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DEMOCRATIC DEFEAT.

When THE COMMONWEALTH went to press twenty-four hours late last week, the delay caused by our eagerness to give our readers the election returns, we really felt like the victory might be for Bryan.

The result has shown that McKinley was elected, and so we have to write it now defeat instead of victory.

Democracy made a gallant fight all through the nation, and the cause of bimetalism which Mr. Bryan led with such remarkable ability, was not dishonored in the defeat.

For the present we offer no suggestions for the course of the Democratic party, although Mr. Bryan says the fight for bimetalism has just commenced. For our part we must be content, for the present, to give the news, adopt the sentiment of Mr. Bryan's telegram to Mr. McKinley—that the will of the American people is law—get ready for the prosperity that McKinley's administration promises and wait for results.

STATE RESULTS.

The results of the election in the State show about as follows:

Bryan's vote 96,326; McKinley 77,769, making Bryan's majority 18,557. Some counties have not yet sent in full returns.

The General Assembly will be about as follows:

Senate—24 Populists, 17 Republicans, and 9 Democrats.

House—57 Republicans, 34 Populists, and 34 Democrats, with a tie on the member from Jackson county.

PREPARE FOR THE NEXT CROP.

It has been many years since the crops were so nearly all gathered from the fields thus early in the autumn. Cotton opened quite early and it has been a most favorable season for harvesting. And despite the fact that we have just passed through a most exciting season, we have managed in some way to gather in their crops.

This gives a most favorable opportunity to prepare for the next crop. Let all who have not done so gather their crops as quickly as possible and turn attention to the preparation for the next.

It might as well be settled for good that the most that is to be made in this part of the State for quite a number of years to come must be made from the products of the land. Eastern Carolina is naturally an agricultural section. This is so by reason of the great fertility of the lands here as well as other influences. No great manufacturing industries have yet sprung up in this immediate region through which large amounts of money have been turned loose amongst the people; and if such should be the case even in the near future, the farmer who is farthest ahead with his own business will be ahead also in the advantages that may come through the multiplication of business enterprises.

The wise thing for our farmers to do, is to commence at once to prepare for the crop of 1897. This applies to all farmers alike. Whether a man works a large force of hands or whether he plows one horse and cultivates his crops with the labor of his own sons, if he is wise in his plans he will have done much of the work for 1897 before the Christmas holidays of 1896.

W. R. HENRY TO BE JUDGE.

There will be a reorganization of the Criminal court in the State, and the Charlotte Observer says that W. R. Henry is slated for Judge Meares' successor already. The pie counter for the Populists will not have much on it, but some of them are already taking position in line in order that they may be in time.

The New York World said Tuesday that McKinley's majority over Bryan is 105.

A gentleman of much observation said since the election that his explanation of the Republican victory was this: The Republican party is the best organized party in the world, has brains and money, and a long trail of ignorance to balance it and which it uses at will.

MR. BRYAN'S STATEMENT.

From his home in Lincoln, Nebraska, Friday afternoon, William J. Bryan gave out the following statement:

"To the Bimetallists of the U. S.:

"Conscious that millions of loyal hearts are saddened by temporary defeat, I beg to offer a word of hope and encouragement. No cause ever had supporters more brave, earnest, and devoted than those who have espoused the cause of bimetalism. They have fought from conviction, and have fought with all the zeal which conviction inspires. Events will prove whether they are right or wrong. Having done their duty as they saw it, they have nothing to regret. The Republican candidate has been heralded as the advance agent of prosperity. If his policies bring real prosperity to the American people, those who oppose him will share in that prosperity. If, on the other hand, his policies prove an injury to the people generally, those of his supporters who do not belong to the office holding class, or to the privileged classes, will suffer in common with those who opposed him. The friends of bimetalism have not been vanquished; they have simply been overcome. They believe that the gold standard is a conspiracy of the money-changers against the welfare of the human race, and until convinced of their error they will continue the warfare against it.

"The contest has been waged this year under great embarrassments and against great odds. For the first time during this generation public attention has been centered upon the money question as the paramount issue, and this has been done in spite of all attempts upon the part of our opponents to prevent it. The Republican convention held out the delusive hope of international bimetalism, while the Republican leaders labored secretly for gold monometalism. The gold-standard Democrats have publicly advocated the election of the Indianapolis ticket, while they labored secretly for the election of the Republican ticket. The trusts and corporations have tried to excite a fear of lawlessness, while they themselves have been defying the law, and American financiers have boasted they were the custodians of the national honor, while they were secretly bartering away the nation's financial independence. But in spite of the efforts of the administration and its supporters, in spite of the threats of the money loaners at home and abroad, in spite of trusts and syndicates, in spite of an enormous Republican campaign fund, and in spite of the influence of a host of powerful interests, the Republican ticket triumphed in its first great fight. The loss of a few States, and that, too, by very small pluralities, has defeated bimetalism for the present, but bimetalism emerges from the contest stronger than it was four months ago.

THANKS TO COMMITTEES.

"I desire to commend the work of the three national committees which have joined in the management of this campaign. Co-operation between the members of distinct political organizations is always difficult, but it has been less so this year than usual. Interest in a common cause of great importance has reduced friction to a minimum. I hereby express my personal gratitude to the individual members, as well as the executive officers, of the national committees of the Democratic, Populist and Silver parties, for their efficient untiring, and unselfish labors. They have laid the foundation for future success, and will be remembered as worthy of honors when victory is at last secured.

"No personal or political friends need grieve because of my defeat. My ambition has been to secure immediate legislation, rather than to enjoy the honors of office, and, therefore, defeat brings to me no feeling of personal loss.

"Speaking for the wife, who has shared my labors, as well as myself, I desire to say that we have been amply repaid for all that we have done. In the love of millions of our fellow-citizens, so kindly expressed; in knowledge gained by personal contact with the people, and in broadened sympathies, we find full compensation for whatever efforts we have put forth. Our hearts have been touched by the devotion of friends and our lives shall prove our appreciation of the affection of these people, an affection which we prize as the richest reward which this campaign has brought.

"In the face of an enemy rejoicing in its victory, let the roll be called for the next engagement, and let us urge the friends of bimetalism to renew their allegiance to the cause. If we are right, as I believe we are, we shall yet triumph. Until convinced of his error let each advocate of bimetalism continue his work. Let all silver clubs retain their organization, hold regular meetings, and circulate literature.

1900 NOT FAR AWAY.

"Our opponents have succeeded in this campaign, and must now put their theories to the test. Instead of talking mysteriously about 'sound money' and an honest dollar, they must now elaborate and defend a financial system. Every step taken by them should be publicly considered by the silver clubs. Our cause has prospered most where the money question has been the longest discussed among the people. During the next four years it will be studied all over this nation,

even more than it has been studied in the past. The year 1900 is not far away. Before that year arrives international bimetalism will cease to deceive; before that year arrives those who have called themselves gold-standard Democrats will become bimetalists, and be with us, or they will become Republicans and be open enemies; before that year arrives the trusts will have convinced still more people that a trust is a menace to the general welfare and to public safety; before that year arrives the evil effect of a gold-standard will be even more evident than it is now; and the people then ready to demand an American financial policy for the American people will join with us in the immediate restoration of the free and unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the aid or consent of any other nation. "W. J. BRYAN."

DEFEATED BUT AGAIN RISING.

Well, Bryan is defeated but not downed, as many suppose. He is only resting after having fought the greatest political fight ever known in this or any other country. Defeated with money and his pretended friends, for money and office. Yes, they came in large forces, and Judas like, with their dark lanterns at night betrayed him, not with the kiss but their bags of money, and a promise of a vote for him, and giving two against him. Oh, my country, how thou art fallen! It is not dead but will again buckle on the armor, sift the wheat from the chaff in every State and come out for right and justice.

Let us follow the example of our leader, in hope, faith and good works, believing as we do, that truth offends and that though crushed to earth will rise again—it is mighty and will prevail. Let us take courage and fear not. E. X.

HOW MUCH MONEY?

The election law, chapter 159, section 72, requires every candidate including Presidential Electors, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General, Auditor, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Superior Court, Judges of the Criminal Court, Solicitors, Members of the General Assembly, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Coroner, Sheriff, Surveyor, Township Constable, County Commissioners, Justices of the Peace, Tax Collectors, and all the other officers voted for at this election, to file before the 13th day of November, 1896, an itemized statement showing in detail all the monies contributed or expended by him directly or indirectly by himself or through any other person in the aid of his election. Such statement shall give the names of the various persons who used the money, the specific nature of each item, and the purpose for which it was contributed. There shall be attached to such statement an affidavit sworn to by such candidates setting forth in substance that the statements in the paper are in all respects true, and that the same is a true and detailed statement of all monies so contributed or expended by him directly or indirectly either by himself or through any other person.

Candidates for offices to be filled by the electors of the entire State or any subdivision or district greater than a county shall file their statement in the office of the Secretary of State at Raleigh, N. C.

Candidates for House of Representatives, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Constable, Treasurer, County Commissioners, Coroner, Surveyor, Justices of the Peace, Tax Collector and city or county officers, must file their statements in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in the county in which they reside.

BRYAN CONGRATULATES MCKINLEY.

After the election was fully conceded to McKinley, the following telegraphic correspondence passed between them:

BRYAN TO MCKINLEY.
"Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5, 1896.

"Major William McKinley, Canton, O.: "Senator Jones has just informed me that the returns indicate your election, and I hasten to extend my congratulations. We have submitted the issue to the American people and their will is law.

"WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN."

MCKINLEY TO BRYAN.

"Canton, O., Nov. 6, 1896.
"Hon. William J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.: "I acknowledge the receipt of your courteous message of congratulation, with thanks, and beg you will receive my best wishes for your health and happiness.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY."

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CASUALTIES AND CRIMES.

The Clinton Democrat says that while William West and George Lanier were hunting, West's gun was accidentally discharged and the load took effect in Lanier's leg.

The Roanoke Beacon tells of the killing of a colored man named Johnson by another colored man named James Moore, at Roper a few nights ago. Moore, it seems, shot into a crowd with whom he was having some words and Johnson, who was simply looking on, received the load from which he died.

The Washington Messenger gives account of a difficulty between a man named Dick Roberts and J. F. Hocutt, the express agent at that place Monday morning. The trouble was about sending off some money by express. Hot words passed and Hocutt shot Roberts. At a preliminary trial Hocutt was bound over to court in a bond of \$500.

Mr. Hocutt is known in Scotland Neck, having studied telegraphy here some years ago under Mr. G. W. Bryan.

A steamship left the port at Wilmington last Saturday for Bremen, Germany, with 11,740 bales of cotton, weighing 5,692,719 pounds. It was the largest cargo of cotton ever carried from Wilmington.

President Cleveland has named Thursday, November 26th for a day of national thanksgiving.

SAD DEATH AT BRICKLEYVILLE.

Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.

BRICKLEYVILLE, N. C., Nov. 9, '96.

A gloom has been cast over our entire community by the sad death of Mrs. John Vinson, wife of our esteemed townsman, Mr. John H. Vinson, and daughter of the late Dr. A. C. Harris. Despite the very best efforts of skilled physicians, trained nurses, and all that loving kindness could do, she quietly and gently "fell on sleep" Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Largely possessed of many admirable traits of head and heart, she was one of our best women. A truly devoted wife, a most caring, thoughtful and tender mother, and affectionate child and sister; and an earnest, consecrated Christian, we are sorely bereaved in her death.

She leaves five children, an infant of two weeks among them. She was buried Sunday afternoon in the church yard at Bethesda, Rev. W. L. Powell conducting the sad service. Dr. S. F. Harris of Henderson, Mrs. T. C. Harris of Raleigh, and Eugene Harris of Chapel Hill attended the burial of Mrs. Vinson, their sister.

Dr. Chas. Wyche of Cincinnati spent a few days in our "burg" visiting relatives and friends recently.

Miss Mary Wyche of Raleigh is in our town. Rev. W. L. Powell preached his farewell sermon at Bethesda last night. He is a popular preacher, loved by not only his own church, but the people generally.

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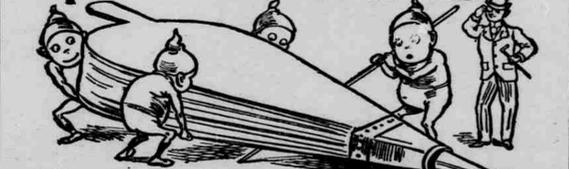
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ALEXANDER GREENE,
Administrator.

This October 23rd, 1896.
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Notice.

By virtue of a judgement of the Superior Court of Halifax county, rendered in an action therein pending wherein J. W. Sherrod & Bro., and Bettie J. Bryan are plaintiffs and Bettie W. Whitfield, Roberta Whitfield and W. H. Johnson, trustee, are defendants, I will on Monday the 23rd day of November 1896, at the Post Office door in Enfield, N. C., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, between 11 o'clock a. m. and 2 o'clock p. m., the land described in said judgment, viz: All that tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Halifax near the town of Enfield on which the late John G. Whitfield resided at the time of his death, adjoining the lands of James H. Parker, E. C. Bustin and others and being the same land which is described by metes and bounds in the deeds which were executed by Spier Whitaker and wife to said Bettie Whitaker and Roberta Whitfield, recorded in the public Registry of said county in Book 63, pages 469 and 470; Book 64, pages 424 and 425 and Book 65, pages 8, 10, 11; and also in the deed from M. F. Riddick to said Bettie N. and Roberta Whitfield. That part of said land heretofore sold to David Bell Esq., lying on the left side of the road is excluded from this sale.

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