

into the "markets of the world" to

compete with the products of paper

lumber? In short, haven't they had

their own sweet will in shaping the

policy of the country for the past eight-

een months? Haven't they all the of-

fices under the government filled with

their "shakes" and yet they have

"the shakes" and the leaders are not

rushing to the front. Here's Governor

Flower, of the great State of New

York, declining a re-nomination. Here's

Col. Singery, of this State, aban-

doning his contest for Governor

almost before the battle is set, and

here's another Congressional nomina-

tion throughout the country going a

begging. All of which moves us to in-

quire what's the matter with the De-

mocratic party? But one conclusion can

be arrived at. They see the handwriting

on the wall and are fleeing from the

wall to come.

The fight in the Democratic ranks

in the Third Congressional district in

Philadelphia, which culminated in the

cheating of Congressman McAlister out

of a re-nomination promised him, has

so disgusted Mr. Singery, the Demo-

cratic candidate for Governor, that he

has virtually thrown up the sponge

and abandoned the contest. "From this

point forth," says Mr. Singery, "the

canvass should be waged without

special effort for the State ticket,"

which plainly means that he is out of

the race and that the Democratic party

is admittedly dead in Pennsylvania.

This abandonment of the Democratic

campaign by the Democratic candidate for

Governor means not only that all hope

of unity in the party is abandoned, but

that henceforth peace among the war-

ring factions is not anticipated and

that every candidate is left to guard his

own head by his own personal efforts.

The leader having shown the white

feather and run away from the conflict,

the cry of every man for himself and

the devil take the hindmost is sounded

throughout the Democratic camp, and

the hosts of free trade are on the dead

run. In all history there never has

been so humiliating a stampede of the

"untempered Democracy."

There has never been a doubt of the

election of General Hastings by an

overwhelming majority, but this aban-

donment of the contest by Singery will

add many thousands to the count.

Not only this, but it almost certainly

assures the election of a Republican

Congressman from the Third district,

always hitherto Democratic, and ren-

ders to Cleveland or other Democratic

district in the State.

The Solid South Breaking.

Louisiana is apparently destined to

the honorable distinction of making the

first break in the solid South. The revolt

of the planters and the formal transfer

of their political allegiance to the Rep-

ublican party mark the beginning of the

end of the unnatural and un-American

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than twenty years has stood as a barrier

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