

our voters, is the financial panic of 1893. This depression of business was laid to the credit of the party in power at that time (Democratic). It was very unjust to do this because the circumstances giving rise to the trouble were created, not by the Democrats, but by the party preceding them in power. Democracy was again unfortunate in having to deal with some of the most vital and bitterly disputed measures of the age, and because the Senate and the House of Representatives refused to treat them lightly and take hasty action in regard to them, there was much dissatisfaction among the people, who charged the law-makers with criminal inactivity and negligence and while there was, no doubt, on the part of some who called themselves

conservative democrats, a seeming culpable lethargy, still they claimed to have good reasons for their delaying of the settlement of questions brought before them. Again, the democrats were badly divided among themselves at the time of the last election, and in as much as a house divided against itself cannot stand, neither can any power, either political or non political, be successful if the attribute of harmony and unity be lacking. The republican party is a minority power but one in which there was perfect unison and concert of action. We may safely say then that the last election, which resulted so disastrous to the democratic party was a republican victory of a united minority against a divided majority of democrats.

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## ALUMNI DEPARTMENT.

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My Dear Brothers of the Alumni:

Last week a most important squib was by mistake left out. No doubt some of you wondered why it was that an associate alumni editor's name was placed at the top of the column. Mr. Sauvignet, of Laredo, your duly elected editor, stated that he had contracted to hold down the science department of the Laredo school, and that it was more than he could do to look after the Battalion matter and his other academic duties, as the latter amounted to more than he thought he had contracted for. He sent his regrets to the editor in chief, and left to the local staff choosing of a substitute. The editorial staff, with the supervising edi-

tor, requested me to fill the vacancy. I agreed to act the part of an assistant.

Now, my dear friends of the Alumni, how am I to make our column readable? I have picked up a few locals from hearsay, and it proved so unreliable that I have decided not to rely on it in the future. If you wish to know what the other members of the Alumni are doing, let each one send me by letter or postal what he knows. Make a mutual exchange. See?

We want literary matter. A few have promised to contribute something. But don't all of you wait to be asked. A voluntary contribution will be highly appreciated by all.

Again, how many are regular subscri-