

Mr. Compton deserves a chairmanship of an important Committee in the coming Congress and we hope that his claims will be recognized.

Having won control of the County it is a duty that the Democratic officials owe to their party and the people to show that they are the right men in the right place and to administer the county affairs in a clean, economical and democratic manner.

The fraud by which the St. Leonards' precinct of Calvert county was deprived of tickets and the voters there of their right of suffrage receives merited condemnation from the Calvert papers and good citizens everywhere. We hope that the chairman of the Calvert Supervisors of Election may be able to fasten the blame where it belongs.

We hope that the new Commissioners and Orphans' Court Judges will distinguish themselves for their expedition in transacting the public business and will meet no oftener than is absolutely necessary. In point of meetings the outgoing Commissioners' Court held fewer than most of its recent predecessors, and deserves credit for it. About a year ago the Farmers' Alliance complained of the frequent meetings of the Orphans' Court and had a bill prepared to limit the number, which however failed of passage. We hope that the incoming Court will give no ground for such complaints.

The Republicans strive to explain the Democratic victory in St. Mary's by charging wholesale fraud and corruption. The *Enterprise* in its issue of the 7th instant, says: "The so-called Australian Ballot System furnished the cloak under which the outrage upon decent politics was perpetrated. The law was flagrantly violated in nearly every district in the county, and made the means by which the briber got in his work with unflinching certainty." We have no doubt that money was used with voters, but the Republicans were just as guilty in this regard as the Democrats. We have heard one candidate on the Republican ticket say that he spent \$600 and we presume that others spent in proportion. The Republicans bought every vote they could and their defeat was due to nothing else than a lack of votes. As to the slips alleged to have been sent to the ballot clerks proof is obtainable that a Republican candidate used them. It looks as if our friends were beaten at their own game and have lost their temper because of it. The causes of the Republican defeat in St. Mary's, in our opinion, were:

1 Under the present system the negro can vote without having a political boss march him to the polls, hand him his ticket and watch him deposit it. The fear of persecution for voting the Democratic ticket being thus removed, the colored man voted for those who had been his friends in his hours of need.

2 Nearly every candidate on the Republican ticket was working for himself and there was little if any pulling together.

3 There was a large Republican element here which was displeased with the managers of their party and helped to down the ticket as a rebuke to them.

The cry of fraud is the old, old cry of defeated partisans and the charge of bribery at elections smacks too much of "pot calling kettle black" to attract much attention.

If men were bought to vote the Democratic ticket there is plenty of evidence obtainable that voters were also paid money to vote the Republican ticket and in many instances were promised something else. If any of our election officers infringed the law they are amenable to the law. They are men of character who stand too well in their communities to be harmed by indefinite charges of fraud. We know of no St. Mary's election official who needs any defence. We believe that all did their duty and we think when the mists of passion have cleared away they will all be accorded their need of praise.

Senator Coffin, of Prince George's writes us that we were in error in charging him with having voted for the Australian ballot law. In the BEACON of October 29th we said that Mr. Coffin voted for the bill as it passed the Senate. Page 640 of the Senate Journal so records him, Mr. Urner, rep. being the only Senator then recorded as voting against it. When this vote was taken the bill had in it the objectionable features, to Republicans, of lodging the appointment of Election Officers with Boards of Supervisors. In fact, we can find no material change that the House made in the bill save to exempt five counties from its operation. When the bill came back from the House, Mr. Coffin and three other Republicans voted with Mr. Urner against its final passage. So says the record.

THE RESULT IN THE STATE.

At the election on Tuesday, the vote for Frank Brown, the democratic candidate for Governor, was, in the city of Baltimore and all the counties, as unofficially reported, 103,465; that of Vannort, republican, 73,349, and that of Higgins, prohibition, 3,529. Brown's plurality 30,116; majority 25,627.

M. DeK. Smith, dem., for Comptroller, has a plurality of 27,551 and a majority of 25,937.

John P. Poe, dem., for Attorney-General, has a plurality of 26,265 and a majority of 22,705.

J. Frank Ford, dem., for Clerk of the Court of Appeals has a plurality of 27,916 and a majority of 24,361.

In the Legislature the result is a clean sweep, and can be stated in a few lines. The Democrats elect every Senator voted for this year, and the only representatives of the Republicans in that body are the four Senators holding over. The complexion of the House is equally decided. The Republicans elect their Delegates in but two counties of the State—Allegany five and Garrett two—who, with three fusionists constitute the entire opposition. The Legislature will stand on joint ballot 103 democrats and 14 opposition.

Chief Judge, John P. Briscoe, democrat, in the Seventh Judicial Circuit, is elected over his opponent, Col. Wilmer, by a majority of 1,330, having carried all the counties in the Circuit, consisting of Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles and Prince Georges, by decided majorities in each.

In the Fourth Judicial Circuit Edward Stake, republican, for Associate Judge, is elected over Judge Douglas by a reported unofficial majority of 628, he having carried Allegany by a majority of 505 and Garrett by 178, while Judge Douglas carried Washington County by 65 majority.

In the Fifth Judicial Circuit, composed of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties, Hon. Chas. B. Roberts was elected without opposition.

Returns of the vote on the constitutional amendments show the defeat of the third. The first, giving the Governor power to veto specific items is adopted. Amendment No. 2, referring to corporations, was also carried, as were No. 4 and No. 5, relating to the tenure of office of county commissioners and to the conferring of further power in the board of public works. Amendment, No. 6, providing for taxation of personal property in city or county where owner resides was carried by a vote of 33,475 to 30,385. Amendment No. 3, to repeal the XV Article of the Declaration of Rights, removing the inhibition against a poll tax, and relating to taxes and exemptions, was defeated by a vote of 31,825 for, and 37,946 against.

The election in the city of Baltimore resulted in the success of the entire Democratic ticket except in the First Branch City Councilman from the eleventh ward and the Second Branch City Councilman from the eleventh and twelfth wards. Harry S. Cummings, colored, is re-elected to represent the eleventh ward, and J. Frank Supple to represent the eleventh and twelfth.

For Mayor of Baltimore the vote of Ferdinand C. Latrobe, dem., was 39,072, and for Warfield ind. dem., 31,033, majority 8,039.

For State's Attorney the vote of Chas. G. Kerr, dem., was 40,319, and that of Marbury, ind. dem., 31,213; majority 9,106.

In Frederick County the democrats elect all the ticket except State's Attorney to which position Edward S. Eichelberger is elected. In Allegany the entire republican

ticket is elected, and in Garrett county the republican ticket is elected with the exception of Hamilton, for State's Attorney, and Jamison for Sheriff.

Vote of Maryland.

Table with columns: Counties and City, Pop. dem., Pop. rep., Total. Lists counties like Alleghany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore city, etc.

Judicial Election—Seventh Circuit.

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NEWS IN BRIEF.

Friday, November 6, 1891.

The residence of Mr. Frederick Tyson, near Kingsville, Baltimore county, was destroyed by fire.

The politicians are now exercised over the division of appointive offices.

It is proposed to encourage the formation of democratic clubs in every State in the Union.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis has selected Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va., as the final resting place of the remains of the husband.

The republican majority in Pennsylvania is 58,899.

J. Sloat Fassett, the republican candidate for Governor of New York, was asked if Warner knifed him. He replied: "Yes, we think he did that is, we believe his friends did. Still, I have received a good vote in many of his districts."

The latest figures from Ohio give Major William McKinley 20,486 plurality for Governor. The republicans claim from 48 to 50 majority in the Legislature.

Gov. Horace Boies, of Iowa, democrat, has a plurality of over 8,000. The rest of the democratic State ticket is elected by about 3,000.

Complete returns make the next Massachusetts Legislature stand as follows: Senate—Republican, 23; democrats, 17. House—Republicans, 150; democrats, 89; prohibitionists, 1. Governor Russell's plurality is nearly 7,000.

Major William McKinley, Governor-elect of Ohio, deprecates the continued agitation of the tariff issue, as it disturbs business and retards enterprises which the new law designs to encourage.

The New York Legislature is very close, but latest returns indicate that the democrats will have a majority of two on joint ballot. The effect of the new ballot law in New York is regarded as wholesome and tending to an honest polling of the vote.

Saturday, November 7th, 1891.

There were no new developments in the Chilean situation, but naval preparations on the part of the United States are being actively prosecuted.

Senator-elect Moss, of Anne Arundel county, has abandoned the libel prosecution against the publishers of the Maryland Republican, the publishers having filed an apology and retraction in Court.

There is no more prospect of rain at Columbus, Ind., than there was two months ago and everybody views the situation with alarm. Wells, streams and ponds are completely dry in entire sections, and since the fifties nothing like this has been known. The worst aspect is the damage to wheat and meadows. In many inland towns water is being sold.

The British government has directed its minister to China to give the Chinese government until the end of this month to reply to its ultimatum demanding satisfaction for outrages on foreigners in the province of Hunan, when failing to receive proper redress, the combined foreign fleets will seize Shanghai and other treaty ports and hold them until the matter in dispute is arranged.

one of the ninety-nine counties in Iowa show that Governor Boies' plurality will be fully 9,000. The other candidates on the democratic State ticket ran slightly behind the vote for Governor Boies, but there is no longer any question that they are all elected.

A special to the Cleveland Plaindealer from Canton, Ohio, says the official vote of Stark (McKinley's) county, as verified, gives Governor Campbell a plurality of 154.

United States Senator-elect John M. Palmer credits the democratic defeat in Ohio largely to the silver plank in the democratic platform.

Senator Frank Hiscock says the statement that he has been tendered the portfolio of the Secretary of War is without the slightest foundation.

Monday, November 9, 1891.

Mr. Cleveland, it is said, will soon publish a constitutional history of the United States.

It is thought the Maryland delegation will urge the appointment of Mr. Compton to a committee chairmanship.

Thomas J. Parsons, of Kent county, Md., secured the arrest of a Philadelphia commission merchant for making no returns for a consignment of peaches.

Hugh McLaughlin, the Brooklyn democratic leader, has received letters of congratulation on the recent election from ex-President Cleveland and Senator Gorman.

The contest for the speakership of the House is about to begin. Mr. Mills, one of the leading candidates, says no man has a right to brand him as the candidate of any particular grade of democrats, and he asserts he has made no pledges to any one.

It was announced Saturday that the Pope was suffering from cerebral anemia, due to old age, and that his condition causes grave apprehension.

Baron Fava, Italian minister to the United States, who quitted Washington soon after the lynching of the Italians in New Orleans, has been promoted by his government to the rank of plenipotentiary of the first class.

Tuesday, November 10, 1891.

The Maryland Historical Society will erect a monument on the Guilford battle-field, North Carolina.

An effort will be made to have the Democratic and Republican National Conventions held in New York city.

A number of Southern ladies residing in Washington have organized a society, having for its object the assisting of the needy Confederate veterans of the District.

The severe drought that has prevailed in Illinois and Indiana for several months has been partially relieved by the showers of the past few days that have been general throughout the State.

The new Baltimore City Council organized and adjourned until Wednesday, November 18, when Mayor-elect Latrobe will be inaugurated. Mr. Henry Seim was made president of the First Branch, and Mr. John M. Jones president of the Second Branch.

A letter received in Upper Marlboro' from Calvert county declares the republicans will contest the election there.

Two of the four return judges of Calvert county have signed and transmitted to Annapolis returns which give the republicans 213 majority in the county.

DIED. On Saturday, Nov. 7th, at his residence in the Second District, BENJAMIN BORDMAN, aged about 63 years.

JOHN FRANCIS TURNER, born March 25th, 1850, died October 30, 1891, at the residence of his son in law, J. Van H. Aud, in the Second District. Mr. Turner was born in Charles county and moved to St. Mary's when about 18 years of age.

On the evening of November 8, 1891, at 430 Calvert, Mrs. MARY H. BRISCOE, in the 88th year of her age, widow of the late Dr. John H. Briscoe and was a sister of the late H. G. S. and John H. Key.

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