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From the History of Two Parties.

During the late political campaign Republican speakers were wont to ask "What measure of national importance has the Democracy advocated during the past twenty-five years?" and then follow the question by a parade of questions settled and measures advocated and accomplished by the Republican party.

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tion were they acquired? The answer comes that Democratic administrations secured Florida, Louisiana, Texas and all the vast region from the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi river to Mexico, the Pacific ocean and British America.

All the vast area of public lands given to railroads west of the Mississippi river was acquired by Democratic administrations; and while the Republican party boasts of its liberality—profrugacy rather—we can truthfully say that if the Democratic party had not secured these lands by wise and statesmanlike foresight, the Radical party could not have been so liberal.

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Oregon's Electoral Vote.

On Monday last before the canvass of the vote of this State for presidential electors was begun the following protest was filed with the Governor:

To His Excellency L. F. Grover, Governor of Oregon: We, the undersigned citizens of and legal voters in the State of Oregon, do hereby protest against the issuance of a certificate of election to John W. Watts, a candidate for Presidential Elector, at the late election, held on the 7th day of November, 1876, for the reason that on that day, and until about the 13th or 14th of the same month, he was a Postmaster, duly appointed and qualified as such by the proper authorities of the United States; and, therefore, ineligible as an Elector, under section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the United States.

This protest was signed by James K. Kelly, W. W. Thayer, J. S. White, J. H. Reed, W. F. Trimble, J. C. Ainsworth, C. B. Bellinger, J. N. T. Miller, W. H. Effinger, B. Jennings, B. B. Acker, A. D. Shelby, T. Patterson, R. R. Thompson, Geo. L. Curry, John F. Miller, Wm. Strong, J. T. Miller.

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So certificates of election were issued to Messrs. Odell, Cartwright and Cronin.

A dispatch to the writer from a Republican in Salem on Wednesday evening says the Republican electors refused to recognize Mr. Cronin as a qualified elector, whereupon he declared their places vacant and proceeded to appoint men to fill the vacancies.

We believe that Governor Grover did right, and that the vote of Mr. Cronin will be counted for Mr. Tilden.

In discussing this question the San Francisco Examiner of a recent date says: The Radical journals endeavor to dispose of a certain important proposition, with reference to the qualifications of Presidential Electors, very summarily. They manifest a levity in its consideration not calculated to command public confidence.

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OFFICIAL VOTE OF OREGON.

Table with columns for Counties, Hayes & Wheeler Electors, Tilden & Hendricks Electors, Cooper & Carey Electors, Congress, and names of candidates.

of appointment prescribed in the Constitution. Any postmaster was as utterly ineligible, that is not capable of being elected, as Presidential Elector on the day he was voted for if still postmaster, as he would have been to be appointed as such Elector under any authority in his State, as provided in the Constitution.

It follows, therefore, as a necessary conclusion, from the premises, that Messrs. Watts and Sollace cannot fill the office of Presidential Elector in their respective States. At the time they were voted for, to occupy such position, they were no more competent to do so than a dead man.

This is a case for which no law any State in the Union provide statutes of all of the States, we believe, declare to the effect that a person lawfully chosen to the office of Presidential Elector dies, resigns, or is legally removed before the occasion occurs for him to discharge the duties of his office, a vacancy is thereby created, which can be filled as provided by the legislation of the several States.

The infamous returning board of Louisiana completed its villainous work on the 6th inst by declaring the Hayes and Wheeler electors, the Radical candidates for State offices and four Radical candidates for Congress to be elected.

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