

THE MASS MEETING.

About the greatest success that has been witnessed in Jackson county for many a day was the mass meeting last Monday, (General Jackson's day) held for the purpose of protesting, in some suitable way, against the usurpations and outrages being attempted to be perpetrated upon the American people by the corrupt Republican managers. The Court House was crowded to overflowing, almost every portion of the county being well represented. The Republicans were dismayed at the great numbers present, having predicted and hoped for a failure, while even the Democrats were agreeably surprised, the magnitude of the assemblage exceeding their greatest expectations. And, while the attendance was large and enthusiastic, the meeting itself was no less a success. Able and appropriate speeches were made by Messrs. J. H. Reed, W. J. Plymale, Thos. Smith, J. R. Neil, Wm. M. Colvig and A. C. Jones. The political situation was discussed in a calm and deliberate manner, showing a desire for the inauguration of the justly and constitutionally elected candidates for President and Vice President, and also a determination to see the time-honored rights of the people asserted against the usurpations and machinations of party managers. The resolutions, a full text of which will be found elsewhere, are first-class and to the point. Not inflammatory in the least, they express the voice of a large majority of the people of the whole Union as well as those of Jackson county. The Democracy may congratulate themselves over the great success of this meeting, characterized as it was by harmony, calmness and enthusiasm.

Base Meanings.

That chief of liars, the Associated Press, ably assisted by the Radical managers and their partisan press, are busily trying to prejudice the Democratic case in the Oregon Electoral matter by asserting that money was used in the premises. Anybody at all acquainted with the facts knows this to be a downright falsehood. The Democrats connected with this affair are all known as prominent and honorable men, and this assertion that they acted as they did for a pecuniary consideration we do not hesitate in pronouncing as malicious and false, and the parties stating it as cowardly slanders and unscrupulous liars. We happen to know that at least two of these gentlemen borrowed money to take them to Washington as witnesses, which alone is proof enough of the falsity of this charge. Corruption being one of the chief Radical bulwarks, they naturally suppose everybody else tainted with it.

Why is it?

Why is it that, while the Democratic Investigation Committees of the House in Louisiana, Florida and South Carolina, have been sitting with open doors, the Republican Committees of the Senate, in those States, held their sessions in secret? Is it truth or falsehood which fears the light?

Which are the people most likely to accept as true—the reports of the committees that have nothing to conceal, and ask only that the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, shall be known, or the reports of the committees who take their evidence and reach their conclusions in secret?

Another Man Disgusted.

Hon. Horace White, for many years editor of the Chicago Tribune, an ardent and a life-long Republican, who voted a straight ticket, State and National, at the last election in Illinois, declares that if the outrage in Louisiana is sustained by the installing of Hayes, he will never vote a Republican ticket again. One by one the honest men who are left in the Republican party are becoming disgusted with the high-handed outrages and usurpations being perpetrated by their party managers.

An Outspoken Judge.

At a large dinner given by prominent Republican Senators in Washington the other day, Supreme Justice Field took occasion to declare unhesitatingly his belief that Tilden had been fairly elected, and to denounce in the severest terms the action of the Louisiana Returning Board, which he said would not stand before any legal tribunal. The language he used was so strong as to create astonishment among his hearers.

THE EIGHTH OF JANUARY.

Accounts from all parts of the Union show that the mass meetings on the 8th of January everywhere were largely attended and participated in by the most prominent men of the age. The speeches and resolutions were of a moderate and firm tone, showing a determination that the rights of the people will be asserted at all hazards. The Republicans are dismayed at the magnitude of the meetings, and well they may be. A Washington dispatch gives the following account of the one in that city:

The Democratic meeting in this city under auspices of the Tilden and Hendricks reform club was very fully attended, Ford's opera house, where the demonstration took place, being literally crowded, with many ladies, despite bad weather, among the vast audience. Richard T. Merrick was chosen a president of the meeting, and the list of vice presidents and secretaries embraced the names of a number of the oldest and most substantial citizens. The speakers, in addition to the President, were Congressman Waterson, Banning, Tarbox, Hooker, Pulitzer, and others. The general tone of speeches was animated, in favor of applying all means of peace to settle the pending complications. They avowed themselves earnestly desirous of finding a method of solving the great questions at issue.

Waterson said he expected on the day of the counting of the votes to see 100,000 unarmed men in this city patiently awaiting the result, and determined in their views of the American right of appeal. He knew that all appliances of peace would be used in the settlement of the question, but the people were not prepared to usurpation, in event of which a second Jackson would be ready to lead them to the preservation of the constitution and government.

Banning said the people want peace, but there must be no bayonets in the House.

Several of the speakers declared their belief that the rank and file of the Republican party would be with the mass of the Democracy in their views as to how the question should be settled. The count would be made as it has always been.

The resolutions of the meeting demanded that both houses of Congress exercise the usual and concurrent jurisdiction in the final examination and counting of the electoral ballot. They declare Tilden and Hendricks elected, and believe there is virtue enough left in the hearts of their fellow citizens, without distinction of party, to discover by peaceful means and to enforce by constitutional agencies, a solution of the present difficulties. If their faith should be deluded, then without vaunt or menace, but in the spirit of sad and resolute determination, they resolve to do their full duty in any emergency, and appeal to their fellow citizens throughout the country to defend their rights, and preserve and defend the constitution and government.

In this State the event was generally observed, monster meetings being held in Portland, Salem, Jacksonville and other places.

The Source of Power.

Republicans continue to repeat their blunders so often made in estimating the present strength, as well composition of Democracy, with a comparison of 1863. The sooner Republicans can see the change that has been to work the better it will be for them and the country. A comparison of the figures of the Democratic vote from 1861 to 1866, with the vote of the party for Tilden in 1876, says the Modesto News, should, it would seem, open the eyes of even the blindest and most bigoted Republican. In those days the colored people did not vote; still the heavy States rolled up majorities for the Union, now called Republican party, by the hundreds of thousands. At the last election the Democracy carried New York. The negro vote alone saved the great States of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin and California, to the Republican party. Look again at the leaders of Democracy in many of the States in 1865, and see what great additions have been made from the old Union party of Lincoln's day. We need not here enumerate them. They are legions. Many of them were able Generals, Governors, Congressmen, and civilians of influence on the Union side. Republicans, when they think of handling and treating the Democracy in the same light and spirit they did in 1863, may make a great blunder. If the people are the source of all power in this Republic, then indeed is Democracy the governing power of the country. Republicans will do well to heed this fact.

At Washington.

Governor Grover has arrived at Washington and was heartily received. His testimony before the Committee was a vindication of his course and rough on the Republican pretenders. We shall give it in our next issue.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The following is the decision in the case of Nourse vs. Justus, appealed from this District to the Supreme Court. It was rendered by His Honor, Judge L. L. McArthur, of the Fifth District:

This action was originally tried in the justice's court for Jacksonville precinct, Jackson county, Oregon. Nourse recovered a judgment against Justus for \$21; together with his disbursements, taxed at \$21 35. Justus appealed to the circuit court; the cause was tried therein by a jury and Nourse had a verdict for \$21. Thereafter, on said verdict, the court rendered judgment in favor of Nourse for \$21; and the disbursement in the justice's court, taxed at \$21 35, and at same time rendered judgment in favor of Justus for his cost and disbursement sustained in circuit court, and taxed at \$78; from this judgment in favor of Justus this appeal is taken.

Opinion:—The records present but one question for our consideration, and it is this: When an appeal is taken to the circuit court from the justice's court, must the judgment recovered in the circuit court be in excess of fifty dollars before the appellate court can adjudge the recovery of cost and disbursements to the prevailing party. The question is one which must be decided by construing and applying certain provisions of the code about to be referred to.

We are under the opinion that Section 539 does not apply to cases appealed from justice's courts, but that such cases fall within, and are governed by the provisions of Section 542. After an appeal from the justice's court is perfected the action must be tried anew upon substantially the same issue tried in the court below; (Code, Section 533) and the manner of proceeding in the same, as if the action had been commenced in the circuit court (Code, Section 536, Sub. 3.) These provisions refer to the formal and methodical disposal of the action, and cannot be held to control or apply to the incidents of the judgment, resulting from the action. An appeal, though tried anew, cannot be regarded as a matter so entirely independent of the original action as to permit of the application of every provision of the code that might be invoked. In an action originally begun in the circuit court, it is not a new action, but simply a retrial of an action in an appellate tribunal for the purpose of correcting errors of the inferior court; it is only in cases originally begun in the circuit court that the provision of Section 539, as to cost and disbursement, can be fairly ruled to apply in appeals. The provision of Section 542 must govern under this latter Section. Cost when allowed to either party on appeal must be allowed to the prevailing party. Nourse was the prevailing party upon the appeal and was therefore entitled to recover his cost in the appellate tribunal; and in this, as in other cases, the right to recover disbursements is incident to the recovery of cost. Had the judgment been modified, the allowance of cost would have been matter of discretion, but as the case stands we think the judgment in favor of Justus, for cost and disbursement, was error. The judgment as to that matter should be reversed.

Cronin's Testimony.

Mr. Cronin has been examined by the Senate Committee on the Oregon case. His evidence is a rebuttal of that given by Odell, Cartwright and Watts, who, it seems, do not scruple to perjure even under oath. Mr. Cronin was frank enough to admit that he asked for and received \$3,000 to pay for his expenses and loss of time, which he supposes was made up by subscription among Oregon Democrats. The Republicans are now endeavoring to distort this testimony and prejudice the Democratic side of the Oregon electoral matter by hinting at corruption. Of course they make a signal failure of it, as all Democrats connected demand a full investigation in the premises. If it had been one of their india-rubber-conscience witnesses, he not only would have said nothing about having received money, but would probably have sworn up and down that he got none, if asked about it. That's the difference.

Louisiana.

Gen. Nichols and Packard were both installed as Governors of Louisiana on the 8th. The inauguration of the latter was under the supervision of Federal bayonets; that of the other in open daylight, in the presence of from 15,000 to 20,000 people. Such is the difference.

Hurrah for Boston.

The Mayor and every councilman, save one, in the city of Boston, are now Democrats. They were elected purely on a partisan issue and its Mayor, Prince, is the Secretary of the National Democratic Committee. The Hub has now a square Tilden organization.

DEMOCRATS of Washington have secured a hall for the inauguration ball of Samuel J. Tilden, for the night of the 5th of March.

GENERAL NOTES AND NEWS.

Commodore Vanderbilt left an estate valued at \$85,000,000.

Cronin, wishing to leave Washington for home, has been excused from further attendance.

Greenbacks are quoted higher in New York than silver small coin at present. Trade dollars command a premium.

George E. Cole, Postmaster at Portland, has been summoned before the Senate Committee in relation to the Oregon case.

Mr. Drew has been inaugurated Governor of Florida, and the State Government, as well as both branches of the Legislature, are Democratic, with no Republican pretenders to interfere.

A burglar broke into the Penitentiary at Salem the other night and stole therefrom two watches, some silver coin and other articles. The story is not very plausible, but "tis a pity 'tis true."

Senator Kelly advocates the fullest possible investigation of all charges and insinuations of corrupt use of money in Oregon, and asserts positively that not a dollar was expended wrongfully.

Judge Mackey has returned to Columbia, South Carolina, from his visit to Governor Hayes, and says that the latter, in the event of his inauguration, will recognize Hampton as Governor.

The World's Washington special says: It is not at all likely that Pelton's testimony will do anything more than show that nobody at the Democratic Headquarters knew anything whatever of the \$8,000, or any attempt to corrupt anybody in Oregon.

Mr. Klippel, one of the Democratic candidates for elector, testified that money was collected by Mr. Bellinger to pay Cronin's expenses and to pay fees of lawyers who argued against the issuing of certificate of election to Watts at the hearing before Gov. Grover.

The \$8,000 check that a "hullabaloo" was raised about in the dispatches, and which was going to criminate Cronin and the whole Oregon Democracy, now turns out was returned to Martin & Runyon, bankers, unused. Try again, Morton, and perhaps in your blind flounderings you may cut your own throat.

The N. Y. Herald's Columbia special says: The existing dead-lock at the Capitol is extending over the State. In several counties there are contests between the Chamberlain and Hampton appointees. In these conflicts of authority the officers are vigorously sustained by their respective parties. The surprising feature of the contests is that many of Chamberlain's former appointees, following the example of the Superintendent of the Penitentiary, refuse to recognize his authority, and will duly deliver their offices to the Hampton officials. Many of these persons were ardent supporters of Chamberlain. Their action shows a widespread want of confidence in his government. These contests are carried on good naturedly, neither side desiring to push matters to a collision. In Orangeburg county the more ignorant Republican leaders have been indulging in some threats, but their followers are apparently not disposed to risk a collision with the whites.

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