Who Shall Count It?

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many Presidents into office there abundant matter." should have ceased long ago any doubt as the constitutional mode of counting the electoral vote, yet this question is now as much mooted in

certain quarters as if the government ublicans counting in and retaining in was just about to go into operation .- office a man who was notoriously not Leading Democrats are claiming that elected? We think not. It takes the te the honorable course pursued when the two houses of Congress have con- Democrats to do this. They thus ob- the froth of the campaign had workcurrent jurisdiction over the matter, tained and retained the control of the ed itself off, and public men, with reand that the independent functions of House of Representatives of this State the President of the Senate can pro- some years ago by fraudulently giving ceed no further than the opening of the seat in the House of Representhe certificates. We even see these tatives from Starke County to one opinions carried to such an extreme Kretzinger, who was notoriously not that conventions are to be called in elected; and they retained him in various States to give thestrong back- power shamelessly by his own vote. ing of vigorous popular demonstra- They gave the seat in Congress from tions to the House of Representatives Virginia to Goode in the present Conin view of the probable demand of gress when their own committee de-

Counting in.

that body to assist in determining the cided that Platt was elected. The Republicans are a live, procount of the electoral votes.

There was no doubt whatever on gressive power. They represent a mathis subject at the very beginning of jority of the people on a fair vote, and of the city. When the owner came the government. So far as the public a majority of the legal vote cast, and he frowned upon Robert, but to no records disclose any facts, neither they have no occasion to resort to Senators nor Representatives seem to fraud, violence, intrigue, or other in large characters in the hymn-book, have cherished the least uncertainty Jesuitical tricks to obtain or retain regarding the proper course to be pur- power. All they ask is protection to To which Col. Robert responded in sued. There was, it is true, some de- the legal vote everywhere and then that price !" lay in declaring the election of the fair play and equal rights to all. An first President for the want of a quo- illegal vote is a fraud upon the soverrum in the two houses, but this retar- eignly of the people. To prevent sny dation was not at all attributable to legal voter from easting his vote as hesitation as to the mode to be adopt- his rational judgment and conscience simply growing a single crop, we suged. It was not until April 6, 1789, may dictate, is usurpation of power gest that you diversify in future, for that the Senate was able to notify the and treason to the Constitution. A we are assured you find yourself get-House of the former's readiness to re- full, free, and unbiased expression of ting behind hand every year. All ceive the latter, This was done in the public will of all legal voters is in- cotton, all corn, all cane, all anydispensable to the perpetuation of these words :

Ordered, That Mr. Ellsworth in- free institutions. There must be no form the House of Representatives impediments to the free exercise of that a quorum of the Senate is form- the elective franchise. Votes must be

ed; that a President is elected for the sole purpose of opening the certificates neither bought by gold, awed by and counting the votes of the electors power, or intimidated by threats or of the several States in the choice of a violence. When the public voice is President and Vice President of the fally, freely, and honestly given it United States; and that the Senate is now ready in the Senate Chamber to must be acknowledged and respected oily, not quite so firm as that made proceed, in the presence of the House, and full power given to it, or the from corn, but has a milder, pleasanter to discharge that duty; and that the foundations of our 'republic will be flavor .- Boston Cultivator. Senate have appointed one of their shaken. The people are the proper members to sit at the Clerk's table to make a list of the votes as they shall and best judges of the right persons to

be declared ; submitting it to the wis- elect to office, and from their honest potatoes-not calculated to keep. dom of the House to appoint one or and fair decision there should be no more of their members for the like anneal.-Inter-Ocean

quarrels over technical 'points,' and imperiousness, but weak and mild, for these controversies the loose lan- with the single exception of the thin, It would seem that after inducting guage of the Constitution supplies cold lips, which denote the character of the man as no other feature ever

can do." The New York World repudiates Did any one ever know of the Rep- the Tilden programme, and, speaking of the course of Republicans and

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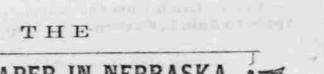
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its constitutional prerogatives, sent a | It was night on Boundary street .verbal message to the Senate that it Under the silent stars the noisy cowwas "ready forthwith to meet" that bell clanked and clanged and jangled, body. After the canvass of the elec- while the mocking echoes replied tion had been completed, the official from Angular street. And lo, while record of the proceedings goes on to they yet jangled and clanked and ratsay: "The President elected for the tled there opened a door in a house, purpose of counting the votes declared and a man stood revealed in the dim to the Senate that the Senate and religious light of the hall lamp. He House of Representatives had met, girded up his loins and strode out inand that he, in their presence, had to the night. He bulged through the opened and counted the votes of the gate like a cyclone, and ran over a clectors for President and Vice Presi- party of leisurely travelers on the dent." Finally, a committee was ap- sidewalk and plunged across the pointed to prepare certificates of elec- street like a house a-fire, And it came tion, one for each of the successful to pass that while he drew nigh to the can didates. Here is a copy of the one browsing cow she lifted up her eyes issued to General Washington : and beheld him. And when she had

Be it known, That the Senate and looked upon him and knew the ed States of America, being convened thoughts of his heart, that he meant House of Representatives of the Unitin the city and State of New York, mischief, she got up and fled. And Orders From Neighboring Towns April 6 in the year of our Lord 1790, be arece and pureued after her, and the underwritten, appointed Presi- gathered clods by the wayside and dent of the Senate for the sole pur-pose of receiving, opening and counting the votes of the electors, did, in the hand until he ran into a tree box and presence of the said Senate and House jammed himself up, insomuch that he of Representatives, open all the certif- wailed as one having a "bile" that icates and count all the votes of the letter bath been trodden upon by some-President; by which it appears that body's elbow. And the cow, when George Washington, Esquire, was shen she saw that he had returned unanimously elected, agreeably from pursuing after her, went back to the Constitution, to the office of even unto the same old browsing President of the United States of place, and vexed the soul of her ene-A merica.

In testimony whereof I have here- my with the sound of the bell even unto set my hand and seal. JOHN LANGDON.

Thus, over and over again, it is recorded in the official proceedings that the President of the Senate had count-

ed the electoral votes, and that he had been chosen for that specific purpose. zens of Brookfield recalls an incident Now, if the two branches of Congress in her career which happened some are unquestionably entitled to assist in fifteen years ago.

determining the mode and manner of She was going to Stamford to visit a the count, with power to accept or re- daughter, and took her seat in the ject votes, according as the two bod- cars for the first and only time in her les may concur, how comes it that the life. During the ride an accident ocquestion was not raised at the very curred whereby the car in which she first count made under the Constitu- was seated was thrown down an emtion? That instrument had just been bankment and demolished. Crawling ratified, and was about to go into ope- out from beneath the debris, she esration. There were members of both pied a man who was held down in a houses who had been delegates to the sitting posture by his legs being fas-Federal Convention which had fram- tened.

ed the Constitution ; yet we find them "Is this Stamford ?" she anxiously unreservedly co-operating in the inquired.

course that was pursued, without any The man was from Boston. He was Eastern Markets with a full misgivings, under the obligation of in considerable pain, but he did not stock of Dry-Goods, Notions, their oath, that the proceedings were lose sight of the fact that he was from Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Hats, in any sense out of conformity to the Boston ; so he said : organic law. If anybody, even among "No. This is a catastrophe." the masses of the people, objected to "Oh !" ejaculated the old lady, the mode and manner of the count, as "then I hadn't orter got off here." invading the prerogatives of either | This was so evident as to make a rehouse, that objection has not come ply unnecessary .- Danbury News, down to us in any public print or in

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kind word or action at the right time will save a map from himself and re-The Detroit Post seems to have a store him to his family and society .-

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true understanding of Knott's bill. Exchange. It says: "Proctor Knott's bill providing a system for counting the Electoral vote seems to be unnecessarily verbose. It should be condensed-on grounds of 'retrenchment'-into this Tilden's face is unrelieved, save by compact shape: 'Be it enacted etc., the occasional light of a cold, yet gen-That the Constitution shall be and is ial, smile from the small, pleasant, hereby suspended, and that the House firm mouth. The face, despite a rathof Representatives shall do as it pleases er fresh complexion, has a washed in regard to the counting of the out, faded look. Its lines betray the Electoral votes.""

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