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SOME HISTORICAL FACTS OF POLITICS.

The Richmond State does well to remind the people at this time that the Democrats carried the country in 1884—elected the Presidential ticket and a large majority in the House of Representatives.

The victorious Republicans expected to have a walk over the balance of their days. But two years later the Democrats, rallying unexpectedly from their defeat, elected a two-thirds majority in Congress and carried most of the State governments.

The Record, in referring to the Harrison Administration approaching the popular test, concludes its article with the following concise paragraph:

"When the Grant, Hayes and Arthur Administrations could not withstand this test, what is the prospect of a party loaded down with the McKinley Tariff bill, the Bonanza Silver bill, the Steamship Subsidy job, the Force bill, and the threatened deficit in the Treasury?"

"MIGHTY ENCOURAGING."

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald writes to that paper as follows—and it is "mighty encouraging" news:

"The Republicans are not unlikely to lose one of the new States which they have just rushed into the Union to bolster up the failing strength of the party. Wyoming has in recent years pretty steadily voted Republican and has been represented for three Congresses by Judge Joseph M. Carey.

Union a Democratic Commonwealth. The immigration in the Western counties has been largely Democratic, and the Democratic local committees are waging up to the fact that the State is debatable ground and that an earnest effort may win it."

So Mr. Speaker Reed has objected to an investigation of the charges against Pension Commissioner Raum, and bases his objection on the ground that the work will cost too much.

Butler on the Force Bill.

Benjamin F. Butler's letter to Congressman Wheeler supplements his recent Star interview on the Fraud and Force Election bill.

The theory that the Constitution has "grown" is a convenient one for nullifiers. The General doesn't trouble himself to say when or how much it has grown.

What strikes the plain commonsense, liberty-loving American citizen is, not that the revered charter of our free government has "grown" up to the standard of the advocates of modernized imperialism, but that the latter day statesmen are of too small a measure to live up to the doctrines of the fathers.

In one respect the Butler letter is a valuable contribution to the Fraud and Force Election bill controversy. It shows that even in the estimation of the "Force-Billers" the sagacious framers of the Constitution foresaw such contingencies as the present one.

In his Star interview General Butler said that if he had drawn an election bill he would have framed it differently from Lodge's. Since the Massachusetts politician has entered on the discussion of the subject, will he specify the faults in the Davenport-Lodge measure which he would have tried to avoid.

Flexible Conscience.

Men of flexible consciences readily adapt their moral views to whatever situation they happen to find themselves in for the moment, and this is especially characteristic of bitterly-partisan politicians.

My Kingdom For a Horse. The last night that Richard III., of England, passed on earth was at his tent on the battle field, and it was the most terrible one he ever spent.

Mr. Reed closed the very able and convincing articles from which this brief extract is made by saying: "Unreasonable and capricious suppression of discussion is tyranny, whether done by a king or by a majority."

This sentiment will find a response in the hearts of all true patriots, whether Democrats or Republicans.—Richmond Times.

STATE NEWS.

Durham Globe: While Z. B. Vance continues as faithful in the service of this people without regard to class, as he has been in the past, the press of North Carolina will be faithful to him.

Newbern Journal: Mr. Abner J. Tibbett, of this county, was in the city yesterday and brought with him a very large deer which he killed in the upper part of the county yesterday morning.

Raleigh News and Observer: It is reported that Rev. Thos. Dixon has bought a beautiful home on Staten Island, and his family has moved there.

Charlotte Chronicle: Rev. Edward Mack, who is at the University of Berlin, leaves there on the first of August for the Harz mountains, southwest of Berlin, to spend some time, as the summer term of the University closes by the first.

Wilmington Star: Refreshing rains have fallen all through the section traversed by the Carolina Central Railroad, and crops are reported in splendid condition.

Sanford Express: Wheat is now being threshed, and the yield is reported to be remarkably small. We are told that one farmer sowed twelve bushels and realized therefrom the handsome sum of fifty cents.

Oxford Day: Tom. Thompson asked Pattie Williams to change a quarter of a dollar for him. Pattie fished two dimes and five coppers out of her pocket and handed them to Tom, who in return dropped in her hand a brass saloon check "good for five cents at the bar," and took to his heels.

Wilson Mirror: Our talented young friend Collier Cobb who once taught in the Graded School in Wilson has been recently elected Professor of Geology in the Boston School of Technology, which is the greatest college of its kind in the world.

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