

THE DEMOCRACY.

The democrats of Arizona have great reason to rejoice. Not only have they proven their adherence to the principles of the grand old party by a complete victory in this way of territory, but from all sides, north, east, west and south come the glad tidings that right and justice have prevailed and their cause is in the ascendency.

a majority of instances, at least, be dishonest. It is asserted that jurors, as a rule, are dishonest, but the system under which they act makes it impossible to be the cool, conscientious, careful, upright adjudicators that the law supposes them to be.

The fight is over now let us all settle down to work, and make Cochise the banner county of the Territory. It contains the largest area of grazing land, will equal Maricopa in agricultural productions, has the second most productive copper mine in the United States, two of the best paying silver mines on the Pacific Coast, and a world of unworked claims that but await proper development to add to the great stream of bullion which it daily adds to the wealth of the world.

The democrats lose the sheriff, councilman and o-o supervisor. Possibly Joseph Tasker may be elected, but it is thought Bolan's majority in Graham will exceed his opponent's in this county. We consider this pretty good, and if the Republican calls that a republican victory, all we have to say is, we like it. If that average is maintained throughout Arizona the Territory will come very near being democratic.

The Republican says: "There were forty-two votes polled at Tavisito, and the fact that Tavisito received forty two of them is significant." In this connection we will add, there were twelve votes at White's ranch, and the fact that White received twelve of them is significant.

The defeat of Neagle has demonstrated that no particular nationality can make a class fight and win. Such a contest is antagonistic to the true principles of a republican form of government, and reflects no credit upon those who engage in it. True patriotism is not confined to geographical lines, and in a free country no man's nationality should be a passport into office. True merit should be the touchstone of success.

Nothing could better indicate the peaceable, law-abiding character of our people, than the quiet election that passed off Tuesday. We want no bulhoizing nor another reign of terror. The marshal, his deputies, and the sheriff and his deputies were most effective in the performance of their respective duties.

Ours started the ball in motion by giving an old fashioned democratic majority. New York, Pennsylvania, California and other large northern and western states have fallen in line, making a democratic victory unprecedent.

THE JURY SYSTEM.

Mr. Albert Stuckey, in the November number of The Century, has a paper on the jury system, which, summed up, is simply an able argument in favor of the abolishment of the system. There can be no two intelligent opinions on this subject. The jury as it now exists is simply a farce. Originally devised to prevent injustice and arrive at fair conclusions in disputed questions, it lived through semi-barbaric ages, and has come down to us an institution that defeats its own aim. "Jury fixing," or in plainer words, bribery, is as every day occurrence. The suits do not ask if the jury will decide according to the law and the evidence, but if the jurors are friendly to him and likely to give him a verdict whatever may be the case made by the opposite side.

The jury composed of the voters of Coconino county, impeached in in quire into the causes of the death of the "independent" party, returned a verdict of political suicide induced by too much self-esteem and egotism.

It looks very much as though there was a democratic boom somewhere in the east.

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of whatever nature, possessory or otherwise. Section 2395, Revised Statutes (sub-division seven) requires the surveyor to "note in his field books the true situation of all mines, salt licks, salt springs and mill seats which come to his knowledge."

If these duties have been performed the surveyors will furnish a reasonable guide to the district officers and to claimants in prosecuting their applications. But experience has shown that great neglect has resulted from inattention to the law in this respect and the regular plats of very little value in the matter.

In addition to this data which the law requires to be shown in all cases the deputy should report with reference to proximity to center of trade or residence; also of well known systems of lodes, deposits or of individual lodes. He should also report as to the use of adaptability of the claim for placer mining whether water has been brought on in sufficient quantity to mine the same or whether it can be procured for that purpose, and finally what works or expenditures have been made by the claimant or his grantors for the development of the claim, and the situation and location with respect to the same as applied for.

This examination should be reported by the deputy under oath to the surveyor-general and duly corroborated, and a copy of the same be furnished with the application for patent to the claim, constituting a part thereof, and including the oath of the applicant.

In case of proposed claim for lands not yet surveyed, the foregoing regulations will govern an application for survey.

In controversies hereafter to be determined respecting the mineral value of lands, their value for all purposes, whether agricultural or municipal, or as seats for towns, will be considered without reference to the decisions heretofore made in particular cases. No decision finally executed, however, will be considered an authority in this modification.

Application awaiting entry, whether published or not, must be made to conform to these regulations both in respect to the amount of ground and examination as to the character of the land. Entries already made will be suspended for examination by the commissioner, and such additional proofs as may be deemed necessary in each case will be demanded.

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