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Conservative Address. FELLOW CITIZENS:--We congratulate you upon the complete and noble victory...

It was the policy of some of the leaders of our opponents to drive us into violent resistance, and efforts were made to do so...

Seeing the rising indignation of the honest people of the State, suffering as they were from all the ills arising from a wasteful and corrupt administration of the State government...

We very well know, fellow citizens, that this is not a mere party triumph--true it is, the victory has been won in the name of our party. But let us not forget that it is a victory due in a great degree to the uprising of the honest and Conservative men of all parties.

To the colored people we say, fear nothing. We pledged ourselves in the legislative address issued in March last, that all their rights under the constitution and laws of the country, in case of our success would be alike respected and protected...

The Governor of the State, as you are aware, has assumed to himself the right, at his will to have arrested any citizen of the State, and to detain him at his pleasure...

Fortunately, while the Chief Justice of the State has declared himself powerless to have the law practically enforced, there is full protection given to every citizen by the constitution and laws of the United States...

The law of the land, in every well regulated system of government, must be obeyed. He who contemns its commands may for a time evade the consequences, but in the end he will surely be held to strict account...

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Mr. Phillips can hereafter say with the poet: "Mine was a brief, inglorious career."

Any person procuring five new yearly subscribers, will be entitled to a sixth copy. The election being over, we will strive, more than ever, to publish an unexceptionable Family Newspaper...

The People's Press is firmly established, and is now in its eighteenth year. We appeal to our friends to use their influence in increasing our subscription list...

To those of our friends who have stood by us, and encouraged us to persevere in the course we have chosen to pursue, we return our sincere thanks; those who have only "wished us well," and refrained from giving us any material evidence of their good will...

Summing Up. Although the returns are not all in, quite a number of counties being yet to hear from, we can approximate to the result.

W. M. Shipp, conservative, is elected over Sam. F. Phillips, radical, by from 10,000 to 12,000 majority.

Cobb, radical, is elected to Congress in the 1st District. In the 2d District, Joseph Dixon, radical, is elected to fill out Heaton's term, and C. R. Thomas, radical, to the 2d Congress. 3rd District, Alfred M. Waddell, conservative; 4th District, R. B. Gilliam, conservative, elected to fill out Dewees's term, and Sion H. Rogers, con., to 2d Congress. 5th District, James M. Leach, con.; 6th District, F. E. Shober, conservative; 7th District, J. C. Harper, conservative.

One conservative and one radical elected to fill out terms in the present Congress; and five conservatives and two radicals to the 42d Congress.

The State Senate will probably stand 33 conservatives to 17 radicals, a conservative majority of 16.

The House will probably stand 80 conservatives to 40 radicals, a conservative majority of 40.

Majority on joint ballot 56. The official returns may vary these figures slightly, but we think not to our disadvantage.

Intelligence received just as we are going to press, gives us two-thirds majority in each House of the General Assembly, beyond a doubt.

Encouraging. Our Conservative friends have no reason whatever to be discouraged by the result of the election in this county. It is, in fact, a glorious triumph.

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It is worthy of remark that the election in this county passed off without a single disturbance so far as we have heard. Everybody was in a good humor, and political partialities caused no ill-natured comments or disputes between our people.

Gov. Holden is said to have been studying Astronomy for some time past, for fear he would "go up" this election.

Hon. James M. Leach. After years of doubt and darkness and dismay, during which men hardly knew whither they were tending, the end has come. Not gradually did the shadows steal off into the distance, leading us by sure but almost insensible degrees into the day...

Our friends of the Fifth Congressional District--and when we say "our friends," we mean all, Conservatives, Republicans, white, colored, every one, in fact, who rallied to our support on the day of trial--have reason to be proud of the result of the election.

The opponents of radicalism in our sister State have done well in the past, and it is evident they do not intend to lose the ground they have gained by any foolish political experiments. As in our own State, there are men in Virginia who have thus far acted with the Conservative party...

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No Division. Following the example of the Conservative members of the late Legislature of our own State, the Conservative members of the Virginia Legislature have organized a State Central Committee, and issued an eloquent and masterly address to the people of the Old Dominion.

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Too Late, Too Late, Gentlemen. The Northern radicals are in great tribulation just now about their Waterloo defeat in this State, and are swearing by all the saints in the radical calendar that they do not endorse Gov. Holden's military proceedings...

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The Caswell Prisoners. Judge Gen. W. Brooks, of the U. S. District Court, upon application of counsel issued writ directed to Col. Kirk, ordering him to bring the prisoners in his custody before him at Salisbury.

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The War in Europe.

SEVERE FIGHTING--THE FRENCH DEFEATED--AUSTRIA AND ITALY ENTERING THE CONTEST.

The mass of news which reaches us from the scene of operations is so conflicting, that it is almost impossible to obtain the truth. Lying is become one of the arts of war, and both France and Prussia are practicing it.

Aug. 4.--The Prussians attacked the town of Wessenberg yesterday, and carried it at the point of the bayonet. The French general was killed. The Prussian general, Kirchbach, was wounded. The losses on both sides very heavy.

Aug. 5.--A cavalry fight took place at Lauterberg yesterday, which resulted in the defeat of the Prussians. Only a small force engaged. General Douay, the French commander, was killed at Wessenberg at the head of his division.

Aug. 6.--The first great battle of the war commenced this morning, and lasted till 9 o'clock at night. The French were defeated and forced to retreat towards Metz.

Aug. 7.--The Emperor has acknowledged the defeat, and the Emperor has issued an address to the people, rallying them to the defense of France. The enthusiasm is unbounded, as the masses are animated by their reverses.

Aug. 8.--The French reverses have caused profound terror at Rome, and the Pope has asked the Emperor Eugenie for a war vessel to defend him from the Italian, who are organizing for an attack upon the Papal Domains.