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What Mr. Bryan needs is a guaranteed election.

Glory be, that fine old Cannon remains unspiked!

President Roosevelt was right. They were "beat to a frazzle."

In other words, the American people have again proved their sanity.

Mr. Gompers should experience no difficulty whatever in determining exactly where he is "at."

Tuesday's election also sealed the fate of Samuel Gompers. He is now of no more account than a last year's bird's nest.

It is Colonel McGuffey's and Pat McCarren's turn to laugh now. A broad smile on the face of Judge Parker would also be excusable.

You can tell a Democratic newspaper at a glance these days by the absence of big headlines. The opposition is not advertising its defeat any more than is absolutely necessary.

Iowa cornfields will now come in for their share of attention. The election of Taft and a Republican congress assures that Iowa's staple product will continue to command a good price.

Returns from "Uncle Joe" Cannon's district in Illinois show that he received his normal vote, despite the vigorous contest waged against him. This means his re-election by between 6,000 and 7,000 majority.

Taft's popularity and strength as a candidate is illustrated by the fact that in many places, particularly in New York state, his pluralities exceeded those of Roosevelt four years ago. Any man who outruns Theodore Roosevelt is going some.

The Mt. Pleasant News said not longer than a week ago that no campaign was being conducted in Congressman Kennedy's interest and that he was certain to be defeated by a decisive majority. As a political prophet the Mt. Pleasant News isn't worth three cents a dozen.

Not least among the causes for rejoicing is the re-election of "Uncle Joe" Cannon. The fight on him was due to a wholly erroneous impression of his attitude and conduct and was without justification in fact. His victory over misrepresentation and abuse is one of the signal triumphs of the campaign.

And up at Des Moines, even within a week of election, they talked about the First district being doubtful! The Register and Leader printed what purported to be a dispatch from Burlington favoring this view. As a matter of fact there never was any doubt, or any reason for doubt, in the mind of the well-informed that the district would do other than it has done. All talk to the contrary was either the product of ignorance or uttered for political effect.

There was no worry in the First district about the First district. All the doubt and anxiety was on the outside, and it was wholly without excuse, as the returns conclusively show. With Congressman Kennedy as the Republican candidate Tuesday's result was a forgone conclusion from the first.

The next thing in order is for union labor to purge itself by relegating Samuel Gompers to the obscurity of private life. He should not be permitted to pose longer as a representative of its interests or be in a position to work it further harm. The sooner organized labor repudiates him the better for organized labor.

The Chicago Tribune is encouraged to believe that after Mr. Bryan has been defeated two or three more times he will begin to suspect that the people don't want him for President. The same paper foresees that it will be at least four years before Mr. Gompers will undertake to make another delivery of the labor vote to a presidential candidate.

The defeat of Senator Berry in Illinois is greatly regretted in Keokuk as well as among his constituents. He was a recognized leader in the constructive legislation of his state and merited re-election by a handsome majority. By an accident of politics the state is deprived of the counsel and services in a public capacity of one of its ablest and worthiest men.

The Sioux City Tribune said on election day: "We know not, but we seem to feel that God's just hand has turned the wheel."

If the Tribune had in mind the general result its impression was clearly all right. If it referred to the political fortunes of an eminent Iowan there will not be lacking those who will say that the wheel was turned by the machine at Des Moines. It depends on what the Tribune was talking about.

On the day before election at Davenport a man was taken before the proper authorities and given a hearing on the charge of insanity. "Who is Taft?" inquired a member of the board. "I have never heard of him," responded the patient. "Who is William Jennings Bryan?" he was asked next. The individual under examination raised his head. His eyes brightened and a smile crept over his former stolid countenance, as he replied: "He is our next President of the United States. I am going to vote for him tomorrow." It need not be added that the man was hustled off at once to Mercy hospital for treatment for mental aberration. The board was a unit on the question of his insanity.

An exceptionally accurate forecast of Tuesday's presidential election was made as early as September 19 by Mr. H. R. Collins of this city. It was filed with The Gate City two weeks ago and kept for comparison with the election returns. Mr. Collins' only mistake was in putting Montana with its three votes in the doubtful column and marking it as probably favorable to Taft, whereas the returns show that Montana was carried by Bryan. With this exception his table and the election returns agree in every particular. It should be said that Mr. Collins made his forecast before any tables of votes by states were made up by the national committees or published in the newspapers.

The rejoicing of Iowa Republicans over the general result is tempered by the defeat of Hon. W. P. Hepburn for congress in the Eighth district. The house of representatives at Washington contains no able member than Colonel Hepburn nor any one who deserved better of his constituents. His defeat is little if anything short of a national calamity. In the important new legislation of the recent past he has been especially conspicuous and useful, so useful in fact as to be singled out by President Roosevelt for unqualified endorsement and praise. The voters of the Eighth district have made a serious mistake in displacing him. He is a national character and should have been returned by the largest majority the district ever gave a candidate.

The hope of the Democratic party, in the present crisis in its history, is in the south. The Chicago Tribune makes this quite clear in the following paragraph:

If the Democratic party were to dissolve the solid south would ask: "Where am I to go?" It would not become Republican. It could not become socialist. It abhors the socialistic methods which Bryan has been adopting, his appeals to classes, and his invocation of class hatred. Perhaps now that Bryanism has been again repudiated, southern statesmen will endeavor to regain control of a party which must depend on their electoral votes. If they were to purge the party of populists and socialists and restore the old creed, it would escape the fate toward which it seems to be hastening. It would become a useful minority party, which it is not now, and might in time elect a President.

A Chicago kindergarten teacher says that a knowledge of some kind of work could be taught in the school to every boy, and the ability to do such work well is as necessary to a boy's education as to name the rivers of Asia or extract the cube root of numbers never used in practical life.

MR. KENNEDY RE-ELECTED.

The returns indicate the re-election of Congressman Kennedy by a plurality of about 2,000. This is something like seven times the size of his majority two years ago, but no larger than Mr. Kennedy deserved. He is not only a clean, high-minded gentleman of unblemished character, but he has shown himself to be an industrious, useful and wholly creditable representative. His record at Washington attests that he has been exceptionally serviceable to the district and true to its interests in every particular. His re-election by a largely increased majority was fairly earned and is fitting acknowledgment of what he is and has done.

The re-election of Mr. Kennedy was also demanded by the necessity of having a Republican majority in the House at Washington to support President Taft in his wise and statesman-like policies. The imperative need of such a majority was emphasized by President Roosevelt early in the campaign. This fact was recognized by the opposition not less clearly than by Republicans, and the most desperate efforts were made to defeat the First district Republican nominee. Some of the means employed were disreputable in the extreme, but Mr. Kennedy won out notwithstanding misrepresentation and chicanery. The Burlington Hawk-Eye in speaking of his re-election well says:

"It is a matter of special gratulation to the Republicans of the First district, and to anti-Bryan Democrats who wish a continuance of the present administrative and legislative policies of the national government, that Mr. Charles A. Kennedy is re-elected to the house. The election of Mr. Taft to the presidency was easily foreseen, but the political status of the next house was more in doubt. It is important that the President shall be sustained by a congress in political accord with him. An opposition house would bar all progress; everything would be at a standstill.

"Some people have been slow to realize the importance of a congress and a President in political accord and have been too ready to treat the office of representative in congress with easygoing consideration. Conditions were such in Tuesday's election that every Republican candidate possible ought to be elected in order to insure control of the next house and give President Taft the support to which he is entitled. The people of the First Iowa district, have responded in commendable spirit and have re-elected Mr. Kennedy by a good substantial majority four or five times as large as he received at his first election. This is not only a fine endorsement of the voters of the district thus far, but it strengthens his hands for further useful service for his constituents.

"His triumph is also the answer of the voters to the invective and vituperation aimed at Mr. Kennedy with disgusting persistence. It is hard to be patient with such a low grade of political opposition, but Mr. Kennedy has borne it with becoming dignity and patience and his worthy example will inspire his friends throughout the district to give the matter little further thought or consideration. It was a renaissance of old style, bitter political strife. The voters everywhere are looking for a higher order of political activity, and the splendid vote for Mr. Kennedy is a significant expression of the trend of public opinion."

Every word the Hawk-Eye says on the subject is true and timely. Mr. Kennedy has good reason to be proud of the endorsement First district voters have given him as evidence of their appreciation of what he has done and their approval of the things for which he stands.

EXIT BRYAN.

Before the election we heard a great deal about a "united Democracy." We were told that the party was free from internal strife and stronger and more determined than ever before. Yet it was defeated as badly as in 1896 and 1900 when Mr. Bryan ran before. It ought by this time to be apparent to the densest Democrat that this country does not want Mr. Bryan as its President. It has so declared on three separate occasions in unmistakable tones. This is one of the meanings of Tuesday's result. It is not to be assumed that the Democratic party could have won with another candidate as against Judge Taft, whose fitness for the office of President is so conspicuous and so generally recognized, but it would certainly have held down the adverse majorities to lower figures. Governor Johnson of Minnesota would have made a much more creditable showing in the returns than Mr. Bryan has done. The country likes Mr. Bryan—as an orator. People will turn out by thousands to hear him speak and will cheer him to the echo. But they have no confidence in him as a leader, least of all as a constructive statesman. They look upon him as visionary and impractical and are unwilling to invest him with official power. For this he has only himself to blame. He has advocated all sorts of fads and isms as infallible "cure-alls," and has proposed remedies that were infinitely worse than the conditions they were warranted to cure. If he could have had his way he would have burned down the barn to get rid of the rats. He has also indulged in wild predictions of disaster none of which have come true. These things and others like them have tended to destroy confidence in him, if he ever inspired anything of the kind. In casting about for the causes of his defeat for the presidency as the candidate of a great party in three elections Mr. Bryan should not fail to enumerate himself as one of them.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

The Chicago News notes that when a man is short usually he has a long face.

According to the Clinton Herald, a political optimist is a man who eats chestnuts in the dark.

The Atchison Globe notes that it is necessary to meet good luck half way, but bad luck will chase you.

As the New York Press sees it, the chief trouble with ideals is that they will not pay any grocery bills.

It is pointed out by the Philadelphia Record that naturally a woman feels unmanned when she gets a divorce.

A queer thing about debt is noted by the New York Times. "The faster we run in the more we get behind."

The Chicago Tribune explains that President Roosevelt is to blame for it. He did not "let Taft and I fight it out alone."

George Fitch defines a dude as a man who takes more care in choosing a hat than he bestows on what goes under it.

The Des Moines Capital wishes something would happen to give the Abruzzi-Elkins campaign a whirlwind or some other kind of finish.

The Burlington Hawk-Eye remarks the fact that there was a heap of unnecessary worry in Des Moines over the outcome in the First district.

And Joseph G. Cannon, he sez he's licked 'em again, by Jiminee! —Chicago Tribune.

The Ida Grove Pioneer says the circle should go back on the ballot and stay there, whether it pleases or not some of our one-horse professional reformers.

"So live, young man, that when you have served a term as President your literary output will be worth \$2 a word in the magazine market," advises the Sigourney News.

The talesman is under examination for jury duty. "Have you any prejudice against capital punishment?" asked the state's attorney. "I have," responded the talesman, "but in the case of this prisoner I would take pleasure in waiving it."

"The young man who gets \$30 a month on the farm, or who gets \$2.00 a day for manual labor in the town, should bear in mind that it is within the memory of most of them, when the farm hand received but \$14 to \$20 a month, and the laborer was begging for work at a dollar a day. The working man cannot afford to take chances," remarks the Alta Advertiser.

That most famous product of Missouri, the mule, not satisfied with past achievements, has broken into science. There is a possibility that not only quadrupeds, but mankind as well, stockmen in particular, will have cause to bless the creation of the mule. There have been many deaths from lockjaw in the Helm Brewing company stables in Kansas City recently. Thursday a valuable mule became afflicted. Friday it was decided to kill the animal, when the engineer suggested an electric treatment. Contact plates were attached to the mule's jaw and tail and 120 volts direct current were turned on. The treatment was repeated the next day and the mule recovered.

Gompers' Bad Defeat.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: While personal sympathy will go out for Mr. Bryan in his defeat, some ought to be reserved for Mr. Gompers. He is one of the worst-beaten men in the United States. And the workmen helped do it. His pompous effort to deliver the labor vote to a political party of his own selection has been most emphatically reprimanded by the labor vote.

New York City, Brooklyn and other points where union labor is very strong are significant and eloquent examples. Speaker Cannon's district, a special, objective point in Mr. Gompers' campaign, affords another illustrative example.

Mr. Gompers professed to be maneuvering in the interest of union labor. It was pretense, or else inexcusable ignorance. He hurt the cause he professed to champion. The safety of labor organizations is in their abstention from partisan affiliation as a body. The members should be absolutely free to vote their own sentiments. The purposes of the order are higher and far superior to partisan politics. Gompers' policy could only lead to ruin of the order. Wise leadership doubtless will now take Mr. Gompers' place, if union labor is to develop and develop its greatest usefulness.

Life in Washington.

Washington Democrat: A girl in this town takes vocal lessons. Her mother has heart trouble and is bothered frequently about seeing her breath. So one day the daughter was practicing her vocal lessons in the house and she did such remarkable breathing and such gasping and snorting around that the neighbors thought it was the old lady dying with heart trouble and rushed in to see what they could do for her.

Diana of the Directoire.

Bring me my new fall hat, mama, for I want to put it on— It is wider than the widest hats we wore in years ago.

It is three feet wide and the brim is thick and it has a lot of weight. And it makes me wear three heads of hair just to keep it sitting straight.

My shoes? Ah, yes, I have put them on, and the heels are good and high

And they press against my tender feet till I feel that I must die; Yet I wear them so as I can come and go and I force a pleasant smile

For one has to be in the style, mama, one has to be in the style.

And now my directoire gown, mama; I've managed to don my stays; You will have to slip me into it, for my arms I cannot raise.

And I'm willowy as you may see, with the willowiness of steel— It will be tonight ere I take a bite, for I cannot hold a meal!

And now I go for a little stroll, and I go to make a call— And I shall not sit upon a chair, but shall lean against the wall, For I can't sit down in my nice new gown, for I know that if I do I'll be certain to break in two, mama, I'll certainly break in two! —Chicago Post.

SEE REAL TRADE BOOM.

Men of Affairs Agree that Taft Victory is Signal of Prosperity.

Chicago Record-Herald: Prosperity and a revival of business are spelled by the election of Taft. That is the general view of business men, as expressed last night after the result of the election was no longer in doubt.

The revival in industrial and commercial fields is not to be confined to any particular kind of business, but will be general in the belief of those who are qualified to speak. All lines of trade and industry will feel the beneficial effects of the Taft election. The revival is likely to begin almost immediately and will continue in ever increasing volume during the next six months or so until the affairs of the nation in a business way are once more normal.

Railroad men and bankers, manufacturers and merchants, stock brokers and board of trade men all join in declaring that the transformation of former Judge Taft into President-elect Taft means the end of depression. One of the immediate effects of the election will be the carrying through of many deals, and many of them for large sums, which were awaiting the success of the Republican nominee. It is stated that millions of dollars are represented in business transactions which were dependent on Taft's election. All this volume of business will now be electrified into life.

LaSalle street brokers and board of trade men prophesy that there will be one of the busiest times seen for many months on the exchanges and boards of trade. Dealing in stocks will become active, and there will be large expenditures both for investment and speculative purposes.

One of the important effects of the election, it is stated, will be the placing of American securities on a firmer basis in European money centers. The foreign investors have been somewhat timid of late concerning securities of this country, but now they will once more enter the American field with assurance.

In the manufacturing field the effect of Mr. Taft's election will be seen, it is prophesied, in increased output and in the buying of far larger quantities of raw material than has been the case for months. Manufacturers and jobbers have been carrying exceptionally small stocks for some time past, but they will now begin once more to branch out.

The railroad men join the ranks of the prophets of prosperity. With one accord they hailed the election of Taft with expressions of delight.

It is the general opinion among the transportation interests that Taft's election will result in better business conditions almost immediately. Although many of them do not like the fact that he apparently stands for all of the Roosevelt policies, nevertheless they are convinced that he is the best equipped and sanest man for the position.

Uncle Joe Wins.

Burlington Hawk-Eye: Our "Uncle Joe" Cannon "got there" by a good round majority, estimated at this writing at 6,000 to 7,000. It is a notable triumph in view of the allied forces arrayed against him—the labor unions, the churches, the temperance societies and others, every last one of them laboring under a wrong impression concerning Mr. Cannon's course in congress, and his attitude toward their special interests. The assailants were the principal sufferers by the unjustifiable attempts to defeat his re-election to congress. If the Republicans have the next house by a good majority, Mr. Cannon will undoubtedly be the next speaker, a matter of gratulation for the whole country.

Taft and Cannon will make a strong team for the promotion of desirable legislation and for restraint upon that which is undesirable. The friends of

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democracy the formula of civilization's greatest experiment is working to its solution. The theorists who watched and prophesied at the beginning of the experiment feared the arts of the demagogue and the passion of the multitude. The mighty truth has been written across the pages of history that a free people will advance in even measure along the practicable highway of progress, will test men and measures in daylight common sense, will test words by deeds, will work out of the wisdom of the common life the larger wisdom which guides great nations in the path of their destiny.

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