

THE FAIR PLAY.



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"Between the Managers and the People."

When the wisest of modern Massachusetts statesmen said that this Presidential contest was "between the people and the managers," he was wiser than he knew. No doubt he expected, as all other good citizens expected, the issue would be accepted in good faith by the defeated party, whichever it might be. We doubt if any law-abiding citizen was in the least prepared for the spectacle which now presents itself of a party beaten at the polls using the long arm of the Federal Government to turn the electoral votes of States which undoubtedly voted for Tilden against Tilden, and marching troops into States where there is no possible pretext for their presence, in order that fraud may be safely consummated.

And yet this is just what we see. Gov. Tilden has conceded to him by the Republicans 184 electoral votes, with both parties claiming South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana. The vote of any of these States will more than elect Gov. Tilden, and the managers at once, on discovering the situation, began their desperate game to capture all these States, two of which at least, have undoubtedly gone Democratic. Troops are sent by a midnight order of President Grant into Florida, where runners have been sent out all over the State to alter returns and cancel majority which Gov. Tilden has undoubtedly received. In Louisiana the same Returning Board that perpetrated the infamous fraud of counting in Governor Kellogg is getting ready to count in the Republican electoral ticket. Probably no candid man of either party doubts for a moment that these two States have gone Democratic, and a verdict against Samuel J. Tilden in the one by force, in the other by fraud, will be swept away by the overwhelming indignation of a solid North and a solid South.

We warn Republican managers that they are going too far. The American people have decided to take the Government out of the hands of the present office-holders, and they do not propose to have those office-holders retain it by means of armed usurpation. This issue is now simply whether the ballots of the people are to be honestly counted or not, and in that contest the people are all on one side. We apprehend no disturbance or violence, and pray God none may come. There are peaceful remedies even for military crimes. The Democratic House of Representatives is now the sheet-anchor of the people, and that House will insist upon the inauguration of the President who has been rightfully elected. If it should prove to have been Governor Hayes, well and good; but if not, not the whole power of the Federal Government can prevent the inauguration of Samuel J. Tilden.

"Give us an honest count," the *New York Tribune* demands. That is the demand of the whole people. They believe that Samuel J. Tilden has been elected president, and they demand that the ballots shall be counted. They insist upon a fair count; they will not submit to a count manipulated by Returning Boards and oversea lawed by Federal bayonets.

William Pitt Kellogg, who was himself counted into office by the most disgraceful fraud known to American politics, is preparing to count in Rutherford B. Hayes? How do the people of the North like it?

The United States Senate, servile as it was, would never recognize Kellogg's usurping Government in Louisiana by admitting any of his Senators to seats, though they hammered away at the doors for three long years. Do Mr. Chandler and President Grant suppose that the American people will countenance a similar fraud now, if it should be committed by desperate men to save themselves from political and personal ruin?

What does Mr. Wm. M. Everts think about it? He was the most

conspicuous Republican who protested against the marching of troops into the Louisiana Legislature, and the Louisiana outrages. Now precisely the same game is attempted by the very same men—Kellogg, Grant and all the rest—and the end desired is the counting in of the candidate in whose support Mr. Everts came out a few days before the election. The *Journal of Commerce*, the most conservative and probably one of the most dignified papers in the country, says that Mr. Everts' speech was made for a fee. This may or may not be true, but it would nevertheless be interesting to know what Mr. Everts thinks about the proposal to elect a president on the Louisiana plan.

The tables of the Republican papers show that Gov. Tilden has a majority on the popular vote of between 300,000 and 400,000. The honest count of the electoral vote will show that he has a majority of the colleges, and neither President Grant's bayonets, nor Zach. Chandler's money, can reverse the verdict of a free nation. Samuel J. Tilden has been elected President, and he will be inaugurated, and it will be done peaceably and in order. It will not be long before the Republican managers discover that they are presuming too far upon the forbearance of the people, and they will be compelled to give way quietly before an unmistakable popular sentiment.

All the friends of reform, including not only those who voted for Gov. Tilden, but also the thousands who believe that he has been honestly elected, and ought not to be counted out in Florida and Louisiana, should be on their guard against all hot and immoderate talk and injudicious action. The question which threatens to arise is so serious, and in some aspects so dangerous, that it is the duty of every good citizen not to add to the danger by scattering sparks himself. Let the excitement of your Republican friends spend itself. Many of them are good men who are temporarily deceived by the lies of the Republican National Committee. It will not be long before all fair-minded citizens will find that Gov. Tilden has been rightfully elected, and that they can better afford to see a president inaugurated who is not of their choice than to have free institutions turned into mockery by the inauguration of a president counted in by fraud. Public sentiment is already overwhelmingly with us, and it remains for us not to drive it away by a lack of that moderation and judicial temper which we must preserve even in the face of such an outrage as the Administration is ready to attempt.

Before the election it was a contest between parties. Now it is a contest between the people on the one side and the office-holders, supported by the army, on the other. The people have cast their ballots, and propose to have them counted as they were cast; the office-holders propose, if necessary, to count in a president who will not reform them out of office and into jail. That is the whole story.

In some respects the record of the Republican party is a noble one; in others it is infamous. But it is apparently to be reserved for this party to inflict upon this country the crowning disgrace of attempting to count in a President. No party ever before did anything so shameful.

The Republican thieves were seen to be desperate during the campaign just closed, but it was never supposed that they were so desperate as to attempt to carry an election by force and fraud, which they could not carry by honest ballots. Their conduct since the election has been amply sufficient to justify the popular impression that they are fighting to keep out of the penitentiary.

The Republican papers are yelling "Ku-klux and White League." Bosh! The people of the United States expressed their opinion of that sort of nonsense on Tuesday by giving Samuel J. Tilden a majority in the electoral college, and 400,000 majority on the popular vote!

A Word of Caution.

As the inquiry for land is again made by land speculators, and mineral lands will soon have a value in the market, we once more warn the farmers and land-owners to beware how they deal with the speculators. For years swindlers have been going through the country taking mineral leases which are so drawn that if the land proves to have any valuable mineral the speculator gets practically the whole profit, while he loses nothing if there is no mineral. This

is as had a swindle as the three-card monte trick, and much more expensive to the victims. The best way for land-owners is not to give leases before they know what mineral their lands contain, for the leasers will prevent the sale of the land if there is no mineral, and we have yet to hear of any one who made any profit by giving one. We have known farmers, however, to be compelled to go through long expensive lawsuits to set aside the leases, and their experience ought to be a warning to others not to be caught in such a trap. If a man offers the value of land in money or secures its payment, he may be dealt with, but those timber and mineral leases are "a fraud, a delusion and a snare." Beware of them.

The above we clip from the *Bluff Citizen*, which, we think, is good advice for the land-owners of Ste. Genevieve county. Since the copper excitement has been raging here, a number of speculators have been visiting our county, endeavoring to procure leases, which they will of course hold to provided they find anything of value there, but which will be of short duration if it proves valueless. If you have land that is of no value for farming purposes, and they ascertain that it is valueless for mining purposes, it will always remain as dead stock on your hands. The better way to deal with these speculators is to get a reasonable value for the land, and either sell or lease it in such a manner that a reasonable amount can be realized from it in case no mineral in paying quantities should be found. Let the lessee take some chances as well as the land-owner.

OUR ST. LOUIS LETTER.

Tramps Coming—That Nine is not a Seven—Last of the Whiskey Ring—Maguire a free man—Wm. McKee the same, &c., &c.

St. Louis, Nov. 20, 1876.—Two weeks have come and gone since election day, and yet we do not know who is to be our President.

The people have said "we will have no more of Grantism;" but it seems Grantism intends to claim the people, and will through an unscrupulous returning board turn victory into defeat. One can enjoy a feast at almost any hour on a fresh supply of election news and yet be none the wiser of it, since for "ways that are dark and for tricks that are vain" Kellogg & Co. have had no equals either in ancient or modern times. Many feel gloomy over the situation as they fancy they see the war-cloud lowering, but since Hayes cannot afford to be President under the circumstances no trouble can arise.

The up river steamers and trains from the North came in early in the week covered with snow bespeaking the approach of winter. It did not snow in St. Louis, but Saturday Prof. Tice, learning that Tilden was to be counted out, let the elements loose, and the first snow storm of the season put in appearance. With cold winds come an army of tramps, who have snarmered in the country, to eat and grow fat off a charitable people. Soup houses will be crowded, and beer vendors will have to purchase crackers and "old cheese" in larger quantities.

The making of that nine a seven was what gave Metcalf, the Republican candidate for Congress in the third district, a majority. The board of canvassers on Saturday, after hearing the argument both for and against, said that it was a nine. Such being the case Mr. Frost, the Democratic candidate, has a majority of one and should represent the district in Congress, and so Grantism is without an unbroken delegation from St. Louis county.

A part of a busted whiskey ring appeared in court last week for an honorable discharge. These are they who came up through great tribulation after being forced into the conspiracy to rob Uncle Sam, and did render valuable service by "word or mouth" to the Government. John McFall et al were ordered to go and "run straight" for all future time. Thus endeth the whiskey ring.

Seven long months—perhaps the longest of Con. Maguire's life—have rolled into the past, and again he is a free man. Friday, the 17th, paid the penalty, and Con., without money, but with many friends, who stood by him in all his trouble, stepped forth into the world to assume his place among men. The past will be a warning to him in the future, and hereafter he will not allow thieves to step between him and duty.

At last! The editor of the *Globe-Democrat* has removed his office from the Four Courts prison to the corner of Fourth and Pine. Unlike other thieves, his punishment was light and of short duration. That "Little General" who orders United States troops south to see that a fair election is had, and who said "Let no guilty man escape," said: "William, your punishment has been great, and all for the benefit of the Republican party; therefore you shall suffer no longer. Pardon me, Sir William, for not ordering your release before election day, that you might go to the polls and prove your loyalty by voting for Hayes; but you must remember that we have a solid South against us now, and ready I feared your pardon would make a solid North. But it is all over now, William; we have not elected Hayes, but by the help of the army I hope to defeat the people, after which you are at liberty to steal all you wish." Grant evidently intends to pardon each and every one convicted. Why not? They are his friends; were such before convicted, when he knew that they were robbing the government.

The "Mighty Dollar" is the attraction this week at the Olympic, and the old favorites, Mr. and Mrs. Florence, are making a mighty draw upon the public. At De Bars Rose Eyttinge and Rose Michel, that run so many nights in New York, are drawing full houses. The "Comique" changed its programme Sunday night, and crowded houses greet the performers each evening. With Tilden's election sure the people feel happy, and it is then when places of amusement draw well. REX.

Is it Hayes or Grant?

The Democratic proposition that the house shall defeat Hayes' election by withdrawing from the joint canvass in case the electoral votes of the disputed states are not thrown out on their demand does not seem to promise sufficient results to warrant any such revolutionary proceedings. To withdraw will not elect Tilden nor defeat Hayes.

It may have the effect to postpone Hayes' inauguration, but in the meantime either the vice president *pro tempore*, a Republican, or Grant himself, will perform the duties of the presidential office and nothing will be gained to the Democrats. It is pretty generally thought here that Grant would be justified, under such circumstances, in retaining his office, and if this view is approved by sound jurists in whom he has confidence the country may rest assured that he will hold the office till all complications are cleared away and his successor is inaugurated.

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Broom corn seed.....	30
Castor Beans.....	45
Clover seed.....	60
Corn on the cob.....	70
Corn shelled.....	55
Corn meal.....	50
Coal.....	80
Flax seed.....	55
Hungarian grass seed.....	45
Hemp seed.....	44
Lime.....	80
Millet seed.....	45
Oats.....	52
Onions.....	52
Osage Orange seed.....	37
Peatoes, sweet.....	50
Potatoes, Irish.....	60
Peaches, dried.....	35
Rye.....	55
Salt.....	50
Stone coal.....	80
Lard (8 gallons equal 1 bushel).....	30
Sorghum seed.....	80
Timothy.....	60
Wheat.....	45