

REPUBLICANS HAVE LOST.

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him and promising to never be the radical partisan in local affairs that he has been in the past.

J. J. Kugler, the Populist candidate for Commissioner in Dickinson county, was beaten by but six votes.

In Linn county the opposition to the Republican party elected forty-two of the sixty-five township officers.

In Reno county the court house proposition carried, but the high school did not fare so well, a majority being given against it.

The Republicans get the two High School Trustees in Dickinson county, but in Atchison the Populists get one of the three.

Judge Andrews' majority is 112. He carried Rush, Ness, Scott, Edwards and Pawnee and lost Greeley, Wichita, Lane and Hodgman.

In Hamilton county there are several precincts which cast a very light vote. In Shiloh there were 6 votes cast, in Lamont 7, and in Forbes only 3.

Two years ago the average Republican majority in Phillips county was 198, this year it was 131. In Shawnee it was 2,764 two years ago and 1,338 this year.

In Bourbon county only about two-thirds of the total number of voters were out. A light vote costs Populists more strength than any other party.

In the next issue of the Advocate a table showing the officers elected in each county will be given. It will be on the same plan as that of two years ago.

Miss Mabel Marlin was elected County Superintendent of Saline county by the Populists to fill the unexpired term made vacant by the death of her brother.

The figures given in the summary on county officers in this issue does not include officers elected to fill vacancies or officers which are elected in some counties and not in others. It relates only to Clerk, Treasurer, Register, Sheriff, Surveyor and Coroner.

In Bow Creek township, Sheridan county, the Republican ticket was nominated at the county seat, which is not in the township at all, and no convention was held by that party within the township. A contest on the Republicans elected is probable.

In its issue of Thursday previous to election the Topeka Capital said that a vote for Cook for Sheriff was an endorsement of McKinley. Cook was beaten in Topeka by a majority of 66 and only carried the county by 126. McKinley had a majority of 1,257 last year.

Barber, which has always been a Populist county, elected a Republican to every office. The result is due to a factional fight within the party. Simpson's friends says it is a black eye for McKay and Titus, while the friends of the last named gentlemen assert that Simpson is the cause of the defeat.

The silver fight did not win in Brown county, every one of the Republican candidates being elected. Grant Harrington, of the Hlawatha Democrat, prints the pictures of the candidates elected, accompanied by the following statement: "We must live with them for two years, so let us be good natured about it."

Paola Times: "Populists, as a matter of fact, are noted for the little interest they take in voting where they consider there is nothing but office at stake. The average Populist must have something more than place to arouse his enthusiasm. He has no interest where he considers there is no great principle involved. So he remains at home. But his heart is right and when the enemy counts his apathy as indicating a change in his opinion, the enemy will sooner or later awaken to the fact that a Pop is not always asleep when his eyes are closed."

The fight on Sheriff in Shawnee county attracted more attention than anything else. Kopley, who was elected as an independent in 1895, was a candidate for re-election on the Populist, Democratic and silver Republican tickets. He was defeated by a majority of 126. He carried the city of Topeka by 66. The majorities for other Republican candidates were very much greater, but the average is less than half the average majority of two years ago. There is strong probability that Kopley will contest the election. The principal ground for contest

will be an allegation that a large number of ballots on which a cross was placed opposite his name each time it appeared on the ballot were not counted for him. No definite action has yet been taken.

The complete defeat of the Populist ticket in Jewell county, where the party has always had a safe majority, is causing considerable comment. It is alleged, and there seems to be good ground for the belief, that the result is due to dissension in some parts created by R. W. Turner. He admits that he did not support the county or Judicial ticket, and it is charged that he worked against both. If this be true, it is a very dishonorable course for him to pursue. If Mr. Turner does not care to support the party which has given him a good State position he has a perfect right to fight it; but the honorable course would have been to have resigned his position before he took such action. There is a very strong sentiment in Jewell and other counties of the Judicial district in favor of his immediate removal. At this writing no action has yet been taken.

Republicans are always complaining that Populists are endeavoring to put incompetent and inexperienced men in public office. This charge is always made if the Populist nominee happens to be a plain farmer or workingman and the Republican nominee is a bank cashier or a corporation lawyer. But when the successful experienced business men who have demonstrated their capacity to get ahead in the matter of acquiring a little property in spite of the unsatisfactory conditions prevailing under the high protection gold standard policy in public affairs, are nominated, Republican papers assert that the party is inconsistent because it pretends to be the friend of the laboring man. This condition existed in Labette county and the Oswego Independent sings this tune. It seems that it is impossible to satisfy Republicans, no matter what Populists may do.

LATE ELECTION RETURNS.

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Democrats, it is charged, or staying away from registration or from the polls for pay. The Democrats have secured a good majority in the Legislature, but as a Senator is not to be elected until after an election is held for Representatives, Blackburn's election to succeed Senator Lindsay may not be accomplished, although Blackburn is jubilant over the victory of his party and very hopeful of again being returned to the Senate.

COMMENTS OF THE LONDON PRESS ON THE ELECTION IN NEW YORK CITY.

Daily Telegraph: It is a great victory for the most corrupt organization in the world, and we hesitate to except even Turkey.

Times: Hitherto New York, however discredibly its municipal affairs have been managed, has generally thrown its weight in national politics on the side of honest money and freedom of trade, but it is not unlikely that Croker will now go in boldly for an alliance with Populism, silverism and all the other forms of socialistic subversive doctrines which are ripening rapidly.

Standard: To a disinterested spectator the manner of the contest conducted by the municipal reform party savors of sheer lunacy. Had either General Tracy or Mr. Low been unselfish and patriotic enough to retire, Tammany might have been defeated.

Daily News: It is doubtful now whether even if Henry George were living, the result would have been different. Anyway, the consequences are most deplorable. One cannot help, even at a distance, admiring the wonderful Tammany discipline. Croker is a worthy successor of Tweed.

Globe: Tammany's enormous majority leaves no doubt that the rumor of an arrangement between Croker and the Republicans was well founded. The Citizens' Union deserves all sympathy for its splendid fight. Mr. Low gave the Republicans an opportunity they may not have again.

Pall Mall Gazette: Such an organization could not exist in London. A man or organization once proven guilty of corruption could never return to power. Tammany, under the leadership of Croker, has done so in a manner which has just offered food for serious thought even in a city so accustomed to bad gov-

ernment as New York. Much as we wish for the best fortune to Greater New York, we cannot congratulate its citizens upon the manner in which they have contributed their share towards achievement of such an undesirable result."

Next Year's Republican Slush Fund.

It seems to be impossible for the Republican party to run a State campaign in Kansas without the use of an enormous slush fund. In the past this fund has been obtained from the railroads, who, knowing the character of the men usually elected by that party, were very willing to contribute liberally because they did not want to be robbed in the matter of railroad assessment. But the railroads are exhibiting something of a disposition to get out of politics. Whether they really intend to do so or are simply pretending is not a matter which can now be determined. But if the railroads decide to stay out of next year's fight it will not seriously interfere with the development of the Republican slush fund. The insurance companies will gladly contribute liberally to help in a campaign which would result in McNall being turned down. They want some one in his place who would conduct the department as an insurance company's aid society and who would pay no attention when people complain that the companies are robbing them or refusing to pay legitimate losses. They could well afford to put up \$100,000 rather than continue to be hampered in their work of wringing immense profits from the people. Then the book trust has suffered the loss of thousands of dollars in income, most of which was profit, by the passage of the text book law. It could afford to put up liberally to get back to the old condition. The various other companies and trusts which have suffered the loss of an abnormal income through the efforts of Attorney General Boyle and others in the interest of the people would gladly contribute well to a fund which would be used to put the affairs of State in the hands of officers who would let them alone. There can be no doubt but that if the railroads do

refuse to contribute the slush fund will be developed just the same. Kansas silver men may lay their plans with the expectation of having to fight large sums of money next year, for that is the kind of a fight that will be made against them.

How Republicans Fight for Principle.

A Kansas newspaper, known up to last year as "Independent," is said to have been paid \$500 by the Republican National committee, \$500 by the Republican State committee, \$200 by a local Republican subscription, and, on top of all of it, to have a pledge from the powers that be that it shall be appointed postmaster of its town.—Atchison Champion.

And yet Republican newspapers claim that they are not fighting for spoils but for principle.

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