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The Late Elections.

The result of the late elections is shown, by the returns received, to have been a Republican victory. We have no desire to count our rounds, nor to conceal them. They are the witnesses of a manly struggle, against odds. Nor would we conceal their disastrous consequences—not so much to the party, which will outlive and outlast and bring to the dust these victors of to-day, and whose principles being true are imperishable; but, in the defeat of the Democratic party, President Johnson's plan for the immediate restoration of the Union is defeated also. The tide of fanaticism which has swept over the nation, engulfing its laws, its liberties, and its material prosperity, though visibly abating, has not yet reached its ebb. Every hour it falls, and the time cannot be far distant when the people of the North, so long led through deep waters by blind guides, will search for dry land and other leaders. That day will see the triumph of Democratic principles and of those who have faithfully upheld them.

In the elections just closed, the Democratic party has been faithful to its time-honored principles. It has sought nothing less than the good of the whole country. It did not hesitate to endorse the measures of an administration whose election it had opposed, for those measures were well adapted to the end which it never lost sight of through four years of war—restoration of the Union and its laws, peace, of our civil liberties, of local self government, and of fraternal good-will between all sections of our common country. And to day the chief regret of every intelligent Democrat will be, not that a local election has been lost, but that Mr. Johnson's political measures for the early restoration of the Southern States to their co equal and normal relations in the Union, which was the chief and almost the only national issue at stake in the late canvass, have not received the weighty indorsement of the States in which the elections were held.

What Will Congress Do?

The Republican Congress can undoubtedly arrest the President's attempted reconstruction at the coming session. They have the numbers, and a majority of them do not lack the inclination. But, under existing circumstances, will they dare exert the will? It is, indeed, possible that the strategic lines drawn around them by the Democratic party may "give them pause." If the President is firm on his side, all they can do on theirs is to delay, not defeat, the success of his plan. If they arrest his experiment, he has only to appeal to the people in the congressional elections, less than a year distant. His supporters would sweep the country, as the Democratic party would have swept it in the elections just closed had that issue been nakedly presented. The Democrats have engineered the politics of the country into such a shape as to make President Johnson master of the situation. If the Republicans elect to oppose him, he knows where he can find a triumphant majority, even with the Southern States excluded. But if the hopelessness of effectual opposition drags the Republicans into his support, our purpose is equally accomplished. The reconstruction policy triumphs; the Southern States come back; political parties will be reorganized with reference to the vote of the whole country. The reconstruction question, having then become obsolete, will be consigned to history. It will be no longer an issue in national politics, and the dividing line between parties will be drawn with reference to other questions.

Explosion of an Infernal Machine.

New York Nov. 9th.—At 11.30 A. M. to-day, an explosion occurred in front of the Wyoming Hotel, No. 334 Greenwich street, shattering the front of the hotel and breaking nearly all the buildings opposite and along the square where the hotel is situated. Two men were killed and nine wounded. A short time since a guest of the hotel left a box of security for his bill, and promised to call and redeem it. The box was placed in the baggage room in charge of a porter. This morning smoke was seen issuing from the box, and it was taken by two men and carried to the sidewalk. Just as they reached the sidewalk an explosion occurred, killing both men who were carrying the box and doing much damage as above stated. The police arrested all the persons stopping at the hotel, and the matter is now being investigated. The explosion was very loud and attracted the attention of persons who were a mile away from the scene of the occurrence.

JOHN A. SMELL, the popular and obliging resident Clerk of the House of Representatives, has our thanks for an early copy of a little book, containing the names of the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with their Post Office address, together with the Governor and Heads of Departments, compiled by himself, for the special use of Members and those connected

How the Freedmen Vote.

The Richmond Times tells rather a good story on the duties. An agent of the Freedmen's Bureau, it seems, made them a speech, disabbing their minds of the idea that they were to have farms at Christmas, his discourse abounding, in fact, with advice calculated to promote the interest of the race. His propositions were carefully elucidated, and understandingly, as he thought. To be sure, however, that his speech was understood, he suggested that they should vote, and the time had come for them to vote. As the question was changed, every trace of sadness vanished. In some it was swallowed up in a sense of the momentous import of the occasion and consciousness of the tremendous responsibility of meeting it; in others it melted under the beams of radiant smiles, which were with difficulty restrained from audible expression in chuckles of complacent delight. Propriety, however, prevailed, and the enraptured freedmen heard the question put in silence and in order. But hardly were the words "say yes" out of the mouth of the Provost Marshal when their smothered exultation burst forth in one simultaneous, unanimous "a-ye," prolonged and drawn out utterly beyond all comparison with the "wounded snake" or "lengthened sweetness," or any other known standard of protraction. Never was a deserved honor bestowed with more flattering unanimity or more hearty good will.

The Provost Marshal, basing his assumption on long established, but now obsolete precedents, regarded this vote as decisive and entirely satisfactory. Nevertheless, for forms's sake, and, perhaps, too, to drill the freedmen in all the exercises of the elector's manual, he proceeded to put the question negatively: "All opposed, etc., say no." Upon the instant, this injunction was announced with a "no!" which rattled the windows and jarred the rafters of the house, round; it rivaled the "aye" in the unanimity and fervor with which it was delivered. Algebraically speaking, this was the addition of a quantity with the negative sign to itself positively affected. It most unanimously brought the commissioner elect down from his giddy height back to zero. What a commentary on the fickleness of popular favor! What a salutary but fearful exhibition of the power of "the people" by which men are made in a breath, and in a breath undone!

The Provost Marshal—a plodding Conservative, we infer—did not at all comprehend the weighty significance of what had transpired. We have it on the authority of one of the outraged and indignant electors, that he went so far as to insinuate characteristic intellectual obtuseness on the part of the assembly. After informing them that, as they were incapable of making an intelligent choice for themselves, he would himself choose a commissioner for them, he bade them to take themselves off, and even vented a profane imprecation against them. The assembled multitude did not wait for "the benediction that follows after prayer." A bomb had fallen into this black "sea of unpurged faces," after which it "continued to enlarge itself, till by wide-spreading, it dispersed itself in naught."

We will not presume to attempt any interpretation of the event; we have chronicled only its most obvious meaning is discernible by us. The elucidation of its hidden significance we leave to those original profound and ingenious expositors, the Radical preachers of negro equality. We will, however, venture the assurance that, in their hands, it will be found to demonstrate triumphantly the pre eminent claims and qualifications of the negro for immediate admission to the elective franchise.

Execution of Wirze.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The execution of Wirze took place at 10.30 this morning.

At 10.20 A. M., Wirze came from his cell in the Old Capitol prison, accompanied by Provost Marshal Russell and Fathers Boyle and Wigget.

Amid profound silence, the Provost Marshal proceeded to read the order of the War Department, founded on the verdict of the Military Court which tried the prisoner.

When the reading of the order was completed, Wirze conversed with those on the platform with seeming calmness and self-possession, and it was remarked that he had a smiling countenance.

To his spiritual advisers he said "I am innocent. I have to die, but I can die like a man. I have hope in the future. I have nothing more to say."

His legs and hands were then tied, the noose passed around his neck, and the black cap placed over his head. He stood erect without faltering, evidently having nerve himself for the solemn event. Those on the platform retired to the railing, leaving the doomed man in the centre of the structure. After a few moments of profound quiet, the drop at a preconcerted signal, fell.

The convict directly after falling was considerably convulsed in his legs, but the agony was soon over. He hung about fifteen minutes, and was then cut down. His neck was broken by the fall.

The following letter was written by Wirze before mounting the gallows:

Old Capitol Prison, Nov. 10th, 1865

Mr. Shade:—It is no doubt the last time that I address myself to you. What I have said to you often and often, I repeat, accept my thanks for all you have done for me. May God reward you, I cannot; still I have something more to ask of you, and I am confident that you will not refuse my dying request. Please help my poor family; my dear wife and children. War, cruel war, has swept everything from me, and to-day my wife and children are beggars. My life is demanded as an atonement, and I am willing to give it, and I hope that after a while I will be judged differently from what I am now. If any one ought to come to the relief of my family, it is the people of the South, for whose sakes I have sacrificed all. I know you will excuse me for troubling you.

Farwell, dear sir, may God bless you. Yours, thankfully,
H. Wirze.

An immense deposit of superior black marble has been discovered near Williamsburg.

Accounts to be Squared.

In the Republican party, with all of this clamor for the soldier, it is a most remarkable instance that no private soldiers are nominated for office. The Generals, Colonels, Majors, Captains and Lieutenants, are candidates for place, attend Conventions, get civil appointments, seek position in return for their public services. These gentlemen, who received high wages, double rations, long furloughs, who, before the war, were lawyers without cases, physicians without patients, merchants without shops, who during the war, appeared in public parades, were recruiting officers of home guards, and super-efficient in hunting up deserters and pointing to kill Copperheads, since the war attend Conventions, control caucuses, and are willing to be candidates for every conceivable office within the gift of the loyal. It is, however, a most remarkable circumstance that limless soldiers, brave men who slept in the swamps, marched on half rations, who have returned home in destitution, are scarcely known in the Republican ranks, and never nominated where there is the remotest chance of election. Let our hearts go out to the brave soldiers of every clime. The lower his condition the more entitled to honor; but let it be real and not feigned. There never was a tyrant's heel which trod unpunished upon a patriot's grave. History is rich in her resources, but she is too poor to afford one single example of the ultimate triumph of tyrants over liberty, or the permanent establishment of arbitrary power over the inherent rights of an enlightened people. The great Duty, which weighs the wrongs of man in one balance and his rights in the other, as carefully appoints the full measure of His righteous judgment to overtake the evil-doer and the tyrant. After the storm of war has blown over, the clouds dissipate and the sun assumes his wonted empire. But force gives way to reason. Justice asserts her supremacy over revenge. Confiscation laws, the most villainous relic of a barbarous age, are quickly dropped in the broad, deep ocean of peace. Even pious military Superintendents of Freedmen's Bureaus commence returning stolen property to its lawful owners. Little by little the people will begin to reason after this wise: Whoever steals is a thief, no difference, when, where, how, or from whom he stole. Whoever murders is a murderer, and whoever commits crime is as clearly a criminal. In the confusion of war, criminals, grown bold and desperate, paraded their stolen goods, wore their stolen clothes, rode in their stolen carriages, drove their stolen horses, exhibited their stolen watches and jewelry, played on their stolen pianos, ate out of their stolen dishes; ministers of heaven, high and holy officers of the Christian Commission, read and preached and prayed out of stolen books. By-and-by the owners will arise from their stupor and inquire for their property. Suits will be instituted for recovery, and just judgments in replevin will restore the property and degrade the thief with the receiver of stolen goods. And, pardon the digression, is it not a marvellous thing that Henry Ward Beecher, who preaches about everything, and from year's end to year's end sends forth a stream of words, words, words, in imitation of an old lady thrown into a sausage chopper, that Mr. Beecher has never said one word to his congregation about stealing from and returning stolen goods to the Southern people? Is it less a wonder that prelaties, synods, conferences, conventions, associations and other Divine assemblies, which keep the conscience of America and propose to convert the world, should have remained silent upon the subject? After the re-organization of States and civil courts, grand juries in the desolate South will commence the inquiry after crimes and criminals, stolen goods and thieves—after mules and their riders. The negro, who loves his master, and whom they have forced on the witness stand, and officers who disgraced their uniforms and scandalized the Christian era by violating the laws of civilized warfare, will be indicted. Requisitions from Governors of the South will give some of these distinguished gentlemen permission to return on public duty to stand trial and make defense, or suffer punishment. Suits for damages will follow the assessment of arbitrary taxes. Terrible murders will be called up for legal investigation. Criminals will realize the power of the country to defend itself in time of war against the abuse of power by military imbeciles and tyrants, and give a sufficient reason for the murder of citizens under cover of law. The oppressor will give way to the oppressed. Society will be restored to its equilibrium. There will be other Wirzes who have kept Northern prisons, yet tried by civil courts for cruelty and murder of prisoners; other Champ Ferguson's tried for cold blooded murder under pretense of arresting drafted men and deserters. This shooting, and stabbing, and mobbing, that have occupied the pastime of loyal gentlemen, will yet undergo legal investigation, and justice will be vindicated by the law. The day of just retribution will come; no human power can stay its steady march; it has already begun. One long, large, and dark account is already in process of settlement. The poor, honest, brave and injured soldier is calling the haughty, insolent and upstart officer to account, and kicks him with impunity in the street. The hospital soldier, who came near dying from neglect, pulls the nose of his worthless surgeon. Long standing injuries will be redressed, and time and God will square accounts and make all things even. It is this that makes these men cling to office, and determine to govern this country by a minority, to hold the power of the country by any means, by every means. They have threatened the country with a Dictator, attempted to utterly disfranchise a larger body of freemen than were ever disfranchised in any country on earth in any age of the world. With no other purpose than to continue the power of a minority, they now propose to invite barbarians to the elective franchise, for the purpose of doing hereafter, by numbers, what they have heretofore done by force. They

have strangled freedom.

THE Election in New York resulted rather disastrous to the Democracy of that State. The Abolition Republicans will have a majority in the State Legislature on joint ballot of sixty-two. The only people who seem alarmed at the result are the Republicans themselves. They had but faint hopes of carrying the election; and when the result was announced they were amazed to think they had accomplished so easily what they did not expect to be able to do. It all goes to show that the Democracy were not at fault—but allowed the election to pass by default. The Democratic party know that in order to be successful they must necessarily perform a certain amount of hard work, and they do not feel willing to perform that labor until such time arrives that they can receive a reward for it; and that period has not yet arrived; the people are not sick enough of the ruinous policy of the present party in power; they have not sufficiently felt the oppression upon them, caused by taxation and high prices. When the people once get tired of these things, (and that time is not far distant), and when there are positions to fill, through which the administration of affairs of the general government can be effected, then, and not till then, will the Democracy be triumphant. Mark that.

Thanksgiving Day—Proclamation by the Governor.

HARRISBURG, Nov. 7.—The following proclamation was issued to-day:

PROCLAMATION.
With feelings of the most profound gratitude to Almighty God, I invite the good people of the Commonwealth to meet in their places of public worship, on Thursday, the seventh day of December next, and raise their hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to Him, not only for the manifold ordinary blessings which, during the past year, He has continued to heap upon us, for abundant and gathered harvests, for thriving industry, for general health, for domestic good order and government, but also most expressly and fervently for His unequalled goodness, having so strengthened and guarded our people during the last four years, that they have been enabled to crush to the earth the late wicked rebellion, to exterminate the system of human slavery, which caused it. As we wrestled in prayer with Him in the dark time of our trouble, when our brothers and sons were sinking life and limb for us on a bloody field, and suffering by torture and famine in the hell of Andersonville, or the Libby, so now, when our supplications have been so strenuously and graciously answered, let us not withhold from Him the homage of our thanksgiving. Let us say to all, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve, but for us and our house, we will serve the Lord." Come then, ye people whom He hath so blessed and saved; come ye who have been enabled to crush to the earth the late wicked rebellion, to exterminate the system of human slavery, which caused it. 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