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To the Merchants. The Republican has a circulation in Wilmington greater than all the other three dailies combined. We wish the merchants and others who advertise to make a note of this fact.

The Electoral Count. It is very evident now that Congress intends to avoid the next count of the electoral vote in such a manner that most result in setting a Democratic President if there should be only a small majority of the electoral vote against him. This is manifested more and more every day by the refusal of Congress to accept the bill proposed by Senator Edmunds which was eminently just and fair regulating the electoral count. In order to control the count and keep every advantage ground safely in the hands of the Democracy it will be necessary to get control of Congress by a majority of States as well as by constituent majority.

This cannot be done with any degree of certainty without unseating Washburn of Minnesota who was elected by a majority of over 3000 votes and by refusing to admit Bisbee of Florida who a Democratic Congressional Committee, a Democratic Governor of Florida and a Democratic Supreme Court of the same State, say was elected in place of Hill the present occupant of the seat and who if he had his just deserts would be occupying a cell in a penitentiary instead of a seat in Congress. It is not likely that these changes will be made now at the present session of Congress because it is coming too close on the heels of a Presidential election and would be sure to make capital for the Republicans, but should there be any necessity for the change after the election is over it can very easily be effected at the December session without any fear of influencing the election. All this will be done to make sure of the vote in the House by States in case the election should be thrown into that body.

In order to throw the election into the House will require some political jugglery and wire pulling on the part of Democrats in Congress and this is proposed by them to do by passing a bill ostensibly to regulate the electoral count but in reality to seat a Democratic President whether elected or not. The bill now pending before the Senate and as it now stands renders Congress the sole arbiter of the Presidential contest, the peculiarly vicious features of which is its provisions for going behind the returns whenever there shall be two returns from any State. The difference between this bill and that introduced by Senator Edmunds is that the latter leaves the disputed returns to the adjudication of the highest law courts of the State from which the returns are made and the decision of that court is to be final, but this sensible and unparliamentary proposition which would bar alike upon both parties is given the go by for something more revolutionary.

The proposition of the Democrats is to make Congress the sole arbiter in the case and in the source of final resort. The fact that the party waives its cherished opinions on State rights goes for nothing. The Democratic party is for State rights only when it is an advantage to them otherwise it is such a law as that proposed by the Democrats would defeat the plain meaning of the organic law relative to the electoral vote is of the gravest importance. The old organic law warrants no review by Congress of the election for President. It leaves, as it should the States to constitute their electoral colleges in their own way either by a vote of the people or by the legislatures of the States. If however this bill becomes a law, the States will practically have no voice in the matter except as Congress may dictate, and in that case the voice of the people is as likely to be of no account as if it had not been expressed.

This is a very dangerous proposition, and is a step in a revolutionary course which may eventually in anarchy and confusion. By it Congress holds a whip over every State and practically abolishes free elections. So dangerous a proposition has never been presented in Congress, and it makes no difference in the intent, that it will probably fail, becoming a law. This teaches Republicans that they have not only a will but a revolutionary law to contend with. The only way in which these dangerous propositions can be frustrated is by a solid union of Republicans. It is not the man in the street content that should be the object of the principles which lie at the foundation. A square solid victory by the Republican majority will put an end to this scheming by the Democrats and will send the pending electoral bill into the shades of obscurity.

Republican should not be so much weaker Grant, Blaine, Sherman, Washburn, or Edmunds, should be the real leader in the coming campaign. Whether our republican candidate is elected or not, this is the only thing that matters. It is not the man in the street content that should be the object of the principles which lie at the foundation. A square solid victory by the Republican majority will put an end to this scheming by the Democrats and will send the pending electoral bill into the shades of obscurity.

Smithers struck the key note of Republicanism at the late State Convention at Dover, when in a brief speech advocating the resolutions which were passed, he said that the election of the very worst Republican named for the Presidency would be infinitely preferable to the election of the very best Democrat that has been named.

Two Great Failures. One of the greatest failures of late was that of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company which collapsed yesterday bringing down the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company with it. It was known for some time past that these two mammoth companies had a hard struggle for existence, but none fully acquainted with the true inwardness of the workings of concerns dreamed that a total collapse would ensue so soon. It was only the pluck and vim of Mr. Gowen the President of the two companies that kept them afloat so long. The company was too heavy too hold together, in fact too large for one managing head alone. There was no better, abler or shrewder manager than Mr. Gowen but he stood alone comparatively, and when the strain became too heavy for him to bear under, his yielding meant the collapse of the two companies which until yesterday he carried upon his shoulders. It is probable that very little sympathy will be expressed by the masses of the people who are averse to huge monopolies, however beneficial they might be to the public under some circumstances. It is not likely that the failure will make any marked change in the price of coal which cannot be remedied in a short time. The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad with all its rolling stock depots and franchises still remains, and if the old company is not reconstituted another will take its place. The great coal fields on the Schuylkill over which the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company hold undisputed sway are as rich in the black mineral as ever, and if the old company does not remove, the coal mining and transportation of coal as a business will vibrate to the touch of other and perhaps new corporations. The following will serve to give some approximation of the extent of the failure:

The general balance sheet of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, Nov. 30, 1879, shows that the value of the coal lands, timber lands, improvements, &c., is \$69,699,799.45. Against this there are mortgages and capital stock (\$8,000,000) amounting to \$63,662,864.04. Of the mortgages, two, amounting to \$39,737,965.53, are held by the Philadelphia and Reading R. R. Co.

The assets are placed at \$3,893,171.27 and the liabilities amount to \$7,657,070.07. The cash deficit of the Coal and Iron Company last year was stated in the report:

Total interest charges.....\$1,564,983.90  
Loss payable in scrip.....121,170.00  
933,814.90  
590,489.85  
\$1,535,304.75

The report of the Chief Engineer for the year ending November 30th, 1879, shows that the Company owned 79 collieries, exclusive of many small workings, and the tonnage mined by the Company was \$4,269,929.05. Such a failure is well calculated to disturb business, but it is hoped none will suffer but the corporation itself, which according to an old maxim has no soul anyhow.

SENATOR BAYARD has had a streak of luck in the Senate. A bill introduced by him has really passed that body, and if it passes the House and meets the approval of the President, it will become a law. Consistent with the Senator's political record, the bill is for the purpose of making the election of a Democratic President by means of fraud and violence sure. He seldom has time to devote to the manufacturing interests of Wilmington, his native city, nor to the importance of securing a decent appropriation for the improvements of its harbor. Senator Bayard scoops in the large appropriations for Lewes, the Mispillion, Broad Creek, Mahon's Ditch and Duck Creek, any of which are but a sluggish ditch compared with the Christiana river, and yet the latter is put off with about the same appropriations, that are allowed to little gullies and inlets down the State. Looking after appropriations for the benefit of Wilmington, interests Mr. Bayard makes less than the passage of a bill to make fraud at elections easy, and to insure his own or some other Democrat's election as President. Characteristic, very.

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