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THE RUSTIC.

The signs have given us sufficient information to decide the election of Garfield. What the cause of our defeat was we are at a loss to say. It certainly seems that the Democrats have worked hard during the whole campaign and have presented the issue squarely before the people. They chose Republican principles, and must abide by them. The people did not consider the records of the two men who were candidates; they voted blindly as they were told. At least at the North and West they obeyed their master, and put in the chief office of the nation a man convicted of, and condemned for, bribery and perjury by men in his own party. Probably the saddest part of our defeat is the knowledge that the American people are so corrupt or so blinded by passion or both that they will vote against a pure man, for a corrupt man, and in that manner endorse fraud.

As long as the country sustains dishonesty, we believe there can be no permanent prosperity, and until they cease this course, we believe things will go on from bad to worse. We do not say we told you so, because we did not. We believe in the principles of Democracy, and think they will yet triumph against all opposition, but it seems that plans are being adopted to gain this, different from those hitherto pursued. What those plans should be we do not know.

The people were never allowed to see the main objects and issues of the Republican party, but were hoodwinked by side issues which were made to appear most important. The real object will be seen four years from now.

## ELECTION.

Up to this hour the result of the election in the State cannot be determined; nothing whatever can be heard from the First Congressional District, though Democrats believe Latham is elected. In the Second District much doubt exists, and we believe there is probably a small majority for Kitchin. Shuckford is said to be elected, and the rest of the Congressional candidates may safely be put down as elected.

The vote all over the State has been heavy, both parties polling their full strength, and making gains. From present indications Buxton is running ahead of his ticket and will probably reduce the Democratic majority of 1876. There is no doubt of the election of Davis, and the whole State ticket. In Halifax county the election of the Democratic Legislature ticket is claimed. Nothing definite can be ascertained at this time and it will be several days before the exact result can be ascertained. The Legislature is Democratic by a good working majority, and whatever may be the result otherwise North Carolina remains under Democratic rule; and our people still retain local self-government. The Republicans made the county government system a prominent issue in the campaign and the people have rebuked them. Neither did the road-hawks gain any votes as was intended. In short the whole platform of the Republicans in North Carolina has been knocked from under them and when the next election rolls round other features will have to be sought. May the Democratic administration not do any foolish thing to supply them with what they need.

This election of Garfield puts a power in the hands of the capitalists, which they will not be slow to utilize, when the time comes. It is openly boasted by the Grant men that they will control the government. In doing so, they will be influenced by money interests, rather than patriotism, and then free institutions will be among the things of the past. They were not afraid of the Rebel Brigadiers, as they pretended to be, but said so to fire the northern heart and take away their attention from the real designs they had in view. The northern people have been duped, and their prejudices and passions were the cause. When it is too late their eyes will be open.

In the defeat which the Democracy has just sustained, there is one thing which we can be pleased at. It is the fact that the grand old State of Virginia came boldly to the front, in solid column and voted the Re-adjuster party, or rather Mahone, out of existence. With all his wire-working and scheming, with all his pandering to low the passion of avarice, the magnificent Virginians have crushed him, and for this we are thankful. He may now register his name as one, formerly Virginia. The people would not be fooled by him. As to the local question which created the two parties in Virginia, we have nothing to say, because we know very little about them, but we are glad the Old Dominion would not allow them to come into national politics.

KNOX has been heard at the time of going to press, to say that the Democratic county ticket received the full Democratic vote of the county, and shows a small gain over the County ticket in 1876. And we are glad to say that this is indeed the case, and square dealing. How we feel as mother! They have been chossing, no collaboration, nor bandaging, voter-managing as he pleased, fearlessly, and without interference.

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