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Gov. Caldwell—His Duty.

The unanimous voice of the Democratic Press that the election be contested, proves that the secret circular, recently exposed in these columns, has been forwarded to the different Democratic papers throughout the State; that the advice of Messrs. Barringer and Mason has been acted upon; and if Greeley is elected, the favor of contesting the election will be gone through with, and the whole Democratic State ticket declared elected. Whether Gov. Caldwell will surrender the State government to Judge Merrimon upon such action of the Legislature, we do not know. We do not believe there were one tenth as many fraudulent votes cast by Republicans as by Democrats and Liberal traitors. In a contest before impartial men, Gov. Caldwell's majority would be increased. But before members of the Legislature, elected as partisans, where a political advantage is sought, justice would not be done. Every member would be governed by the knowledge that a defeat in a contest of their own seeking, would forever ruin Judge Merrimon, and seriously, if not fatally damage the mongrel party. Therefore, the returns would be manipulated so as to give Merrimon a majority without regard to evidence that might be produced by Gov. Caldwell. Believing that Gov. Caldwell received a majority of the legal votes cast on the first day of this month, and that justice will not be done by the Legislature, we advise Governor Caldwell to resist the Legislature if that body declares Merrimon elected, and attempts to wrest the State government from Gov. Caldwell and his brethren of the Republican State ticket. The Republicans have possession—they must retain it; and if Judge Merrimon sets up a petty government of his own—Congress will take cognizance of the contest and decide which is the rightful government. That the Congress would sustain Gov. Caldwell we have not the slightest doubt.

It is high time that the Republicans of the Southern States had cast off that submissive feeling, by virtue of which, they have been brow-beaten, ostracised, and indignities of every kind inflicted upon them, by those who claim to be the "chivalry" of the South. They know that Gov. Caldwell received a majority of the legal votes. They know that thieves and perjured villains were imported into this State by the Democratic and Liberal Committees for the purpose of nullifying the voice of the people, to commit all kinds of frauds, elect Merrimon, and thus make party capital for Greeley. With this knowledge, where is the Republican who will not sustain Gov. Caldwell in a contest with the Legislature? We do not believe there is a Republican in the State who would not rally to the support of Gov. Caldwell under such circumstances.

There is more involved in the contest so far as Republicans are concerned, than office and the emoluments thereof. It is a question whether a legal majority of more than two thousand votes, shall be set aside—the voice of the people smothered—and men who failed to receive a majority of legal votes, shall be forced upon the people to administer the affairs of the State for four years, when the people have just said at the ballot-box that they will not have Judge Merrimon and his brethren of the Democratic State ticket, to manage the affairs of this State for the next term. Such is the question that will have to be decided if the election is contested. If decisive majorities can be set aside at the will and caprice of a partisan majority of the Legislature, it is time the people were apprised of the fact, that they may take such steps as may be necessary to vindicate their rights and maintain in all their original purity the Republican institutions handed down to us by our forefathers.

The talk of contesting is Ku Kluxism in another form. Gov. Holden was impeached, deposed, and disfranchised because he made war upon the Ku Klux and exerted himself to protect the innocent and defenseless. Now, immediately following Mr. Greeley's desertion of the Republican party, Democrats and Ku Klux who are shortsighted enough to believe that Greeley will be elected, demand that the election be contested. The essence and meaning of this demand is—that Judge Merrimon be declared elected without regard to evidence that may be adduced by Gov. Caldwell and his friends. Having failed to commit frauds enough to give Judge Merrimon a majority without a contest, the Ku Klux dodge is resorted to, and Gov. Caldwell is to be impeached, so to speak, and deposed from office. In other words the Ku Klux having failed in their nefarious and damnable efforts to get possession of the State government by frauds upon the ballot-box, instructions have been issued to Democratic members of the Legislature, and the work of the various Dens, will be completed by the Legislature.

That Gov. Caldwell and those who gave him their suffrage, will quietly submit to such an outrage against the ballot and against civil liberty, we do not believe. If they do, they are fit subjects for such indignities and outrages as the Ku Klux may choose to inflict.

Some Facts and Figures.

Inasmuch as the Democratic journals are charging fraud in the late election, we propose to give a few facts and figures on the subject of elections in this State since 1868, taken from the official records in the office of the Secretary of State.

The registered vote in 1868 was one hundred and ninety-six thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, (196,876).

The Democratic papers charged that at least twenty thousand voters in the State failed to register that year.

The combined vote of Caldwell and Merrimon is one hundred and ninety-three thousand six hundred and fifty-four, (193,654) or three thousand two hundred and twenty-two less than the registered vote of 1868.

In November, 1868, Grant received ninety-six thousand two hundred and ninety-three (96,293) votes in this State, or seventeen hundred and seventy-nine less than Gov. Caldwell in the late election.

Seymour received at that election eighty-four thousand and ninety (84,090) votes, or twelve thousand and sixty-two (12,062) less than Merrimon in the late election.

In July, 1870, Shipp (Democrat) received eighty-nine thousand and twenty-nine (89,029) votes for Attorney General. This was the largest vote ever polled in this State by the Conservative party, and yet Merrimon's vote this year exceeds their largest vote seven thousand one hundred and twenty-three (7,123).

Caldwell receives only seventeen hundred and seventy-nine more votes than Grant received in 1868, while Merrimon receives twelve thousand and sixty-two more votes than Seymour.

Last year the Republicans voted against the Convention act, and cast ninety-five thousand two hundred and fifty-two votes (95,252.) They increase that vote this year by twenty-eight hundred and twenty (2,820).

The Democrats voted last year for the Convention act and cast eighty-six thousand and seven votes (86,007.) They increase that vote this year ten thousand one hundred and forty-five (10,145).

So it will be seen that while the Republicans have only increased their vote seventeen hundred and seventy-nine since the Presidential election in 1868, the Democrats have increased their vote over ten thousand within the last year. And yet they talk of fraud!

By reference to the registered vote in 1868 and the vote for Attorney General in 1870, it will be seen that twenty-three thousand eight hundred and thirteen votes were kept from the polls that year. It is well known this was done by the Democratic Ku Klux, and yet these fellows prate of frauds on the ballot-box, and have the impudence to talk about the "popular will."

Over fifteen thousand persons were kept from the polls in 1871, and now the party that kept them away affect to be horror-struck at the frauds on the sacred ballot!

J. H. Separk, the Democratic candidate for Superintendent of Public Works said in a speech in this city last week if the "polls are properly purged, the Conservative State ticket will be UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED."

That's the kind of purging they want. The Democratic party opposed giving the colored man the right of suffrage. They now seek to deprive ignorant and illiterate men of their votes by technicalities and fraud!

The election law was framed with a view of cheating men out of their rights.

The late Democratic Legislature refused to order a new registration, for the reason that the names of dead men and those who had removed from the townships on the old registration lists would lead to confusion and give opportunity for fraud.

And now for the most trifling omissions on the part of registrars or returning officers this precious Ku Klux party with its hands and garments all reeking with the blood of men whom they shabbily murdered to keep them from the polls, propose to virtually disfranchise whole counties in order to maintain the sanctity of the ballot!

Democratic attack on the West. The Tarboro' Southerner, a Democratic sheet, pitches into the white people of Western North Carolina as follows:—"A SHABBY SHOWING."

"We are becoming heartily tired and disgusted with hearing about the West and the fires lighted in her mountains just on the eve of every election. In the late election she has behaved most shabbily, and notwithstanding the fact that the whole of our party power in speakers and workers was thrown within her limits. She failed to appreciate the importance of the occasion, and, through their indifference and lukewarmness, caused the defeat of Merrimon."

With one or two exceptions the extreme Eastern counties, with overwhelming majorities, received no outside help, yet in almost every county the Democracy gallantly held their own, and in others, as in Edgecombe, they gained handsomely upon their former strength.

So let us hear no more about the West and its fidelity, &c. If it had done as well as the East our party would now be rejoicing over a glorious and complete victory."

Greeley Proscription.

The day after our State election it was currently reported on the streets that one of our business men voted the entire Republican ticket. This report immediately raised a howl all over our city; and men who had traded with the gentleman said to have voted for the Republicans, went to work to break down his trade, and thus compel him to retire from business. Every Greeleyite who heard that this gentleman had voted as a freeman—for the men of his choice—set to work to ostracise and proscribe him. A direct attack was made on his business, and if the gentleman had not stated that the report was false, his business would have suffered greatly from the proscription of Greeley's friends.

Such attempts as this are common in this State. No white man who votes the Republican ticket is tolerated for a moment if he is in a condition to be made feel the loss of patronage. The talk about clasp hands across the bloody chasm, is the essence of demagoguery. The spirit of intolerance that lurks in the hearts of leading Greeleyites, toward white Republicans, was not equalled during the rebellion, when the same men hated the Stars and Stripes as they hated Satan. But now they raise the hypocritical cry of reform and reconciliation, and hope to succeed to power through Greeley, and their persistent cry for honesty and good government. Republicans are already reconciled. They have no differences to settle. They buried their animosities when the rebellion was crushed. Since that time they have exerted themselves to organize a stable government in this and other Southern States, with "charity for all and malice toward none." They have been resisted at every step by the Democratic party, and even now, with the cry of "reconciliation" on their lips, an organized attempt to proscribe every business man who votes the Republican ticket, is one of the fiercest political weapons used by Greeleyites.

Our people are becoming more independent, and after Grant's re-election, and the infamous coalition of Democrats and Liberal traitors has been destroyed root and branch, the Democratic party scattered to the four winds, proscription and proscription for opinion's sake will cease, and every man will vote as his judgment dictates, and no attempt to injure personally or to ruin his business, will be indulged in. In other words—we shall have a free country. There are now ten thousand white men in the Democratic ranks who would vote the Republican ticket, but for the social ostracism they know they would have to encounter if they did so. That Greeleyites should cry "reconciliation" at one breath and proscription at another, shows that a deceptive game is being played. The cry of "reconciliation" is used to catch all who are stupid enough to take up with it, and ostracism and proscription will serve to keep all Democrats in the ranks of that party.

"Negro Equality"—Scene on the Streets of Raleigh. An old aristocrat, who was a fire-eating secessionist but kept out of the army under the twenty-negro law, and who joined the "white man's party" in 1867, and abused all Republicans for being in favor of "negro equality," meets a Union man and Republican, and the following dialogue takes place:

Republican—"Well, Mr. Democrat, how do you stand on the Presidential question?" Democrat—"I'm for that honest man, Horace Greeley."

Republican—"Ah, I thought your party held that all Republicans were dishonest."

Democrat—"Well, I believe most of them are."

Republican—"Ain't Horace Greeley a Republican?" Democrat—"Yes, he has been, but he is for Amnesty."

Republican—"Didn't he make a speech at Poughkeepsie, New York, in May, 1872, in which he advocated the mixing of white children and colored children in the same schools?" Democrat—"I believe he did, but he went bail for Jeff Davis."

Republican—"Didn't you and your party try in 1868 to defeat the adoption of the present State Constitution by charging that white and colored children would be forced into the same schools by it?" Democrat—"Yes, but Mr. Greeley is for shaking hands across the bloody chasm."

Republican—"Ain't Greeley in favor of Sumner's bill forcing the colored and white races into the same churches, schools, railroad cars, steamboats and hotels?" Democrat—"Yes, but he is opposed to carpet-baggers."

Republican—"And so you and your party are running a man for President who is in favor of 'negro-equality'?" Simply because he went bail for Jeff Davis, and abuses carpet-baggers, you want to make him President. You are a nice set to abuse Republicans for being in favor of negro-equality."

"Good morning."

Greeley Reformers.

The Greeley organs are continually prating about reform, and holding up Greeley to the people as the man, who, if elected President, will inaugurate a millennium of honesty and efficiency in the Civil Service of the Government. Mr. Greeley may be honest, but a great many of his supporters are dishonest men of the vilest character. For instance: Wm. M. Tweed, great Democratic thief who robbed New York City of twenty millions of dollars, is a loud-mouth supporter of Greeley and Brown. There is not one of the original New York Tammany Ring, which robbed the people of New York City of more than a hundred millions of dollars, who is not openly for Greeley and rents the air with pathetic cries for reform.

Henry Clay Warmouth, carpet-bag Governor of Louisiana, the most dishonest of all Governors, who robbed his State of a million of dollars and foisted upon her a debt of several millions, the proceeds of which went into the pockets of Warmouth and his ring, this man, the Prince of Swindlers, was a delegate to the Cincinnati Convention; aided Greeley's nomination, and is now "hall fellow well met" by the "chivalry" of Louisiana and the South, because he successfully robbed his adopted State, and is for Greeley!

Gen. W. B. Stokes, formerly a Supervisor of Internal Revenue for Tennessee, defrauded the government of \$68,000; was convicted of the offense, escaped the penitentiary by virtue of his age. Notwithstanding this consistent record of Greeley men, *The N. Y. Tribune* of August 7th, made this announcement:

"Gen. Stokes, of Tennessee, is out for Greeley and Brown."

—There is not a man, discharged from office by President Grant for stealing, but what is *not* for Greeley and reform. That the Civil Service or any other branch of the government will be reformed by Mr. Greeley, aided as he will be by men of infamous character, such as Tweed, Warmouth, Stokes, and a host of Greeley reformers of like ilk, is absolutely preposterous! and to ask the people to believe any such thing, is to insult every man who has intelligence sufficient to know his right hand from his left.

Another distinguished Greeley Convert. At Greensboro', on Thursday the 22d, in front of the Benbow House, about 11 o'clock in the day, while the sidewalks were filled with busy citizens, another distinguished Greeleyite announced his conversion by numerous hurrahs for Greeley, hurrah for Leach, and bully for Merrimon!

This enthusiastic Liberal, we learn, was no one else but white Sam Franklin who was pardoned out of the Penitentiary recently by Gov. Caldwell, where he had been imprisoned for stealing a horse. As soon as he was "set" free by Mars Tod, Sam renewed his Democratic connections, and is stamping for Greeley in Guilford and Rockingham with increased vigor. We congratulate the Ku Klux of that region on this distinguished accession, and nominate him for doorkeeper next Winter for their Senate chamber.

Go in Samuel, there's a chance for you along with \$XX Robbins and letter in Josiah, jr. "Birds of a feather will flock together."

Grant and Wilson Clubs. In every township throughout the State, there should be organized at once, Grant and Wilson clubs. Our organization should be made more perfect. Because we defeated Von Moltke (Hon. D. M. Barringer), and all his co-workers, such as Wood, the thief and Blumentberg, the perjured villain and expeditious convict, we should not grow apathetic, and allow our organization to become inefficient. Our fight from now until the November election is over, must be aggressive and decisive. We must not allow the enemy to reorganize and prepare for another conflict, but we must charge them now while they are disorganized and dispersed. Therefore, organize clubs at once. Enroll as many members as possible. Get up clubs of subscribers and extend the circulation of *The Era*. See that organization is perfected in every township, and Grant will carry the State by ten thousand.

Circulate Republican Papers. Our Republican friends throughout the different counties can effectually aid the election of Grant and Wilson by increasing the circulation of Republican newspapers. Our State papers should be well sustained and widely circulated. Send a hundred copies of a vigorous Republican paper to each county, and the next election will show decided gains for our principles. We call upon each of our subscribers to turn out and see if they cannot secure one new subscriber. If our friends would bestir themselves, our circulation could be doubled in a month or two.

DEMOCRATIC VIRTUES. "To smoke is a Democratic virtue; to chew is that virtue intensified; to drink rum is that virtue in the superlative."—Horace Greeley.

Misstatements Corrected and Facts Given.

The Daily News says the returns from Caswell and Gates were thrown out in 1870 "because the returns from these counties were not received in the time provided by law."

We were present at the opening of the returns that year, and the returns from Gates were in, but as the Democratic Sheriff of that county certified that over eight thousand votes had been cast in that county, that vote was thrown out because it was known to be a false return, and the Secretary of State was directed to write for a correct return.

No returns were received from Caswell, but the Republican Council of State which counted the vote, on motion of that awful carpet-bagger, S. S. Ashley, moved that the Secretary of State write to Caswell for the returns which was unanimously carried.

The Democratic Sheriff, of Person, in that year certified that Phillips received 1092 and Shipp 765, and yet because the same Sheriff in a subsequent return certified that Shipp had received 1092 and Phillips 765, the largest vote was given Shipp by said Republican Board.

The Democratic Sheriff of Rockingham certified that Shipp received five hundred and ninety votes in that county, but because he gave the vote in figures at 1590, and the latter was known to be the correct vote of the county, that thousand votes were given to Judge Shipp in the count.

The law under which that election was held required the return of the vote for Attorney General to be made on or before the 15th of August. A large number of counties failed to make return by that time, and if the returns received after that date had been "thrown out," Mr. Phillips would have been elected by several thousand votes.

But the Republican officers did not throw out the returns which were not received within the time prescribed by law. The people had voted, and although thousands of Republicans had been kept from the polls by Ku Klux intimidation, those officers scorned to take advantage of legal technicalities. They called in that great lawyer, Gov. Bragg, and consulted with him. He said it was not just that the people

account of informality. The Republican Council of State agreed with Gov. B. and Judge Shipp was declared elected.

Look Out—Oscar Eastmond. The apostate Secretary of State, H. J. Meninger, who cannot see the difference between "Tweedledum and Tweedledee," has recently made a visit to Western North Carolina, and while in Asheville was offering to bet that Judge Merrimon is elected Governor, although at the time official returns had not been received from a dozen counties. This is ominous, as this Secretary is the man to whose custody the official returns of the election are committed until the Legislature convenes. In quick time after his return from the West, and before his tracks are washed out by the mountain showers, one Oscar Eastmond, a Yankee of Freedman's Bureau notoriety, claiming to be a Grant man, but in fact a Greeleyite in disguise, has been forwarded from Washington City by the Tammany Ring, and is now en route to Asheville, filled up to the throat, with slander against Grant and his friends, to be retailed by him in the mountains of the West. In order to make his mission more effective, he is to hold himself out as a Grant man and pretend that he is dreadfully mortified that facts are as he represents them, and hopes that some way may be devised to counteract their effect. We hope *The Pioneer* and our other friends will look after this "wolf in sheep's clothing," and will ventilate him thoroughly throughout the hill country. "Wonder if Mr. Eastmond has a sick daughter in Asheville whom he is going to see—Eh? Bah!"

SOUTH CAROLINA KU KLUX TRIALS. "Nobody can say that these trials have not been fairly conducted. The prisoners were defended by such eminent legal counsel as the Hon. Henry Stanbery, ex-Attorney General of the United States, and the Hon. Reverdy Johnson. But the testimony brought out overwhelmed all argument, and forty-seven of these wretches confessed their crimes in open court; six others were convicted, and seventy-two indictments, embracing over five hundred persons, were found. The story of brutality, crime, violence, and moral degradation, grade up from the revelations of the witnesses, is too revolting for recital; it is a dark chapter in the history of civilization; it is a burning disgrace to the party which organized the conspiracy, aided and abetted its agents, and did its best to suppress the evidence now published to the world."—Horace Greeley, *Tan.* 12, 1872, in *N. Y. Tribune*.

THE ENEMY OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. "If the Democratic party were called upon to decide between Grant and myself, I know that their regard for what they must call principle would induce nine-tenths of them to vote against me. Why? I am a decided enemy of that party, even in its most respectable aspects."—Horace Greeley, in 1871.

North Carolina—Its Lesson.

The glorious Republican victory just achieved in North Carolina is of profound significance. It demonstrates to the country the important fact that despite the unparalleled exertions of the "anything to beat Grant" party, the honest, patriotic masses of the country will stand inflexibly by the Union, the Constitution and the Republican party. For seven days and nights there has been made to reverberate with the shouts of "victory" from the Democracy. Every Tammany thief, every Ku Klux, and every Republican with an inflamed scalp have been simply wild with joy, over the very reliable (?) Associated Press reports, and other Democratic reports of the success of that party.

Although the Union men are known to be in a majority in North Carolina, the Democrats were content of being able to command enough votes to overcome this majority. They miscalculated a thousand votes. Just what the Republican vote in North Carolina is, we shall never know. The infamous and unconstitutional election law, by which the grossest frauds were perpetrated on the people by the Democrats, and the Republican vote on colored paper, or if there were a device on the ballot; the use of four ballot boxes; the annoying of voters, by challenges, to confuse them so that they would deposit their votes in wrong boxes, when they were thrown out in the count; all these things cost the Republicans thousands of votes—how many cannot be ascertained—and that loss had to be overcome.

Then there was the Democratic majority 1870, of five thousand, and about two thousand untested ex-confederates, making a gain of seven thousand necessary on the part of the Republican party to bring us even with our opponents. We have not only covered those figures, but come out of the contest with one thousand majority.

The vote of national significance, because it was forced on the administration as a test of the strength of the new alliance between the Democracy and the "Liberal" Republicans. The base assaults on the President during the winter; the Cincinnati Convention; the purchase and sale of Greeley; all these things have given the opposition confidence that by their combination of the disloyal, disaffected and disappointed elements of the country, the Republicans could be outnumbered. To this end, Schurz, Sumner, Trumbull, Tipton, Gov. Walker, and many others exerted all the influence of their popularity to stir up discord and bitterness in the hearts of the people. These apostates from the loyal Republican party shook hands affectingly with the ex-Confederates and the Ku Klux assassins across the "bloody chasm." The thousands of Tammany flowed like

burgs, Woods, and their emissary confederates thronged the polls to bribe, brow-beat, challenge, and teach the lessons of New York tricks and frauds to their Tar Heel brethren.

To offset this, the Republican party sent some of our best men to tell the people the truth; to exhort them to stand by the party of liberty, of loyalty, of peace; and their answer is most noble and patriotic. Not only is Caldwell elected, but the present majority of sixty in the Legislature is reduced to eighteen, besides a gain of one, and perhaps two Congressmen.

This is a great triumph, and it shows that the new movement is thoroughly repudiated. We consider the Greeley forces about playing out. Let it be remembered that the South is Mr. Greeley's stronghold. He was nominated to please the South. The blunder of this movement is apparent on the first popular vote. The Democrats are swayed with the "Liberal" than without them. They have lost more than they have gained.

The Republicans will take great courage all over the country. The sweeping assertions of the "Liberal" press, that the party was breaking up, are answered, and the party is everywhere reformed. The party knows now that our ranks are unbroken, that they are augmented by thousands who are disgusted with the low chicanery of the Democratic leaders and the sore-headed politicians. In this confidence there is certain success. The party which has saved the country, and the Union from 1860 to 1872, still received the confidence of the people. It will require hard and persistent work, but this will be put forth, and the victory is assured.—Columbia, S. C., Union.

A Novel Duel. Among the reminiscences told of the Franco-Prussian war is the account of a curious duel between two subordinate officers of the French army.

"You intend to fight a duel, eh?" asked the commandant.

"Yes, Colonel. Words have passed which can only be wiped out by blood. We don't want to meet for words."

"Very well, you shall fight, but it must be in this way: Take your carbines, place yourselves on a line facing the mansion where the enemy is. You will march upon their garrison with equal step. When sufficiently near they will open fire upon you. The Prussians will reply. You continue to advance and fire. When one falls the other may turn upon his heels, and his retreat shall be covered by one of my companies."

"In this way," concluded the commandant, "the blood which you both will be spilled with profit and glory, and he who comes back will do so without regret, without the remorse of having killed or wounded, with his own hands, a Frenchman, at a time when France needs all her defenders and all her children. If you both fall who don't you say that you are going to the world?"

I may also add that I thus give you an excellent opportunity for putting a couple of Germans out of the way, a service that will procure for you a good recommendation for reward and promotion."

The matter was arranged as the commandant had dictated. At twenty paces from the walls of Malmaison, one of his adversaries was wounded, staggered and fell. The other ran to him, raised him up, and carried him away on his shoulders amid a regular hail storm of balls—both, thenceforth,

Whipped, yet will not Surrender.

The Democrats, after having practiced the most stupendous fraud ever heard of in this free country—after having forced upon the people of the State the most infamous election law ever conceived of, and then, after resorting to so much villainy to carry the election, having so signally failed, they now propose to contest Gov. Caldwell's election before a Democratic Legislature and thus count him out. We know that this Ku Klux party is mean enough to do anything to carry their point, but we hardly think them fool hardy enough to attempt a thing which would destroy the peace of the State in order to secure Merrimon the gubernatorial office.

They have said that they did not want party, after having secured Caldwell's election in spite of so much Democratic rascality, would see the whole State drenched in blood rather than submit to any such Ku Klux conspiracy. Another the will of the people as fairly expressed at the ballot box. We know that it is hard, very hard, to submit to a defeat after claiming a victory of such tremendous proportions, but it will prove far harder for them to attempt to force Merrimon on the people of North Carolina as their Governor after they have said that they did not want him, for they will not have him, no matter what the refusal may cost.

As to the cry of "fraud," of course no sensible man believes that there is any truth in the charge so far as the Republican party is concerned, for under the Democratic election law, the Democrats had just the same number of poll holders as the Republicans and in many of the counties all the poll holders and Registrars were Democrats, so that the Republicans were powerless to commit frauds if so disposed. At this place, we know that several hundred Democrats votes were polled, and it is our opinion, that through the State where one fraudulent Republican vote was polled there was at least an hundred illegal Democratic votes cast. And our advice to our opponents is, to keep cool,—not cry over spilled milk, but submit to the decision of the majority, however unfair it may go against the grain. And to enable *The Wilmington Star* man to cool off, we propose to buy at 25 cents each, a couple of his rosters, and rather than have the country plunged into a war, we will let the balance of his chickens at the same price. You bro. Billy Bernard, we are of the opinion that the official count will show a handsome majority for our entire State ticket, and if elected we can assure you that Caldwell if he lives, will be your Governor for the next four years.—Carolina Clipper.

Victory in North Carolina. The Republican victory in North Carolina is a victory so pronounced as to overshadow the re-election of Grant and the dispersion of the Greeleyites throughout the country.

It is a matter of little consequence whether we have actually elected Caldwell Governor or not. The result of the victory is ours all the same, for the margin against him must be so extremely small as to leave a Republican gain of four thousand votes on the last State election (of 1870). Moreover, it is absolutely certain that there is a gain of forty Republican members of the Legislature, and of one, perhaps two, members of Congress.

Hence there is especial reason why the happy result in North Carolina should be emphasized in a series of celebrations in every city of the land. Let the canons of the bells be rung, and used so enthusiastically during the last five days in proclaiming a great Democratic-Greeley victory there, be swabbed out and made to speak for President Grant and the Republican party. It strikes us that the Greeleyites have been cutting rather a ridiculous figure during the last few days. To celebrate the result in a State which has shown a gain of 1,000 Republican votes, a gain of one Republican Congressman and a gain of forty Republican members of the Legislature, they have fired guns, exploded fireworks, shouted themselves hoarse, flung away their hats, stood on their heads, danced frantically around bonfires, and gone to bed with a headache every night. It is too much. Such generosity is seldom seen. For it transpires at last that they have been glorying in their own defeat.

Now let the Republicans buy some more powder and indulge themselves, to some slight extent, in a manifestation of joy and jubilee. The capers and cuttings-up of the Democrats during this first week in the month have been exquisitely edifying. They have shown how absurdly men can act when they are not very certain. Now it is legitimately our turn.

The immense Republican gains in North Carolina are a most auspicious indication of probable Republican victories, not only in Maine, Ohio, and Iowa, but in Indiana and Pennsylvania. The present opportunity of emphasizing the victory of last week and anticipating the victories of October, should not be neglected.—Chicago Post.

Too Much Whiskey for the Snake. They tell "hard" snake stories in Kentucky. This is the latest: A man in Butler county got very drunk on a quart of whiskey, and lay in the woods all night. The next morning a large black rattlesnake was found about three feet from him, which had evidently bitten the drunken man three several times during the night, as shown by the impression of the teeth in the flesh. The bites did no further injury than to cause a slight swelling and inflammation, which was soon passed away, but the mean whiskey in the man's system was too much for the snake, and he is supposed to have died immediately after inflicting the wound.

WHO ARE DEMOCRATS. "We thereupon asked our contemporary to state frankly whether the pugilists, blacklegs, thieves, burglars, keepers of dens of prostitution, etc., etc., were not almost unanimously Democrats."—Horace Greeley.