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Nothing takes the place of grit. The "purple pencil" racket didn't work this year. To declare one's self "safe and sane" doesn't make him so.

It is very difficult to divorce economic questions from politics.

To pick up a paper of a week ago it seems like reading ancient history.

The money makers are again beginning to seek places for investment.

When the campaign funds have all been spent, the grafter will have to come down to hard pan.

The tenure of "Governor Cornwell" was of short duration. They called him that for a few brief weeks.

Oscar M. "Assie" had a great letter in a local paper last night. He ought to write one more and then jump into the river.

When the Republicans claimed that Roosevelt would carry West Virginia by 30,000 the Democrats said it was "preposterous," but it wasn't.

A political party must have an issue to be successful at the polls.—Fairmont Times.

Just so; just so. We said that all along.

It will be some time yet before we shall know the winners in the guessing contest. The official figures cannot be ascertained for some weeks after the election.

A thing that is disfigured almost beyond recognition is the Prohibition party in Marion. According to the returns the most of its members went back to their first love—the Democracy.

Almost every day we hear rumors concerning the resumption of work on the Wabash. The order will be given one of these times and then business will assume its old time activity hereabouts.

On the National, State and county tickets were twenty-nine candidates. Marion county Republicans can lay claim to helping elect twenty-eight of them. Although we could have done one better, the result isn't so bad.

The Republican newspapers did more effective work than during the late campaign. They strove with might and main to enlighten the people on the new tax laws and it is safe to say that their influence had a marked effect on the result.

The Wheeling Register complains because the Standard Oil Company is supposed to have asked its employees to support Mr. Dawson. We can't see but what the Standard had as good a right to ask this as the coal corporations had to ask their employees to vote for Cornwell.

It is doubtful if Henry G. Davis' candidacy brought 200 votes to the support of the Democratic ticket in this State. In his home county of Randolph it appears that about 50 Republicans supported him, and we suppose this is about all the aid and comfort he got from our side.

While the Republicans ought to be satisfied, having gotten the principal part of the earth, yet it is to be regretted here in West Virginia that Henry Gassaway's hippodrome crew—Hill, Daniel, etc.—did not spend more time among us. It is believed that they helped the Republican cause greatly when they visited Fairmont, and it is to be presumed that they were beneficial to us wherever they went.

Elliott Northcott, the brilliant young lawyer of Huntington, as well as the brilliant chairman of the Republican State Committee, claims that Mr. Dawson has carried the State by over 10,000 majority. We received a letter from Mr. Northcott this morning in which he says:

"The fight is over and we are about to close headquarters with an assured majority for Dawson of over 10,000, and for Roosevelt of over 31,000, with all five Congressmen elected and a majority of 52 on joint ballot in the Legislature."

THE SCRATCHERS.

The chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee says Mr. Dawson was elected on a "fluke." That is more than can be said of his opponent, for the figures show that he wasn't elected on anything, although he publicly declared he would be in his speech at the Grand Opera House. But the "fluke" statement is not the only interesting one of the Democratic chairman. He rings the changes on some figures which are worthy of study. He says "Mr. Roosevelt was elected with a plurality of 20,000 in this State. William M. O. Dawson had a bare 5,000. That means that 15,000 voters scratched Mr. Dawson's name and wrote there instead the name of another candidate." While the figures are far from being correct in both cases, for the sake of argument, let us grant that they are true. Take it at the very worst, only one half of 15,000 would represent the scratchers Mr. Dawson got, that is 7,500, as every time his name was scratched, and another name written in, that meant a change of two for the other man. But is there any person who does not believe that fully 5,000 Democrats scratched the name of Mr. Parker and voted for the gallant Roosevelt? If the result in other States is taken into consideration those figures may be too low, so that leaves Mr. Dawson with a much smaller number of scratches according to the above calculation. Now, who did the scratching? It has been estimated that 3,000 saloon men and their allies voted against Mr. Dawson because of the increased license taxes. Hundreds of tax dodgers of every description quietly and secretly scratched the great champion of the people to say nothing of thousands influenced by organized corporate wealth, such as the figures in our own county show. At least 500 votes in Marion county were bought and paid for cash in hand by the corporations which passed the word to defeat Dawson and the legislative ticket at any cost. The slump in the coal districts is very easily accounted for, and Mr. Dawson is not at all surprised at the many scratches he got. On the other hand, Mr. Cornwell is no doubt aware that his name had the blue pencil applied quite freely to it by the honest Democratic farmers and small property owners who realize that Mr. Dawson is right and that they will be benefited. So take it all in all, the advocates of tax reform may feel proud indeed that they won a fight the first year which Wisconsin reformers waged for ten before complete victory came.

THE ABLE LEADERS.

Under the able leadership of William Jennings Bryan Nebraska has given a plurality of 15,000 to Roosevelt.

Under the able leadership of "Tom" Taggart Indiana has given a plurality of 60,000 to Roosevelt.

Under the able leadership of Arthur Pue Gorman Maryland has given a plurality of 1,500 to Roosevelt.

Under the able leadership of Henry G. Davis West Virginia has given a plurality of 33,000 to Roosevelt.

Under the able leadership of David B. Hill and William F. Sheelan New York above the Bronx has given a plurality of 210,000 to Roosevelt.

Under the able leadership of Pat McCarran Brooklyn has given a plurality of 1,800 to Roosevelt.

Under the able leadership of James Smith, Jr., New Jersey has given a plurality of 75,000 to Roosevelt.

The Republican ticket did not suffer from a lack of able leadership among the Democrats.—New York World (Dem.)

The next most important step the Republican party in West Virginia must take is to organize against Democratic Legislature lobbyists. Ran Stalnaker, ex-Governor Fleming, Owen S. McKinney, I. B. Somerville, John A. Howard and the whole familiar bunch will be here hungrier than ever when the Legislature assembles. They come here in the interest of corporations and hamper and retard wise legislation. Their sphere of usefulness is with the Democracy.—Charleston Mail.

Oh, let's not draw the lines too tightly against them. As they can do nothing else, they should be permitted to go to the State Capital and look on, this being about the only thing left for them to do or that they ever can do in Republican West Virginia.

The West Virginian desires to express its admiration for New York's governor, the Hon. Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., as a political organizer. As a politician he certainly stands among the foremost. The great majority in that State, however, may not be put together due to his management of the campaign, but to the unpopularity of the tricksters on the other side—the Dave Hills, Sheehans, McCarrans, etc.

December weddings will likely be very numerous this year as it will be the last month of the present leap year.

WHO ELECTED DAWSON?

Failing to defeat the new tax law with the combined assistance of the liquor dealers, the coal men, the railroads, the Davis millions and the money lenders, the tax-dodging hosts are falling back on two lame excuses: fraud and Standard Oil Company.

The claim of fraud seems to be based upon the fact that there was a slump in some Democratic counties in favor of the Republicans. Therefore the Democratic election officials were tampered with. It is pretty rough when the tax dodgers have to blame defeat upon their own people. But it is a waste of time to discuss such a silly proposition.

As for the Standard Oil Company's carrying the State for Dawson that is an equally absurd proposition. The counties of Wetzel, Tyler, Lewis and Harrison are cited to support this contention while Marion is gracefully overlooked. Three of the four counties named were carried by Dawson. His total majority in the four was 1,320. Including Marion his majority was 1,833. The majority in these counties given White four years ago was 2,043. The Democratic slump in Wetzel county was attributable solely to the exposure of the outrageous assessments of oil and coal properties in that county. It was Grant district the oil region, that saved Wetzel to the Democrats.

But the Standard Oil operations are not confined to these counties. Their chief operations now are in Pleasants, Wood, (Parkersburg now being the chief headquarters) Wirt, Ritchie, Doddridge, Gilmer, Calhoun and Cabell. These counties are all in the zenith of their oil development, which has come within the past four years. Let us compare their vote for governor in 1904 with that for the same office in 1900:

Table with 4 columns: 1904, Dawson, Cornwell, White, Holt. Rows include Wood, Wirt, Calhoun, Cabell, Doddridge, Pleasants, Gilmer, Ritchie, and totals for Dawson's majority (302) and Whites majority (1465).

These figures show conclusively how much the Standard Oil contributed to Dawson's election. His total majority in the eleven principal oil counties of the State did not equal the majority he received in the four Panhandle counties.

The counties which cut Dawson the hardest were the coal and oil counties which have not been paying their share of taxes. The counties which elected Dawson are those which have been bearing the burden of taxation in the past. Ohio, Brooke and Hancock rolled up close to 2,000 majority for him. The agricultural counties of Monongalia and Preston gave him close to 3,500, while John T. McGraw's own county helped to swell the tide. The country districts of old Jefferson reduced their Democratic vote. The men who elected Dawson were the farmers and the home owners, and the vote shows it.—Wheeling News.

One Important Influence.

Many and various were the influences that contributed to the unprecedented personal victory gained by Mr. Roosevelt. But none of the major influences helped him more than did the abuse which the Southern politicians and newspapers heaped upon him for entertaining Booker T. Washington at the White House. The American people will never accept the dictum that a negro scholar is the inferior of a white ignoramus; that a negro gentleman is the inferior of a white blackguard; that a man's title to consideration rests on the color of his skin and not on his character and his achievements. The "World" hopes that this little lesson has finally been thoroughly learned.—New York World.

Rubber shoes and rubber boots see C. B. Highland.

Yesterday's Charleston Mail came to us containing over three columns of congratulatory telegrams to Governor-elect Wm. M. O. Dawson. From among the many we give a few of them as follows:

Parkersburg, W. Va., Nov. 9. Gov. Wm. M. O. Dawson, Charleston, W. Va. Your majority cannot be less than eight thousand. Please accept my congratulations. You have won a great fight under adverse circumstances; it is a great victory for the right. ELLIOTT NORTHCOOT, Ch'm.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Nov. 9. Hon. Wm. M. O. Dawson, Charleston, W. Va. Your election assured by eight thousand beyond shadow of a doubt. Accept congratulations. A. B. WHITE.

Fairmont, W. Va., Nov. 9. Gov. W. M. O. Dawson, Charleston, W. Va. You have made a very able and aggressive fight and have our personal congratulations. C. W. WATSON.

Romney, W. Va., Nov. 11, 1904. Hon. W. M. O. Dawson, Charleston, W. Va. In electing you the people have endorsed the new tax laws. I congratulate you and hope your administration will be a successful one. (Signed) J. J. CORNWELL.

The close political friends of Attorney Harry Shaw want to see him provided for in a handsome manner, and have already been looking for a position for him. He was seen to-day by the West Virginian and told that his friends hoped to do in his behalf, when he remarked that of course he appreciated what they were doing, "but," said he, "I do not desire a position of any kind—only wish to practice my profession—the law." "On reflection," he added, "as it keeps me from home but a short time, if I am to have anything I believe I would like to retain the position of Clerk of the House of Delegates. This is the only thing to which I aspire. It is true this office does not carry with it much pay, but I believe I can be of some service to my friends and party by retaining it, and it is both I want to continue to serve." We have long known that Mr. Shaw is devoted to his profession, and for that reason it would be something extraordinarily handsome that would induce him to abandon the law and leave Marion county.

MOST POPULAR MAN IN UNITED STATES.

Magnificent Tribute Paid President Roosevelt By the Italian Newspapers.

ROME, Nov. 12.—The election of Mr. Roosevelt to the Presidency of the United States has been made the occasion for the issuance of an Italian translation of his book "The Strenuous Life," which is having a large sale. All the newspapers of Rome print appreciative articles on the election of President Roosevelt. The Patria says: "Mr. Roosevelt does not represent a party, but a superior individuality. He is the most popular man in the United States, and in public and private life is a genuine champion of a strong and virtuous race, destined through her virtues and irrepresible energy to have the largest part in the history of the world."

The Ossevatore Romano, organ of the Vatican, says: "Mr. Roosevelt, while an eminent Statesman, able diplomatist and eloquent writer, is showing depth and broadness. He stands out for simplicity of life, love of family and rectitude of principles. Therefore, it is easy to understand the manifestations of rejoicing over his election, in which numerous Catholics in the great Republic join, have nothing to say of him but praise."

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We are of the opinion that no Republican in West Virginia feels much better than the Hon. William P. Hubbard, of Wheeling. By the election of Mr. Dawson Mr. Hubbard was fully rewarded for his labors in the interest of tax reform. The tax measures were largely the work of the Wheeling gentleman, and as the fight was as much against them as against Mr. Dawson and even more so, Mr. Hubbard has a right to feel both happy and serene.

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