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Our neighbor, The *Morning Star*, has always, it seems to us, accepted Democratic success with many misgivings, and Democratic defeats and dissentions have been to it a never failing source of a "Third Party" project. In 1872, it pronounced in favor of Greeley long in advance of his nomination at Baltimore, as the exponent of this Third Party—this "crystallization of the best materials of both the old parties." And now the excited, but manly and dignified contest between Kerr and Randall for the Speakership is seized upon as the foundation for another suggestion of "making a party out of the better material of the old parties."

In its editorial in Sunday's issue, the *Star* fears that the contest for Speakership will create a deadly scism among Democrats, destroying all hope of victory next November. It adds:

Such a result to the contest over an office as this would make soberminded Democrats everywhere anathematize the very existence of Randall and Kerr, and feel that nothing remains for conservative people but to make a party out of the better material of old parties, which would be more harmogenerous and actuated by higher aims than personal ambition, greed of office and the accomplishment of sectional schemes.

It continues by expressing "confidence in the sagacity of the men in Washington to hope for a nobler consummation of Monday's work than the triumph of one man and section merely would be at the sacrifice of party unity and the country's expectation."

This was evidently written before the result of the Democratic caucus was known for the article, as if its worst fears are realized, concludes:

P. S.—Kerr was nominated by the caucus last night, and the victory over liberal ideas in finance, &c., seems complete.

The interest and the excitement attending the canvass for Speaker were not greater than that which always results from the decision of a party caucus when offices of great importance are to be filled. Nominations for President and Vice President, for Governor, and for United States Senator are attended with the same excitement and the same division among friends. Interests was added to the present nomination because of its especial importance at this particular time, and from the fact that so many years had elapsed since the Democratic party had controlled the House of Representatives.

However great their divisions were, they seemed to have been more personal than resulting from any well defined political differences; and never was a canvass more pleasantly and and honorably conducted. Mr. Randall, the defeated candidate, in moving to make the nomination of Mr Kerr unanimous, expressed the sentiment of his supporters, and the entire Democratic party of the country, when he said: "From this moment the differences among ourselves must be at an end, and thus present a united front to our adversaries. Our mission on this floor must be, as far as we are able: to restore the Government to its Constitutional purposes and to expose the corruptions of the administration."

While our contemporary has confidence in the "sagacity" of our Representatives we have confidence in their ability and honesty and purpose to carry out this mission.

And just one word about this "Third Party" suggestion. We shall not review the success of the Democratic party during the past few years. Suffice to say that a majority of States, have placed the Democratic party in control of the House of Representatives, and in control of the States themselves, and the people who so voted are not in the humor for another Greeley campaign, and another disgraceful defeat. That canvass has served its purpose, and may have repaid the party for its undertaking. A repetition would be the height of political folly. And we say candidly, but with full confidence in the assertion, that a very large proportion of Democratic voters in the country will not in 1876, as they did not in 1872, vote for "Third Party" candidates, although the nominations had been confirmed by the Democratic National Convention.

This "Third Party" movement has now been in existence for several years, and Newton Booth, the sporadic Senator from California, is the only visible evidence of its existence. Mr. Hamilton, the Senator from Texas, elected as a Republican has drifted into an independent position from the influence of surrounding circumstances, and his place will soon be filled by a Democrat, for Texas is among the most pronounced Democratic States of the Union. Messrs Banks and Seelye, of Massachusetts, Chittenden, of New York, and one or two more, are Republicans, elected by Democrats in Republican Districts, and are classed as Independents, and would probably favor any combination which would keep them in power. And just here we will notice the fact that all Senators and Representatives in Congress who are classed as Independents, like the candidates for President and Vice President in 1872, are Republicans, and generally vote with that party in all purely political questions.

Now we desire to warn our contemporary, and we do so in no captious spirit, but in behalf of the best interests of the people and the country, that the day upon which the "Convative people," *i. e.*, the National Democratic party, concludes to "make a party out of the better material of old parties," that very day it again abandons North Narolina to the tender mercies of the Radical party, "homogenous," at least, in a desire for the plunder of the people of the State, and decrees the defeat of the Constitutional amendments. Any effort to disrupt the Democratic party now will prove the most disasterous blow to North Carolina which she has received since the war. Our political and material fortunes are bound up at present in the success of the Democratic party, and if we hesitate or look back we are lost. We must, hand in hand, fulfill our mission of restoring the Government to constitutional purposes, and to do so we must employ all the material of a united and determined Democratic party.

## "SOME IRREGULARITIES."

We publish elsewhere some details of "irregularities," we believe this is the administration name for it, in the offices of the Second and Third Auditor, in regard to the payment of the fraudulent Sugg Fort claim. We feel some interest in the matter as the Third Auditor is not only a North Carolinian of the carpet-bag persuasion, but also a citizen of Wilmington. He came here as an officer of the defunct Freedman's Bureau, and has managed to eke out a livlihood in one or another Federal office ever since, until finally he landed into the snug berth of Third Auditor. North Carolina is charged with his appointment in the distribution of Federal patronage, and he cancels his obligations to the State in this behalf, by appearing here promptly on election day, and depositing his ballot. We trust we can explain away this "little irregularity" for the sake of the State and the City of which he professes to be a citizen, for we are jealous of their good name, however little regard we may have for or confidence we have in this particular "son."

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