

The State Elections.

We publish elsewhere the returns of the elections so far as they have been received. The result shows that little interest has been taken in it. This is owing to the fact, that the friends of Gen. Dockery, who, although not a candidate, was urged by his supporters and a few papers of the State, with the same vehemence as if he was, were so few and insignificant that Governor Worth was regarded without substantial opposition, while in but few counties there was serious contest for the Legislature. So far as we know in this section of the State, only in Brunswick county was there a candidate in favor of the Howard amendment, or who would not pledge himself directly against it. And although having the advantage of being the old member, and belonging to a very popular family, the people of the county have most emphatically repudiated Mr. Russell, and returned his opponent, Mr. Allen.

In a few counties, candidates who favored repudiation, or gave the doctrine a quasi support, have been returned to the Legislature; but these instances are very scarce, and in most of the cases, the local popularity or political sentiments had as much or more to do to cause the result than the popularity of the question of repudiation. Under the circumstances of the entire want of excitement and the distaste our people are acquiring for all political elections, on account of the course of the General Government towards them, the vote polled for Governor Worth is very flattering. Certainly the unanimity with which he is supported should be gratifying, for the opposition, insignificant as it was, was the result of the earnest and honest efforts of his political opponents, if not to defeat him, to poll as large a vote as possible. And we doubt exceedingly if General Dockery's vote would have been much larger had he formally accepted the nomination tendered him, and we are certain it would not have increased in proportion to Governor Worth's, which the positive opposition would have drawn out.

If, as is stated by some of our State contemporaries, the contest was between Governor Worth and anti-Howard amendment and General Dockery and Howard amendment, the friends of Constitutional Union have reason to be satisfied with the result. In Raleigh where great efforts were made in favor of the amendment, and where the personal popularity of Governor Holden has been invincible, Governor Worth gets a handsome majority. The Standard and its editor are no longer a power, even in Wake. "Othello's occupation is gone." But we are not satisfied that the result of the election is a fair test of the feeling of the people of North Carolina upon this amendment. In portions of the State where this proposition had any respectable number of advocates, candidates were brought out and canvassed, while in a very large portion of the State where the friends of the amendment were exceedingly scarce, but one set of candidates were voted for and the poll consequently very small. In other words, we believe that almost the entire voting population which absented itself from the ballot-box at the late election, and the number was very great, would have been cast against the amendment, had it formed the issue of an exciting contest. The terms of restoration which North Carolina will accept are not such as will carry with them the degradation of her people.

When the returns are more complete, we will refer to this subject again.

Political Troubles.

The illegal and outrageous means used by the Radicals to preserve their political supremacy has frequently caused conflicts which have threatened the peace of communities and States. Within the Northern States their power is so great and they have such entire control of all offices, from the highest to the lowest, that it is an easy matter to take charge of the ballot-box, and obtain just such majorities as are necessary to give them victory. Within the border States, however, things are different. A very large majority of the people are opposed to them and heartily endorse the Administration, and if they were allowed even the forms of a free ballot, would elect Conservatives to Congress. In order to preserve the necessary majority to render powerless the veto of the President, a large proportion of the members of Congress from these States must be Radicals, and to insure this result seems now to be the aim of these mad-cap politicians, who are determined to control the Government or destroy it in the attempt.

The result of the recent elections in Kentucky and Tennessee have warned them that they cannot rely entirely on the ordinary ways of stuffing the ballot-box, but must resort to means heretofore unheard of in order to effect the result. Maryland and Missouri must be preserved intact to the "Torch and Turpentine" party, if but one-tenth of the qualified citizens of those States are permitted to vote, and should it be necessary, even if the streets of Baltimore and St. Louis "are drenched in blood." Be the cost what it may, the present "working majority" in both branches of the National Legislature must be preserved.

We have for several days past been publishing an account of the controversy between Governor Swann, of Maryland, and the Police Commissioners of the City of Baltimore, relative to the frauds perpetrated by the Commissioners to carry for the Radicals the recent municipal elections in that city. A few days since a committee of the Conservative citizens of Baltimore, as we learn from our exchanges, called on Governor Swann, presenting a memorial from the citizens giving the facts in reference to the outrages perpetrated by the Commissioners. It appears that all the judges of the recent election were mere partizan tools of the Radicals, who refused either to receive the votes of Conservative citizens, properly qualified, or to place their ballots in a different box as the law

required. It seems also, that the Commissioners sustained the judges in using unofficial and inaccurate printed lists of the registered voters of 1865, which they used instead of the list of this year, thus making a double means of disfranchising thousands of the best citizens. Citizens were also arrested for peacefully insisting upon their right to have their votes placed in one or the other boxes provided by law, and not released until after the election; and, finally, the ballot-boxes were opened privately and the votes thus counted.

We publish to-day from the special correspondence of the Richmond Examiner, the alarming condition in which this matter now stands, and the threats held over the heads of the Governor of Maryland and the President of the United States by the Radicals, as appears from the correspondence of the Philadelphia Press, if the former proceeds against these Commissioners as the laws of the State authorize and require him to do for "official misconduct in the recess of the Legislature," or if the latter aids him in suppressing riotous resistance to authority. The mere fact that a committee of the citizens of Baltimore have called upon the Governor and represented the "official misconduct" of the Police Commissioners and asked for a legal investigation, which authority the Code gives to the Governor, making him the judge of the facts, and the promise given by Governor Swann that the investigation shall be had, has terribly excited the whole Radical wigwam. Fearing the investigation will not convict the Commissioners, but also lose them a Senator and several members of Congress at the election next month, they are determined to resist with arms any attempt to deprive such valuable officials of their office. It will be seen by the articles published elsewhere that Pennsylvania is warned to be ready, as the Union (Radicals) will "drench the streets" (of Baltimore) "with blood." "The brave General Denison and the gallant General Woolley have both offered their services to the Mayor, and the returned veterans of the Union army are ready to fight."

Those who have kept pace with this difficulty as telegraphed to us, have seen that the Police Commissioners refused a compromise offered by the friends of the Governor, to the effect that the Commissioners should appoint one judge and one clerk in each ward from the Conservative party, and had also refused to appear in person before the Governor, but by counsel denied his power to try the charges, and at the same time declaring their readiness to meet accusations before any court of competent jurisdiction. On Monday the counsel for the Commissioners appeared before the Governor at Annapolis, and represented these views, when he decided that he had the jurisdiction, whereupon the counsel retired, declaring their mission at an end. A telegram in another column informs us that the excitement continues, and that the Governor, by rigorous measures, is preparing to enforce authority and suppress violence.

One can see at a glance how imminent is the danger. On the one hand is a firm, determined officer with the law in his favor, and under the obligations of his oath required to carry it out, and in the honest discharge of his duties compelled to protect peaceable citizens against the frauds and outrages of men who are basely prostituting official position and power for party purposes; and on the other are corrupt and equally determined officers, who are backed with the conscious strength of an excited people, ready and willing to go any length to insure party success. Should a conflict ensue, and the Governor of Maryland be compelled to call upon the Federal authorities to preserve order and vindicate the majesty of the law, who can foresee the end? The streets of Baltimore, which was the scene of the first conflict of arms in the late war, may also be that of the first struggle in a contest in which the life of the Government may be even in more jeopardy than it then was.

This cause of excitement may pass away. Order, law, the elective franchise, may all be sacrificed to prevent a collision, and Maryland may yet remain the battle-field of party tyranny and usurpation; and Missouri continue to be controlled in the interests of the Radicals by violence and blood; and the entire South be denied the right of representation, and compelled to pay most onerous taxes. But how long will it continue? How long must the welfare of the country and the happiness of the people be sacrificed in order to insure the continued ascendancy of party?

This Government, great and powerful as it is, cannot remain free, and yet be prostituted to the base purposes for which it is now used. If a republican form is maintained, it must continue as it was founded, upon the love and respect of the governed. The continued encroachments of the Radicals and the gradual giving away of the Conservatives, to prevent a conflict, will result finally in the entire destruction of the liberties of the people, or a different course, in order to protect the Constitution and save the country, will lead to bloodshed and war. Between these alternatives, it would seem that the people of the North must quickly decide. Events are occurring in rapid succession which at any time may force the issue. The one now pending may be pregnant with the future destinies of the Government. May God protect the country.

The Baltimore Introglio.

The difficulties between Gov. Swann and the Police Commissioners are still threatening, and our latest advices represent affairs as most exciting. The Mayor is organizing his police force and has had tendered to him the services of the "Boys in Blue," a Radical organization some twenty-five hundred or three thousand strong, to resist the authority of the Governor, in case he should decide that the official misconduct of the Commissioners warrant their removal. On the other hand, Governor Swann has issued a proclamation warning the leaders of all illegal combinations against the peace and dignity of the State, that in the event of riot and bloodshed growing out of these revolutionary proceedings, they will be held to the strictest accountability, and the power of the State

will be exhausted to bring them to speedy and certain punishment.

We are prepared in this instance, as we intimated yesterday, to see Gov. Swann sustained as he is by law and justice, sacrifice both, and surrender the most sacred rights of the peaceful and conservative citizens of Baltimore, in order to prevent a conflict which the Radicals appear to be seeking. We have so frequently of late witnessed the laws set aside and the Constitution of the country violated with impunity, quietly submitted to by the authorities in order to prevent greater outrages and open violence, to prevent which, is the first object of a good government. This continual giving away by the peaceably-disposed citizens to the encroachments of the lawless—the frequent yielding to the demands of mob violence, will eventually result in conflict. These encroachments are becoming so frequent and so great, and the demands so bold and illegal, that push to the wall, the Conservatives will be compelled to make a stand.

The public mind is now justly excited in regard to the troubles pending, and we surrender our space to-day to give as full an account of this interesting introglio, as we can gather from our exchanges. We give the speech of Mr. Herring, in behalf of the citizens of Baltimore, the reply of Governor Swann, the opinion of Hon. Reverdy Johnson and other interesting facts connected with this matter.

A committee of twenty citizens of Baltimore called on Governor Swann, at Annapolis, Thursday, and one of the number, Mr. George W. Herring, addressed him as follows:

Governor Swann. Since the late election held in the city of Baltimore, the people of that city, feeling themselves so much aggrieved at the result of that election, have not only elected a committee of delegates to a Convention, which Convention has selected one gentleman from each ward as a committee to wait upon you, to lay before you the charges which have been made in the manner in which the election was conducted before you, which are contained in these papers, but also elected a committee of five from the citizens of Baltimore at large, of which I have the honor to be one. You are also aware of the fact that one-tenth of the citizens of Baltimore have elected a committee of five from the citizens of Baltimore at large, of which I have the honor to be one. You are also aware of the fact that one-tenth of the citizens of Baltimore have elected a committee of five from the citizens of Baltimore at large, of which I have the honor to be one. You are also aware of the fact that one-tenth of the citizens of Baltimore have elected a committee of five from the citizens of Baltimore at large, of which I have the honor to be one.

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Gov. Swann's Reply.

Governor Swann replied as follows: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee: I regret most exceedingly the cause which brings you here to-day. You must recollect that this Government, great and powerful as it is, cannot remain free, and yet be prostituted to the base purposes for which it is now used. If a republican form is maintained, it must continue as it was founded, upon the love and respect of the governed. The continued encroachments of the Radicals and the gradual giving away of the Conservatives, to prevent a conflict, will result finally in the entire destruction of the liberties of the people, or a different course, in order to protect the Constitution and save the country, will lead to bloodshed and war. Between these alternatives, it would seem that the people of the North must quickly decide. Events are occurring in rapid succession which at any time may force the issue. The one now pending may be pregnant with the future destinies of the Government. May God protect the country."

Horrible Murder in New Hanover.

We learn that one of the most outrageous and cold-blooded murders ever perpetrated in this county, has just come to light. Mr. Alexander McAllister living in the neighborhood of Lillington, who disappeared last Monday week, is now known to have been murdered. His body has recently been discovered with marks of violence and with the throat cut from ear to ear. It appears that Mr. McAllister was in search for his father's sheep, and while at a neighbor's he heard the report of a gun and immediately a few of the sheep came running towards the house in great fear. At once started in the direction of the point at which he heard the report of the gun, and was not seen afterwards. At first, his absence did not excite any alarm, and it was not until Friday last that any trace was found of his fate. A negro was attracted by a collection of buzzards, and with a few white men, sought the spot, where they discovered the body of Mr. McAllister, buried under a few logs and a slight layer of earth. His body showed the marks of a deadly assault with axe and hoe, and his throat was cut. The fingers of both hands were very much injured, doubtless in attempting to protect himself from the assassins. The marks on the ground made by the hoe, which was known to be in the possession of a certain negro, and the subsequent conduct of this negro, with the fact of his coming home on that day with bloody clothes, seem to point to at least to one of the murderers, to whose early arrest we trust our people will turn their attention. It is supposed that Mr. McAllister came to the party killing sheep, and was immediately murdered, possibly to prevent their own punishment. We also learn that Mr.

McAllister was one of the party who killed the notorious negro, Hardy McAllister, in Newbern, while attempting to escape, an account of whose horrible actions in the same neighborhood we gave recently. It is understood that this man Hardy, had some friends among the negroes of that district, and revenge may have prompted as a very good and peaceful citizen, and as a soldier bore an enviable reputation. We shall refer to this matter again.

A Southern Book.

Messrs. Richardson & Co., of New York, will publish on the first of November, Mr. W. Gilmore Simms' collection of "War Poetry of the South." It is a source of sincere congratulation that a Southern author of Mr. Simms' pre-eminent and acknowledged ability has prepared such a volume, for by it the literary tastes and talents of the Southern people will largely be measured. As soon as Mr. Simms' purpose to prepare this volume was announced, contributions poured in upon him from every Southern State—contributions, many of them, which would not have been called forth by any other author—and in the abundance of material, he has been enabled to select the best in every case. We feel that this is no ordinary literary work—it is a book for every Southern home—a book in which we cannot fail to take a personal and patriotic pride. Here will be found the lyric which times the march to battle; the slogan which inspires the charge; the rally which re-inspires after reverse; and the elegy which recites the virtues of the beloved one. It is a grateful though melancholy record, and although it tells of defeat and overthrow, and the forfeiture of confidence and hope, and of proud anticipations, it is still a monument of pride, as it tells of heroic struggle to the last, and of a sublime resignation even after the defeat of every hope. We are told that the book will be sold only by canvassing agents.

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