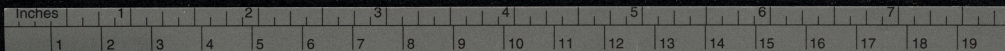


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For 24 years the Dem. has had un-  
interrupted control in N.C. For 24 years  
the policies pursued in all the various  
branches of the State Government  
have been Democratic policies,  
& hence whatever of good or of evil  
has come to the people of the State  
during these years, the Dem. party  
must stand sponsor for. But speaking  
in all truth & sincerity & in no  
spirit of boasting, I wish to declare  
my earnest conviction, that during  
that long period no State in the Union  
has been better governed. The admin-  
istration of affairs has been  
singularly free from sensations



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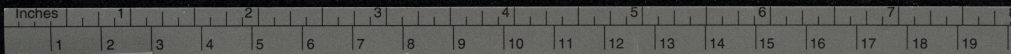
scandals & extravagances, and that the State's  
officers have ever performed their duties  
conscientiously, with the rights before  
them. I do not ~~think~~<sup>doubt</sup>, however that in  
Nov. the majority of the people of the State,  
through the ballot box declared for a change  
of policy, and the will of that majority  
is law. Hence for the next four years, at  
least, the destiny of the State & its Institutions  
are in the keeping of the opposition party for  
whose successful administration of affairs  
I earnestly hope. As for as I am personally  
concerned, if the opposition party is to  
give us a better government than the Democracy ~~has~~  
done then I gladly welcome it back to power.  
The distinguished representatives

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of that party in the State, The choice of  
a majority of her citizens, The  
Hon. Daniel S. Russell is now  
about to assume the reins of  
office, & I bespeak for him on  
the part of the whole people that  
heavily co-operation & assistance  
so necessary to the maintaining  
of the law & the peace & prosperity  
of a state. Ladies and gentle-  
men, I & now ~~introduce~~  
to you <sup>the</sup> Hon. Daniel S. Russell  
The next Governor of N.C.



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