to help along the plot of stealing these states for Hayes. The quiet and orderly election of which the republicans bragged so consummately the day after, has now been transformed by the affidavits of carpet-baggers and scoundrels into a carnival of outrage and slaughter, though it is noticeable that not a single name has yet been mentioned of any voter who was either hurt or scared. The conclusion is irresistible, that either every negro voted the republican ticket who wished, or the troops were sent south to help along the scheme of intimidation and fraud.

In the second place, the negroes are not, as a body, republicans. On the contrary they are democrats. For a few years after their emancipation they looked upon the republican party as their deliverer, and elevated it to power in every southern state. But they soon began to feel the iron hand of their political masters, and found themselves sinking into a slavery more degrading than that from which they had escaped. The rulers in whom they trusted proved to be robbers and scoundrels. They heaped up mountains of debt upon the state, inflicting an endless burden of taxation, and prostrating all its industries. The negroes saw the owners of the soil struggling against the impending ruin, and were quick to perceive that their interests lay with the men who would save the state, and not with those who were destroying it. In Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi, there are no more earnest democrats than these same negroes, who four years ago marched to the polls to the crack of the republican whip. Their conversion was the last act in the drama of emancipation. And the only republican negroes left in all the south are those who have not yet risen out of their original ignorance and degradation, the men who choose to be slaves, and are led about by the nose by the Antoinettes, the Pinchbacks, the Elliots, following them now in politics as they followed them in chicken-stealing expeditions in the old days of slavery. The number is every year diminishing and were it not for the stupendous system of raciality which Grant has helped to foist upon the three states now in dispute, they would have given democratic majorities as decisive as those of Georgia and Texas.

The time has come for the negroes to break the last link in the chain that has held down blacks and whites alike in the south. We must, with out distinction of race or color, break the mighty conspiracy against the people. Tilden and Hendricks have a popular majority of 375,000 votes; let us not forget this. They have an honest majority of eight-foot votes in the electoral college. Shall we submit to the perpetuation of Grantism, itself a vast system of robbery, by the most stupendous fraud ever practiced upon a nation? Can we doubt that if other votes were needed than these of the three contested states, North Carolina would also have been seized and counted for the enemy? Such wrongs as this are worse than bloody and desolating war. They bind us hand and foot in perpetual slavery, by weakening year by year the power and means of resistance. Brethren throughout the south, whatever your color, let us resolve that, come what will, we will never be slaves!

**A very proper Objection.**  
One of the leading christian ministers of the city writes the Sentinel as follows: "In a spirit of sincere good will, I take the liberty of objecting to your notice of thanksgiving day in your Sunday's issue, as being wicked and unsuitable for admission into a paper which seeks admission into a family circle."

We agree with our venerable and revered friend, and take this occasion to say that the Sentinel indignantly repudiated the article referred to when it appeared, and that neither the paper nor its management are to be held at all responsible therefor. The paragraph was promptly disavowed in the next issue of the Sentinel after its appearance.

A bear was killed in Cherokee county a few days ago.

## Arbitrary Power and our Duty Under It.

In the Sentinel yesterday we referred briefly to the exercise of arbitrary power as practiced in the administration of the public affairs of our country for the past several years.

We now have the complete and full results of such course tolerated and even encouraged by the people of our republic. From one step to another, the march of despotism has taken its way, until we have it at last in all the power and grandeur of absolutism. The army seizes the capitol of a state; federal bayonets guard the entrance doors to legislative halls, and members elect are required to exhibit their credentials to a corporal, before they are allowed to enter. At the capital of the nation the army is concentrated, and the guns of the navy are trained on the capitol building, to awe congress about to assemble into subjection to the despotic will of the Cæsarean occupant of the White House.

This is a solemn hour in the life of the republic. Upon the democratic party rest the hopes of the nation. With that party live the liberties of the people.

We must guard well our action in such an hour. In North Carolina the destinies of the state are in the hands of a large democratic majority. Let us see to it that in the exercise of the power with which we are clothed, we do not abuse it.

We addressed some plain words of caution to our friends in the legislature yesterday. They will heed what we have said in considerable kindness. We all stand upon dangerous ground. The times are out of joint; and the democratic party is on trial. A false step now seals the fate of the nation.

**Adhere to the Votes.**  
There is one conspicuous fact in the present political situation that is making a profound impression on the public mind, and is silently but surely clearing away the mist before the eyes of the people. It is simply this—that in Louisiana it is admitted that Gov. Tilden has a clear majority of all the votes cast of from 7,500 to 9,000 votes. Now the American people have a respect that reaches to reverence for the verdict of the ballot. Once made, it is always acquiesced in. To be sure, each party recognizes the fact that there are few elections that are not tainted by fraud on both sides, but they also see that these frauds usually balance themselves; that they are not large enough to alter the result and that they are usually committed by men who are candidates for minor offices, and are seldom countenanced by the men who are at the head of either organization. So it is in Louisiana. It may be that some democrats may have committed frauds or been guilty of intimidation, though there is no proof of it, but it must be evident that this could not possibly have given Tilden this immense majority, for it is an immense majority, or so small a vote. But when a returning board assumes to throw out part of one parish and take the rest, it is evident that the whole principle of elections is destroyed. There might as well be no election at all. The census reports would furnish the relative proportions of the white and black populations, and no ballots whatever need be cast. The elections in Louisiana have actually been decided in just this way. Imagine this principle applied to every state in the union. It would result in anarchy and civil war. There is not a northern state whose vote might not be reversed in just this way. Once cut loose from the sheet-anchor of the votes actually cast, and there is no knowing where you may drift. The proper way to preserve the purity of the ballot is to prevent fraudulent ballots from being cast. Then there need be no question as to the result. But to undertake to revise the popular verdict, is simply to put an end at one blow to popular government. Why did not Governor Kellogg prevent the frauds and intimidation which he alleges to have taken place in Indiana.

Every idiot in the country is striving to have a baby named Tilden or Hayes, Vance or Hampton. We have not heard yet of many Settles or Chamberlains.

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**TILDEN'S STUDIES.**  
[Petersburg Index-Appeal.]  
Mr. Tilden, they say, is "deep in the study of law-books," making ready his case as claimant for the presidency of the United States. He would better be studying "Cassidy's Tactics." We are inclined to think law-books will not be permitted to decide the presidential question.

## MEXICAN ANARCHY.

[Philadelphia Ledger.—Rad.]  
"If such disregard of law and regular judicial proceedings as that just perpetrated by the returning board of South Carolina foreshadow a similar style of proceedings by the returning boards or other election officials of Louisiana and Florida, our country most unhappily will have been brought within the range of the dangers and the anarchy of the Mexican system."

**WE NEVER HAD ANY.**  
[Memphis Appeal.]  
We have no faith in Grant. He is a soldier and has no sympathies with the people, with constitution and laws. He understands the "rules and regulations of the army" and the "articles of war," knows what courts-martial are, and has some acquaintance with the powers and results of military commissions.

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