

WHAT IT MEANS.

There never was a grander victory taken in a more quiet of course way, than that was by the Republican party in the election of GRANT and WILSON. It is so complete, so overwhelming, that it leaves nothing to cavil at, nothing to explain, nothing to sort to, but acquiescence in its results. The people are quietly content, and the hundreds of thousands, who but a brief few days since were so intensely agitated, have again dropped into their old grooves, and are equitably intent upon their daily avocations. But this victory means more than the mere election of the calm silent man, who amid a storm of obloquy and revilings, pursued the even tenor of his way, not deigning a word in vindication of himself, but permitting his acts to speak for him to the people. It means the substantial continuance of the policy pursued for the last four years, with the approval of the masses, who after calmly weighing the actions of their chief public servant, have appreciated them at their true value, and given them their most emphatic approval. It means that on the issues submitted to them, the people have resolved to stand by the views and principles advocated by the Republican party, and to reject all other theories and doctrines inconsistent with, or adverse thereto. It means Union, concord, peace, for the States with but few exceptions have all voted the same way, and for the first time since the war the distinctive Southern States have repudiated the party of reaction, and now avow their readiness to aid in carrying out a policy that will give security to all their citizens, and bring much needed prosperity to their midst. It means a stinging rebuke to the Democratic party and a sharp reminder to them that its old organization is offensive and hateful to the American people, and that it is vain for it to again seek power or hope to obtain public confidence by any disguise. It means in brief, a vindication of Gen. Grant, and a condemnation of his slanderers; a decision that the Republican party notwithstanding its errors, has been a substantial success, and that the country is safer in its hands than under the control of the Democratic or any new party; that the fruits of the war are to be preserved, the constitutional amendments to stand and be enforced, and that by no trick or shuffle will slaves be paid for, rebel soldiers be pensioned, or talk of secession be tolerated; that unwholly alliance in politics, based upon false pretenses, and conducted without regard to truth or decency cannot succeed; that so called leaders, and great newspapers are influential and powerful with the Republican masses, while they inspire public confidence in their honesty, and maintain a character for consistency; that the Democratic leaders cannot transfer by party machinery, the party body to the support of an alliance it may be personally profitable to make; and finally, that no coalition of politicians, can destroy one great party or create another without the consent of the people first had and obtained.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Constitutional Convention assembled at Harrisburg on Tuesday of last week (19th). It was organized by the unanimous election of Wm. MERRITT of Philadelphia as President, and after a struggle by the Democrats for a division of all the offices, by the selection of all the Republican nominees for Clerks, Sergeant at arms, and other minor offices. The President has been empowered to appoint twenty-three standing committees, to map out and prepare business for the Convention, each committee having in charge some particular subject or provision likely to be incorporated in the Constitution. So far no business of special importance has been transacted, unless it be that the Convention has resolved to adjourn its sittings to Philadelphia after the first of January next. It appears to be understood that after the appointment of the committees the Convention will adjourn to meet again at some future date, the members of the different committees meanwhile conferring together on the subject matter which each has in charge, and embodying their conclusions in reports, which when presented at the re-assembling of the Convention, will bring the question up separately for discussion, and adoption or rejection. The real work of the Convention will therefore not really begin until its next meeting, we presume in January next.

"FLOATING POLITICAL DRIFT-WOOD"

is what the World now calls its late Liberal allies. It says the "substantive, silent son of Democrats" got three as many votes as were gained from the Republicans; declares the Greeley canvass a "prodigious blunder," extends a cordial hand to the new candidate, and gives the Liberals a hint as plain as anything less than lead could make it, to "clear out."

BUCKALEY, THE GREAT DEFENDING

has at last succeeded in warning himself into the Constitutional Convention, Mr. FRENCH of Columbia county having resigned, and BUCKALEY being substituted in his place. We trust that he may as signally fail in painting off his cumulative voting hobby on the Committee, as he did in securing his own success at the late election.

ANDREW G. CURTIS, who forgot to

announce, as he promised, how he would cast his great influence in the late Presidential election, has quietly gone into the Democratic fold, as is indicated by his vote in the organization of the Constitutional Convention. He and BUCKALEY can now take sweet counsel together, and mutually console with each other, on the bankruptcy of their late Mutual Assurance Company.

IN GLADE TOWNSHIP, WARREN COUNTY,

no election was held on the 5th instant. The township contains about one hundred and fifty voters, giving a Democratic majority of about thirty. According to the Corry Blade the polls were closed and all hands were raftering on the Allegheny. The river was high and rafting paid better than going through the forms of holding an election for President.

GRANT'S OFFICIAL MAJORITY IN PENNSYLVANIA

IS ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT (137,728). The vote stands, GRANT 249,685; GREELEY 212,961. How is that for high?

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, NOV. 14, 1872.

WARREN'S PATENT POLITICAL MACHINE.

A very rich account of the manner in which Gen. Warmouth, of Louisiana, arranged the manipulation of the election returns of that state, has just been published by the New York Herald. It charges that Gen. Warmouth, in the Governor's office, who proceeded at once to change the entire Board upon various pretexts. Lieut. Governor Pinchback being ineligible, on account of being a candidate, Governor Warmouth substituted F. H. Hatch for his opponent Pinchback. Hatch for Anderson was excluded from the Board for the same reason, and Durant Daponte was substituted in the same way. Secretary of State Lynch was next declared ineligible upon a certificate of the auditor Grassie, charging him with defalcation, and his consequent suspension from office by Governor Warmouth, who had a substitute waiting in the ante-room, in the person of Colcock Wharton, who promptly took a seat in the Board. Senator Lynch was the only member elected to the Board that was not constructed by the Governor to suit his purposes—having announced his intention to resist fraudulent voting, found himself unanimously voted down, and he retired. This important Board is now ready to proceed to count the votes, and in their turn, to be counted on by King Warmouth. It is further announced that it is believed the Supreme Court will sustain Gen. Warmouth; though there is great excitement in political circles, Greeley Democrats will no doubt prove successful in Louisiana, without regard to Republican majorities, if the Governor is allowed to do all the voting and all the counting by himself and his special friends, thro' this newly patented and wonderful Warmouth back-action political returning machine. In the mean time, the result resulting from the machine will not be announced for thirty days, when the novelty and ingenuity of Warmouth's invention will be better understood.

IMMIGRATION CONVENTION.

A convention of the friends of emigrants and immigration, held two years ago at Indianapolis, Indiana, will again convene at Philadelphia in January next, when it is expected that national legislation for the protection and care of emigrants to this country will be earnestly recommended. Immigration during the past year having exceeded numerically anything known in the past, and the subject having been submitted to Congress by the President, for its action, it may be reasonably hoped that this important element of our future growth will be carefully provided for, by the government. Several steamers are now playing upon the ruins. The site of old Fort Hill is a scene of active building operations, half a dozen wooden structures being already finished and in process of erection.

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