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and newspapers share the imper-counted. would scorn to be driven along by be referred to the tribunal. a current without power to shape an independent existence.

deciding against the constitution posed of ality of the appointing power.

The absurdity of committing popular institutions to a mass of densely ignorant negroes and by the presiding officer except to those who dupe them was never more apparent than now, in New draw. When the two houses Hanover, Craven, Edgecombe and other counties. These counties of "reconstruction" with a set of officers whose corruption and in- be put. competence are a standing reproach on free government. If the Legislature would do its obvious duty it must not adjourn without devising some relief. It is a solemn responsibility which it cannot avoid. The Constitution confers ample power. A snitable plan for both county and municipal government can be matured. The Journal and all those who fought for the Amendments certainly felt that they were going to secure their object by the popplar ratification of the action of the Convention. It will not do to tell the people that all they fought for in that memorable conwhich was forever to be a light of delusion and a hollow mockery of all hope. No, the people themselves know better than this. The Legislature must assume the responsibility, and pass general or special bills which will meet the

Let us not fear to do what the law gives us a right to do. Nothing short of a government that will place the tax-payers in power will answer. No compromise by which our victory shall be turned into a Radical triumph in the East will satisfy our people. They would be a strange people if they could be content with less than they have a right to demand under the Constitution.

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The JOURNAL has never been one Representative and one Sens very moderate, very fair-minded, silent on important public questor. In such an event the two very patriotic. He will not pretions. Especially on issues houses separate and take a vote, judge the matter of the electoral of local and State policy has and in case they concur the vote! No, indeed, not he! it had a voice clear and unmistak- vote must be rejected, but in case able. It may have been mistaken they disagree as to the validity of sometimes, for it is human to err; the objection the vote must be

fections of humanity. But wheth- , In case different returns are re- institutions of the Southwest. er in the right or in the wrong, ceived from any State they will the Wilmington Journal, has symbe opened by the presiding officer, pathized with the masses of the read by the tellers, and referred Democratic people of the city and to the electoral tribunal, after obthe State in their wants and their jections signed by at least one aspirations. The voice of the peo Representative and one Senator ple has generally been its voice, have been made. The objections, though it is no time-server and as well as the returns, must then

The tribunal is to decide, by a its own course or feel that it had majority vote, whether any and what votes from such States are Well, on this last subject of lo- constitutional and legal, and what cal reform, the Journal, has again persons were appointed electors, taken ground in close sympathy and is required to make a brief with the desires of the Democracy report in writing, which must be of Wilmington. Gentlemen in signed by the members agreeing DRY GOODS, the city differ, as a matter of thereto. This decision must be course, as to how municipal affairs read and entered in the journals are to be disentangled, but a de of both houses, and the counting cided majority are opposed to of the vote must proceed in conrisking everything upon a com formity therewith, unless upon promise with a few individuals in objection, made in writing, by at the Radical party who may or least five Representatives and five may not be able to do what they Senators, the two houses sepapromise, and this majority have rately concur in ordering othergreater fears of carrying an elec- wise, in which case their concurtion and getting any Democratic rent action must govern. No votes Aldermen who may be elected un- from any State can be acted upon der it secure in their seats than until the objections previously they have of the Supreme Court's made have been finally dis-

> While the two houses are in meeting no debate will be allow ed, and no question can be put either house on a motion to with-

separate each Senator and Representative may speak ten minutes, have been cursed since the days but after the debate has lasted two hours the main question must The joint meeting cannot be dissolved until the count of the

vote is completed and the result declared; and no recess can be taken when a question arises in regard to counting any such votes, or otherwise, in which case either house may direct a rocess of such house not beyond next day, (Sanday excepted,) at 10 a. m. While any question is being considered by the commission neither house may proceed with its legis- body wants for Christmas." lative or other business.

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acter, property and intelligence, of the court he is to be shot to They want no trading in offices, death. Such a brute deserves to · be hanged and then drawn and

last week the two houses will meet | Grant has assumed a moderation dent will be counted and announ- interfering with Gov. Nicholls' ced if a result shall be reached, government in Louisiana, but cates in the alphabetical order of either party in Louisiana because States, and pass them to tellers, that would be prejudging the

the votes, and deliver the result was not as scrupulous when he to the presiding officer, who will interfered before and allowed the villain Durell to set up a govern-In case of but one return from ment by a midnight order. 'Ah, any State no objection will be en- the times change, and Grant tertained except it be made in changes with them. He sees the writing and signed by at least sceptre departing, and he becomes

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