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Weather Report. Northern California-Increasing cloudiness and probably rain in northern and eastern portions Thursday; colder Thursday and Thursday night; brisk southwest-only winds.

THE RESULT. There is now every reason to believe that William McKinley has been elected President of the United States. We have passed through one of those peaceful revolutions for which our country is famous.

Let some bright man just elected to the Legislature put this down in his note book—we need an amendment to the election law requiring election boards to post at the door of the polls a complete showing of the result in the precinct.

As it is now, in many cases it is impossible to ascertain how an election has gone until the official canvass by the Boards of Supervisors. Some precinct boards finish their count, seal up the papers (including those they should retain, as by law provided), send them to the Clerk and go home before it is possible for the press to ascertain results, except a reporter is placed in each polling place and kept there—a thing not usual nor to be demanded of newspapers.

But outside of that consideration the people are entitled to know the result of the count at once, and to read it at the polls as soon as the tallying is finished. Posting the returns at once is also desirable as preventive of fraud, for instance of alteration of the papers after they leave the hands of the inspectors and judges.

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ENTITLED TO THE BEST. The reports from San Francisco of blundering by election officers emphasize anew the demand that has been made these many years, that the standard of qualification for election board officials shall be greatly raised.

such tricks may be done purposely, with the idea of having certain ballots cast out. But this was not probably the case in the instance referred to, because a very large number of ballots were treated in that way in a single precinct.

The ascertaining of the will of the people from their ballots ought to engage the most expert clerical skill, and the inspectors and judges should be men accustomed to business methods, to close thought and rapid and exact work.

As it is now men are frequently put into these responsible positions who are wholly unfit. Good men, they are, perhaps, but not accustomed to sitting in judgment, nor in reading aloud, nor in tallying, adding and certifying. The people ought to have the best of service in the booths, where are the beginnings of government.

THE LOCAL RESULT. The result of the election in Sacramento City and county is the choice of two Republican and one fusion legislator, the election of two fusion and one Republican Judge, the defeat of the regular nominee for Police Justice of the city, and the election of one fusion, one independent and one Republican Supervisor.

The defeat of Judge Catlin is to be accounted for by anonymous, secret and open assault that deprived him of many votes. Mr. Brusie's defeat was helped on by the interposition of Dr. Dixon, an alleged Independent Republican candidate for the Senatorship, and Mr. Flint's defeat for the Supervisorship was due to the very strong personal influence of Mr. Morrison, present President of the Board of Supervisors.

Congressman Johnson is defeated. He had the most difficult fight of any candidate on the list, having not only to overcome nominal Democratic and Populist strength in the district, but to do battle against violent assaults from outside the district. Sacramento City gave Mr. Johnson 1,681 majority over Mr. DeVries. That the county and district should have failed the Republican party as it has is regrettable.

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The returns are not complete, but enough is known to cause rejoicing in one respect—Alteid is defeated for the Governorship of Illinois. The man never was a true Democrat. He entered the party simply because he could best gain political power through it. He denies hotly that he is an anarchist, but the people who study his speeches and observe his methods are entitled to judge for themselves in what direction he is traveling.

There are some good reasons for believing that the recent agreement between France and Italy regarding Tunisia means a change in the foreign policy of Italy toward France. The French papers exult over the agreement, and are very near admitting that Italy was driven to the compact by force.

Italian domination. If this is to be the end in view, what a prospect for serious trouble is blossoming, to be sure.

No matter how the Presidential election turns out, the next Congress in both houses will be strongly Republican. This is cause for congratulation. Here is a body that will have every incentive to do for the whole country the very best that can be done. It will be in danger, of course, of that drift that always sets in when one political party has entire control of the Government or entire control of both houses of legislation.

Sacramento City gave Mr. Johnson for Congress 4,269 votes out of 7,161. It was a handsome tribute to home candidacy. For the third time our neighboring city Stockton is honored by having one of her citizens chosen for Congress, a privilege Sacramento has enjoyed but once. May it turn out to be cause for pride to Stockton and the district.

The indications at this writing are that in the next Legislature there will be a Republican majority on joint ballot, and that a Republican will be elected United States Senator. This is cause for congratulation, "Vale" Cator.

AN AFRICAN PEST. The mystery which has hung so long over the cause of that peculiar African epidemic known as "fly disease," a disease of certain domestic animals, which our great traveler Livingstone was among the first to describe accurately and make familiar to the English reader, seems, says the "British Medical Journal," at last to be in a fair way of being cleared up.

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As the tsetse is a voracious blood-sucker, passing in search of food from one animal to another, it is well adapted as a medium for the conveyance and transmission of the germs of blood diseases. It has been found there over almost the whole of Central Africa; it abounds to the north of the Transvaal, and on the right bank of the Zambezi, and it is also common on the low country lying between the Ougogo and the eastern shore of the continent. It shuns villages and cultivated places, preferring the borders of swamps and woody places, and, curious enough, in some way or other, its distribution is bound up with and depends on the presence of large game.

Hitherto the nature of the poison, assumed to be introduced into its victim by the tsetse-fly, was unknown. Livingstone suggested that it might be derived from the secretion of certain glands which are rather a conspicuous feature in the anatomy of the insect. Others conjectured that it might be a germ of some description. Others again have denied that the fly was in any way the cause of the disease. It would now appear that the natives were right and that to a certain extent Livingstone, too, was right, in so far as he recognized the casual relationship of the fly to the disease, though wrong as to the nature of the virus.

The virus is found to be a micro-organism, a protozoon, resembling that which produces a similar disease, the surra in India. The connection of the "fly disease" with the presence of large game is explained by the fact that the larva of the fly develops in the dung of the buffalo. The fact that the micro-organism distributed by the fly is so deadly to some animals and so comparatively harmless to others has not been explained, but it is a quality possessed also by other germs, which appear to thrive in the blood of one creature while that of another is fatal to them.

In closing the editors of the "Journal" make the following remarks: "Surgeon-Captain Bruce's discovery will draw attention once more to the part played by insects, particularly blood suckers, as factors in pathology. The role of the mosquito is beginning to be recognized; that of the tsetse is now established, and possibly ere long other blood suckers will be found to possess similar properties, either as active agents in the biological cycle of disease germs, as in the case of the mosquito, or as media for their conveyance from one human being or from one animal to another, as in the case of the tsetse fly. Disease with peculiarly localized geographical distributions—distributions apparently not directly dependent on climate, but on some strictly local and limited circumstances—may be conveyed in the same way as this tsetse-fly disease, and owe their peculiar geographical distributions to something of the same sort."

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NO CRANKS IN KANSAS. Even the Man Who Objected Had a Few Striking Views.

"I have just returned from a trip through Kansas," remarked a traveling man to a Washington "Star" reporter. "At Clay Center the landlord said: 'The newspapers are hurting Kansas by calling it a State of cranks. There ought to be some way to stop it.' 'It may be on account of the silver question,' I suggested.

"Well, of course, we are all for having plenty of money—we don't care particularly about silver—The best way would be for the Government just to print enough greenbacks for every one to have enough. 'How about women in politics?' 'Women have tongues, and they ought to go into politics. Men have their business to attend to, and the women ought to do the stump speaking—they have plenty of time.

"Do you believe in Government ownership of railroads? 'Certainly. The East would be benefited by Kansas grain, and Kansas must get clothing from the East. Each section is interested in exchanging goods, and there ought not to be any freight to pay for transportation. Its for the public welfare. I believe in the prohibition of liquor, keeping all foreigners out of the country, refusing to allow any Catholics to own any property, but as to cranks—I have lived in Kansas twenty years and never met a crank who was a resident of the State, and this criticism should be stopped. Newspapers are too free, anyway, and we will never have peace until the Government appoints men to read everything before it is printed and keep out such stuff.'"

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The Same Old Complaint. Little Dot—Teacher says we needn't all learn to write the same hand. Mamma—That pleases you, doesn't it? Little Dot—Why, no. It's just as hard to learn to write one way as another. Now, if she'd only tell us we needn't spell the same way, there'd be some comfort in it.—London Advertiser.

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