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The New State Chairman.

The election of Hon. John Morehead as Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of North Carolina was no surprise to any one who had kept tabs on the trend of events in the political history of the State. The Republican party in North Carolina is growing by leaps and bounds and there was strong demand among the rank and file of the party for a young and aggressive leader—a leader who would not be handicapped by former bickerings in the party ranks. The ideal for this leadership was found in the person of the brilliant young Congressman from this district, who in the last election overcame a normal Democratic majority 5,000 and was triumphantly elected.

The Republicans from the mountains to the seashore saw in the Hon. John M. Morehead a political Moses, who will lead them out of the wilderness. How well he will succeed depends in

a great measure to the loyalty in which he is supported by the Republican hosts throughout the State. If every Republican in North Carolina will do his duty as well as we feel confident the Chairman will do his, there will be no question except the size of the majority. Let every Republican do his full duty and victory is assured.

There were those who did not think Mr. Morehead the man for the place, but not sufficient in numbers to overcome the demand for this young leader. Let these fall in line—which we feel sure they will do—and help roll up a majority in North Carolina that will startle the natives.

The Result in Tennessee.

The State of Tennessee and the whole country is to be congratulated upon the result of the election recently held in that State for Judges of the Supreme Court. While the result cannot be called a Republican victory, it to a great extent blazes the way and makes Republican success possible and more easy of achievement in the future. While the ticket elected was an independent one and was supported alike by the independent and better class of Democrats and Republicans, against the Democratic machine candidates, it has greatly clarified the political atmosphere in the State of Tennessee and entirely crushed one of the most corrupt rings known to political history.

The machine in Tennessee had reached the point of laying its mailed hand upon the courts and halting the administration of justice. It will be recalled by those of our readers who have kept posted on the political events of the country, that Governor Patterson and former Senator Carmack, of Tennessee became involved in a bitter wrangle as to which should control the Democratic machine, which culminated in the killing of Carmack by Duncan B. Cooper, a Patterson adherent, who was tried and sentenced to 20 years in the states prison for the crime. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the State and the decision of the lower court affirmed, whereupon Governor Patterson promptly pardoned Cooper.

This so affronted three of the Judges of the Supreme Court that they at once declared themselves independent candidates for reelection against the nominees of the machine, and with the aid of the Republicans were triumphantly elected. As stated in the outset, now that this corrupt machine has been crushed, we may expect cleaner politics in the State of Tennessee and perhaps the control of the State Government by the Republicans at no great distant day.

When a political party becomes so drunken with power as it has in Tennessee, and some other southern States, which we could name, corruption is sure to become rampant and run riot, while the interest of the people suffer. However it so happens that once in a while there is a rising of the people, when the machine is crushed and its promoters and beneficiaries relegated to the rear. The dominant party in North Carolina should profit by the experience of the dominant party in Tennessee, and deal fairly with the people, or it will be consigned to the shades of oblivion.

The Neglect of the South,

The fact that Congress has provided an additional \$30,000,000 for irrigation in the west and that Burlington is still out in the cold so far as concerns a government building for handling and distributing the mail, naturally calls up the question why the South should not share in the proceeds of the sale of the public lands equally with the west in the matter of appropriations. We are not complaining of the west, nor do we begrudge to her a full share in the fund derived from the sale of the public domain. At the same time we beg leave to re-

mind our law makers that the public lands and the money derived from the sale thereof is the fund of the common country just as much as any piece of gold in treasury.

The fact that all, or nearly all of the public land lies west of the Mississippi river does not give that section of country any stronger claim upon the same than the section lying east of the Mississippi. The main cause of this neglect of the South in the matter of appropriations is to be found in the fact the representation in Congress from the South devote more time and attention to political questions than to those that pertain to the improvement and up-building of the sections which they represent.

When ever a question of public policy arises in Congress that has the faintest appearance of building up the country in the west, politics are at once eliminated from the question and relegated to the rear and a solid front is presented in favor of the scheme. With the members from the south, there is no such unity of action. The party whip is cracked and party regularity has to be preserved at the expense of the south. We promised in our new year salutatory to labor in and out of season for the erection of a government building at Burlington and to this end we shall devote much time and our best energies until the object has been accomplished.

Places of less note and less importance than Burlington have secured government buildings, so let us have less politics and more energy, more progress and more agitation of the subject until a substantial postoffice building rears its head to the blue vaults of heaven in Burlington.

We learn from a reliable source that several of our young men who attend the post office and especially the stamp window regularly have not been seen this week. Miss Swannie Patterson is the guest of her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Patterson on R. No. 1.

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