

THE CONTEST IN NEW JERSEY.

THE SENATORIAL FIGHT.

THE NEW LEGISLATURE AND THE NEW CONGRESSMEN.

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The record of New Jersey during the past five years contains but little for which the State can lay claim to credit. Better days have dawned at last; the horrible nightmare of pro-slavery Democracy, which has so long weighed her down, has been shaken off, and she now assumes her place in the solid ranks of the loyal North, as a determined foe of the enemies of freedom and equal rights.

The fight for the supremacy was determined on both sides; for the part of the Democracy it was desperate, for it was their last and only chance in the North. In endeavoring to maintain their sway, they hesitated not to resort to every device and trick that is known to politicians and demagogues. Hard cash was abundant, and had any Republican member of the Legislature been so minded, he could have received at least \$30,000 for his vote. It is not necessary to say that none of them were so minded.

Senator Scovel was considered the weakest point of the Republican line, and was consequently assailed most frequently and most vigorously. I have it from unquestionable authority that he was offered, by those whose hands were reeking with "bread and butter," his choice between the Collectorship of the First Congressional District and the Consularship to Liverpool. In return, he was to vote with the Democratic "ten" of the Senate, and thus either prevent a meeting of that branch of the Legislature or effect a sine die adjournment. If he had consented to enter into such an arrangement, the election of a United States Senator would probably have been rendered impossible; for it is extremely doubtful if the recent act of Congress would have been complied with by a minority of the Senate meeting the Assembly in joint convention for that purpose. Mr. Scovel, however, did his whole duty to himself, his constituents, and his party. As a consequence, Democratic slander is already busy with his name. He is accused of selling out to Senator Cattell for so many thousands of dollars—an accusation that is entirely gratuitous, for there has been no intercourse whatever, either directly or indirectly, between these two gentlemen, who have purposely avoided each other throughout the extra session.

Being in a hopeless minority, and unable to bribe any of their opponents, the Democracy could only protest. They first assailed the Governor of the State for calling the extra session, alleging that it was entirely unnecessary, and that none of the interests of the State or country would have suffered by leaving to the new Legislature about to be elected the decision of both the Constitutional amendment and Senatorial question. And they further claimed, that the calling of the extra session was an open confession of weakness, and distrust of the people on the part of the Republican party in the State. It is not to be denied that there was a great deal of force in the point thus made. The call of Governor Ward for the extra meeting of the Legislature was issued on the 30th of August. At that time the result of the appeal to the people was in great doubt. Andrew Johnson had gone but a few miles on his winding way, and Vermont and Maine had not been heard from. But this doubt is now set entirely at rest, and the action of the extra session has done fully as much towards accomplishing this result as the "electing tour" of the President and the "wings of Maine. The Democrats themselves confessed this, when one of their acknowledged leaders complained that "the Republicans had knocked the insides out of the election, leaving them nothing to fight for in November."

Then they entered a special and lengthy protest against the election of Mr. Cattell, characterizing the new law regulating the election of Senators as unconstitutional, void, and claiming, moreover, that Mr. Cattell was illegally ousted from his seat, and that, therefore, there was no vacancy to be filled. On this last point the Senate of the United States is the sole judge, and their decree has already been given to the world. The question of the constitutionality of the law under which Mr. Cattell was elected has also been settled, and in such a way that the Democrats will be dumfounded when they come to realize it. The recent act of Congress requires the two Houses of the Legislature to meet in joint convention and declare the result of the election in the separate branches, if such an election has been held. In performing this part of their task yesterday, the Legislature of New Jersey passed, by a clear majority of all its members, a resolution declaring Mr. Cattell duly elected Senator. In case of Congress should be declared unconstitutional by any competent tribunal or authority, Mr. Cattell can lay claim to and hold his seat by virtue of an election under the old law and custom of New Jersey! There has not been left open a solitary knothole through which the Democratic party of the State can squeeze its lank anatomy.

The Legislature having finished its work, the issue now reverts to the people, before whom the Democratic party goes, short of its prestige and without a tangible issue. Their defeat is certain. In the late Assembly the Republicans had a round majority of ten, and can thus afford even to lose a few votes, without losing control of the branch of the Legislature. With regard to the Senate, thirteen members hold over, while elections are to be held in eight senatorial districts. Only three of these had Republican members in the late Legislature, and none of these three are doubtful. A gain of one member in Essex county is also certain. This county has been represented by a Democrat, but last fall Governor Ward received from it a clear majority of 2500.

The State is equally secure from a Congressional point of view. No nominations have as yet been made in the First District, which is overwhelmingly Republican. Major Benjamin Acton, of Salem, is the most prominent candidate, but it is doubtful if he will consent to run. In the Second District, Governor Newell, the present Representative, has just been renominated, and cannot possibly be defeated.

The Third District is the only one in which the Democrats have any certainty of success. But this should not deter the friends of liberty and justice from pressing vigorously the claims of John Davidson, Esq., an eminent lawyer of New Brunswick, who has received the Republican nomination.

The Fourth District is at present represented by the irrepressible Jack Rogers, quasi leader of the Democracy in the Lower House. Jack has his enemies in the Democratic ranks, who are determined to defeat his renomination. He is at present perambulating his district, promising to every man who agrees to support him a post office, or something else in the "bread-and-butter" line. The Republicans have placed in nomination the Hon. John Hill, present Speaker of the House of Assembly, and a man of marked ability. A little concerted action is all that is needed to secure his triumph.

The Fifth District has been completely revolutionized since the last Congressional election. The success of George A. Halsey, Esq., is secure by a majority of at least 2000. The fact that the President has recently deprived him of his position as United States Assessor gives him additional strength.

In this position stands the contest in New Jersey. An overwhelming Republican victory is beyond the shadow of a doubt. The only Northern State that did not cast a full vote for Abraham Lincoln, is at last "redeemed, regenerated, and disenthralled." OMIKRON.

THE PITTSBURG POISONER.

Martha Grider—The Evil That She Did Lives After. It is with an ill grace that evil words are spoken of the dead. None of us will ever forget, or will ever cease to shudder, at the monstrous deeds of Martha Grider. While she lived she was a terror and a monster, who dealt in death as a business, and poisoned babes in order that she might hedge the effect her druggs would have on adults. Now she is dead, all are disposed to let her sleep well. While she was being tried for the murder of a beautiful woman, the crowd would have torn her limb from limb if they could have laid their hands on her. Now she has met her doom, none would dishonor her bones, even if the hidden grave in which she sleeps were revealed.

In the murder of Mary Caroline Caruthers we all thought that the death of the Borgia had reached its saddest culmination. A young woman—a bride, just commencing a happy life under the most genial circumstances; beautiful to such a degree that she caused the universal admiration even of her own sex; as good as she was beautiful; happy wife and a beloved daughter; blessing an unshaded home, such a woman was it that Martha Grider murdered with the cold-blooded malignity of a fiend, that a few household articles and a little money might be in her hands. She murdered her, too, with a needless torture, playing with her victim's misery, and laughing—one can imagine, half regretfully—when the last scene came, and the poor girl lay dead.

All this was bad enough, but Martha Grider did worse. Mary Caruthers had a husband, young, vigorous, happy, and prosperous. The evil one who murdered his wife worse than murdered him. For every dose of poison she gave his wife, she gave one to him, hoping to kill them both. The delicate woman died, the more stalwart man lived, a wretched wreck. The terrible death of his wife left his home desolate, his life darkened, his future a blank. The poison his enemy had fed him continued its fell work long after the murderer was mouldering in her felon's grave. It had shattered every nerve, and had wrecked every joint. Grief-stricken; with his memories saddened by the blight that had withered his life; with every hope dead; with terrible physical suffering added daily and nightly to mental anguish, and yet too strong to die—where else but one thing could happen to him? He went mad. On Thursday last James Caruthers was taken a hopeless lunatic from his home in New Castle to Dixmont Hospital.

To our minds, this crime for which Martha Grider did not die, and which she was unconscious, for the most part, of having committed, is the most terrible of all her terrible list. If anything could make us think our charity for the dead sinner a superstition, and lead us to curse the memory of the confined wretch, this proof, how the crime reaches out active and potent, after the criminal is only dust, would do it. Verily, the evil that she did lives after her.—Pittsburg Gazette.

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