



N. C. DEMOCRACY VICTORIOUS.

Prior to the election much solicitude was expressed about the result in North Carolina. The feeling of uneasiness was not confined to the state; but throughout the nation the situation was regarded as critical, and many painful apprehensions were felt. The most sanguine feared that the standard of democracy might be displaced, and the state fall again into radical clutches, when we knew law and order would be supplanted by violence and legal robbery; but democracy has met the enemy and won the most signal victory in the history of the Old North State. Instead of 13,000 democratic majority, it is 26,000. Radicalism with all of its side-shows, aided by the most bountiful supplies of money, with which to corrupt the electors at the polls, has not been merely repulsed, but fearfully routed. We have won at every point, and the standards of our party still float proudly over a united and happy people. We have elected a full democratic delegation to congress, very conclusively showing the invincibility of organized democracy under efficient leadership. Tuesday morning, Nov. 8th, found democracy in arms ready for the fray, with no thought of lines of retreat nor bases of supply. Our bridges in the rear had been burned and all cumbersome baggage destroyed Monday night, and at 6 a. m. the next morning, the front line of the enemy was carried by assault, when with heavy artillery an incessant bombardment was directed against the radical front. At 3 p. m. Gen. Elias Carr had reached the enemies rear with 60,000 veterans, and when his courier reached the front bringing the joyful intelligence, with the war cry "Forward!" the enemy was quickly driven from his fortifications, and assailed in both front and rear surrendered without conditions at 6 p. m. Democracy captured 120,000 prisoners with arms, baggage, etc. Peace now reigns supreme, and the enemy has been paroled not to take up arms again in a national contest under four years; but no thoughtful citizen really anticipates having ever again to fight radicalism. It has wrought much devilment in the land, but it is now so dead that it stinketh.

North Carolina doesn't make much fuss, but when she gets there she generally gets there with both feet, and comes down flat-footed, so to speak. Butler, Exum & Co., and Jim Eaves have some idea of the heft of her foot and the size of the shoe she wears.—[Wilmington Star.

VOX POPULI, VOX DEI.

As we prophesied in our last issue Cleveland has been elected president. Every patriotic citizen, who properly understands the momentous issues involved in last Tuesday's contest, rejoices at the democratic victory. Had we been defeated at the polls liberty and constitutional government would have been greatly endangered, if not wholly lost, for we have no manner of doubt that, the republican party would have passed the force bill, and in that event future elections would have been a farce, and robbery, under legal sanction would have pillaged the country, but by the great victory we have just won the force bill has been relegated from public affairs, and the prostitution of the elective franchise so severely rebuked, that, we feel assured neither of these twin evils will for many years again threaten the well-being of our institutions. We greatly rejoice at these things, and take pleasure in the consciousness that we have contributed our mite in their destruction. Our policy has been dictated from a sense of duty, and if we have ever offended individuals, it was because in our judgment the public weal demanded it. But returning to the iniquities of republicanism we wish to say, that, while we regard the republican party as dead, yet, its members will rally under a new name, still animated by the same false and dangerous ideas of government, which have characterized and made infamous the political record of republicanism for the past quarter of a century. Republicans, may be personally upright members of society, but, if genuine republicans their politics necessarily make the success of their party, nearly as dangerous to the prosperity of the country, as dynamite under a man's house would be to the occupants therein. Therefore, republicanism must not be permitted to again control the affairs of the nation, and to prevent it the democratic party must keep with religious care, the promises of reform it has made the people, and as industriously as possible educate the electors in sound political doctrines, for if the republic is preserved, it will be by the dissemination of knowledge. If a good man adheres to dogmas really detrimental to good government, he does it in ignorance, and when satisfied of his error will repudiate it, and embrace the truth as quickly as it is recognized. This element of patriotism, in the character of our fellow-citizens, is the pillar which supports our political superstructure. It established after years of military struggle the republic, and for a period of more than a cen-

tury has safely preserved it. From these facts we have rational grounds of confidence, if we fearlessly fulfill our own responsible party obligations to society. Man to a great extent is just what education and personal environments make him, and if a disreputable citizen, it is possible that society has wronged him fully as much as he has wronged society. Taking this view of the matter, we readily see the necessity of disseminating correct ideas, and also much to encourage us in laboring upon this line to extirpate the tenets hurtful to our peace and happiness. Let us cease to applaud as the most exalted human courage, the animal frenzy that hesitates not to enter the bloody arena of combat, and in its stead exalt only that higher moral courage which is willing to labor, even under reproach, for the betterment of humanity and the perpetuation of man's freedom upon the earth. The unthinking rabble many times persecutes the earth's greatest benefactors, and as the censure of a fool should never disturb the equanimity of an individual, or party, conscious of the possession of correct ideas and purity of purpose, the democratic party can well afford, under evil as well as good report, to labor for the preservation of government by removing from the public mind, the fallacies which we know might lead the people into dangerous and fatal experiments. Erroneous ideas are the most prolific causes of wrong action, and as we remove the former, we relieve society from the danger of the later. Only upon this line can the democratic party successfully and permanently effect genuine reform.

ELIAS CARR.

This gentleman will be the next governor of North Carolina. He is a typical North Carolinian, and will come direct from his farm to the highest office in the state. Col. Carr is a man of conservative temperament, of practical views, and will make a good governor. He will succeed one of the best governors the state ever had, and we believe that the same can be said of him when he retires from the executive office. During the campaign his bearing has given great satisfaction to his immediate friends, and the large majority he receives is fully merited by his sterling worth as a man. We shall wish for the new governor a pleasant administration, and one that will prove in every respect beneficial to the interests of his native state, which he loves and which has honored him with her confidence in a manner that must be gratifying to him, as it is to his many friends.—[Asheville Gazette.

ADLAI E. STEVENSON.

The democratic majority in Illinois is a forcible illustration of the political power of Mr. Stevenson, and fully vindicates his selection for the vice-presidency by the Chicago convention. At the time of his nomination, we wondered who he were, and doubted the wisdom of conferring such marked distinction on one not prominently before the public; but we now see that the democratic convention acted wisely in placing him second on our national ticket. He has proven a tower of strength to Mr. Cleveland, and his elevation is a matter of just pride to every true son of North Carolina.

He is bone of our bone and blood of our blood—a grandson of our proud old commonwealth. We have looked into his countenance, and heard his able plea for constitutional government and the rights of man. He responded promptly to the call of his party, and has nobly answered our expectations. His manhood is genuine; his ability admitted, and we love him for the trophies he has presented to democracy. The truth is, Gen. Stevenson is great enough for the presidency itself, and while disclaiming prophetic ken, we confidently look for his further advancement.

LET CHARITY PREVAIL.

The election is now over and as the democrats have won a tremendous victory, they can well afford to show great patience and generosity towards their republican and third party political opponents, who are suffering the humiliation of defeat. We must regard them as being just as honest and patriotic as ourselves. That they have erred in judgment we know, but we would be lacking in charity and no doubt depart from the truth, to claim an exclusive monopoly of virtue and patriotism. Radicalism has acted in this spirit, but such conduct is anti-democratic and will not be practiced by members of our party. We have had a heated political contest, in which all have striven for the right as they saw it, and now in the spirit of pure democracy we only remember that we are neighbors and friends.

Weaver Carries Kansas.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 11.—Unofficial returns from the entire state of Kansas give Weaver 4,327 plurality. The state itself is carried by slightly smaller figures. The Senate stands: 17 republicans, 23 populists. The House 65 republicans, 58 populists, 2 democrats. This gives the republicans a plurality of one over the populists on joint ballot, with two democrats having the balance of power. If these figures stand the democrats hope the populists will aid them in electing Judge John Martin to the United States Senate.

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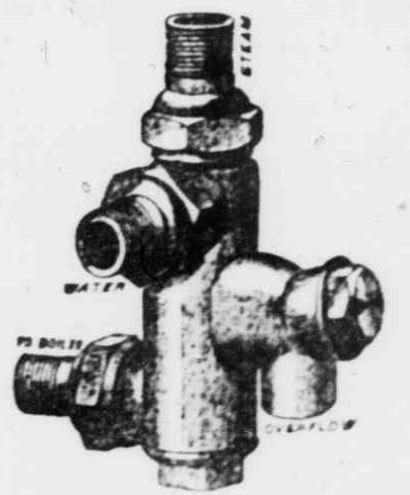
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