

The grand victory achieved by the Republican Party of Maine in the election last week is a "stunner" to democrats everywhere.

The issues were "Blaine and a Protective Tariff."

The republican majority exceeding as it does 20,000 is the largest the party has received since 1868. Every county goes republican and but ten democratic county officers were elected in the entire State. This result is attributed to the immense popularity of Mr. Blaine; the desire for Protection to our capital and labor and to honest enthusiastic work for these principles. Republicans everywhere are enthusiastic over this splendid victory in a State that four years ago gave a democratic majority. Ohio and West Virginia vote next, on October 14th prox. Republican Success is in the air. Labor is not to be placed at the mercy of "British Free Trade."

A VALUABLE SCRAP.

It may not be generally known but we believe it to be true that there is barely enough tobacco marketed on the warehouse floor in Durham to supply our Factories. To those familiar with the terms in use we need not say that "cutters," "smokers" and "scrap" are the only kinds sought by our manufacturers of Smoking Tobacco and Cigarettes. "Wrappers" and "fillers" are used in the manufacture of "plug" and always find a ready market. But it is the "smokers" and "scrap" that we are concerned in at present and that enter into the smoking tobacco trade of to-day. We started out to put this inquiry to the farmer and leaf dealer; Of what value are these grades aside from the special purpose for which they are now used, and is it desirable from the money point of view that they should be maintained? It needs no argument to see how "Free" Havana Cigars would to a great extent close the market to our Granulated Tobacco's. This is the way the Democracy is drifting and we intend to put the matter before the producer and those who handle this stock. If they see their interest as plainly as do we, their votes will be for Protection to hold the advantages they now possess. They have been long enough coming to be well cared for now that they can be enjoyed.

Let the people of Durham County bear in mind that the tax levied on the poll by their Bourbon Board of Magistrates is \$2,00 while Real Estate value at \$300, pays but \$1,25.

THE DEAD.

Geo. A. Latham late editor of the Statesville American is dead. A man of good mind, generous impulses, strong in his friendships and attachments. The grave closes over his faults and weakness while we recognize his ability and admire his many good qualities. Mr. Latham's dissipation cover a series of years and were all the more deplorable because of the brain and genius of the victim.

The News and Observer standing by the grave of the dead, seeks to make party capital by adding that "two years ago when he went into the Republican Party he was repudiated by his family." Our long acquaintance with the dead contradicts this assertion, without question. He was never a Republican. He was NEVER repudiated by his family or friends. If the News and Observer takes this sad occasion to advise the youth of the South that an adherence to Republican principles begets family repudiation, ostracism has gone to its extreme length.

THE DIFFERENCE.

As some "pink edged" republicans profess to see no difference between a Liberal and a Bourbon Democrat we will try to enlighten them.

The Liberal platform declares emphatically for protection to American industries and labor—for the distribution of the surplus revenues of the General Government among the Several States for the education of the masses, for equal political rights to all citizens and for a repeal of the present odious, tyrannical and un-republican County Government system whereby Commissioners, Magistrates, School Committeemen, County Superintendents &c. are appointed to rule over the financial and educational affairs of a once free people. These County officers are rarely the choice of a majority of their own party even, but are selected by the Chairman of County Democratic Executive Committee without regard to fitness or training, but solely to subserve partisan ends by having them scotch for the Court House Rings and Cliques. As a rule (with but few honorable exceptions) they are subservient to and willing tools of the bosses. In the discharge of their duties they are learning to have an eye more to party ends than for the public weal. Their partizanship on more than one occasion has even entered into the selection of free school teachers and the assessment of property. It has threatened the sanctity of the Courts through the selection

of Jurors. The system is a monstrous and iniquitous tyranny that even the subjects of Queen Victoria would grow restive under. The Bourbons themselves have never attempted to justify or defend the system upon any other grounds than that of "expediency" to keep themselves in power, by the powerful machine methods the appointive system affords.

The Bourbon platform declares in favor of restoring the present or some "equally effective" system. Here is a vital issue that divides the Liberals and Bourbons and upon which there can be no compromise short of a full restoration to the people of their right to Local Self Government. This issue is sufficient to decide every true republican to support any coalition that promises relief. It is a choice between pure Jeffersonian Democracy on one hand and spurious copper lined, brass mounted, case hardened Bourbonism on the other.

Liberalism means progress—reform—enlightenment—protection, and a full and free exercise of the right of franchise while Bourbonism means proscription—intolerance—unfair discriminations and abridgment of the right of suffrage.

DON'T KEEP SO QUIET.

There seems to be little canvass going on in the State that is not reported in the Bourbon press. We refer to the canvass of Vance and Jarvis for the United States Senate. Vance is no office seeker, oh! no—not by any means but Jarvis is not disposed to be as modest as the great "Commoner" of the West and he does not deny that he thinks his claims equally as strong if not stronger than those of Vance. Jarvis had a good following and he is not inclined to be retired as was Robinson without some show of fight. Jarvis may not have the ability of Vance but he can meet that by charging that the ability of Vance counts for nothing when he makes no use of it. Senator Ransom is the only delegate from North Carolina so far as influence is concerned that amounts to a "hill of beans" the balance are mere wedge-wood put in to fill up. To be sure the delegation in the House voted with Morrison to reduce tariff taxes twenty per cent and thus destroy the policy of Protection—this ought to sink the whole posse of them. If \$5000 per year is a good little slice to have for being a "deadhead" in the Congress, Jarvis wants a chance to draw the pile for six years. As between Vance and Jarvis, give us the "plough boy" of Currituck.