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DEMOCRATIC ADDRESS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

How Tilden was Counted Out and Hayes Counted In

WASHINGTON, March 4.—At a caucus of the Democratic members of the House of Representatives, held on the 3d day of March, 1877, in the hall of the county of the following address was unanimously adopted: L. Q. C. Lamar, Chairman; Henry B. Banning, Wm. M. Robbins, Secretaries.

At a meeting of members of the National Democratic Committee, held on the 3d day of March, 1877, the following address was unanimously adopted: S. S. Linticum, Chairman; F. O. Prince, Secretary.

To the American People:—We submit to the country the following statement of events which have resulted in the declaration that Rutherford B. Hayes has been elected President of the United States.

In the late political canvass two facts stood out prominently: First, The Republican party, true to its sectional nature, sought to unify the North against the "Solid South," and while engaged in that effort it was striving to make the probable losses in the North by dividing the votes of the South. This division it sought to effect by an unconstitutional use of the army in South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana.

Second, The troops were sent to those States when there was neither invasion nor domestic insurrection to require them; with the Legislature easily to be convened, the only demand for their presence was made by the State Executive. The elections in those States, therefore, were held in the shadow of military power—the bayonets glistened at the polls. In depositing their ballots the citizens enjoyed only such liberty as the army permitted.

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For more than ten years these States have been subjected to governments not of their own choice; taxation and maladministration has robbed them of their substance, and well nigh destroyed their spirit and hope.

From the day that the certificates were issued to the Hayes electors in Louisiana and Florida the country has been filled with an unprecedented excitement.

The people have done little else than engage in a contest of wits, to determine the condition of affairs business has been generally suspended, failures have been frequent and prostration has seized upon nearly every interest in the land.

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