

**A MISTAKE AND A CRIME.** During the period of reconstruction from the calamities of the war which conquered the South, all democrats, and many conservative men in the North, opposed with all their might the grant by the power of arms of equal suffrage to the ex-slave. All reasonable men saw that it would be what it has been amply proven to be, a colossal mistake, as a matter of policy, and a crime against the country and the negro himself as well, as a matter of fact. No sane man doubts the demonstrated truth about it now. And yet, every man who then opposed the monstrous device to perpetuate republican rule over the subjugated South was proclaimed a "traitor" and a "rebel." That big black chicken long since "came home to roost," with the loss to the republican party of every state in the South, and much more under a changed public opinion in the North which widely execrates the diabolism that would attempt to place the Anglo-American white man under the rule of ignorant negroes.

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