

HOTBED OF SECESSION

Otter Tail County in Open Revolt Against the Republican Party.

Gov. Merriam Will Do Well if He Comes in No. 3 in That Balliwick.

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Staff Correspondence of the Globe. FARGO, Oct. 2.—I venture the prediction that the county of Otter Tail, from time immemorial one of the banner Republican counties of Minnesota, is just to the Republican party this year, if not forever. It has not gone over to the Democracy, it is true, but it has broken away from the Republican fold with a rending crash that is starting the Fifth district. Without being at all rash, the assertion may be made that Gov. Merriam will do well on Nov. 4 if he runs better than third in Otter Tail. The farmers' movement is responsible for this state of affairs; and when I say the farmers' movement I mean that uprising against oppression and taxation of the agricultural classes that is not bounded by and limited to the Alliance. Otter Tail county may be said to be the hotbed of this secession from Republicanism, because the movement is more general here; because the Republican majority has been more ponderous heretofore, and because the actual strength of the Democracy, though progressive and buoyant, is very small in proportion. How small it is, may be seen from the fact that in 1888, though handed down in Democratic annals as the most brilliant and aggressive on record, gave a total vote of only 1,100 in a total of 6,377. But Otter Tail is in the throes of a revolution. It is not owing to the brilliant and energetic leadership of the late Gov. Merriam, though that was a serious setback, but it is certainly under the ban for the year of grace, 1890.

Disaffection and Disgust with Gov. Merriam, though heaven knows both are wide enough spread. Nor is it yet the result of the triumph of S. M. Owen, whose fanatical blazes that were already holly burning. It is simply because the farmers of Otter Tail have been ground and crushed to long beneath the yoke of oppressive money power, and have for so long borne the burdensome yoke of excessive tariff taxation, that they have at length realized their situation and have recognized in the Alliance movement the successful means of escape. Through Merriam they have determined to deal the Republican party a blow it will never forget. And here let me say that Merriam and his associates are changeable and that Otter Tail county is no less irrevocably lost to the State than the counties of the West. It is the shock to the Republican tradition of this country to find Republicanism running a necessary course in the Democracy, and both distanced by the farmers' movement, which is gaining strength every hour. Republicans sit with their hands folded, and draw a little over four weeks until election and they see the savor of the victory. They are not rushing forward with an earnestness that is almost fanatic, but they are revolting from Republicanism. It is not merely an uprising of farmers striving for control, but it is a sentimental declaration of independence by Western farmers from Eastern tyranny and taxation. Were there but two tickets in the field this year, the Democracy would carry half of the counties of the Fifth district.

The Situation. In Otter Tail is worth a study. There are two county tickets in the field. The Republicans, in a vain effort to preserve their autonomy, have nominated a straight ticket, consisting of James C. McMahoe, Henry B. Lounsbury, and George H. B. Lounsbury, and a ticket on which straight Democrats, Alliance and Prohibitionists are amalgamated. Each ticket has its own active standing on its own bottom, and is represented by a committee separate from that in whose favor the election of the county ticket is placed. What is disadvantageous to the Democrats, in a positive sense, inasmuch as it closes the mouth of every Democrat from the county ticket, it is advantageous in a negative sense, in that it attracts Republican votes from the counties of the Alliance at Republican expense.

Reversal of the Rule That Charity Begins at Home. LONDON, Oct. 2.—The Daily News, referring to the movement that has been started in the United States in aid of the Irish people, says: "Every true Englishman honors the liberal-hearted men of America. But every true Englishman must feel ashamed of his own government, which is only offering to the Irish people, who are offering their bread." The St. James Gazette to-day prints an article commending in a sneering manner upon the movement for the relief of famine sufferers in Ireland. It says that the movement is simply a dodge to attract the Irish vote. The Pall Mall Gazette rebukes the Times for its attitude. The Star says: "America's interest in Ireland is such as to warrant apprehensions of a scarcity of food. The Gazette asks: 'Does Jackson's attitude toward the Irish people, as shown from Ireland, or the eager skepticism of the Times prove that there is no famine in Ireland?' The Star says: 'America shames us. The establishment of a British fund to relieve the distress in Ireland is imperative.'

Anti-Semites Victorious. VIENNA, Oct. 2.—The elections for members of the lower Austrian diet were held to-day. The Anti-Semites combined with the Clericals and captured five seats in Vienna. The city has been wholly represented by Liberals in the diet for the past thirty years. The Anti-Semites also carried two suburban districts.

Combination Candidate for register of deeds, is ready to swear by Odin and his hordes of Valhalla that the voters of the polls for Owens half the votes of the county, and he regards that as moderate. But, figuring on a total vote of 6,000 for the county and making the most reasonable allowance for all claims available, it seems certain that Owen will carry the county. Re-

IN THE NORTH STATE.

Hon. John D. Benton Will Fill All His Appointments in North Dakota.

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The People, in the Meantime, Are Getting Their Eyes Well Opened.

Several People Out After the Seal of Senator Gil Pierce.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The affairs of the territory of Arizona during the fiscal year just closed are detailed in a report made to the secretary of the interior by N. O. Murphy, the acting governor. He states that he is unofficially secretary of the territory. The population of the territory is 57,000, exclusive of Indians and military reservations, and with those who live on military reservations the population of the territory will exceed 60,000. The gain in ten years is 15,500. The mining industry, the report states, is the most important of the territory, but great attention is being paid to agriculture, owing to the fact that the territory is rich in land. Owing to the restrictive legislation in Idaho and the probability of similar action in Utah, the acting governor believes that the territory of Arizona will increase. The number of Mormons now in the territory is estimated at 100,000. The report states that the territory is rich in minerals, and that the territory is rich in minerals.

UNCLE SAM GETTING EVEN. Heavy Decrease in the Nation's Bonded Indebtedness.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 2.—It is stated at the treasury department that the decrease in the bonded debt of the United States during the past month, viz.: \$42,816,340, was greater than in any month since the period of refunding operations under Secretary Sherman.

BOWKER ASKS TOO MUCH. Proofs of His Land Claim Must Be Made in Dakota.