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Returns.

Owing to the slowness in getting the full returns, and the crowded condition of our columns, the INDEPENDENT refrains from commenting extensively on the late election. An article of that nature will appear in next week's issue.

THE political prophet has lost his vocation.

WILSON, the father of the "Wilson Bill" was defeated by 2000 votes.

THE balance of power in the United States' senate will be held by the populists.

THE people's party will now form a thorough organization and prepare for 1896.

WHAT will the republican party do, now that they have the power. The eyes of the people will be upon them.

FREE coinage of silver 16 to 1 is what the American people want. Republicans will you listen to the voice of the people, or be swept from power in 1896?

HILL, of New York, says the income tax defeated the democratic party. We say it is the financial condition that caused it, and the people rush blindly from one old party to the other seeking relief they never find.

IN 1892 the people said in regard to the republican party: "weighed and found wanting." In 1894, they say to the democratic party, upon whom they showered their suffrage in 1892: "weighed and found wanting." What will the verdict be in 1896?

THE Senatorial fight in Atlanta Georgia ended on the first ballot being cast last Thursday. Hon August O. Bacon securing the nomination, by a vote of 93 against 32. This is a decisive victory for free silver, and against the present administration in that state.

THE following thanksgiving proclamation issued by Gov. Penneyer, of Oregon, is the most unique ever issued from an official head. It reads thusly: "I hereby appoint the last Thursday of this month as Thanksgiving holiday. 'In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider.'—Ecclesiastes, vii., 14."

WHILE the republican party predicted that the disgruntled democrats were going into the people's party, last Tuesday's election shows that the greater part of them voted the republican ticket. This is very easy accounted for. Knowing the disadvantages the people's party were subjected to in the lack of organization and the necessary funds to carry on the campaign with, and fearing the retaining of democracy in power, they in their despair went to the republican party. Thus the light vote for the people's party candidates, and that too, in districts where it had been conceded they would surely win.

The Obnoxious Cigarettes.

The cigarette smoker has upon more than one occasion received the condemnation of the press. And yet notwithstanding this fact, the use of cigarettes seems to be upon the increase.

Those representing the social purity of our nation have held up before the world the results of the excessive use of alcoholic stimulants as a beverage, and upon other occasions, mildly remonstrated with those who were cigarette users, and telling them of the danger that would result from their excessive use. And yet to-day premature graves, and insane asylums, hold within their bonds the result of this abominable habit.

There are thousands of intelligent men who smoke cigarettes, and when admonished in regard to the "cussid" little thing, insist with sarg froid that it does not hurt them in the least. This may be true. But they are setting the example for the rising generation to follow, who not being able to dexteriously roll one out of fine rice paper with a sprinkle of Seal of North Carolina, go to the place where they are kept for sale, and buy a package with a sprinkle of arsenic and belladonna therein.

We have seen in Plymouth, boys who are under ten years of age, smoking cigarettes. Do their parents know this? If not, they should.

The Chicago Council did a good thing when they prohibited the sale of this youth-destroying luxury, whether the mayor had the courage to put it in force or not. At Dwight, Ill., where we resided for four years, the cigarette were an unknown feature for the smoker, as they were not sold in the city.

Good and wise council, judiciously applied, will go a long way toward the suppression of this growing vice.

FOSSILS.

They Still Exist in This Country and Still Have Life.

Webster, in giving the definition of this word "fossil," says it is: "Petrified organic matter, remains of plants and animals." This, of course, has been accepted as the correct version of this word. Yet, to the advanced ideas of this civilized world, there are "fossils"—literally speaking—still moving and existing to-day.

In speaking of fossils, we do not mean that representation of animal life which we discover to-day in our researches, and which, no doubt, were deposited in their resting places during the primitive condition of the earth. Oh no! We mean a man. One who has become fossilized in his ideas, his advancement, his desires to benefit mankind by contributing of his stores of vast wealth to the advancement of education, physical or moral culture, religious benefits, and more especially, the advancement of the city or town in which he lives and calls home.

When we come in contact with such a specimen of humanity, whose conceptions of life are so contracted that he does not believe in advancement and the cultivation and utilization of the resources given him by an indulgent creator, or giving encouragement to any and all enterprises that may present themselves to a community, then we say this word "fossil," is, in our estimation, appropriately applied to him.

Such a man, we believe, belongs to the primitive people who existed during the Stone age, and should withdraw himself from the present surroundings and be numbered among the inhabitants of the cave dwellers. This being the place where he should reside, let us picture to our readers a quotation from the Story of Man, whose author describes the abode wherein our foe of advanced civilization ought to live:

"Stoop as you enter, creep if you must, crouch at least lest you come in contact with the stone lintels. As your eyes become accustomed to the dim religious light, you will see a smouldering fire on the hearth. The floor is in the condition in which the builder, Earth, left it, unless enriched by the accumulated gift of man to his foster-mother. The walls are not defaced by paint or panel, fresco or wall paper, but except for the traces of the smoke, stand in their native majesty. Weapons are hung here and there, and it may be horns and claws, and the skins of wild beasts find a temporary home and compose the wainscoting. Back in the recesses may be seen piles of moss and leaves and grass, which constitutes the pine pillows and mattresses of the primitive family."

We might proceed to give an outline of the personal appearance of this representative of a primitive man, but space forbids us so to do. Yet we meet them every day in our vocations in life. Why this should be, is somewhat of a mystery to the man who believes in push and progress. And yet this same individual can undo more in one day, than the good hustling citizen can accomplish in three days by an unlimited amount of zeal and hard work.

It is said that it takes all kinds of people to make up this world. But with all the different kinds that are supposed to wander up and down this footstool of the Creator of the universe, the one less needed is the representative of the primitive period. These same "fossils" it will be discovered, have by frugality or truthfully putting it, stinginess, accumulated a goodly portion of this world's effects together, and if approached in behalf of charity or some beneficial enterprise for the city, will plead the poverty act, winding out a long yarn about their inability to supply their daily wants.

Now of course we do not know there are any "fossils" in Plymouth; but having in our past life come in contact with this class of people, we think we are capable of speaking upon this subject truthfully, not theoretically. We have done this for a reason, that is: If in the future, our progressive citizens should find such obstacles presenting themselves, they would be prepared to brush them aside with a promptness that is necessary on important occasions.

Burr Oak.

Farmers are busy husking corn. Adrian Turnbull and John H. Burns are out on a hunting tournament for a few days.

Ira Friend is having some improvements made on his residence on Main street.

George McKinney Sr., had the misfortune of having his arm broken from being thrown from a buggy.

Al Scott who has been employed as a section man for the past eight years has resigned his position and Martin Auminger taken his place.

Ason of Levi Hartman two miles west of Burr Oak is reported sick with typhoid fever.

Miss Milla Hall who had been lying at the point of death, died at the home of her parents on Tuesday Oct. 30. Funeral services were held at the Burr Oak chapel by the Rev. Reese of Marmont, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Burr Oak cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community.

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