

There is said to be a good deal of human nature in folks. So immediately after the war no one ought to have been surprised at the soreness of the South or at the disposition of the North to carry matters with a high hand. These natural feelings were known to exist by the politicians and they were speedily seized upon and used to advance the interests of the different political parties.

The bloody shirt was waved often and with great success. But at length the human nature of the people grew tired of these stale appeals to their worst passions, and the Democratic party in 1876, on the platform of reconciliation, swept the country by an immense popular majority of the white voters.

We rejoice in the belief, then, that attacks are to cease on the honorable intention and purpose of the South to sustain our Federal Government, which owes its creation largely to Southern brains and its glories chiefly to Southern statesmen. We believe that these attacks are to cease because public sentiment will no longer tolerate them.

Accordingly we notice a disposition to revert to older political themes, and to examine the principles that underlie our government, with a fairness and an honesty that has been since the war rarely exhibited by leading Northern papers. Indeed, the absence from their columns of harsh expressions towards us of the South is so marked that we are inclined to go beyond reasonable bounds, and to anticipate the speedy return of an era of good feeling between the sections.

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Republicans will skip all but the deductions and believe them, while Democrats will skip all but the deductions and reject them as preposterous. The gravamen of the charge is that Mr. Tilden and his friends brought out too many voters; that while the Republicans polled their full vote, the Democrats polled a much larger vote than the census returns would seem to justify.

On this subject two observations are not unworthy of consideration: First, that the figuring by which the voting population in any State is arrived at is unsatisfactory; and second, that there were influences at work in that election to draw out a full vote that never were felt before in the United States and probably never will be again in this country.

Now as to the unsatisfactory nature of the figuring by which the voting population of any State is arrived at, we can only say that heretofore the Times published columns of figures to show that North Carolina had cast an impossible vote in 1876, and the writer in THE OBSERVER dispelled the illusion and proved beyond question from the census returns of 1870 that North Carolina had not cast its full vote by twenty thousand in that election.

We cannot refrain from expressing our admiration of the conduct of the colored military companies of Memphis who, as the telegrams of yesterday reported, have volunteered their services as a guard for the property of the city, should necessity arise therefor. It is an instance of heroism and self-sacrifice that commands the admiration of all men and deserves the especial gratitude of the people of that stricken city.

One cannot travel any country road without being struck with the sight of snakes hanging from boughs of trees or lying across a top fence-rail. That is the negro's prayer to Heaven for rain. So firm is their belief that hanging a snake will bring rain that lately they have not contented themselves with hanging up every snake they came across accidentally, but have actually hung the negro's prayer to Heaven for rain. For the negro's prayer to Heaven, and give us all you've got on hand. And don't everybody try to catch it all at once.

Edwards King writes from Paris to the Evening Post as follows: THE FAILURE OF IMPERIALISM. Madame de Remusat's memoirs, in which she gives the character of Napoleon the First as seen through the eyes of one who created a tremendous sensation. The war legend has received so many blows of late that it no longer remains firmly in its place.

THE RESIGNATION OF SARAH BERNHARDT. The resignation of Sarah Bernhardt from the Company of the Comedie Francaise was the natural result of the systematic attacks of which the nervous actress has been the object for a long time. When she disappointed a London audience, and the aristocracy criticized her with great sharpness in consequence thereof, she critics said so much that Mademoiselle Sarah lost her temper.

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STATUTE OF LIBERTY.—The Franco-American monument project has been revived by the State Lottery of three hundred thousand tickets at one franc each. The people view with alarm, the possibility that, at that time comes, they will all be hidden securely away, and the office, one of the most honorable within the gift of the people, will go begging empty handed. Such a view is not only a possibility, but

POLITICAL NOTES. SECRETARY McCRARY'S SUCCESSOR. WASHINGTON, July 21.—It seems that the selection of ex-Sherman to be the successor of Mr. McCrary as Secretary of War, when the latter is confirmed as a United States circuit judge, is not, in any way, in the interest of Sherman's candidacy for the presidency.

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