

The Commonwealth.

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WHAT WE WILL DO WITH OUR VICTORY.

Work for white supremacy in North Carolina has been thorough. It was the slogan in every book and corner of the State. The work was not only thorough but it was effective. The victory was complete. The State was redeemed and the pronouncement was so distinct and so pronounced that no one questions the verdict of the people.

Once again the State is in the hands of the Democratic party, which will keep its promise in righting the many wrongs which the people have suffered and will guard every interest of the people against the return of such rule as has cursed this fair Commonwealth for two years and more.

What will we do with our victory? We will turn it to good account for the best interest of every and all good and honest and law-abiding citizens within our borders. White supremacy will be maintained on the same high plane for which argument was made by the speakers and the press in the late campaign; namely, because it is the only sure safety for both the races, white and colored.

But what of the negro? What of the attitude towards him? Why, simply the same opportunity he has had in North Carolina and the entire South since 1866; namely, to attend to his own business quietly and unmolested. To the inoffensive negro every newspaper and every speaker on the stump has promised this throughout the campaign just closed, which, in some respects, was the most intense that the people of North Carolina have seen for generations.

To be sure, the white people of the State of every party, except a few who held office or were looking for office, declared for white supremacy, spoke for it, wrote for it, and voted for it. The end was attained in the twenty thousand majority of votes that were cast for what came to be known as "the white man's party," which in the campaign was only another name for the Democratic party. And the sweeping victory which overcame the thirty thousand majority of the fusionists two years ago and rolled up our twenty thousand Democratic majority ten days ago, thus showing a gain of fifty thousand over the vote two years ago, should be sufficient evidence to the colored people that the whites propose to rule North Carolina. But this is no menace to their safety or challenge against their security.

On the contrary, it is the very best guarantee to the colored race of their peace and happiness and prosperity. With the white race in absolute control, which is now the case and which they are pledged to maintain and will maintain, the colored people are in much less danger of friction with the white people than if the offices were divided and the scramble for the same between the races should continue.

Holding office could never be profitable to the colored people while sharp friction should exist between the races. And now that it is settled that they will not hold offices, they will quietly settle down to their work, improve their opportunities for making homes, educating themselves as they may and make of themselves the best citizens possible. For all colored people who show by their words and actions that they have an ambition for such attainments, the white men of North Carolina stand pledged to see them protected in their rights, and they need not fear molestation.

The Commonwealth speaks for the best people of Halifax county and of North Carolina, and assures all colored people who accept the verdict of the white people as shown in the late election, that white supremacy has been proclaimed by the vote of the people from the seashore to the mountains, and has come to stay—that the colored people who accept this verdict, we say, and shape their course accordingly, will find that their every right is protected and that their safety is absolute and sure; and to this every true white man in the State is pledged.

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Halifax County Official Returns. Table with columns for Precincts, Dem., Rep., and various officials like Solicitor, Judges, Congress, etc.

AS TO DEMONSTRATIONS.

Speaking for itself, THE COMMONWEALTH does not desire jollifications and demonstrations over the results of the election.

We felt vitally interested in the issue before us and we did our little best in the fight; but now that we have won so gloriously and our victory is so complete, we prefer to turn to the future and lay hands to the great work that is before us and that demands our strongest efforts and our greatest skill.

But, as we have said in another article on this page, the colored people are not to be molested if they are orderly; and any jollification or demonstration of joy at the result of the election on the part of any who may be hilariously inclined, need not be construed by the colored people as a menace to them in any way.

THE COMMONWEALTH counsels all to be conservative and guarded in their expressions. Let there be nothing done or said that will irritate or disturb any, white or black; and let all settle down to the quiet pursuits of every day life as though it were a matter of course that the result should be as it has been.

We believe that the happy outcome of the crisis through which we have just passed is a matter of profound thanksgiving rather than a display of any disposition of revelry. Let us all thank God for a righteous victory and turn to the future for better things.

DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY.

The Democratic majority in the State, according to the best figures we have obtained, is 19,000.

THE COMMONWEALTH has gone to considerable trouble to give the official vote of Halifax county, and also a list of State Senators and Representatives.

PRAISES THE PRESS.

We do not think that the democratic state press was ever so earnest and so instrumental and so bold for the right as in the late campaign. It did splendid work for the restoration of honest, good government and for the supremacy of the White Race.

"THE COMMONWEALTH" AND THE STATE PRESS GENERALLY COMMENDED. Editor of Commonwealth—In the midst of the great rejoicing at the complete victory achieved by the white men of North Carolina, let them not forget to give due credit to THE COMMONWEALTH and the rest of the white press of the State for their unceasing work and arduous toil in the struggle for white supremacy.

Several men, white and colored, were taken to the train and told to leave the city never to return. Among the number who left was the negro Manly, editor of the Record. The refugees from the riotous scenes which they brought about have gone to Washington, New York and other places North pouring a tale of woe and setting up the cry of persecution; but they no more trouble North Carolina with their presence.

THE WILMINGTON REVOLUTION.

The first race riot that ever occurred in North Carolina culminated in Wilmington Nov. 10th.

On Wednesday, the day following the election, the white citizens of the city held a meeting, and passed resolutions that the negro Manly, who wrote and published in the Record the well known slanderous article against the white women of the State, should leave the city and his paper should be suppressed.

The resolutions were submitted to the colored people and an answer demanded by 8 o'clock the next morning. The colored people considered the resolutions and in a meeting made a reasonable and pacifying reply. They committed their reply to one negro lawyer named Scott, with instructions to deliver it to Col. A. M. Waddell, instantler. Instead of doing so Scott mailed the reply to Col. Waddell, and it did not reach him by the hour designated.

So at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning 400 men filed into line and marched to the Record office, entered it and demolished it and accidental fired the building. This ended the obnoxious newspaper whose vile print had shocked every decent white man and woman in North Carolina who had read it or heard it, and almost all had heard it.

Returning from the mission of demolishing the paper, the white men were fired upon by a negro from a group which was ordered to disperse. This was the signal for real conflict and it swiftly followed. Negroes shot at white people and wounded three, one man being shot on his porch. Two negroes were instantly killed, and others in the riot until six were killed and a dozen or more wounded.

This outbreak, when it partially subsided, was followed by a complete change of city government in a day. The republican Mayor resigned and Col. A. M. Waddell was elected in his stead. Then the city officers resigned one at a time and each place was filled by a Democrat. This was continued until there was a change in the entire city government. Those in office saw that the forbearance of the white people was at an end; and so they gave up their places to more competent men.

Meanwhile troops from Maxton, Kingston, Clinton and other places had been ordered by the Governor to repair to Wilmington to help preserve the peace. Special policemen were appointed in large numbers and vigorous efforts were made to restore order and quiet.

Mayor Waddell immediately after his election set about bringing order out of chaos; and so well has he succeeded that in the place where terror reigned a week ago everything is orderly and men are going to and fro at their business as though nothing had happened.

And after all, had the colored man Scott directed the letter committed to him directly to Col. Waddell in person, as he was requested to do, the bloodshed would have been averted.

The whole thing is a wonderful transformation from riot and misrule to order and good government in a day. And wisely did the Wilmington people wait until after the election to right the wrongs which they had been suffering and throw off the yoke which Russell had put upon them.

LEGISLATURE DEMOCRATIC.

Following is the most accurate returns we have been able to get from the State election concerning the next Legislature. It is about three-fourths democratic:

- SENATE. FIRST DISTRICT—(Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Hertford)—F. G. Skinner, D.; George Cowper, D. SECOND DISTRICT—(Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington, Pamlico, Martin, Beaufort)—H. S. Ward, D.; Martin, D. THIRD DISTRICT—(Northampton and Bertie)—Harris, P. FOURTH DISTRICT—(Halifax)—E. L. Travis, D. FIFTH DISTRICT—(Edgecombe)—Dr. R. H. Speight, D. SIXTH DISTRICT—(Pitt)—F. G. James, D. SEVENTH DISTRICT—(Wilson, Nash and Franklin)—R. A. P. Cooley, D.; T. S. Collier, D. EIGHTH DISTRICT—(Craven, Carteret, Jones, Onslow, Lenoir and Greene)—James A. Bryan, D.; J. Q. Jackson, D. NINTH DISTRICT—(Wayne, Duplin and Pender)—Frank A. Daniels, D.; I. F. Hill, D. TENTH DISTRICT—(New Hanover and Brunswick)—William J. Davis, D. ELEVENTH DISTRICT—(Warren and Vance)—R. TWELFTH DISTRICT—(Wake)—Fabius A. Whitaker, D. THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—(Johnston)—Elder J. A. T. Jones, D. FOURTEENTH DISTRICT—(Sampson, Harnett and Bladen)—T. P. Jones, D., and J. W. S. Robinson, D. FIFTEENTH DISTRICT—(Robeson and Columbus)—Stephen McIntyre, D.; Jos. A. Brown, D. SIXTEENTH DISTRICT—(Cumberland)—W. L. Williams, D. SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT—(Granville and Person)—A. A. Hicks, D. EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT—(Caswell, Alamance, Orange and Durham)—T. M. Check, D.; J. M. Satterfield, D. NINETEENTH DISTRICT—(Chatham)—Wicker, R. TWENTIETH DISTRICT—(Rockingham)—William Lindsey, D. TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT—(Guilford)—John N. Wilson, D. TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT—(Randolph and Moore)—J. C. Black, D. TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT—(Richmond, Montgomery, Anson and Union)—T. J. Jerome, D.; Charles Stanback, D. TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—(Catawba and Stanly)—R. L. Smith, D. TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—(Mecklenburg)—Frank L. Osborne, D. TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT—(Rowan, Davidson and Forsyth)—R. B. Glenn, D.; J. C. Thomas, D. TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT—(Iredell, Yadkin and Davie)—James A. Butler, D.; and F. C. Hairston, D. TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT—(Stokes and Surry)—Newsome, R. TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT—(Alexander, Wilkes, Lincoln and Catawba)—Dr. Lowe, D., and R. THIRTIETH DISTRICT—(Allegany, Ashe and Watauga)—W. C. Fields, D. THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT—(Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell and Yancey)—G. G. Eaves, D.; and W. S. Lambert, D. THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT—(Gaston, Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk)—M. H. Justice, D.; O. F. Mason, D. THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT—(Brunswick, Madison and Haywood)—W. J. Cooke, D.; Thos. J. Murray, D. THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT—(Henderson, Transylvania, Jackson and Swain)—Josh Franks, Independent, nominated by Republicans. THIRTY-FIFTH DISTRICT—(Macon, Cherokee, Clay and Graham)—R. Democrats ..... 43 Republicans ..... 6 Populists ..... 1 Total ..... 50

HOUSE.

- Alamance—W. H. Carroll, D. Alexander—D. Alleghany—J. M. Gambrell, D. Anson—Jas. A. Leak, D. Ashe—D. E. B. Reeves, D. Beaufort—Dr. B. B. Nicholson, D. Bertie—F. D. Winston, D. Bladen—George H. Currie, D. Brunswick—Rep. Pop. Buncombe—Locke Craig, D.; J. C. Curtis, D. Burke—J. H. Hoffman, D. Cabarrus—L. T. Hartsell, D. Caldwell—S. L. Patterson, D. Camden—J. K. Abbott, D. Carteret—J. B. Russell, D. Caswell—R. Catawba—A. C. Boggs, D. Chatham—L. L. Wrenn, R. J. H. Giles. Cherokee—Manly, D. Chowan—Welsch, D. Clay—Georgs Sanderson, D. Cleveland—D. R. Hoys, D. Columbus—C. D. Allen, D. Craven—Isaac Smith, R. Cumberland—H. McD. Robinson, D.; D. J. Ray, D. Currituck—S. M. Beasley, D. Dare—D. Davidson—C. M. Thompson, D. Davie—R. Duplin—J. O. Carr, D. Durham—H. A. Foushee, D. Edgecombe—H. A. Gilliam, D.; S. L. Hart, D. Forsyth— 2 R. Franklin—P. A. Davis, D. Gaston—L. H. J. Houser, D. Gates—John M. Trotman, D. Graham—D. Granville—C. W. Bryan, D.; A. A. Lyon, D. Greene—R. Guilford—J. C. Kennett, D.; J. C. Bunch, D. Halifax—H. S. Harrison, D.; W. P. White, D. Harnett—D. H. McLean, D. Haywood—Joseph S. Davis, D. Henderson—R. Hertford—R. Hyde—Claude W. Davis, D. Iredell—John B. Holman, D.; Thomas J. Williams, D. Jackson—Walter E. Moore, D. Johnston—J. F. Brown, D.; D. G. Johnson, D. Jones—G. G. Noble, D. Lenoir—W. W. Carraway, D. Lincoln—J. F. Reinhardt, D. Macon—J. Frank Ray, D. Madison— R. Martin—W. H. Stubbs, D. McDowell—E. J. Justice, D. Mecklenburg—Heriot Clarkson, D.; R. M. Ranson, D.; J. E. Henderson, D. Mitchell— R. Montgomery—Cochran, D. Moore—John L. Currie, D. Nash—Cicero Ellen, D. New Hanover—George Routree, D. N. M. S. Willard, D. Northampton—Ned Bawls, R. Onslow—Frank Thompson, D. Orange—S. M. Gattis, D. Pamlico—R. Pasquotank— Leigh, D. Pender—Gibson James, D. Perquimans—R. Person—Charles A. Whitford, D. Pitt—N. J. Nicholson, D.; T. H. Barnhill, D. Randolph—T. J. Redding, D., and O. L. Sapp, D. Richmond—H. C. Wall, D.; Hector McLean, D. Robeson—G. B. Pattison, D.; J. S. Oliver, D. Rockingham—Joseph H. Lane, D.; J. R. Garrett, D. Rowan—Lea S. Overman, D.; D. R. Julian, D. Rutherford—J. F. Alexander, D. Sampson—C. H. Johnston, Pop., and W. L. Crumpler, Pop. Stanly—J. M. Brown, D. Stokes— Peatree, R. Surry—R. Swain—R. L. Leatherwood, D. Transylvania—G. W. Wilson, D. Tyrrell—William Maithland, D. Union—R. L. Stevens, D. Vance— Eaton, R. Wake—J. D. Boushall, D.; Gaston Powell, D.; W. H. Holland, D. Warren—R. Washington—R. Watauga—W. B. Council, Jr., D. Wayne—W. R. Allen, D.; J. M. Wood, D. Wilkes—Two Republicans. Wilson—H. G. Connor, D. Yadkin—R. Yancey—G. E. Gardiner, D. Democrats ..... 94 Republicans ..... 24 Populists ..... 2 Total ..... 120

NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESS.

The delegation in Congress from North Carolina will stand as follows: First District—John H. Small, Democrat. Second District—Geo. H. White, Republican. Third District—Chas. R. Thomas, Democrat. Fourth District—John W. Atwater, Populist-Democrat. Fifth District—W. W. Kitchin, Democrat. Sixth District—John D. Bellamy, Democrat. Seventh District—Theo. F. Kluttz, Democrat. Eighth District—R. Z. Linney, Republican. Ninth District—W. T. Crawford, Democrat.

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