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Publisher's Announcement.

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YESTERDAY A DUET, TO-DAY A SOLO

It's the same sad song with a change of tune. Before the election both parties have big majorities, and to spare, but election day changes the tune. The duet has now become a solo.

REASSURING NOTE.

The Raleigh Times philosophically viewed the political situation on the day of election in the following timely editorial expression.

"It is indeed good to know that in a few hours it will all be over and out of the temporary fit of insanity election day brings upon us, the country will emerge strong, sane and level-headed. No matter who is elected, the good old ship of state will roll on peacefully and in perfect safety. Prosperity is here. The little panic of 1907 is already passing, despite the many serious drawbacks that election year inevitably brings. Prosperity is here—not merely coming. Bryan or Taft—it makes no difference, scheming demagogues and howling fanatics to the contrary notwithstanding. We believe in Bryan. We believe in Bryan's policies, but above all we believe in the people."

PUNISHING NIGHT RIDERS.

"Tar Heels may be depended upon in almost every place of trust." News has gone out from Lenoque county Arkansas, that Sheriff M. C. House, a North Carolinian and an ex-Confederate Soldier who served in Company H, Eight North Carolina Regiment has done his adopted State good service in promptly using the powers of his office to suppress disturbing "night-riders." Let his example be emulated by the sheriff in every county in which night riders disturb the peace and quiet of their communities and this high handed violation of law will soon effectually be suppressed. It is true that the farmers of the South are not getting enough for the products of their fields, but "night-riders" cannot form the medium through which to secure just and better prices. They should be made to feel the heavy hand of the law in full penalty for their crimes against the State.

Cotton should bring a better price, and we believe that those farmers who can hold will get better prices after a while.

The business of the country should not be materially affected by the results of the election. Good energy put into all enterprises of the land ought to keep the country in good condition.

This paragraph is written before the results of Tuesday's election are known and it goes without saying that in this as in all other elections there is great disappointment to the defeated party, but whether Mr. Bryan shall be President or whether Mr. Taft shall be our Chief Executive it is the part of wisdom to accept results in the best grace possible. We are all American citizens and love our country whoever may be our President.

TUESDAY'S ELECTION.

The election returns are by no means yet complete and it is impossible to give anything like an accurate report, and certainly no tabulated report of either National, State or County. The latest intelligence indicates that Taft is elected over Bryan.

The county vote seems to be badly split up and divided. The vote in detail cannot be given at this hour, but it seems that the results will be as follows: The regular county Democratic ticket received about 1,700 votes, while the independents received about 750. The State ticket received about 2,300 votes. The difference in the two votes seems to be due to the fact that the Republicans, about 150 in number, having no ticket in the field, supported the independent ticket.

A full tabulated report will be given in next issue. It is impossible to hear from all the townships in the county before going to press this issue.

The following taken from the News and Observer gives the best summary obtainable before going to press:

"William H. Taft, the Republican nominee, in all probability, has been elected President of the United States.

"While returns from Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia are coming in slowly, and it is yet impossible to state with any degree of certainty how these States will go, yet Mr. Taft's overwhelming victory in New York State and his success in other Eastern States in which returns are practically complete, indicate that no such landslide as Mr. Bryan predicted has occurred in favor of Democracy.

"Illinois is safely Republican. Indications late to-night were that Taft carried the State by 170,000 with Deneen defeating former Vice-President Stevenson by 100,000. The Legislature will be strongly Republican.

"Governor Hughes has probably been re-elected over Lieutenant-Governor Chanler by about 50,000 majority. Taft has probably carried Greater New York by a small majority. "The New England States went solidly for Taft, and the Republicans claim a landslide in New Jersey. Republican Chairman Hitchcock is claiming Maryland by from 10,000 to 12,000. The Republicans have probably carried Michigan but the Democrats have elected their nominee for Governor.

"Latest indications are that Taft has carried Indiana by about 30,000, but Watson has probably been defeated for Governor by Marshall, Democrat.

"Bryan has overturned normal Republican plurality of 1,600 in his home city of Lincoln, and estimates are that Taft will carry that city by not over 200 plurality. The State is still in doubt. The Republicans claim Minnesota by 20,000 plurality. Scattering returns indicate Bryan 35,000 plurality in Missouri, and Democrats claim Kentucky by a substantial majority. Incomplete returns indicate that Taft carries Kansas by 20,000, Iowa by 30,000 and Wisconsin by a good Majority. Montana is close, favoring Bryan.

"Pennsylvania, of course, went for Taft by an estimated plurality of upwards of 200,000. "The solid South remains unbroken."

FEWER ELECTIONS.

For many years this paper has declared in favor of fewer elections both National and State. At this writing perhaps a half million ballot boxes are open in this country into which the ballots of a great free people are being deposited as a registration of their will as to who shall be rulers of this country.

This is no new experience for American citizens; for ever since our declaration of rights and independence as a Nation this has been the prerogative of every free and properly qualified American citizen. It is a high privilege accorded to every man alike, and in the exercise of it there is a sort of kingship, because each man who so exercises the right of ballot so far partakes of the rulership of his country, and is to that extent his own king. The history of the world has never shown a more ideal form of government, and it is one which challenges the admiration of all nations through all time to the present.

But in the excellence or this great system there are some features which we believe might be improved upon, chief of which is the frequency of our National, State and County elections. To one who has made any observation at all it need not be argued that the frequency of our elections is the cause of many things which in themselves are undesirable and hurtful. It is impossible for men to agree about anything, and it seems easier for them to disagree in politics than in almost anything else. And for the most part disagreements which arise in matters political are the bitterest, most senseless and of longer duration than from any other cause. With fewer elections, that is, only once in four years, men could exercise just as accentuatedly their rights of citizenship as they do now, and many unpleasant experiences would be eliminated from the life of many a good and true man who now passes years under regrets that make him more or less miserable.

We believe the country would prosper just as well and the people would be just as happy, yea, far happier, with the distance between our election days doubled and in some cases quadrupled.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

President Roosevelt has issued the following proclamation for a national thanksgiving November 26th.

"Once again the season is at hand when, according to the ancient customs of our people, it becomes the duty of the President to appoint a day of prayer and of thanksgiving to God.

"Year by year this nation grows in strength and worldly power. During the century and a quarter that has elapsed since our entry into the circle of independent people we have grown and prospered in material things to a degree never before and not now known in any other country. The thirteen colonies which straggled along the seacoast of the Atlantic and were hemmed in but a few miles west of tide-water by the Indian-haunted wilderness, have transformed into the mightiest republic which the world has ever seen. Its domains stretch across the continent from one to the other of the two greatest oceans, and it exercises dominion alike in the arctic and tropic realms. The growth in wealth and population has surpassed even the growth in territory. Nowhere else in the world is the average of individual comfort and material well-being as high as in our fortunate land.

"For the very reason that in material well-being we have thus abounded, we owe it to the Almighty to show equal progress in moral and spiritual things. With a nation, as with the individuals who make up a nation, material well-being is an indispensable foundation. But the foundation avails nothing by itself. That life is wasted, and worse than

wasted, which is spent in piling, heap upon heap, those things which minister merely to the pleasure or the body and to the power that rests only on wealth. Upon material well-being as a foundation must be raised the structure of the lofty light of the spirit, if this nation is properly to fulfil its great mission and to accomplish all that we so ardently hope and desire. The things of the body are good; the things of the intellect better; but best of all are the things of the soul; for, in the nation as in the individual, in the long run it is character that counts. Let us therefore as a people set our faces resolutely against evil, and with broad charity, with kindness and good will toward all men, but with unflinching determination to smite down the wrong, strive with all the strength that is given us for righteousness in public and private life.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do set apart Thursday, the 26th day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day I recommend that the people shall cease from their daily work, and, in their homes or in their churches, meet devoutly to thank the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received in the past, and to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of these blessings in the future.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. "Done at the city of Washington this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eight and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-third. "THEODORE ROOSEVELT. "By the President. "Alvey A. Adee, "Acting Secretary of State."

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