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We are to be congratulated upon the great victory Democracy achieved on November 8th. It was a victory of the people over the classes and determined that Democracy and not plutocracy shall reign over the country for the next four years - <sup>it was</sup> a victory of the millions over the millionaires. A victory for the people against trusts and combines - a victory for popular rights, popular interests and popular principles - a government of the people for the people. The Republican Party is the party of the protectionist, of the monopolist, of the trusts and of the combines which have so ruthlessly preyed upon the people - By protecting all these it has kept and hoped to keep <sup>itself</sup> in power. Republican success would have been the triumph of all these bad elements - It would have been four years more of a policy that marks the

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rich, richer and the poor, poorer, which oppresses the many for the benefit of the few which takes comforts from the poor to give luxuries to the rich.

The Democratic party is the party of the people and always has been - It stands for competition against monopoly, for the interest of the masses against the exaction of the classes, for the comforts of the many against the luxuries of the few - Its success is the triumph of popular government, popular rights and popular citizenship - It is the triumph of Democracy over plutocracy -

Between the two the people have chosen and their verdict is so emphatic that its meaning is not to be mistaken. By an overwhelming majority they have declared they have had enough of the rule of the classes -



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They have proclaimed that these United States shall be a Republic and not an oligarchy - Let us hope that but no hope that sectional strife and sectional hatred are things of the past and turn our eyes absolutely, hopefully to the future - The doubts that threatened our beautiful South-land by hostile legislation have been averted - The dark shadow of the force bill has passed over - We are safely across the danger line and with good state and County Government, <sup>now</sup> assured prosperity and happiness await us -

My friends I thank you for the more than cordial welcome you have given me upon my induction into office and assure you your kindness can never be forgotten - Returning my best wishes and a happy and pro-

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persons new year & each  
and every one of you I  
bid you good night.



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to deliver to the  
profession at Foxboro  
in 1892 but was  
called on that occa-  
sion very unexpectedly  
by the Holman