

THE FALL ELECTIONS.

RESULT OF THE VARIOUS ELECTIONS HELD LAST WEEK.

Greater New York Gov. Democratic by a Large Majority—Republican Majorities Reduced in Several States.

The Democratic victory in the first municipal election held in Greater New York was a sweeping one. The entire Democratic ticket headed Robert A. Van Wyck for Mayor was elected by a large majority over the Independent and Republican tickets. The following is the vote received by the three leading candidates for Mayor: Van Wyck, Democrat, 235,181; Low, Independent, 148,513; Tracer, Republican, 101,823. This gives Van Wyck a plurality of 86,668 over Low and 133,358 over Tracer.

The excitement in the city was very great. At night the whole city was alive to the occasion. Bulletin boards, searchlights, newspaper extras, readers on the stages of scores of theatres, told the story of the election. The jubilation was at its height when the ball box for expression of their joy, while the saloons closed during the hours while the voting was in progress, did business on a scale that promised to compensate for the period of enforced thirst, noisy and brilliantly illuminated. The excitement in the vicinity of Tammany Hall was particularly great.

The attraction of the newspaper bulletin boards for the crowds was not a whit less than it was last year. A presidential election. The spaces in front of the bulletin boards in the city were filled with narrow lanes through which men, women and children pushed one another until they got out at the ends. Then they breathed freer and adjusted their clothing. With very few exceptions, every morning and evening paper in the city had its office, while some had them at their branches. Some had two and three big white sheets stretched in front of their buildings, displaying, with their election figures, photos and colored views and the pictures of the candidates.

City hall square was a living mass. From the south side of Nassau street to the park in front of the city hall there were two lanes in the enormous mass of people, and these lanes were not wide enough for the crowd to get through. When the people tried to pass one another there was pushing and shoving, and much grunting and some bad words, but in general the crowd was a good-natured and good-tempered.

NEW YORK STANDS BY BRYAN. From the fusion headquarters in Omaha the following was given out at midnight: "We have carried Nebraska for the fusion ticket by a plurality of from twenty to twenty-five counties. We gathered with the magnificent victory for the state ticket, we have carried a majority of the county tickets. The causes leading to the result is a determination on the part of the people to demand better money through the unlimited coinage of gold and silver."

(Signed) "J. H. Edmonston, Chairman."

The Republicans concede the State to the fusionists.

IOWA STICKS TO HANNA. The returns from Iowa indicate that the State has gone Republican by about 25,000 plurality, which is a considerable of the majority the state gave McKinley last year. The Republicans will carry the county tickets, a majority in the Legislature. The senate has 50 members, 38 are Republicans and 12 Populists and Democrats; the house 100 members—Republicans 61, Populists and Democrats 39. The Republicans lost four members in the senate and 17 in the house. The Republican plurality last year was 65,522. Two years ago it was 59,000 for Drake for governor.

A CLEAN SWEEP IN KENTUCKY. There is little interest in the size of the silver Democratic majority in Kentucky as it is conceded to be everywhere in the neighborhood of 15,000. The Democrats have won or increased their vote everywhere. The efforts at fusion between the Republicans and Gold Democrats in local contests failed generally, chiefly because the masses would support the fusion tickets. The Democrats secured a good majority in the Legislature. Most of the goldbug Democrats voted the Republican ticket with the hope of defeating the regular Democrats.

NEW YORK STANDS BY BRYAN. Returns from all the counties in New York indicate a plurality of more than 88,000 for Alton B. Parker, Democratic candidate for chief justice of the court of appeals. The State Legislature remains Republican. The senate held over and the new house of assembly stands 55 Republicans to 68 Democrats. In the present senate the Republican majority is 30; in the house 78. The special election in the Third congressional district, Brooklyn, resulted in a victory for Edmund H. Griggs, Democrat, over Wm. A. Frederick, Republican.

MASSACHUSETTS STILL IN THE MIRE. The Republicans carried Massachusetts by a reduced majority over last year's votes. The tremendous majority which last year elected Governor Wolcott fell off considerably, while George Fred Williams, the Democratic leader, also suffered, but not nearly so much. Last year the Republicans, after a vigorous campaign on national issues, rolled up a vote of 288,000, but such was the lack of interest this year that the vote fell to 164,000, a plurality of 55,000 over Williams.

KANSAS GOES WRONG. The Kansas returns show that in 49 counties the Republicans have elected or nearly all of their candidates for county offices. In 14 counties the fusionists have elected all or nearly all of their candidates. In 25 counties offices are about equally divided between the fusionists and the Republicans. In one county a straight Democratic ticket was elected. The Republicans carried the state on account of a division between the Populists and the Democrats.

OLD VIRGINY NEVER TIRES. There was a light vote all over Virginia, and less interest manifested by the Republicans than by Democrats. Majority of Democratic State tickets very large. The Democrats will have a large majority in the Legislature and perhaps 95 members of the house, and the Independents one member.

THE PARADISE OF THE GOLDBUGS. Pennsylvania heads the goldbug-

A CLOSE SHAVE.

HANNA SAVED, IF AT ALL, BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH.

According to the Official Count Seventy-One Votes Was All the Democrats Needed to Assure Victory, and the Official Count May Supply These.

Chairman McConville, of the Ohio Democratic State Committee, concedes the defeat of his State ticket, but states that they have retained the Republic over one-two. He does not concede the Legislature to the Republicans. Mr. McConville said the Republicans claimed the legislature by 5 to 7. He struck the representatives from Wood and Noble counties from their list, also the senator from the Marion Logan district, and said these three changes would make the legislature stand 73 Democrats to 72 Republicans, and he would never give either of these three doubtful members up till the official count was completed. He also concedes the election of two of the 12 members who make the legislature stand 75 Democrats and 70 Republicans. Chairman McConville says he believes the Democratic representatives were elected in three other counties, which he does not want to name, pending the investigation of alleged frauds. He charges frauds in Noble and Wood counties and in the Marion Logan district.

At the Republican State headquarters the list of the districts are given in which it is claimed that the Republicans have 17 and the Democrats 19. The only district disputed by the Democrats is that which includes Marion and Logan counties and which would make the senate stand 16 Republicans and 20 Democrats. The Republicans concede that the Democrats will have two majority in the senate, but the Democrats insist that the Republicans will have a majority of five on joint ballot.

As the canvass of the vote in the 88 counties proceeded today the Republican plurality in the State ticket increased, and on the legislative tickets the margins became narrower. In Marion and Logan counties the Republican plurality on the State ticket exceeds 28,000, the vote in the legislative ticket is almost as close as it could be. For this reason there is still unusual anxiety at the respective State headquarters of both parties. The Republicans claim a majority in the legislature stands 75 Republicans to 70 Democrats on joint ballot for senator and that their candidates for representatives in three of the close counties have been elected by the following plurality: Delaware county, 29; Wood county, 10; Noble county, 85. A total of 114 in the plurality stands 72 votes properly distributed in these three counties, would therefore have turned the result in the legislature in favor of the Democrats. Then the legislature would have stood 72 Republicans and 73 Democrats on joint ballot for senator.

TO REDUCE THE COTTON ACREAGE.

If This Union Succeeds It Will Wield Almost Despotism.

A special dispatch to the Atlanta Evening Journal from Jackson, Ga., says: The farmers of this section have been preparing to organize a union, or alliance, for the purpose of reducing the acreage of cotton.

It is more aggressive than the Cotton Planters' Protective association, and has some strong and very binding provisions in it.

The following are some of the provisions of the plan: 1. Every land owner or farm laborer is eligible.

2. No member will be allowed to plant more than one acre to every three in cultivation.

3. The whole union will be composed of the cotton-growing states. Each state will have an equal number of delegates and each district a union.

4. It will be an oath-bound organization, but not necessarily a secret society. The penalties for violating any of the rules are very severe and will cause the average to be reduced in the returns of the union's surveyor.

For instance, each district will have a surveyor who will measure all the crops after planting is done, and a man who has planted more than allowed by the society will forfeit two bales to the acre for every excessive acre he has planted, to go into the treasury of the union.

There should be a convention called at once and the plan of organization discussed.

The Cuban Girl to Luck.

Mrs. Celia Wallace, who resides at Chicago, and is a childless widow, has taken a fancy to Evangelina Cosinsky Cisneros, the Cuban refugee, and offered to adopt the Cuban maid and make her an heir to a fortune estimated by friends of Mrs. Wallace at \$500,000. Evangelina looks with favor upon the proposition and took it under advisement. When it was explained to her that the written consent of her father would be necessary before the adoption could be made, she refused, she said she thought he would be willing to take the step. A definite answer will be given to Mrs. Wallace within a reasonable length of time from Washington, whither the Cuban girl returned today. Mrs. Wallace came to Chicago from Saratoga, N. Y., several years ago.

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WHAT HE SEES IN THE RESULT OF THE LATE ELECTIONS.

Free Silver Alive, and We Are Nearer to It Than a Year Ago—The Fight Will Be Continued—What Others Say.

On last Wednesday Mr. Bryan gave out the following statement: "The returns are so incomplete that it is impossible to discuss yesterday's election in detail. The Republicans everywhere endorsed the Republican administration and in view of losses sustained by them in almost every State, it would seem that Republican politics are not being endorsed at the polls. The sentiment in favor of the Chicago platform shows a healthy growth throughout the country, perhaps our opponents will now admit that silver is not dead. The attempt to secure international bimetalism has proved a failure, and it is now more apparent than ever that the people of the United States must legislate for themselves on the financial question. "Free silver unlimited, change at 16 to 1 is here and it will stay here year ago. High tariff upon a gold basis has disappointed those Republicans who looked to it for relief. Taken as a whole the returns are very encouraging. I think I voice the sentiments of the Democrats. The lines are obviously widening when I say the fight will be continued with even more earnestness until the gold monopoly is broken and the money trust is overthrown. The fusion forces increase their percentage in Nebraska and probably their actual majority. W. J. Bryan."

WHAT GEO. FRED WILLIAMS SAYS.

George Fred Williams, Democratic candidate for governor of Massachusetts, who was defeated in Tuesday's election, has given out a statement on the election, in which he says, in part: "My views upon yesterday's election are nearly one-hundred per cent Republican under the democratic name has been strengthened somewhat in its position and emboldened in its course, and will continue in the field, a growing quantity to be reckoned with in the near future. The lines are obviously hardening as between Republican conservatism and democratic policies of change and upheaval, and between the two no room will evidently be found for building up a leading opposition to Republicanism. "What Massachusetts implies with even greater force to the rest of the country. The result in Massachusetts ought to be decisive of the insignificance of what is called the gold democratic vote. "The face has ended in Kentucky, and it is nearly one-hundred per cent Republican in Massachusetts that there is no future possibility either for the maintenance of an organization at the hands of the democratic party for these gentlemen. "I cut down Governor Wolcott's plurality nearly one-half in Massachusetts is very satisfactory to me, though I am sorry that our voters did not come more generously to the polls. "The result in Massachusetts has been the first time, less the real strength of our cause. "With respect to the city of Boston, I do not care to say anything at present, as I have not the full returns of the votes for local candidates. "The indications from all over the country are that the congress will be democratic and that there will be no change in the issues between now and 1900: For this I am very grateful, and the battle will be kept up in Massachusetts more vigorously than ever."

CHAIRMAN JONES GRATIFIED.

Chairman, Jones of the Democratic national committee, says: "I regard the result of the election as particularly favorable to the Democratic party and very gratifying to Democrats everywhere. It is all they could desire and more than many of us expected."

Maryland Still in the Mire.

An official count of the ballots cast in the late election in Maryland leaves the result nearly one-half in favor of the Republicans have control of both branches of the legislature and that a republican will succeed Arthur P. Gorman in the United States senate. Five members of the assembly and one senator were elected by the Democratic ticket. The balance of the republican legislative candidates majorities ranging from 16 to 19 votes. In Prince George's a similar correction elected Underwood, republican, by four votes, while in Carroll the result showed that Stansbury, republican, defeated Crook, democrat, by 28 votes. The doubtful votes in Montgomery and Washington counties also went into the republican column by small majorities. The democratic state headquarters were closed up today and all the members of the state committee have gone to their respective homes.

Edward of an Issue Man.

Edward Hamilton, of Worcester, Mass., for 25 years an employe of the Worcester county Institution for Savings, Tuesday morning shot and killed his wife and one child and fatally wounded another child, finishing by shooting himself with probably fatal results. Hamilton had been in ill health for a few months and had suffered from neuralgia. He had practically lived on opiates for several weeks and is supposed to have suddenly become insane.

Early Pleas.

President McKinley says: "I am well pleased with the result of the election, as it indicates that fealty to the Republican party and to the principles it represents are as strong as ever." If the above is true we have a President that is very easily pleased.

A BIG FALLING OFF.

Is the Receipts of the State Dispensary for October.

The Columbia Register says the original package of receipts throughout the state is steadily eating a very large hole in the sale of the dispensary. Month by month the effect becomes more marked, until now the volume of dispensary sales has been reduced by at least a third, as compared with last year's record, and there was no count of the situation and when the dispensary people had absolute sway and could fix whatever prices they chose. Commissioner Vance's report to the state board of control at their last meeting showed a falling off in sales for September of \$37,355.90, as compared with the same month of the previous year. At the board's meeting next week Commissioner Vance will report that the slump for October, 1897, as compared with October, 1896, is \$45,168.15.

BORN IN THIS STATE.

The Mayor of Greater New York Born in Pendleton.

This Columbia States says the people of this State have been watching the municipal contest in New York with more than ordinary interest owing to the fact that the man who has now been elected mayor was born in this State. When it was known that Mr. Van Wyck had been elected, the people of Columbia talked of his past history and an interesting story as to the man who was a carriage driver in the Van Wyck family at that time was recalled.