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Well the Democrats have without ling ever administered to there drubRepublicans have swept things al most every where and have gobbled The solid South is broken and good old North Carolina has been cap-
tured by the Republicans and their allies, the Third party, which ar one and the same.
Once more the voters have regis tered one of those pronounced re-
versals of recent choice to open their eyes in amazement at their vaulting.
Nearly all looked for a largely inreased Republican vote and som Republican gains in States and i
members of Congress. The members of Congress. The most
sunguine of Republicans did not exour Third party friends did not ex pect that they too would go dowi
with the wreck and did not hav courage to predict so much. How is it to be explained?
lu this way : No party in
tory of the country tory of the country was
fore called to face so f list of dangers and difficulties. W First came cthe hard times, the serious financial revolutions and in
dustrials depression of the last yea dustrials depression of the last yea
and a half, involving prolonged idle uess for the workingmen and many clearly the climax of reckless R publican legislation which had
found an overflowing treasury in 1889 and left it bankrupt in 1893;
which had exacted taxes of the people higher than ever before; which
had mutiplied trusts and combines every where and made over produc-
tion and consequent stagnation in many agricultural, mining and man-
ufacturing lines and yet in the face of all this the Third party
in this State join hands with the party that had brought disaster aud ruin upon the country and
stand ready to place the people of tion of negro rule. These, suppletion of negro rule. These, supplemented by depression and panic in
creditor countries across the water, creditor countries across the water,
brought the hard times. But, not finally come until the Democrats had actually reached power.
They were an unwelcome inheritance to the Democrats from th
Republicans. But the people, suffering, make no such distinctions a
these, refuse to go into causes, and are ever ready to hit the head in
aright rather than take the trouble to seek out the real culprit who, as
in this instance, most often seeks to hide behind the cly of stop thief. The calamity howl. This was a
prime cause. The howler not only howled of the calamity that had been, but of the calamity that was
here, and the calamity that was to come. Now that there is no fargard the Republicans will join with the Democrats in duly recording the that are and have for some time been at hand. Meanwhile the Democratic tariff is safe for some ye
and time will go on improving. and time will go on improving.
The Tammany exposures w local and were unmasked, but thei
influence was felt against us in ever. corner or the land.


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 gles for office, there being not a tenth enough to go round under the mugwump policy of Grover Cleve-
land. This naturally made the second year of his administration to be dreaded and brought disas
both of his administrations. And last but not least, the general lack of harmony among the lea-
ders of the Democratic party. There is no love lost between Harrison Reed and McKinley, but they all
pulled together for their party. In
 lital battle which resulted so disas-
trously to the party.
But the slump has come and, however it be explained, is itself the se-
rious thing to face. The only silver
lining in the at present obscured


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