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The Meaning of the Victory

The redemption of Ohio from Democratic control is something more than an ordinary party victory. It is the triumph of intelligence over ignorance, public virtue over vice, good faith over that reckless spirit which would lead the State and the Nation to repudiate their honest obligations. If the State had gone Republican by only one thousand majority, the victory would have been a grand one, for it would show that the common sense of the majority of the people was sufficient to hold in check those forces of demoralization which have been at work for the past two years. But the majority given for Governor Hayes indicates that the masses of the people are alive to the issues of the hour, and can be relied upon when any great principles involving national honor or safety, are in danger. Two years of control given the Democrats an opportunity to encroach themselves. Every State election was held by an active partisan, who used his official influence to protect and advance his party. Democratic office-holders were taxed heavily for the fund needed. Party discipline was rigidly enforced. Every weak point was carefully guarded and strengthened. The best speakers in the Democratic ranks were sent out among the people. All that eloquence and money could do was done. Golden promises were held out to the working men. They were told that dull times, and consequent poverty were the direct results of Republican rule. They were told that a Democratic triumph would bring income, make money plenty, put food into the mouths of the poor, and increase values of all kinds; while a Republican triumph would depress business, induce poverty among the laboring classes, and by a shrinking of values, bring about general bankruptcy and ruin. Democratic orators dwelt upon their points, spurned the blessing of Democratic rule, and the evils of Republican avarice, in strongest contrast; all sunshiny on one side, all darkness and gloom on the other. Some honest men were deceived and led to believe that these demagogues were speaking the truth, and that the Democratic party was the only party that could protect the interests of the working men.

But with the majority, the arts and tricks of the demagogues failed. The people gave no intimation to accept statements for facts, or empty promises for realization. The inflation heresy was weighed and found wanting; the tempting baits offered, were declined; the charge raised against the Republican canary were submitted to the severe test of investigation, and rejected as without foundation. At all points, on every issue raised, an intelligent comprehension of the wants and necessities of all classes, and the measures needed to supply them, met the expectations of the Democratic party, and furnished, on the spot, the antidote for the poison they endeavored to introduce.

For this enlightenment of the public mind, we owe much to the Republican press of Ohio. Eloquent speakers have been a power in the campaign; but the field of their work has been limited. To the free press of Ohio, holding up, day after day, and week after week, the true issues, and the true principles, dealing heavy blows against entrenched Democracy—watching the whole line of attack, and sending to the remote section of the State reinforcements, in the shape of facts and figures, so that the people could form an intelligent judgment for themselves, we owe the victory that has redeemed Ohio from the rule of Democracy.

All honor to the Republican press of the State!—to those whose pen and voice have helped the good work!—to those who have given time, and money, hard work, to bring out a full vote!—to all, who, irrespective of party, by word or deed, precept or example, contributed to the glorious result that has sent a thrill of joy throughout the land, all honor!

They have furnished to the Nation an illustration of what intelligent men can do, when aroused by a sense of duty. They have become an inspiration to Pennsylvania and New York, and will exert an influence that will redound those States from the Democratic thralldom that now oppresses them.

But the work is not all done. Republicans of Ohio must not relax into apathy or fold their arms, contented with the recent victory. They have other duties to perform. They must show by wise measures, prudent legislation, honest administration of government, that the people were right in their verdict, and the Republican party is all that its friends claim it to be—the true friend of constitutional liberty and good government.

Organization must be kept up and perfected. What has proven good, must be made better. Every town should have its local organization, and the wisest men should be called to govern it. Every effort should be made to keep down local jealousies—to keep our friends united, so that next year Ohio may roll up a majority equal to the one that sent Vandenberg to the shades of obscurity. The victory in 1875, must be worthy of the Centennial year—so complete in its achievements, that the civilized world will unite in saying that the young Republic has taken no step backward, but closer to its hundredth year with a government as honestly administered, and with a patriotism as pure, as when it first took its place among the family of nations.—*Apolo*.

An irreverent correspondent of the Westfield (Mass.) Times, who went to the Great Barrington cattle show, says he was never so impressed with a sense of "the eternal fitness of things" as when, after the Rev. Mr. Smith of Ohio had won the steers in a trotting race, the band gave with peculiar emphasis the melody of that popular hymn, "Never my God, to Thee."

Constitutional Convention.

The Revolution in the late so-called Constitutional Convention pretended to pass an Ordinance so amending the Constitution as to make it impossible hereafter for a Convention to be called by the Legislature, even by a two-thirds' vote of the members of each House, without the sanction of a majority of the people at the ballot box. This, we say, is what they pretend to do. Now, let us examine the Ordinance itself and see how it stands.

"SECTION I. No Convention of the people of this State shall be called by the General Assembly, unless by the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members of each House of the General Assembly, except the proposition, 'Convention or No Convention,' be first submitted to the qualified voters of the whole State, at the next general election, in a manner to be prescribed by law. And it should be a majority of the votes cast in favor of said Convention."

Lying is trying to hide in a fog; if you move about you are in danger of bumping your head against the truth; as soon as the fog blows up, you are gone anyhow.

"Unless you," said John Henry, with tears in his eyes, "she takes her own hat off so easily that perhaps she doesn't know how it hurts to have mine pulled off."

An advertisement reads: "When you (tra la) take the Panhandle Route." Many a man has been utterly routed by a pair of leetle with a mad and lively woman having hold of it.

An Englishman was boasting to a Yankee that they had a book in the British Museum which was once owned by Caesar. "Oh, that ain't nothin'," retorted the Yankee; "in the museum in Boston they've got the lead-pencil that Noah used to check off the animals that went into the ark."

He was smoking a cigar on a car where there were ladies. A lady took out her purse, got ten cents, and handed it to the smoker. "What's this for?" said he. "It's to buy you a good cigar when you smoke in the presence of ladies." He threw the cigar out of the window, the strip in the lady's lap, jerked the strap, and jumped out.

Trains pass at Hickory, 9 a.m. Up train takes the side track, should either train be behind time, the other train will wait and then proceed, running one hour behind its time, till the train is met and passed.

For further rules and regulations, see time-table.

Going West—Breakfast at Hickory at 8:30 a.m., and Dinner at Old Fort at 12:30 p.m., and Supper at Hickory at 4:30 p.m., and Dinner at Salisbury at 1:30 p.m. By order of W. S. PERSON, Master of Transportation.

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