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The Ohio Election.

There are two reasons for the heavy slump in the Republican vote in Ohio, neither of which shows a reversal of sentiment among the people regarding the issues on which the state was carried for the Republican party, and has been carried for that party in every presidential election in the past thirty-five years. In spite of the fact that Ohio has nearly always gone Democratic in the first off year following a presidential election, and that until recently she has kept a divided delegation in the United States senate, it has never been demonstrated that the state was not loyal to Republican principles when the national issues that divide the parties were paramount and the presidency was at stake. The nearest she ever came to falling in this loyalty was in 1892, the year of a free trade landslide, which gave Mr. Cleveland one elector.

But aside from this habit of Ohio's in slumping the year following a presidential election, the result this year was due to two reasons, as stated. The first was the unfortunate factional troubles of a purely local character in the two chief cities of the state. In Cincinnati it was a contest within the party, not over national questions, but growing out of a revolt against the regular organization on the part of those who desired to throw it from power in the control of city affairs.

With such a split there could be but one result in a county that would otherwise have elected a full delegation of fourteen members to the general assembly, who would have voted for Mr. Hanna for senator. Not satisfied with defeating the faction in control of the city, for local reasons, the men who revolted carried their war to the legislative ticket, nominated by the regular organization, and involved the possible defeat of the party's candidate for the senate.

The result in Hamilton county, therefore, does not indicate that the Republicans of the county have changed their views on national questions, and the Popocrat who comforts himself with the thought that it means a reversal of sentiment in favor of Bryanism is either ignorant of the situation or blinded by his fanatical devotion to the cause of the fifty cent dollar. The slight losses in Cuyahoga county are also due to a local factional disaffection, and not to any reversal of sentiment regarding silver and the tariff.

Another feature of the election was the indifference due to overconfidence on the part of Republicans in the rural districts. This was evident all over the state for some weeks before the election. The farmers of Ohio were satisfied that the chief free silver argument of last year was a delusion. The advance in the price of their agricultural products, and the rapid rise in the price of wool had opened their eyes, and they beheld every promise that the Republican party had made to them fulfilled.

The Popocrats, seeing that their old arguments for silver would be useless in the face of returning prosperity, adopted the tactics of making only an indifferent campaign among the farmers; there was an affected apathy which seemed to indicate that they had little confidence in their ability to win, and they centered their campaign efforts in the cities and towns. All this was calculated to create an over-confidence among the Republican farmers of Ohio, and they could not be made to believe that the state was not safe for an old time Republican majority. The Democrats, they thought, were doing little, and they rested contented. "We are too busy this year," they declared, "to bother about politics; it's different from last year."

When the votes from the rural districts are in and analyzed these facts can be easily demonstrated, and in the returns there will be found nothing indicating that there has been a reversal of public sentiment. This is shown to a degree by the returns from several counties that the Democrats had counted upon to show heavy Democratic gains, but which really showed big Republican gains. Undoubtedly the closeness of the vote in Ohio is a disappointment to the Republicans of the whole country, who expected her to render a better account of herself, but there is not one element in the entire situation that shows that a reaction in favor of the Popocratic heresies, such as the Popocratic brethren may hail it as such.

Tammany's Victory and the Bryanites.

The esteemed Register's rooster crows loud and long over the accession to power in Greater New York of the corrupt Tammany organization, which plundered the city of millions of dollars, and some members of which are now serving terms in the general corruption during the last Tammany regime. While the

Register surprises no one by its desire to thus let itself loose over a victory scored by an organization labeled Democratic, but repudiated by thousands of respectable Democrats in New York City, inasmuch as it has been some time since our neighbor has had an opportunity to crow over anything political, it will strike a great many people that the rejoicing is a trifle inconsistent with its attitude in other respects.

The Register seems proud to boast that it is a believer in William J. Bryan and the righteousness of his cause, and it is so enthusiastic a free silverite that it believes all Democrats who do not believe in this heresy are traitors to Democracy. If the victory of Tammany is to be construed as a Popocratic victory from a national point of view, the circumstances certainly do not warrant it.

In the first place, the Tammany machine controlled the regular city Democratic convention, and at its dictation the convention refused to endorse the Chicago platform. The free silver, or Bryan wing of the Democracy then repudiated the ticket, and joined the "Jeffersonian" Democratic movement headed by Henry George, their convention reaffirming the Chicago platform and swearing allegiance to Bryan and Bryanism.

Bryan himself rebuked Tammany for its refusal to endorse the Chicago platform, and declined to utter one word that could be construed to be anything in aid of Van Wyck. On the contrary, he was in sympathy with the free silverites who bolted the Tammany ticket, and flocked to the standard of Henry George. Although George himself had not been a silverite, he had accepted a nomination on that platform. Had his death not occurred on almost the eve of the election, the triumph of Tammany would not have been so pronounced.

Now, if our neighbor is sincere in its espousal of Bryan and free silver, it looks as if its jubilation over the victory of a ticket which Bryan himself practically repudiated, so far as it affected national issues, indicates an inconsistent frame of mind that is more amusing than surprising.

A Fair Redistricting.

The committee's ordinance would make the average population of these (gerrymandered) districts 1,450 votes—intelligently.

That is the average population of these districts now. In its defense of the proposed gerrymander by the bosses the organ becomes somewhat tangled and foolish—Register.

Where does the Register obtain its figures to show that "that is the average voting population now?" Let our neighbors consult the official returns from the election of last year, or of any recent year, and make good its claim. Last year the total vote cast in the county was distributed among the various districts as follows:

Table with 2 columns: District Name and Population. Includes Washington (1,232), Madison (1,207), Clay (1,235), Union (1,333), Centre (788), Webster (1,333), Ritchie (1,543), Richland (418), Liberty (423), Triadelphia (1,041).

This certainly does not show that the population is as nearly equal as possible, as required by the constitution of the state, nor does it show that the Register's remark, above quoted, is based upon even a small amount of truth. When some districts contain as much as double the population of others, where is the justification for the Register's claim?

In another article in the same issue the Register says that since the county was redistricted twenty years ago, "there has been a great increase in population, but it has been very evenly distributed." The figures above quoted do not bear out this statement. They show a difference, for instance, of 700 votes between Washington and Madison districts; a difference between Clay and Webster of 600; a difference between Webster and Centre of more than 1,000. Will the Register continue to claim that the population has been "very evenly distributed?"

Nor is it true, as our neighbor asserts, that the districts are practically the same in proportion now as they were twenty years ago. The Intelligencer quoted figures from the election returns of 1876 to show the untruthfulness of this statement when the Register advanced it some weeks ago. Every old citizen of Wheeling knows that there has been a shifting of the population of the city, as well as a big increase, in the past twenty years. These changes are constantly going on, and it is proper and right that inequalities thus created should be corrected.

In opposing the redistricting of the county the Register produces no figures whatever to bear out its claim that inequalities do not exist; but confines its "arguments" to partisan harangues against the board of county commissioners, and a plea that an arrangement of the districts to comply with the law will perhaps give the Republicans some political advantages at coming elections. Of course, in the Register's mind, this would be a great evil, and if the county happened to be in Democratic hands, and the board would conceive it to be proper to arrange the districts in compliance with the law, the Register would counsel its party not to do so, as it might result in keeping the county in Democratic control! We can all imagine the Register denouncing its own party for doing such a thing, even if the law did obligate it to do so! Away with such hypocrisy!

While our Popocratic friends are pointing to "reduced Republican majorities," let them turn towards Bryan's state of Nebraska, where all the allied forces opposed to the Republican ticket squeezed through by a majority in the neighborhood of 2,000. Last year Mr. Bryan carried the state by 12,000.

The Register had a rooster over Massachusetts yesterday, notwithstanding it gave the heaviest Republican majority, with the exception of last year, ever given a gubernatorial candidate.

IN THE LOWER KINGDOM.

The Hindus declare that drops of water falling from a cow's horns have the power to expiate sin, and that scratching the back of a cow destroys all guilt.

A captive bee, striving to escape, has been made to record as many as 15,540 wing strokes per minute in a recent test.

In Helopolis when a cat died in a private residence the inmates shaved

their eyebrows. The killing of a cat even accidentally, was reckoned a capital offense.

Poe has immortalized the raven. Whittier the robin and Longfellow the snow-white bird that sung to the monk Felix.

King Charles V., rather than disturb a swallow that had built her nest on his tent, gave orders when the camp was broken to leave his tent standing.

The common house fly makes six hundred strokes of its wings per second when flying at its highest speed. The dragon fly makes 11,500.

The carrier pigeon was in use by the state department of the Ottoman empire as early as the fourteenth century. Litigow says that a dispatch has been carried in those days from Bagdad to Aleppo, thirty days' journey on horses, in forty-eight hours.

Animals are often able to bear very protracted fasting. In the Italian earthquakes of 1785 two hogs were buried at Soriano in the ruins of a building. They were taken out alive forty-two days later, but very lean and weak. A dog at the same time and place was buried for twenty-three days and recovered.

An eminent naturalist says that every thread of what we call the spider's web is made up of about 5,000 separate fibers. If a pound of this thread were required it would occupy nearly 35,000 spiders a full year to furnish it. The author of this statement does not inform us how long the thread would be, but it is safe to say that it would reach several times around the world.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The epicure always catches the early bird. Sound money is the kind that jingles in a fellow's pocket.

A genius is a man who can do almost anything except make a living. The man who knows the least is often in the biggest hurry to tell it.

A man may run into debt, but he seldom comes out of it faster than a walk. It is easier to get liquor on a Sunday afternoon than it is to get groceries.

Some people put their best foot forward so far that the other one never catches up. Books are a wonderful help to a man—especially bankbooks and pocket-books.

Theatrical stock companies are not compelled to travel in stock cars—all the time. When some men being to talk others wonder why the age limit of the kindergarten should be restricted.

The woman with a large mouth has an advantage over her less favored sisters. She can talk and be kissed at the same time. A man may enjoy his sweetheart up to his knees during courtship, but after marriage he doesn't like the idea of being sat on.

A good cook should be given a wide range. Some bald-headed men seem to have hair on the brain. It is a waste of time to advertise for lost friendship.

An actor always likes to have friends, yet he never wants any one to take his part. The man with a stiff neck can never see anything amusing in a balloon ascension.

Age sometimes brings wisdom teeth according to the price we can afford to pay the dentist. Life's journey is so tiresome that a man is out of breath when he reaches the end of it.

If women were as careful about their appearance after marriage as they are before, there would be fewer matrimonial failures.—Chicago News.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

A Good Yesterday—"Why weren't you on hand yesterday to cut the grass, John?" "Very sorry, sir, but I had to parade with the unemployed."—Life.

The Height of Oratory.—Mrs. Johnson—Am Parson Jackson ve'y eloquent? Mrs. Whitehead (ecstatically)—Am he eloquent? Oh, my! I wish you could have heard his sermon las' Sunday 'bout Baleam an' de ass; 'o' could almost 'magine yo' heard de ass a'talkin'—Harper's Weekly.

A Brilliant Success.—"Was your tour a success?" asked the friend. "Was it a success?" asked Mr. Knight Stände, the eminent all-around historian. "Was it a success? We all got back, didn't we?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Contrary Sex.—Parson Johnson—So dis little chile am a gal. De udder one belong to the contrary sex? Mrs. Jackson—Yais, pahnson; dat's a gal, too.—Judge.

A Clever Ruse.—"Yes, I always let people know that my wife is a Republican and I'm a Democrat. It saves me lots of explanations." "In what way?" "Why, when people hear us raising merry turmoil they think, of course, it is only a party dispute."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mutual Indignation.—He (Indignantly)—Your father said that I was as homesly as your puppy! She (also indignantly)—Why, how can father say that! My puppy is anything but homesly!—New York Journal.

Patent Extinguisher.—"Your wife seems to have a very sanguine disposition." "Sanguine? Well, sir, she is the kind of woman who would expect to put a fire out by throwing watermelons at it."—Detroit Free Press.

Some Doubt About It.—He—I suppose if your father found me here he would kick me out of the door. She—Oh, I don't know. Papa's punting is wretched.—Detroit Journal.

Croker and Platt.

Croker and Platt were both pretty slick; They played it together to elect Van Wyck. Says Croker to Platt, "Where are we at?" Says Platt to Croker, "I was your Joker."—By One Who Knows.

Married Now.

Ah, once when Julia read aloud, My dotting soul was rapt and proud, But now, although I love her more, When Julia reads, I doze and snore. —Chicago Record.

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IRONICAL IFS.

If there is nothing in a man opportunity never troubles him. If beauty was taxable there would be no delinquents among the fair sex.

If women are ever elected to Congress there will be more than one speaker of the house. If some men had to work in order to obtain a living, they wouldn't live very long.

If your wife had it to do over again the chances are she would never marry you. If there was anything in a name we might plant bird seed and expect to harvest a crop of birds.

If the shoe fits wear it—unless you are a woman, then, of course, you will want a size or two smaller. If the wife could make biscuits like her husband's mother used to make, and the husband would buy his wife clothes like her father used to buy, few marriages would be failures.

The Sugar-Plum Tree. Have you ever heard of the sugar-plum tree? 'Tis a marvel of great renown; It grows on the shores of Lollypop sea, In the garden of Shut-Eye town.

The fruit of the tree is so wondrously sweet, As those who have tasted it say, That good little children have only to eat Of the fruit to be happy next day.

When you get to the tree you would have a hard time to get at it; To gather the fruit which I sing; For the tree is so high that no person can climb To the boughs where the sugar-plums cling.

But up in the tree lives a chocolate cat, And a gingerbread dog prowls below; And this is the way you contrive to get at Those sugar-plums tempting you so.

You say but the word to the gingerbread And he barks with such terrible zest That the chocolate cat is at once all agog, As her swilling proportions attest.

And the chocolate cat goes cavorting around From this leafy limb into that, And the sugar-plums tumble, of course, To the ground.

There are marshmallows, gumdrops and peppermint canes, With stripes of scarlet and gold, And you gather as much of the shower that rains— Just as much as your apron can hold.

So come, little child, snuggle closer to me, In your dainty white nightcap and gown; And I'll rock you away to the Lollypop sea, In the garden of Shut-Eye town. —Eugene Field.

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