

The latest election returns show that the Democratic victory of last Thursday was the most complete and sweeping ever won by any party in this State.

The State ticket was elected by nearly 60,000 majority, and the amendment was adopted by nearly as large a majority. In the Legislature the Democrats have elected 40 out of the 50 Senators and 102 out of the 120 Representatives. Only two Populists are elected to the Legislature, and they are the last that ever will be elected in this State. These two are from Butler's county, Sampson.

It is now in order for suggestions to be made as to what the newly elected Legislature ought to do when it meets in January. There is ample time between now and then for all suggestions to be thoroughly discussed.

There is one bill, which all the newspapers of the State will agree ought to be passed, and that is the libel bill, that was smothered in the last House. This action, here and now, promises his editorial brethren that the same bill will be introduced early in the session, and if it is passed there will be a lively time in the State at least.

The Populist party has gone away in this State and has not existed again. At one moment it had sufficient power and influence to be feared by both the other parties, but now, having no party, it is a mere name.

And what has happened here because of its founder?

The greater part have returned to the Democratic party, and while they originally belonged to Democrats, there are some who have now joined the Populist party, and really now, Republican and still now throw off their allegiance to become open Republicans. That a man, who has twice pronounced to be a Populist and has been hurrying for two years, with a vote for President McKinley, against the nomination of Theodore National Convention.

This situation has become very critical and the papers are still conflicting. At last reports the foreign ministers at Pola were alive, and the expedition for their rescue was marching on that city.

It is to be deplored and is a disgrace to civilization, that there is any rivalry and strife between the European powers in their work of rescue. The foreign expedition is composed of American, British, and Japanese troops, who are acting harmoniously together and ought to receive the united support of all the other countries.

No man who voted last week for the amendment was consistently voted for McKinley next November.

Why? Because his vote for the amendment was a vote for white supremacy, but his vote for McKinley would be a vote for negro postmasters.

Yes, we do not see how it can be in favor of white supremacy and then vote for a President who appoints negro postmasters here in North Carolina.

The fusion of Republicans and the late election seems to have been a more dismal and disastrous failure than it was in 1896. We are reminded of the expression "dismal failure" by reading what Marion Butler said in the Congress on the 4th of February, 1897. At that time he was readily cited at the re-election of Senator Pritchard and the general misconduct of the Fusion Legislature that he wrote several editorials severely denouncing that body. From one of his editorials published February 4th, 1897, we copy the following extract:

"So then, for all essentials the co-operation of Populists and Republicans in this State has been a dismal failure. Only the contemptible 'pie hunters' can see any good in it!

EXACTLY one year ago the members of North Carolina were enfranchised. Ever since that time who aided in perpetrating that crime against the State have since admitted that it was a crime which others have called a national blot.

Yes, it has been a crime of a century since a Republic was organized in 1867, since the battle of Appomattox who had just been subjected to the conditions of a surrender and now in the closing year of the century of its existence, at the advent of its centennial, it is seeking to reverse the process of a new reformation has been put to the disservice authorized in their votes and last week in the North Carolina State Legislature and Populists.

The Populist nominee for Vice President, Fowce of Minnesota, has declined the nomination and will shortly start for Florida and Missouri.

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Editor Admits Quiet Election. The election was quiet and the result was a surprise to many.

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