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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR CLERK OF COURT,

W. H. KERR.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

R. E. ELLISON, SR.,

JOHN A. HINNANT,

CORNELIUS R. MEANS.

"A house divided against itself shall not stand."

VOTE THE Democratic ticket straight through.

RADICALISM is not dead; nor is it even sleeping. Ever on the alert, it will make a determined effort when least expected.

OUT of twenty-one States that will hold elections next fall, the Republicans are certain of only five. Thirteen are Democratic, or doubtful, with chances favoring the Democrats.

REMEMBER the dreadful days when the whites were disorganized, and when the only hope of reform lay through the Radical door. How vain was such hope, was sufficiently proved. Can such days recur?

SOME PEOPLE seem to argue that because they don't know a man he will not make a competent official. Can one swim before he goes into the water? Can one prove himself competent until he is tried? The Democratic nominees will all make most satisfactory public servants.

REMEMBER THAT a failure to support the Democratic ticket will entail disastrous results, not alone upon the party, but upon the personal and material interests of every citizen of the State. Only by presenting a united and determined front to Radicalism, can that terrible enemy be destroyed.

GOVERNOR HAMPTON has not yet ordered an election to fill the vacant offices in Fairfield. The Executive Committee, through its Chairman, recommended the 7th of August as the date. But Governor Hampton has been at the North ever since, and he is now at the Virginia Springs, recuperating his health after a threatened attack of pneumonia. It is not known when he will return.

THE NEW government four per cent. loan has proved an immense success. The subscriptions have amounted to thirty-five millions, five millions more than were called for. The demand for these bonds at such a low rate of interest shows that there is plenty of money in the country, which the owners are anxious to put out provided they can find good security. Let confidence be restored and the money will be forthcoming.

A Word to Good Citizens and Good Democrats.

When, under the call of the Executive Committee, every club met to send delegates to the County Club, all Democrats, and more especially all who participated in the meetings, entered into a tacit agreement to abide the action of the club. Else, where was the sense of having a nomination? Can it be argued that any one went to a meeting and voted, with the understanding that his adherence to the party depended on the success of his particular candidate? That is not doing justice to the other side. That is not business. Nor is it politics. Why did not every minority at every precinct club, on being outvoted, have the right to withdraw, on the charge that the meeting had been packed, and elect a contesting delegation? And yet there was no contest. In certain instances the minority did claim unfairness, but it nevertheless performed its duty in abiding the decision of the majority, however distasteful it may have been. Just so, in the County Convention, a ma-

jority of legal delegates, voted for certain candidates. And these candidates, after putting their chances alongside of the chances of others, have a right to demand the hearty support of the minority. Had the result been reversed the same principle would apply. What is right for one, is right for the other. The charge is made that caucusing and wire-pulling were indulged in. Admitting this to be true, it was not confined to one side. Each party had its end in view, and, to secure this, adopted the customary political tactics. That was all.

It is but natural that the minority, or a portion of them, should feel disappointment at their failure to secure their personal preference or the adoption of what they deemed the soundest policy; the more so, that they were honest in their convictions. But will they suffer their resentment or their belief that the party may have blundered (in which belief we hold they are mistaken) to cause them to lose sight of the grave crisis brought upon the people? In their cooler moments, we feel assured that they will reconsider any step they may have taken which will disintegrate the Democratic party, through which, and through which alone, they have reaped the inestimable benefits of good government, low taxation, and even personal liberty.

Why, to-day, does the sun seem brighter, the air more pure, the earth with her growing crops, more smiling, the people more buoyant with hope, than at this time last year? Simply because the Democratic party, under the banner of reform, and welded solidly together by the solemn pledge of its members to support all the nominations, fought the fight last fall, and plucked victory in the very teeth of overwhelming odds. Because all the whites, with a few ignoble exceptions, and all the order-loving, honesty-loving colored people, stood shoulder to shoulder, each individual surrendering all his personal preferences, and even private interests, to the voice of the majority. What would have been the result of an "independent ticket" in that crisis? Let every man pause and consider the question, calmly, thoughtfully, seriously!

And has that crisis passed? Has the Democratic party such a lease of power that it can afford to fritter away its strength in dissensions? We ask that question seriously. Will the sun still shine brightly over a wrangling Democracy? It will not. When the Democratic party falls, the sun of prosperity sets; and another hideous night of Radicalism will begin, in which fraud and crime will stalk abroad without let or hindrance, and the vilest demagogues and unprincipled knaves will step into office through the Radical door. Can any one tolerate the thought of such a future? And this will be the inevitable result of an independent ticket! For, if this nomination do not stand, though made with regularity and in accordance with the laws of the party, what guarantee is there that any subsequent nomination will be worth a farthing? And, feeling the Democratic nomination to be worthless, and remembering also that the name Democrat is ever hateful to the Radical ear, applicants for office would court the baser elements, and intriguing with ignorance and bestiality to secure the public pap, to the utter ruin of the county and State. In that horrible event, the prostrate people will ask, not why the Democratic party was destroyed, but who destroyed it—and the injury will recoil on the destroyers.

We have written this article carefully and calmly, avoiding all denunciation or recrimination, but desirous of reasoning, and pointing out the dangers that beset our path. We ask our friends to pause and reflect while they are yet on the brink of the Rubicon. It is never too late to retrace a false step. Yield a hearty assent to the Democratic nomination.

Communication.

Editor's NEWS AND HERALD:

Your issue of the 17th inst. contains a nomination of a "Citizens' Ticket," in which my name appears as a candidate for clerk of court.

I am not a candidate for the office, and respectfully decline the nomination.

I urgently ask my friends not to permit the evidence, real or imaginary, of bitter, malignant personal prejudice of others, dignified by the name of politics, to influence them in their action. Let others, if they choose, indulge and practise the lowest civic occupation; but I ask you, no matter what injustice or misrepresentation you may conceive has been done me, to do nothing to produce a division of political sentiment, or disturb that harmony of feeling that should exist in the county.

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LADD BROS.

June 19

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