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What They Will Assist.

Those who deride and those who complain of the Democratic resolve to "fight" for their legal rights in the electoral matter, rather than submit to being defrauded of them, have short memories.

In 1876 the Democrats fairly elected a president; his election was backed by a popular majority of nearly a quarter million; he was the clear and unquestioned choice of a fairly chosen electoral majority and his title was as indisputable as Jefferson's, or Van Buren's, or Lincoln's.

Nevertheless, on the day after the election, a few desperate Republicans led by the Chandlers, set up the same impudent claim that they do now. By mischievous agitation, audacious claims and by threats of force and anarchy they got the country into a condition of social disorder and business demoralization, which impressed a majority of the Democratic congressmen with the necessity or propriety of submitting their cases to an extra constitutional and altogether unprecedented tribunal.

Being composed of conspicuous men, the majority of them supreme court judges and senators, there was some popular confidence that they would decide the case honestly and fairly. From the start every Republican on the commission set himself to the work of counsel for his party.

Had the case been decided upon any uniform principle of law, however erroneous, the eight tries who made the Republican victory might have got credit for consistency; but, to win their stake, they applied one principle in one case and the contrary in another, and only made fraud triumphant by the grossest perversion of their own law.

The recollection of these historical facts very naturally makes the Democrats now sensitive as well as suspicious. They do not want to be on their guard, but to serve notice on their leaders whose weakness betrayed them eight years ago, that they will not tolerate fraud nor ratify undue concessions in this crisis.

The temper of the Southern people throughout the presidential struggle of the last few months has been admirable. The tone of their press, the sentiment of their speeches and the conduct of the populace have been well calculated to dispel the fears of some easily alarmed Republicans, that the "Solid South" is to be a menace to the moral or material prosperity of the country under Democratic administration.

Surely no such assurance was needed for the conviction of any observant man of thoughtful habit. All such know that the conservation of order in the South, the reign of good government, the protection of the colored race and the prosperity of that whole section have followed the restoration of the state governments to the Democracy.

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to represent. They are of vast moment to us of the North, and the spirit which would mar or hinder them in a fit of partisan disappointment is unparliamentary and cowardly.

How It is Counted.

Some good people are laboring under the delusion that the vote of New York has not been counted. It has been. There are fewer election precincts in New York than in Pennsylvania, and in every one of them on election night, the votes were counted, the result ascertained, the ballots burned and the statements of the result were made in each district by the inspectors, one of which was required to be filed within twenty-four hours with each of three designated officials.

The Republicans claim to hope that some reexamination of the returns will destroy this result; there is no likelihood of this. But the more desperate of them propose to go further than this. They have employed counsel to prevail with the boards of canvassers to do behind the face of the returns sent in from the districts. It has been declared by the courts, the New York Times informs us, that the duty of the county canvassers is "purely ministerial" and "cannot be extended by them beyond a mere count of what appears on their face to be the original returns, and which are apparently regular."

It can easily be seen from this what hope there is of a change in the asserted result. To all the forms of law the Democrats cheerfully accede; they make no matter against exact compliance with them; but they mean to be clearly understood as not assenting to have the New York canvassers play the part of Southern returning boards, and by transgressing their powers give vitality to a fraud. They will permit the exercise of lawful powers, but not the abuse of them. That would be revolutionary under cover of law, but none the less it would be revolutionary, and it would be fitly met with prompt popular resistance to the last extremity.

The scientific man who keeps his head clear during these troublous political times has a fine chance to earn a fortune. The committee of the combination of salitre elaborators of Iquique has voted \$25,000 for practical essays upon the application of nitrate in the United States and Europe, naming five North American and European professors to form a jury to award a prize of \$5,000 for the best pamphlet on the practical application of salitre.

The desire for notoriety in some form seems dominant in all men. The foolish fellow who barned the Ephraim dome had his name sounded down the corridors of time when the architect of the temple had been long forgotten. A New Yorker named Dougherty made up his mind recently that he would emulate the example of some of the fools of history. While at the top of the Washington monument on Saturday, he eluded the vigilance of the watchman and climbed to the top of the mast, which projects sixteen and a-half feet above the capstone and which supports a boom for lifting stone.

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