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SUNDAY MORNING, FEB. 25, 1877.

AN EMPTY VICTORY.

We believe there will be very little exultation over Hayes' election on the part of decent Northern Republicans. They will not countenance such open-handed fraud. They know his election fastens the blackest stigma to this country that has yet disgraced its existence. A farce, which lying demagogues call a party triumph, cannot compensate for lost respect abroad, and want of confidence at home.

The probable policy of the incoming administration is evidently not in accordance with the views of the extreme Republicans who have endorsed the measures of Grant's dual term. In order to obtain a respectable support from the "solid South" it is safe to assert that all the offices, all the money, all the favors, will not be placed at the disposal of the "truly loyal." There are a few Democrats venal and cowardly enough to boot-lick the men who control the Treasury and bestow the insignia of place and power, and we believe Hayes will think it wise to have a number of just such men appointed to minor positions of trust and honor. He knows the partisan decision of the eight eternally branded villains has perhaps struck the death blow to the party, to whose vote he does not owe his elevation to the presidency, and he will try to conciliate outraged public sentiment as far as he dares to do it. With the clamors of the extreme Republicans, with the reproaches of the masses of the nation who have been cheated out of their rights, with the covert sneers of the unworthy Democrats who may accept emoluments at his hands, and with the merited contempt of every lover of liberty and country, assailing him on every side, Hayes' course through the four years of his Presidential life will indeed be between Scylla and Charybdis.

FAILURE OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

The Boston "Advertiser" calls attention to the fact that co-operative societies in England are not fulfilling the expectations made when they were first organized, in so far as it was hoped that they would prove a social factor to elevate to a higher plane of comfort the lower classes of the people. So stated Mr. Thomas Hughes in a recent speech before a conference of delegates of these societies. At first it was a principle of the organization that labor should share the profits of capital that those employed by the "co-ops" should come in for a share of the profits (such as might be made) to be divided among the shareholders. But not only has this idea been abandoned, but the selfish motive has become so prominent that it is stated that "there exists in the co-operative movement an amount of selfishness and greed which is perfectly disgraceful." The movement seems to have fallen into the experience which awaits any attempt to combine missionary and commercial undertakings. It would be a most praiseworthy combination of business and charity if the original idea of the co-operative societies could be successfully carried out.

The New York "Sun" cites the fact that there have been several Presidents who represented a minority of the votes of the United States, but Returning B. Hayes will be the first occupant of the White House who received neither a majority of the popular vote nor a majority of the electoral vote.

WHITE SLAVERY.

The "Sun" has the following to say in regard to the late interference with the South Carolinians who natually wanted to celebrate the birthday of the Father of his country: "What would George Washington have said if he could have foreseen that one of his successors in office, in a time of profound peace, would ever direct suh an order to be made?

"What becomes of the provision of the Constitution of the United States that 'the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed?'

"We take it the demonstration was to have been entirely peaceable; and under the circumstances it certainly looks like an arbitrary, unwarranted, unconstitutional exercise of arbitrary power."

We endorse every word of it.

"Why should we keep up a military establishment so costly and heavy in these times, when the country is at peace, and retrenchment is in order?" If the "solid South" quietly accedes to the fiat of the Electoral Commission—as it will do—there is no need of so many blue coats to silence the "rebels."

Mr. Sparks of Illinois says: "I doubt the patriotism of any man who will take the highest office in the Republic when it is thrust upon him by fraud, and this man knows, if he gets the Presidency, it comes to him by and through undisguised fraud."

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Discussing the Situation.

To the Journal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22, '77.—It was Francis I., I believe, who told of the disaster to his arms and his own capture, in the words: "All is lost save honor," and it seems to me that this laconism would sufficiently set forth the disaster suffered by the Democrats in their late encounter with the Republicans, except that it may be a question with the people whether they have even this poor but proud consolation of having preserved their honor intact.

The people who elected Samuel J. Tilden President of the United States, expected their trustees in Congress, especially that branch of it controlled by their friends, to see to it that he and they were not cheated out of their rights, and they held themselves in readiness to do their share of the work in spite of Grant and his army.

It has been plain to everybody from the outset that no right would be conceded that the Democrats were not willing to contend for to the bitter end. That "grit," (spunk is the North Carolina for it, I believe,) was necessary to hold the victory the people had won, that the ranting of Chandler and Morton *et id omnes*, must be met with the firmness of men "Who know their rights, and knowing dare maintain them;" and the people are beginning to ask, "has this been done?" They appreciate the fact that no Southern man could initiate such a course without having his motives and his actions misrepresented. The whole judicial pack: Troy, Blanche and Sweetheart, would have been yelping "rebel" at his heels. They could not "order up" the trump, as they say in euchre, but they were willing to "assist," and this they were not called upon to do until after this Congressional Returning Board had become a legislative fact, and, apropos of this new Returning Board which has so shamefully used its powers to legalize all the frauds and villanies—confessed frauds and villaines—of their predecessors in the States, it will be remembered that the country's only hope for justice lay in the fact that five Justices of the Supreme Court were to constitute a part of it. They, it was hoped, would sit as Judges, and not as politicians. The sequel has proved how vain the hope was. You, sir, and those who, like you, have watched the events of the past decade, are not disappointed. In common with your countrymen you are chagrined and mortified to find the judicial robes trailing in the mire of politics, right disregarded and fraud legalized that a party victory might be secured against the expressed will of the American people; you blush for this, but you are not disappointed. His education has been sadly neglected indeed who does not know that since 1870 the Supreme Court has been as partisan as the Senate. Ten years ago a partisan ruling was deemed necessary, and the New York *Herald* threatened the Court with the interference of the Radical Congress, which was executed a few years later when partisans were added and a Radical majority was secured.

The question of the hour is: "Shall this iniquity be permitted"? The votes of Southern Democrats for the past few days indicates that they are in favor of acquiescing in the fraud and the Radicals are patting them on the back and saying "good boys." Their constituents may not "see it" in the same light and it is apprehended that they will hold them to a rigid accountability for not using all constitutional means for preventing a man whom the people had spurned from being foisted upon them. *Nous verrons!*

Your allusion a few days ago to the finding of that souvenir of that eminent American statesman, distinguished lawyer and beloved Carolinian Jas. C. Dobbin, touched a cord that vibrated away back in "memory's waste." I enjoyed his intimate friendship and it gives me pleasure to bear testimony to the purity and nobility of his character, to which was added a gracefulness of manner that I have never seen equalled. I recollect meeting one day a naval officer who had just had an interview with him; said he: "I have just called upon the Secretary to ask to be relieved from the old Cyane, to which I have been ordered, but, sir, without authoritatively insisting upon it, he has put the case so gracefully that I will sail that ship and esteem it an honor tho' she goes down before I'm twenty-four hours at sea." Ah, "take him for all in all we shall never look upon his like again."

I had the pleasure to meet Col. Jas. D. Radcliffe, late of Wilmington, now of New York, a day or two ago; he was en route to his new home.

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