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THE LIGHT AT LAST.

The note of alarm sounded from Washington by Charles Emory Smith will not fall on blithes ears. Mr. Smith has discovered by personal observation that Mr. Cleveland proposes to have a Democratic administration with all which that implies. This was the opinion of many of us months ago, when the President, accompanied by the bland, consoling editor of the *Tribune* and the exacting editor of the *Philadelphia Times* proposed that Republicans should help him to make assurance of Democratic victory doubly sure by overthrowing the financial legislation of the last thirty years, upon which rests the credit of the nation. No one now sees with clearer eyes than Mr. Emory Smith that the whole Sherman agitation was a pretext, a flank movement upon the Republican line. Mr. Cleveland owes his victory in the House to Republican votes.

Without Republican votes he would suffer ignominious defeat in the Senate. Yet these votes were answered by an immediate advance upon the vital points of the Republican line.

We have no quarrel with Mr. Cleveland because of the proposed Elections bill. Why should we complain? The Democratic victory was based upon the cry against "The Force Bill." Mr. Harrison proposed that the elections of Representatives and the Executive should be under Federal control. This meant no war upon the suffrage of any honest voter, but the protection of innocent honest voters against antagonisms which they could not resist. The nature of these antagonisms will be read in the news from Roanoke, Va., and the dreadful incidents in Louisiana. The cry was raised in Northern journals that this nefarious bill was a measure for "the coercion of the South"; that it was a "Force Bill," and its effect would be that "every Southern white woman would be compelled to marry a negro." This unmanly, despotic and un-American cry more than any other concentrated the Southern sentiment which gave Mr. Cleveland his extraordinary victory.

Is there any reason why our Southern friends should not come to their own? They are in the saddle. Northern Democrats helped them there. Why should our Southern friends not ride?

That is their affair. Republicans North and South have other considerations. The South to-day is under a despotism tacit and profound, that which rests over Russia. The suffrage is a comedy, except when mobs at their whim turn it into a tragedy.

There is not a district south of Mason and Dixon's line which is not disfranchised. And yet this disfranchised, representing the grandeur of organized minorities over swayed and alienated juries; these districts have as much power in the legislative and executive departments as corresponding districts in Pennsylvania and Maine.

It was hoped that this would be remedied by the Elections bill. It may be said that no Southern man will ever be ruled by a negro. Let us grant that proposition. But if Southern men insist upon this and give it practical illustration at the scaffold and the stake, is that a reason why the other sections should allow these disfranchised districts to be ruled against us in the supreme councils of the nation? If we take the argument of the extreme Southern man, if we grant all that is required as to the sensitiveness of race and relations arising from our history, our past, our present, our future, we present ourselves that we share from God Congo thirty years ago should give laws to the Peytonas and the Lees, it still stands that the electoral power of

the Southern states in the Union is an usurpation. Negro suffrage may be destroyed by a mob violence that the Federal government cannot overthrow. But we have a right to protest against negro suffrage thus destroyed being used as a living, potent influence against the white suffrage of the North.

This is the essential point of the proposed Elections bill. Mr. Tucker says in his terse, rough way, that having suppressed the negro vote in the South by violence, he proposes to have that suppression legalized and consecrated by an act of Congress. His claim should be fought from sunrise to sunset by every agency within the constitutional rights of Congress.

The "honest money" cry is simply a personal whim of the President. The Democracy has other purposes more decided and drastic. They mean, as in this proposed "Tucker Elections" bill, to legalize the shotgun. They mean to repeal the tax on state banks and revive the shipmaster under the cry of States Rights in Money. They mean to strike at the savings of the North with an income-tax. And they mean, if purposes now vague and dim come into shape, to divert the Pension Fund, or as much as can be released from the operation of fixed laws, to the payment of Southern claims.

This is a clear, logical policy, and our Democratic friends deserve praise for their frankness in avowing it. The policy will develop. The attack on silver is halted. The Election law will go ahead. As M. Thiers said on a memorable occasion: "We must either strike one leaf at a time," or so be it! The Democrats will do this if they can. Our duty is to prevent it and this can alone be done by holding with sternness and fidelity every point of the Republican faith given us by Lincoln and the fathers, and which they were proud to defend with their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.—*Phila. Star.*

Race Riot in Brooklyn.
BROOKLYN, Sept. 25.—There was a fight between Italian and Irish laborers engaged in laying tracks on Nassau street yesterday. Shovels, picks, spades and any weapon the men could lay their hands on were used. Not one of the hundred combatants escaped bruises, and it is thought that in some of the cases the injuries will prove fatal. During the fight four Italians went to the roof of a house and began a fusillade of bricks and stones on the heads of the contending parties. During the battle the streets in the neighborhood were crowded. Many of the missiles were wide of their mark and struck outsiders. Joseph Saccoccia, the Italian foreman, and eighteen of his men were arrested, it appearing that the Italians were the aggressors.

Stolen Horses Recovered.
WEST CHESTER, Pa., Sept. 25.—Officers arrived here with five horses and three buggies which they got at Nine Points and vicinity, Lancaster County, from farmers and others. The property was all stolen in Delaware and Maryland by "Jim" Clemson and "Joe" Harris, two of the noted Welsh bandits, gang who were arrested a few days since for horse stealing in Chester county. This country has recently been infested with horse-thieves, and the capture of the thieves round up will be a great political battle.

Poisoned After a Debauch.
ALLENSTOWN, Pa., Sept. 25.—Gerald Wagner, aged 27, and Harvey Allender, aged 25, were found dead in the potato patch of Allender's barn, on the outskirts of this city yesterday. The men wore on a terrible debauch on Saturday, and are said to have drunk nearly two kegs of beer. Moses P. Allender, the father of Harvey, helped them to dispose of our legs. They wound up their drink by wandering to the barn to sleep. Poisonous fumes from a toddy curing room above the potato patch suffocated the men. Wagner was nearest the fowler room, and his body when round was a bright blue in color.

Pension Officer Statistics.
—WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 25.—The weekly statement of the pension office shows that the total number of claims now pending is 700,270, divided into classes as follows: Act of June 27, 1860, 141,451; Indian wars, 4,017; old war, 4,928; service since March 1, 1861, 306,000; additional to prior applications, 123,893; increased and accrued allowances, 7,057; increased claims, 214,229; army nurses, 703. The total number of cases rejected during the week was 4,317, and those allowed, 1,471.

Democrats Gathering at Allentown.
—ALLENTOWN, Pa., Sept. 26.—All preparations for the convention of Democratic societies here on Tuesday are completed, and the entire city, Democrats and Republicans alike, are alert to hold the visitors. National Chairman, Harlan, Attorney General House, C. F. Black and a congressional delegation from Washington arrived today.

A Whole Society Arrested.
—VIENNA, Sept. 26.—A large club of members of a secret society in Vienna were arrested yesterday. Information showed them as scattered several days ago, and conclusive proof that they were implicated in anarchist plots is said to have been obtained. As the *Vienna American* reported, a resolution was passed almost without dissent.

Baltimore Miners Win Strike.
BALTIMORE, Sept. 26.—A miners' meeting of the miners of the Mon's coal district was held in Baltimore, provided of Hammon, yesterday. Resolutions in favor of an immediate strike were passed almost without dissent.

BASEBALL RECORDS.
Boston Cannot be Overtaken in the Race
for the Pennant.

BOSTON, Sept. 26.—Cincinnati and Boston, 50-46; Boston, 49-51; Philadelphia, 50-46; Pittsburgh, 51-41; St. Louis, 51-41; Cleveland, 50-47; St. Louis, 51-47; New York, 51-47; Philadelphia, 50-47; Boston, 51-47; Pittsburgh, 50-47.

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