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DISAPPEARANCE OF DEMOCRATS.

The vote of Illinois has been canvassed and presents some surprising results, says the Ledger. In 1896 Illinois, which four years before had given the Cleveland electors about 27,000 plurality, was carried by McKinley and Hobart by the unprecedented plurality for that state of 142,498. In 1900 McKinley and Roosevelt again carried the state, but by a plurality that was reduced to 95,000. Long before election this year the Democrats were talking about Illinois being "doubtful." The Republicans were deadlocked for a long time over the nomination for governor. That seemed to give the Democrats hope. Then it was asserted that the labor troubles in Chicago would result in a great loss of support for the Republicans. The Democrats seemed to consider themselves the logical beneficiaries of any factional troubles in the Republican party or of any disaffection in the ranks of labor. Long before election, however, the Democrats admitted that the claim of Illinois as a "doubtful" state was untenable. The managers of the Parker campaign conceded it to Roosevelt.

But the plurality! Illinois gives the Roosevelt and Fairbanks electors 632,745 votes, or nearly 35,000 more than were polled four years ago for McKinley and Roosevelt. The Parker and Davis electors are credited with 328,006 supporters as compared with 503,061 who voted for Bryan in Illinois in 1900. The Democratic vote shows a falling off of 175,000 as compared with four years ago. Roosevelt's plurality over Parker in Illinois is 304,739, or more than double the McKinley plurality in 1896.

What has become of the Democrats, anyway? Assuming that the 35,000 increase in the Republican vote came from Democrats, there are still 140,000 Bryan supporters in Illinois in 1900 to be accounted for. Debs had 9,687 votes in Illinois four years ago, but was supported by no less than 69,225 on the 8th of November last. Here are 60,000 former Bryan men than in the socialist ranks. Watson, the Populist, does not seem to have gained much support anywhere, but he received 6725 votes in Illinois, which represents another small contingent of the missing Democratic vote. It seems incredible that Democrats should turn prohibitionists, but the prohibition vote in Illinois this year was 34,759 as compared with 17,623 four years ago. But the Watson vote of 6725 and the increase of 17,000 in the prohibition, 60,000 in the socialist, the 35,000 in the Republican vote in Illinois, all combined and credited to defections from the Bryan Democracy of 1900, would leave 55,000 Illinois Bryan men still unaccounted for. The disappearance of Democrats is one of the great political mysteries of the present year.

WHERE PANAMA IS DISAPPOINTING.

Panama, the new isthman republic, is likely to prove a disappointment to the anti-imperialists and the professional denouncers of "militarism," says the Standard Union. Panama had a fine opportunity to play the "horrible example" of what "militarism" will lead a country to—and she hasn't done it. Her threatened revolution hasn't "revoluted," and there's no news for the "yellows" to print about her. No sooner did President Amador hear of the alleged plot, led by the Generalissimo of the "army," than he demanded that officer's resignation, and got it, without shedding a drop of anything but ink. The general is now on the retired list, and his "braves" are all reduced to just ordinary policemen, for Panama is one of the countries that need no army, perhaps the only one, since she has "influence" with Uncle Sam.

But let not the finger of scorn be pointed at Panama and the Panamans on account of the willingness of the commander-in-chief of her military forces to overthrow the government. As a matter of fact General Huertas, "for it is he," is not a Panaman at all, but a Colombian, and it turns out to be the fact he was only the instrument of disgruntled "outside" politicians. He was on the isthmus when the revolution was launched and joined the movement, just as some Englishmen in the time of our revolution joined the continental army, like Charles Lee, only to attempt its betrayal. And Panama had been very good to him, too. Esteban Huertas, when he listened to the voice of the tempter, threw away the opportunity of his life, for the isthmian assembly had voted funds to send him through the United States and the principal countries of Europe to study their military organizations. It would have

been "a picnic" for him, and he was sure of his place for life. And Panama keeps on the even tenor of her way, for she has come to stay.

THE BANNER STATE.

According to the official canvass of the votes made in the various counties in this state, the actual plurality which President Roosevelt received in the recent election was 72,683, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. There were very nearly three votes cast for Roosevelt electors for one that was cast for the Parker electors in this state.

This majority does not seem so large when it is compared with the phenomenal majorities given in Pennsylvania and in some of the older states, but when it is considered in connection with the size of the total vote in Washington, the probabilities are very strong that it will give Washington the record as the banner Republican state in the union.

So far as the figures have been published, there is not a state in the union which has given Roosevelt such a plurality, in proportion to vote, as has Washington. Pennsylvania, which is looked upon as the banner Republican state of the union, has a voting population ten times as great as that of Washington. Had Pennsylvania given Roosevelt a plurality such as Washington gave him, in proportion to population, Roosevelt would have led Parker some 720,000 votes in that state in the recent election.

Until the official figures of all of the states are published, it will be impossible to tell what percentage of the voters in each state voted each ticket. The votes cast for the various minor parties will have an important bearing on the matter of percentages. The present indication is that Washington will take the record this year of having the highest percentage of Republican voters in its population of any state in the union.

DIVORCE AND THE CHURCH.

The failure of the drastic canon against the divorced in the convention of the Episcopal church, whatever else it may or may not indicate, does certainly reflect the growing unfaith in legislation, says the Saturday Evening Post. It is surprising that men should be so slow in recognizing that evils do not exist through lack of laws against them but through lack of human beings willing to indorse in practice as well as in theory the standards which the proposed laws would seek to impose. But it is, on the other hand, gratifying that men are beginning to awaken to this truth.

Legislation against crime which all men recognize as crime, and which most men shrink from as crime, is more or less effective—because of the recognition and the shrinking. But where is there, where has there ever been, a piece of successful penal legislation that has been in advance of clear, convinced and crystallized public sentiment?

What humanity needs is not lawgivers but light-givers. For, given the light, the law against darkness follows. Fewer lawyers and laws and legislators; more competent teachers and more competent preachers.

The independent voter is abroad in the land, says Mr. Bryan's Commoner. No national election in recent years has presented such conclusive evidence that the voter is doing his own thinking, and it is a good omen for the future. Folk, a Democrat, is elected in Missouri by a plurality of about 30,000, notwithstanding the fact that Roosevelt carried the state by about the same plurality. Johnson, a Democrat, is elected in Minnesota in spite of the overwhelming majority received by Roosevelt in that state. Douglas, a Democrat, is elected in Massachusetts by a large majority, although the president received something like 85,000 plurality. Alva Adams, a Democrat, is elected in Colorado as a rebuke to Peabodyism, although Roosevelt carried the state. Toole, a Democrat, is successful in Montana, although Roosevelt carried that state also. LaFollette, a Republican, wins in Wisconsin against the opposition of both senators and all the Republican members of congress. In Michigan the Democratic candidate ran far ahead of the Democratic national ticket, while Governor Garvin, the Democratic candidate in Rhode Island, is barely defeated. Berge, the fusion candidate, runs some 30,000 ahead of the combined vote of Parker and Watson, in Nebraska, and Kern, in Indiana, Osborne in Wyoming and Dale of Kansas cut down the pluralities given in their respective states for the head of the Republican ticket.

The Royal Blue, the monthly magazine of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, is, like the road, an excellent conception. The current number is handsomely illustrated and contains several interesting articles. The B. & O. is one of America's foremost railroad lines and deserving of the liberal support of the people of the country, especially those of the Pacific states.

The fact that apples are commanding an extravagantly high price in the canal zone may have the effect of diminishing the amount of pie some folk expect.

Mr. Gorman points with pride to his Maryland, while viewing with alarm the wreck of his other hopes.

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He asked the court for bail and the amount was fixed at \$10,000 in security or \$5000 in cash.
 At the request of the prosecution the case was continued until Thursday.

Bark Tatalia is Safe.
 St. Thomas, D. W. I., Nov. 29.—The bark Tatalia, from Brunswick, Ga., for

Valencia, Spain, reported to have sunk with all hands on November 15, has arrived here leaking badly, with her pumps broken.

Strike Declared Off.
 Ourny, Col., Nov. 29.—President Meyer of the Western Federation of Miners tonight gave out a statement that the strike in the Telluride district had been declared off, and an official statement to this effect will be issued immediately.

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