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Who struck J. Frank Ray, of Macon.

There are others besides Jay Kay Jones who will have to try again.

The product of election frauds is a fraud and ought to be treated as such.

It brings to mind the old "stop thief" cry to hear David B. Hill raise the question of fraud.

Mr. Bryan's State is becoming more and more Republican. Will some of the Col's. admirers please account for it?

The funniest exhibition of the season is a Democratic politician trying to appear pleased at the election returns.

Ballot-box frauds may secure a certificate of election to Congress but it takes something else to get a seat in that body.

It is not in us to see how Judge Avery is entitled to such high commendation for not accepting an office to which he was not elected.

Those who are trying to solve the pistol problem might make a forward stride if they would induce the legislature to abolish the hip-pocket.

Senator Gorman has not accounted for the Republican majority in Maryland. A statesman with his eye on the White House should have humped himself to more purpose.

When prosperity came the Populists went out of business because they got what they wanted. Not so with the Democrats. The more the country prospers the madder they seem to get. They never thrive so well as when other people suffer.

If those fellows who are talking so loudly about Republican money being used to corrupt Democratic voters will feel in their own pockets they will find the deficit that hurts them. It is one thing to sham political virtue and another thing to possess it.

Two years ago Mr. Gudger was so virtuous that he condemned Major Stringfield for accepting a certificate of election based on the Flat Creek steal. Now his own credentials are of the same color. But, then, its different. Mr. Gudger can't see himself now with the clearness that he saw his colleague then.

President Roosevelt is like McKinley in that he has grown stronger with the people every day since he became president. The business interests of the country have come to rely with confidence upon his conservative wisdom while the laboring classes recognize in him a friend and an advocate.

For years such Democratic papers as the Charlotte and Raleigh Observers and the staid and sober old Morning Post have taught their readers that only a paltry 20,000 white men voted the Republican ticket in North Carolina. The election returns show that more than 80,000 white men voted that ticket on the 4th of November. Have 60,000 men walked out of the Democratic party and into the Republican party in two short years? Or did the chiefs of the Democratic senogogue lie to begin with?

Before the election while the Independents were thought to be small and few in the hill, they were "ring-tails", "renegades" and consorts with niggers and Radicals. But since their number and strength have been made apparent by the election returns they have become highly respectable and decent gentlemen, and the same pen that wrote them "ring-tails" apologizes for them now on the ground that some of the Democratic candidates were morally and mentally unfit to hold office.

Now, which of those candidates are aimed at? It is unfair to the righteous to make insinuations without specifications.

Last Saturday the Charlotte Observer looked upon the Republican party in this State as only a memory. On Sunday it saw it 80,000 strong and on Monday it found it hard to see life in it. Whenever the esteemed Observer fails to contradict itself at least once a day the public will be notified.

Two years ago the Democrats said there were one hundred and twenty thousand negro voters in North Carolina, and that they voted the Republican ticket "like a solid wall." That year the Democrats carried the State by 60,000 majority. Now, all those one hundred and twenty thousand negroes have either been disfranchised or voted the Democratic ticket, and yet the Democratic majority in the late election is not 60,000. What is the matter with this party with the "divine right to rule"?

Whatever opinion one may hold as to the result of the election of August 1900 there can be but one opinion among decent folks as to the methods employed to carry it.

The ostensible object of the Democratic campaign managers, and the real object of a great mass of the people, was the elimination of the negro vote.

We make this distinction in motive because the Democratic leaders and the Democratic press have shown clearly, by their mollycoddling of the negro and their touching (and successful) efforts to control the remnant of the colored vote during the last campaign, by their tender sympathy with him in his alleged desertion by the Republican party; that it was not the negro votes that they objected to but the negro Republican votes.

The great majority of the white people of the State are rejoiced that the negro is out of politics, but however desirable we may consider that end; no man is a decent citizen who does not, from his soul, abhor the means adopted to carry the amendment through. Those methods, intimidation, force and fraud, were equivalent to a repeal of the fundamental principle of our government—the right of the majority to rule. They made the election a farce and a travesty upon democratic institutions. No candid, honest man attempted to defend them except by the Jesuitical doctrine that "the end justifies the means" or by saying that, though illegal and noxious in themselves, they would be given the sanction, in view of their object, of this "inherent right of revolution."

We will not discuss here the question as to whether or not the end, in that particular case, did justify the means. The election of 1900 has passed into history. We would not revive even the memory of it, had not recent events forced the realization that the fraudulent election methods which the people were then inclined to condone and ignore have been to some extent revived in the recent election.

The frauds in the Congressional election just held have been so brazen in some of the precincts that Major Moody would forfeit his own self-respect and the respect of his friends if he should fail to contest.

Not only that, but he would overlook his plain duty, if, by failing to prosecute these election thieves with the utmost rigor, he should miss the opportunity of showing, at the critical and important time, that such frauds will no longer be tolerated.

Rightly or wrongly, they have been tolerated in the past when the negro was in question, but that time and that excuse have vanished. If such frauds as that at Tryon are allowed to go unpunished, the ring of corrupt politicians who, by means of such frauds have entrenched themselves in power in the Democratic party and the State, will certainly use them even more freely in the future.

Now is the time to stamp out such frauds with all possible vigor. There is just one way in which the moral sense of this class of men can be effectively educated. That is by putting some of them in prison for terms long enough to give them ample time for repentance, and their kind time for a leisurely contemplation of the results of this class of crime.

Major Moody and his friends are actively preparing for just this kind of a campaign of education. We believe that it will have a most useful effect and go far towards making our elections fair expressions of the will of the people, instead of the will of Demo-

cratic election officials as he vetoed.

Most of the negroes are disfranchised and the remnant turned Democratic. The machine manipulators can no longer confuse the moral understanding of the people with the cry of nigger. We believe the best citizenship of the district will stand behind and approve this contest of Major Moody.

"REAL PROSPERITY."

We commend to Mr. Locke Craig and other Democratic spellbinders who believe we have no real prosperity the following extract from the speech of Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely, delivered at the 25th session of the American Banker's Association at New Orleans last Tuesday:

"The clearing-house transactions have increased from fifty-four billion dollars in 1897 to one hundred and fourteen billions in 1901, an increase of sixty billions. That is, they have more than doubled in amount."

A CHALLENGE.

Mr. Fred W. Thomas, author of the "Inquirer" letters which appeared in the daily Gazette during the late campaign and in which charges of extravagance and improper use of county funds were made, challenges the County Commissioners and other members of the court house ring to an investigation as to the truth or falsity of said charges by an appeal to the records. Personal abuse of Mr. Thomas is no answer to the indictment he has brought against the administrators of the county finances, nor will it satisfy the public. A refusal to accept Mr. Thomas' challenge will be construed into a plea of guilty, and very justly so. If Mr. Thomas has made false charges the commissioners owe it to themselves and those involved with them in the condemnation to let the records speak for their vindication. If Mr. Thomas' charges convey the truth he is entitled to credit and the books should be opened that the people may know the facts.

REPUBLICAN GROWTH.

"In the last election Buncombe gave Moody a majority over the Democratic nominee. This time Moody was snowed under."—Charlotte News. Nothing could exceed the cheek of the News save the ignorance of the brain that evolved the above paragraph. The disfranchising amendment eliminated 2,000 voters in Buncombe county any one of whom had more intelligence than is evinced in the boast of the News as to Republican losses in Buncombe county. Republican gains in this county are something phenomenal, and carry despair to the hearts of Democratic leaders who have sense enough to see a little bit ahead of themselves. Through the operations of the amendment 1800 negro voters were eliminated from participation in future elections and in addition there were five hundred white Republicans who were disfranchised by the poll tax provision, according to Democratic evidence. Add this to that and you have 2300 men who cast their ballots against Democracy two years ago who took no part in the election this year. Two years ago Moody had 271 majority in Buncombe county, this year he lost by 339 the sum of these is 610 which taken from 2300 leaves 1690 as the net gain of Major Moody in old Buncombe in two short years, and that means just so many white men. If the illegal votes cast by Democrats who were not required to exhibit their poll-tax receipts as the Democratic election law demands had been eliminated from the count Mr. Gudger's little margin would have gone also. If the contemplation of the situation as it bears on the future gives any solace to ring Democrats they are easily comforted.

Asleep Amid Flames.

Breaking into a blazing home, some firemen lately dragged the sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security, and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption gives perfect protection against all Throat, Chest and Lung Troubles. Keep it near, and avoid suffering, death, and doctor's bills. A teaspoonful stops a late cough, persistent use the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by all druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Startling, But True.

"If every one knew what a grand medicine Dr. King's New Life Pills is," writes Dr. H. Turner, Dumpsyettown, Pa., "you'd sell all you have in a day. Two weeks' use has made a new man of me." Infallible for constipation, stomach and liver troubles. 25c at all drug stores.

THE RETURNS ANALYZED.

One of the significant features of returns of recent elections, is the great Republican gains made in the West. These have occurred in every state west of the Mississippi river, compared with the last election, in an off year, that of 1898, with the single exception of California, which gave a Republican majority that year of 19,000 and only 2,000 this year. The majority in Iowa is 5,000 larger this year; in Minnesota, 50,000 larger; in Kansas, 25,000 larger; in Wyoming, 1,500, and in Washington, 5,000 larger. In South Dakota there was a Democratic majority of 370 in 1898; this year it gave a Republican majority of 19,000; Colorado gave a Democratic majority that year of 43,000, and this year it is Republican by 6,000; Idaho gave them a Democratic majority of 5,000; now it is 6,000 Republican, and so on.

The aggregate Republican majorities in all of the states west of the Mississippi river in 1898 was 143,850; this year it is 279,100. In 1898 the aggregate Democratic majorities given in all these states amounted to 69,050; this year it is only 500, that being in the state of Nevada.

The following tables show the political status of the several states as the result of recent elections, and their electoral votes:

Table with 2 columns: State Name and Electoral Votes. Includes California (17), Connecticut (7), Illinois (27), Indiana (13), Iowa (13), Kansas (10), Maine (6), Massachusetts (16), Michigan (14), Minnesota (11), Nebraska (8), New Hampshire (4), New Jersey (12), North Dakota (4), Ohio (23), Oregon (4), Pennsylvania (34), South Dakota (4), Utah (3), Vermont (4), Washington (5), West Virginia (13), Wyoming (3), and Totals (257).

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No Time to Lose

You cannot afford to disregard the warnings of a weak and diseased heart and put off taking the prescription of the world's greatest authority on heart and nervous disorders—Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. If your heart palpitates, flutters, or you are short of breath, have smothering spells, pain in left side, shoulder or arm, you have heart trouble and are liable to drop dead any moment.

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Local Retail Market.

Prevailing prices of produce. Corrected by Hiram Lindsey, 450 South Main street and City Market. Apples, 10 to 30c peck. Carrots, new, 5c bunch. Beets, 5c bunch. Bacon, 13-15c pound. Leek, 5c bunch. Radishes, 5c bunch. String beans, 7-2-2c quart. New Beets, 5c bunch. Lemons, 20c dozen. Bananas, 20 to 25c dozen. Chestnuts, \$2.00 bushel. Cranberries, 15c quart. Celery, 6 stalks for 25c. Citron, 10c each. Corn, new, 75c bushel. Chickens, 35 and 40c each. Egg Plant, 5c each. Head Lettuce, 3 for 5c. Onions, 35c peck. Rye, \$1.00 bushel. Spinach, 25c peck. Salsify, 5c bunch. Home Grown Tomatoes, 3 to 5c pound. Turkeys, 16-2-3c pound. Turnips, 5c bunch. Wheat, \$1.00 bushel. Eggs, 24c dozen. Quail, 15c each, \$1.80 doz. Pheasants, 50 and 60c each. Pumpkins, 10 to 15c each. New Irish potatoes, 20c peck. Sweet Potatoes, 20c peck. Cabbage, 5c head. Parsley, 5c bunch. Cheese, 20c pound. Home-made molasses, 50c gal. Pop Corn, 5c dozen. Hams, 16 to 17c pound.

S. S. Green and L. S. Stamey, of Clyde, were here selling tobacco Wednesday.

W. T. Smathers and daughter, Miss Edith, of Clyde were in the city Thursday.

To pray is but half of the Christian's privilege; to watch for the answer is the other half.—Nehemiah Boynton, D. D.

A Startling Surprise.

Very few could believe in looking at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from Rheumatism as few could endure and live. But a wonderful change followed his taking Electric Bitters. "Two bottles wholly cured me," he writes, "and I have not felt a twinge in over a year." They regulate the kidneys, purify the blood and cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Nervousness, improve digestion and give perfect health. Try them. Only 50c. at all drug stores.



Dr. Miles' Heart Cure.

Mrs. M. A. Birdsell, Watkins, N. Y., whose portrait heads this advertisement, says: "I write this through gratitude for benefits I received from Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. I had palpitation of the heart, severe pains under the left shoulder, and my general health was miserable. A few bottles of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure cured me entirely. Sold by all Druggists. Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind."

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Advertisement for MONTE CARLO COATS, describing them as the newest fashionable coats for women.

Advertisement for SKIRTS FOR MISSES, ranging from \$1.90 to \$4.50.

Advertisement for LADIES' SKIRTS, offering a large variety of the latest fashions.

Advertisement for CHILDREN'S LONG SKIRTS, priced from \$5.50 to \$7.50.

Advertisement for BON MARCHE, THE DRY GOODS SHOP, located at 15 SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Advertisement for GINSENG DISTILLING COMPANY, featuring \$3.20 Silk Hat Rye Whisky and Silk Hat Cocktails.

Large advertisement for THE REGISTER newspaper, highlighting 'Half Rates to Texas' and subscription information.

Advertisement for Dress Goods, offering 25 cents for 50c extra width goods.

Advertisement for GEO. W. JNKNS, 45 SOUTH MAIN ST., offering various grocery items.

Advertisement for Cold & LaGrippe, featuring Grant's No. 24 cures.

Advertisement for Catarrh Cure, an internal remedy for various ailments.

Advertisement for Cough Balsam, a remedy for coughs and colds.

Advertisement for Wood's Seed, a remedy for various ailments.

Advertisement for Grant's Pharmacy, 24 S. MAIN ST.

Advertisement for Pitkin's Ready-Mixed Guaranteed Premium Paint.

Advertisement for Pitkin's Barn Paint, a standard coating for barns.

Advertisement for GEO. W. P. KIN CO., CHICAGO, U. S. A., offering winter tourist tickets.

Advertisement for Southern Railway, offering very low rates.

Advertisement for THE "LAND OF THE SKY" AND THE "SAPPHIRE COUNTRY", offering tickets on sale.

Advertisement for THROUGH SLEEPING CARS, offering the highest standard of service.

Advertisement for W. A. TURK, Passenger Traffic Manager, Washington, D. C.