

The Gubernatorial Candidate.

The old maxim in the ballad is
made to say - "And dost thou ask our who?"

Why any man Gov Lord, will do!"
Such is not the answer which the Repub-
lican party of the South Carolina must
make to the inquiry, "who shall be our
Gubernatorial candidate," if we would
achieve success. Is the time for the meet-
ing of the State Convention ^{is}
drawing near, it may be well
blow aside the froth and splutter
of contending interests and consid-
er in downright earnest the actual
prospects of the coming campaign.

The Republican party of this State has
been in a sort of revival frenzy ^{look}
ever since the election of August,
Heald and Phelps and rejoicings have been
abandoned. We have shouted, chanted
hymns, congratulated ourselves and
each other upon the joyful ^{we} ^{have} ^{been} ^{con-}
ing. and some tremulous crazy
fuls of Amos converted from the error
ours our success. We cheer a
of their ways of winners acclaimed
prize than and have been on a
of the mountains on fire and the
political "beilder" ever since. A
Each ready to vote as our own
careful review of the facts will
in short of recent ^{past} ^{times} ^{and}
and tremendous accessions

have been flying about as thick as
"crows" at a Camp-meeting

This atmosphere of exultation
which has surrounded our party
for the past six months has produced
a sort of mild intoxication. Some
game friends talk with amazing
coolness of the most startling
majorities — seventy, thirty and
even forty thousand are named
with complacency — These impres-
sive figures dazzle the eyes of
many as the star-bright of the shining
gate did Buryan's Polypus — so
that they entirely lose sight of the
"hard road to travel" which lies on
the hither side of this desirable goal.

While we fully appreciate the
unquestioned opportunity which
lies before us at this time, and look
forward with confident hope to sub-
stantial victory we are by no
means inclined to regard it as
already assured nor do we
see any reason for believing it to
be of the overwhelming character
that our warm Prayingine friends
predict —

From these considerations we are fully satisfied that the ~~critic~~ ^{critic} in this State will be of unprecedented warmth and the result exceedingly close - The majority of either party is more likely to be numbered by hundreds than by thousands - We believe the Republicans can carry the State but it will only be by hard work, unflinching zeal, perfect unity and the most conscientious perseverance -

In view of this the position we asked at the outset of this article bears one of transcendent importance. We are not prepared to express a preference but submit that the following elements are essential to a successful nomination -

- 1 - The nominee must be a man thoroughly and heartily in accord with the national administration
- 2 - His record as a Republican must be unimpeachable and as nearly as possible free from all points of attack which would throw him upon the defence during the campaign as regards his own ~~own~~ individual acts as a representative of the party.
- 3 - He must unite heartily in his support every element of the party and not carry the weight of personal opposition in the ranks of his friends -
- 4 - He must be able to conduct an active, vigorous and prolonged campaign. He must be able to meet and cope successfully with the strongest and most influential opposition in every part of the State -

For this belief we may be allowed to give some reasons -

1 - We have not yet met any one who could put down in black and white the names of ^{a sufficient number of} known associates of the Republican party, to justify their ~~expected~~ ^{probable} predictions.

2 - We are inclined to the belief that the fusion of Democrats and Liberal Republicans, will furnish an excuse for the weak-kneed among these late accessions, as well as some reclaimed back-sliders, who are ashamed of the company they have been in, to remain still in the opposition.

3 - This state will be the hottest battle-field of the Presidential campaign. Our State election coming in August - the first after the Presidential nominations its result will be of the first importance to both parties and every possible exertion will be made to carry it for the Democrats. Not only will the State be flooded with documents and money flow like water through their party agencies, but the strongest men and most accomplished orators will be found upon the stump. All the engineering of the best organized party ever known in the nation will be unsparringly and skillfully used - Should the contest be at all close the result in this State will decide beyond a doubt the Presidential election -

More than any campaign since the war will this one depend upon the personal efforts of the nominee - his power to harmonize, unite, ~~consolidate~~ the members of the party and to defend and advocate its principles and policy upon the stump. - He will have to pass through a furnace even times heated cruel must come out as unscathed as the Hebrew children -

The man who meets these requisites be he who he may, come from what section ~~the~~ ⁱⁿ ~~any~~ ~~will~~ the man of our choice - Such a man the party requires and demand and until he is found the inquiry will still be - who?

Who.
Gubernatorial
Nominee
1872?

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