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THE General Assembly meets on Monday.

OLD-MAN-AFRAID-OF-HIS-FLORIDA, is the latest.

THE Republican cry is, "O that this too, too solid South would melt."

NEW ORLEANS was quiet yesterday. Is it the calm before the storm?

KELLOGG and Chamberlain, who are trying to bull-doze the returns in Louisiana and South Carolina, are both carpet-baggers.

WE are witnessing the beginning of a contest over the electoral votes of Louisiana, Florida and South Carolina, which will hardly end until the 4th day of March, 1877.

THE triumph of Major John W. Graham, Democratic nominee for the Senate in the 20th District, was complete. His majority in Orange, Person and Caswell, was 1,281—the largest majority ever given any candidate in that Senatorial District.

THE Raleigh *Constitution* is dead. Amen. The type ought to be sent to the foundery and moulded over. So many lies have been printed on it that it would be very difficult any of them tell the truth under any circumstances.

THE contest was particularly in Davidson county vote ever polled in the. The largest given, by near six hundred, was whole Democratic county ticket elected. This is the first time county has been carried by the Democrats *in a Presidential year* since the war. Messrs Roberts, Pinnix and Leach, deserve great credit for their work in the campaign.

THE recent glorious victory infuses new life into every one. We feel that a new era has dawned. Bright hopes cheer us. The whole country ought to experience a rebound, a waking up. Let the wheels of trade be unlocked. Let every man bring a strong breath and step to the front. The South now has a fair prospect before it. Let it improve its opportunity.

THE great Centennial Exhibition has closed. We were in favor of the Centennial and have no doubt that the commingling of the people of all sections of the union resulted in much good. There is nothing like bringing people together and making them acquainted with each other, to break down prejudice. But that which will most forcibly remind coming generations of the Centennial of American Independence, is the grand Democratic victory.

THE Radicals of Louisiana show the weakness of their cause by offering to bargain with the Democrats by swapping the Governor for President—that is conceding the election of Nichols, the Democratic candidate for Governor, and declaring the electoral vote of the State for Hayes. Propositions of a like character have been made in South Carolina. The Democrats have steadily rejected such offers, as they ought to do.

H. A. GUDGER, ESQ., Democratic nominee for the House in Madison county, was defeated by Rollins, Republican, by 13 votes. Capt. Rumbough, independent democrat, received about 100 votes, and thus secured the election of a Radical, and the defeat of one of the most talented and patriotic young Democrats in the State. Shame on Rumbough, thus to play dog in the manger. But there is a hope of Mr. Gudger being seated, as it is reported that enough fraudulent votes have been discovered to elect him.

THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Throughout the South, the colored people have been told that their rights and privileges would be unsafe in the hands of the Democratic party, that the white people were hostile in their feelings toward them. Many of them have believed this. While in all other matters they seemed to have implicit confidence in the white people, they were unwilling to trust them politically. This was true with the mass of them, and especially in North Carolina. There were some, and in some of the States quite a number who thought differently and in the recent election, voted with the Democrats. We are not disposed to blame the colored people for the fears they entertained. When we remember their ignorance, and the fact that from the first, they were taught to believe the Republicans their liberators and best friends, we can very readily see how they naturally drifted into the views they have entertained. We have never thought hardly of them or abused them. We think many allowances are to be made. Upon the whole we doubt whether any other race of people on earth under the same circumstances, would have acted with so much moderation, or behaved with so much propriety. The result contemplated by many of them with so much apprehension of evil, has taken place. The Democratic party has secured control of the general government, and almost all of the State governments in the South. These people will now see that designing men for selfish purposes, have endeavored to deceive them. They will see that their rights and all their interests are as safe in the hands of the Democrats as with the Republicans. In the hour of our triumph we should pursue that course which will tend to allay every feeling of distrust and establish in the minds of the colored people entire confidence in the whites. We are satisfied that they will never again vote the Republican ticket, with that unanimity with which they have voted it in the past. We believe the color line is forever destroyed, and while there always will and ought to be, two parties, they will not be distinguished in the South by color, but that hereafter the colored people will vote from other considerations. We hail the present as the beginning of a brighter era, and one of entire confidence, kindness and good feeling between the races. This is as it should be. The whites should not and do not entertain other than kind feelings towards the blacks, and despite all the efforts of bad hearted and designing men, the colored people have kind feelings towards the whites. This feeling will increase, and every good man, white and black should endeavor to promote it.

THE RESULT OF THE CONTEST.

Never before in the history of this country has a political campaign been more earnestly conducted by both political parties than the one through which we have just passed, and never before has so signal a triumph crowned the efforts of the party out of power as that with which the Democrats have met. In North Carolina we have special cause for congratulation. The ratification of the Constitutional Amendments and the election of our whole State ticket, is simply a glorious achievement. The Republican party has met with a crushing defeat, and one from which it can not recover, so long as the Democratic party is true to its principles and professions. We look now for a thorough reformation of the government. It will of course take time to effect reform in many particulars. The man who is sick almost unto death, has to be regularly and skillfully treated, and sometimes for a long time, before a thorough and complete recovery is effected. We expect to see signs of improvement as soon as the new administration enters into power. The country will be relieved of the thieves who have so long preyed upon its revenues. An era of good feeling will be inaugurated, and we believe the whole country will receive an impulse towards reform, prosperity and peace.

NONE BUT GOOD MEN IN OFFICE.

It is greatly to be hoped that the incoming administration will avoid the error which has been so common in the past, of filling offices with politicians simply as a reward for party service, without regard to their honesty or competency. The man who supposes that every man who voted the Democratic ticket and aided in securing the success of the cause, is thoroughly honest and competent for any position, is in very great danger of finding that he has made a miscalculation. Great things have been promised and are expected from the incoming administration. Let honest and competent men be appointed to office. This is the corner stone that should be laid for the construction of a successful administration. Let the office seek the man, and not the man the office.

THE MANUFACTURE OF YARN FROM SEED COTTON.

We publish on the outside of this issue an extract from the October Report of the Department of Agriculture, giving an account of an invention, which if it is as represented, is worthy the attention of the Southern people. We know nothing more about it than appears in the article referred to, but think it a matter of sufficient importance to receive a thorough investigation. In our last issue, in an editorial entitled "Cotton," we took the position that the South must manufacture its cotton, and that its advantages for the prosecution of this industry were superior to any other section. If the invention of which the article gives an account, prove as represented, the future of the South is assured. We intend making further inquiries into the matter, and will give our readers the benefit of what information we may obtain.

THE LESSON.

The result of the recent political contest has taught us that the American people will not always bear with corrupt and incompetent rulers. That any party which betrays the great trusts committed to it by entrusting it with the administration of the government, will be hurled from power by an indignant people. If the Democratic power wishes to retain the government and enjoy the fruits of its victory, it must be true to the interests of the people.

[From the RALEIGH NEWS.

A Voice From the People.

Mr. Editor:—Journalists, as a class, are generally supposed to have a sufficient amount of *abandon* and assurance for comfortable dignity, and I must confess there are numerous Jack Bunsbys in the profession; but I think it is but fair to our friends beyond the Potomac, who sit at newspaperial helms, to concede to them excellence in brass and self-laudation. For instance, the complaisance of the New York *Herald* is wonderful to the average Southern editor. Indeed its blows for itself are so loud and frequent that there would seem but little use for Gabriel, as far as it is concerned, on Resurrection Morn.

Now, to make a personal application: You, Mr. Editor, have told the State of the gallant services of her noble sons, who led her people to such a glorious victory on the 7th of November, 1876; how our great chief, Vance, with his ponderous logic and sharp wit, charged the ranks of the enemy and wrought confusion among their hosts, and how nobly he was supported by his mighty lieutenants and ardent followers all over this good old commonwealth. You have blazoned abroad the services of others, and in this you have done well in letting the people of North Carolina know who have wrought for her deliverance, and in rendering just meads of praise; but your modesty has caused you to withhold from public notice the important work rendered by yourself in accomplishing the great result. What power can estimate the influence of the silent but powerful appeals that have gone forth daily from your office for four years unto thousands of households in behalf of reform and good government? Who can say how much of Democratic victory is due to your enterprise and public spirit in giving the people a paper so cheaply that it can be read by almost every fireside in the State? Who can compute the modicum of good done the cause of reform by your exposures of Radical corruption, done at your own hazzard, and for which party service two libel suits are now pending against you? What daily in North Carolina ever exhibited such enterprise as that shown by the NEWS the morning after the election, in the abundance and variety of telegraphic reports, or what paper in this city ever before made so liberal a use of its telegrams for public gratification? For such services, Mr. Editor, the party owes honor, debt of gratitude which its people could force it to pay. The nation by a libel show their appreciation by extension of its patronage and a wide influence.

I have written from a sense of justice, Mr. Editor, and hope, for the same reason, you may give it a place in your columns.

CONSTANT READER.

John N. Staples, Esq.

[Charlotte Observer.]

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Permit me through your paper to submit to the consideration of members elect, the name of a gentleman for Speaker of the House of Representatives of the next general Assembly. Since the Democratic party came into power, the speakership has been conferred upon representatives from eastern and western portions of the State; as a matter of justice and right, the honor should now be given to some gentleman of central Carolina, noted for his capacity for the position, his services to the party, individual merit and purity of character. On mentioning the qualities which should characterize the Speaker of the next House of Representatives, the eye of the State naturally turns to Hon. John N. Staples, of Guilford. He is a representative man of central Carolina; his capacity for the position has been fully tested and established by the affable, just and able manner in which he frequently presided over the last House of Representatives as Speaker *protem*. His personal worth and political deserts are best declared by his own constituency, who know him well, continuing to return him as their representative by increased majority; and in various other parts of the State he has shown himself a zealous laborer for the cause of Conservative Democracy, and effected much toward our recent great victory by his brilliant and profound eloquence; as a member of the Legislature heretofore, he has ever proven himself devoted to our party and faithful to the true interest of North Carolina; and to all these qualifications for the position and claims to reward, he adds a bright intellect and an untarnished private character. There could not be a better selection for Speaker of the next House of Representatives than John N. Staples of Guilford.

The Concord *Sun* says:

We copy the above from the Charlotte *Observer* of the 11th inst., and with pleasure endorse every word of it. Mr. Staples addressed our vast mass meeting here on the 13th of October and his effort on that occasion is universally conceded to have been one of the grandest and most effective for our cause ever delivered in this county. That speech stamped him with our people as one of North Carolina's most meritorious sons, and we know Cabarrus would gladly see him honored with the speakership of the next House of Representatives.

Unnecessary Excitemsnt.

[New York Herald.]

The present deep excitement is premature and uncalled for. There are, as yet, no complete returns from the three doubtful States. It is hardly supposable that when at last all the official returns are received their genuineness will be open to question in every one of the States now classed as doubtful. If it shall appear that Mr. Tilden has carried any one of the three the controversy will be substantially at an end; for the electoral votes of one will insure him a majority, and it will be of no practical consequence how the two others are counted. It is hardly supposable that all three will be counted for Hayes unless they really belong to him. There is time ennough, there are motives enough, facilities enough, and there will be men enough of unquestioned high character engaged in the investigation to ferret out and ascertain the exact truth before the votes are finally counted on the second Wednesday in February. No fraudulent electoral votes can be counted in February without a full blaze of exposure pouring upon the count with the vividness of the calcium light. A deliberate and manifest fraud would ruin the party that should undertake to perpetrate it. The eminent citizens of both parties now on their way South to watch the local count will be unimpeachable witnesses when this subject is investigated by Congress, and it is not for a moment to be doubted that their concurrent testimony will be accepted. Whatever is done will be done in the full light of publicity, and an enlightened public opinion will not permit a President to be elected by fraud. Frauds may have been attempted, but they cannot successfully run the gauntlet of three months' active and and intelligent scrutiny. This consideration alone should allay the present feverish excitement and anxiety.

THE PRESS ON THE CRISIS.

Hayes Able to Avert Disaster.

[New York World.]

Here, indeed, will be a portentous national peril, if Kellogg and his agents in Louisiana thwart the will of the voters in that State expressed last Tuesday, by counting in or otherwise ascertaining and declaring Hayes electors. This peril the Hayes leaders can ward off from the nation and prevent. The Governor of Louisiana in a creation of Grantism and the carpet-baggers. * * The returning board is at present constituted of notorious scoundrels. One member is a defeated candidate for the Senate at this election; another is a Custom-house officer who was appointed Surveyor immediately after the returning board frauds of 1874, and the two other colored men and prominent partisans, there being one vacancy. And by such a board is possibly the Presidential election to be decided!

Country Greater than Party.

[Buffalo Courier.]

In these days of excitement and suspense the *Courier* has no sympathy with those hot-heated people, whether Democrats or Republicans, who indulge in loud talk about the terrible things to happen in case of the happening of such and such other things. Remember that the country is greater than party. This thing will come out all right if we only have patience. Justice will be done; the right will triumph. Keep cool!

Disaster is Long Waiting.

[Boston Post.]

Nothing could be more disastrous than the contigency, which seemed at one time possible, of a waiting the decision of Congress in February next. To prolong the uncertainty for three months would be to wreck the favorable hopes that have been gaining strength slowly during the year. This fortunately is no longer to be feared. The election of Tilden has been effected by the popular vote, and so it will be declared.

All Will End Well.

[Albany Argus.]

Under all these circumstances it is entirely unnecessary and unreasonable to indulge in threats of forcible resistance to the usurpation determined upon in Louisiana. It is a wise maxim to ford across a stream before you reach it. Our cause is just. Being just, we have abiding confidence that the Senate of the United States will heed it. It is certain that the people will never return to that body a single Senator who shall vote to sustain another repetition of the Louisiana villiany. The American people will right all wrongs in due time. Let every man return to his labors, and trust to a Divine Providence who has guided our cause thus far safely. All will end well.

Honesty will Prevail.

[N. Y. Herald.]

Long before the day arrives for the final counting of the electoral votes it will be fully known whether any of them are tainted and nullified by fraud, and neither party will dare to perpetrate a great wrong in the full blaze of exposure. It is possible that all alarms may be rendered idle within the ensuing two days by the admitted certainty that some one of the three doubtful States has given its electoral vote to Tilden; but, in any event, the country will know the precise state of the facts long before the second Wednesday of February, and fraud has no chance to prevail against the honest public sentiment of the people.

Bullies.

[N. Y. Herald.]

Political Bullies must be sternly dealt with whenever they attempt to intrude their insolent individuality into the discussions of peaceable citizens.

The Tilden Family.

A Boston paper of Tuesday contains the following communication

Elder Nathaniel Tilden belonged to the wealthiest class of the early settlers of the Old Colony. He came from Tenterdon, near Crambrook, Kent with his wife Lydia and seven children and seven servants, and settled in Scituate before 1633. He was one of an old family, whose ancestry are traced back to the Middle Ages, and one of them, Sir Richard Tylden, was knighted for bravery by Richard of the Lion Heart. He had served with that King in the famous crusade against the Saracens. His ancestry were among the "men of Kent," so celebrated in English history as men of gallantry, loyalty, and courtly manners. He had been accustomed to elegancies of life in England—a man of good education and easy fortune. He left a home in England altogether enviable save in the single circumstance of the abridgement of his religious liberty. Among the descendants of Elder Nathaniel Tilden's daughters are found such men as the Laphams, Curtiss, Tickners, Cushings, Briggs, Stetsons, and the gallant Commodore Preble, and a host of other eminent men in the various professions of life.

GRACE TILDEN.

East Bridgewater.

Oliver Wendell Holmes is doing all he can to expose the frauds of Spiritualism.

POLITICAL NOTES.

For the first time in sixteen years the Southern democrat can call this his country.

The Democrats of Wayne will have a grand jollification and torchlight at Goldsboro on Thursday next.

Buffalo *Courier* (dem):—"Victory will not be stolen from us if it belongs to us. Patience, and await the returns."

Rocky Mt. Mail: Independent candidates throughout the State have probably learned that they are very dependent on the votes of their fellow-citizens.

Boston *Post*: Tilden has without doubt, carried the three Southern States whose returns have been delayed, and is elected President of the United States.

Salisbury *Examiner*: Never in any previous election, have we seen the colored and white Radicals so quiet. It is a rare thing that you see either on the streets. They are completely hacked, and retired to private life.

Hartford (Conn) *Times*:—"A number of significant facts in connection with this audacious plot to set aside the result of the Presidential election by fraud are all found to point unerringly to one thing. It is certain now that this infamous scheme was all planned and arranged before the election."

Goldsboro *Messenger*: The victory in this country is hailed with utmost satisfaction by Democrats all over the State. The defeat of Gen. Hoke [illegible] be a State cause for rejoicing. The victory is as complete and glorious, as it was unexpected by our friends outside of the county, and many in the county entered the contest almost against hopes.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Snow fell in Mecklenburg county last Friday.

A house on the premises of Mrs. Green at Goldsboro was destroyed by fire one day last week.

There was a torchlight demonstration in Louisburg last Friday night. Speeches were made by C. M. Cooke Esq., Hon J. J. Davis, W. H. Spencer, Geo. S Baker and Dr. W. C. Lankford.

Goldsboro *Messenger*: The boys have been booming a cannon at intervals for several days in honor of the victory. The cannon was manufactured for the occasion by our townsman W. S Farmer, Esq., at his foundry.

The trial of G. M. Smathers, for the killing of B. A. Pharr in Haywood county on the 22d of September last, took place at Waynesville last week, His Honor Judge Cannon presiding. The jury rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Monroe *Enquirer*: Some time since, as our readers will recollect, Mr A. Sinclair, of the place, was arrested in Wilmington by a United States detective, on the charge of robbing the mails. Since then he has had a hearing, and we are glad to report, was not found guilty of theft, but of gross negligence.

Rocky Mt. Mail: Sunday evening while two young gentlemen, Crenshaw Whitley, son of Mr. Davis Whitley, and Scott Rackley, son of Mr. L D. Rackley, were returning from Free Chapel Church their horse ran away threw them out and severely hurt them both. Mr. Whitley was literally scalped and Rackley knocked senseless. The buggy was also broken into flinders.

GENERAL NOTES.

The United States uses 60 000 tons of lead each year, and Great Britain and Spain alone produce more than this country.

A student in Paris after passing three years in the Latin quarter, wrote to his father as follows: "I have made up my mind to set to work dear father; therefore I should like to know whether it was law or medicine that I came to Paris to study."

The Crown Prince of Germany has recently distinguished himself in the world of letters by a well written little narrative of his trip to Egypt to attend the opening of the Suez Canal. The book is entitled "My Journey to the land of the East in 1869," and only forty copies have been printed and distributed among those persons who were the Crown Prince's travelling companions on the occasion.

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