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The Balance of Power.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE IN POLITICS.

WASHINGTON, November 9.—No feature of the late election has caused more genuine surprise and consternation in the Republican ranks than the results achieved by the new element in the politics of the country—the Farmers' Alliance.

The advent of this new party was hailed with delight by the Republican leaders. They knew its strength would be mainly confined to the South and trans-Mississippi States.

While in the Southern States the Alliance men, almost to a man Democrats, went into control Democratic primaries and conventions, their brethren of the West, largely Republicans, held aloof from the old party and decided to make their own nominations and go it alone.

In Alabama the Alliance nearly succeeded in nominating the Democratic candidate for Governor. In Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas it did succeed in controlling the Democratic State Conventions and in placing its men at the head of the tickets, and they have been elected.

How different the result in the West! In four States hitherto regarded as veritable Gibraltar of Republicanism the Alliance has fairly overwhelmed the Republican ticket. In Kansas a Republican

majority of 80,000 has either entirely or practically disappeared. Five out of seven Districts return Alliance Congressmen, and the Legislature chosen will retire Ingalls.

In Nebraska the Alliance has almost elected the Governor, and at any rate has compassed the defeat of the Republican nominee by letting in the Democratic candidate. Two Alliancemen and one Democrat are elected to Congress.

In Minnesota, while the Republicans apparently elect their Governor by an apology of a plurality, they have virtually suffered defeat, for as against the two opposition parties they are in a hopeless minority, and they have lost the five Congressmen and the Legislature.

In South Dakota the Alliance contested with the Republicans on equal terms.

In Michigan and Illinois the Alliance did not put a ticket for State officers in the field, but the organization has elected legislative candidates and generally contributed to Republican defeat. It may hold the balance of power in the Illinois Legislature and control the election of a successor to Senator Farwell.

Such is the outcome of the Alliance movement in the campaign of 1890. The deductions therefrom are pertinent. It has shown itself to be a power in American politics, and in future elections it is likely to be a very important factor.

As it looks now, the Democratic party seems likely to be the immediate beneficiary of the Farmers' Alliance "idea." The returns from the West show conclusively that united the Democracy and the Alliance can carry nearly every large Western State, and even when running separate tickets the Alliance draws so heavily from the Republican ranks that it jeopardizes the success of that party in all the great agricultural States of the Mississippi Valley.

Which ever party secures its support is sure to win in 1892. Without its support or with its hostility the Republican party is in a hopeless minority. The States it promises to control have always been considered Republican strongholds, and they have been added up in the Republican column as certainly as Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi are put in the Democratic column.

The Republican party can hope for nothing at the hands of the Alliance. The latter owes its creation to the protective tariff policy of the G. O. P., and to its indifference to the needs of the masses.

The Democratic party is much nearer to the Alliance in its sympathies and tendencies. Both advocate tariff reform and law takes. Both are against monopolies and trusts. The thing which will be likely to keep them apart is the now famous "Sub-Treasury scheme," which would make a pawnshop of the United States Treasury.

It remains to be seen whether the Alliance members in the Fifty-second Congress will make the adoption of this project the price of their support. Had they held the balance of power, they would doubtless have done so, but as it is, the Democracy, with its monster majority, is independent of them, were they three times their present number.

Still the Alliance is likely to figure for some years to come in the politics of the country, and it is not unlikely that its adherents may control the United States Senate at a not very distant day.

Under such circumstances it will unquestionably make itself felt in the political arena, and for some time it promises to be a quantity not to be despised or ignored.

Chamberlain on the Chances of Cleveland.

Ex-Governor Chamberlain is a man of cultivated mind, large experience and close observation, and we give below his views on national politics, and the chances of Mr. Cleveland in 1892, as reported in the News and Courier.

"I came here," he said, "strictly on business and for no other purpose one year ago. I have never uttered a word for publication in Charleston during that year upon politics, but the late election has had results, and aspects which interest me so greatly that there is no reason why I should not express my views if the readers of the News and Courier may be supposed to care for them.

"In a national aspect—and I do not propose to consider the matter in any other aspect—the late election has had most wonderful results, and these results are as gratifying as they are remarkable. So emphatic a verdict was probably never before given in our political history. It gives one new faith and confidence, if they were needed, in the sound political sense and capacity of the American people.

"What were the causes? Four Republican 'isms' did it—McKinleyism, Quayism, Lodgeism and Reedism—I name them in the order of their influence as I think in the recent election.

"These four 'isms' represent four gross principles of evil—rapacity, corruption, partisan intolerance and partisan tyranny. They each and all struck at the foundations of free institutions of our country.

"Nothing is needed now except moderation and political good sense on the part of the victorious party to make this vast and beneficent change permanent.

"We are all obliged to work in national matters through the two existing political parties—the Democratic and the Republican. If one of these parties strays from the true path, the people will rout it and put in power the other party. Men will support that party which is steadfast in its devotion to the real public interest.

"Cleveland is undoubtedly the true hero of this great victory. Tariff reform, tariff revision in the direction of reduction and disgust and anger at the insane wickedness of the McKinley Act made up the overshadowing cause of the great political revolution. Cleveland alone started this ball and made tariff reform a paramount issue. In this he did his party an invaluable service, but his country a far greater service."

"Will he reap the reward of a re-nomination?" asked the reporter.

"I do not know. There are complications which are very serious in New York State—factional disturbances which defy calculation. Hill represents a general hostility to Cleveland. Tammany and the New York Sun represent the same thing. These enemies will undoubtedly try to persuade the Democracy that Cleveland cannot carry New York State, and the chances are if he is nominated Hill and Tammany will knife him. The country can hardly be carried by the Democratic party without New York, nor indeed by either party."

"Could Hill, if he were nominated, carry New York?"

"I would hazard the opinion that there would be as much danger of the defeat of Hill by the Cleveland forces as of the defeat of Cleveland by the Hill forces," was the reply. "My belief is that the sound sense of the Democratic party supporters, by the great voice of the people, will force Cleveland's nomination. Such is my hope as well as my belief, but no man can yet see clearly so far ahead as in 1892."

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BERLIN, November 12.—The Emperor opened the diet of Prussia to-day. In his speech from the throne his majesty said that in view of the friendly relations between Prussia with all foreign States, which relations have been further strengthened this year, the country could look forward with confidence to the further preservation of peace.

The largest cotton mill in the South is now being erected in Florence, Alabama, by New England capitalists. It will have 53,500 spindles.

BOSTON, November 7.—James Russell Lowell said in a private conversation: "When parties become factions it is time for all good men to leave them. I make this distinction—parties represent principles, factions are the instruments of men. At present the Republican party is a faction."

Porter's Little Scheme.

A PLAN TO PERPETUATE REPUBLICAN CONTROL WHICH FEELS THROUGH.

WASHINGTON, November 9.—Superintendent of the Census Porter, seems to have decided, as long ago as when Quay was trying to postpone action on the force bill in the Senate, that the population of the United States would not exceed 68,000,000.

It has just leaked out that when the anti-force bill Republican Senators were dickered with the Democrats to shelve the force bill and limit debate on the tariff bill, Porter called upon Quay and a few other Republican Senators and Representatives and informed them that if the population of the country should turn out to be not more than sixty-three millions it would be the easiest thing in the world to prepare a reapportionment scheme which would insure Republican control of the government for an indefinite number of years.

The Census Superintendent had figured the thing down to a fine point, and was prepared to give the basis of representation upon which the reapportionment should be made to accomplish its purpose, provided that the census returns did not go above the sixty-three millions.

Porter urged the immediate preparation of the bill, and earnestly advised that it be taken up immediately after the passage of the tariff bill and put through before the adjournment of the session. It happened, however, that one of the leading Democratic Senators got a hint of what Porter was at, and the result was the refusal of the Democrats to make the force and tariff bill bargain unless the Republicans pledged themselves to try no further legislation after finishing the tariff bill, and Porter's little scheme had to be postponed.

This was long before the census returns had been counted in Porter's bureau. When the figures did come out, ten days ago, they gave the United States a population of 62,490,540.

The End of Consumption.

BERLIN, November 9.—Professor Bergmann inoculated fifteen consumption patients Thursday by Professor Koch's process, and on the following day exhibited one of the patients before a number of physicians, in order to show the change that had resulted within twenty-four hours.

"The Boersen-Courier says it has authority for the statement that Professor Koch's remedy has proved a success. The famous German surgeon, it says, cured within five days a case of lupus or necrotic tubercular destruction of the tissues of the face.

The National-Zeitung says that Professor Koch, although he has performed a number of cures, does not yet consider the time come for a publication of his researches. Although the remedy has been applied to patients in the Charity hospital, and in some private cases, its composition remains a profound secret.

SHANGHAI, November 7.—A terrible accident has occurred at Tai Ping Fa at the government mills for the manufacture of powder. While the workmen were employed about the mills an explosion occurred which entirely demolished the buildings. Three hundred persons were killed. The cause of the explosion is not known.

NASHVILLE, TENN., November 12.—At a dance in Avondale, Ala., last night Nathan Terry and Washington Brown quarrelled about a girl. Brown told Terry not to dance with the girl again, but the latter did not heed the warning. While he was waltzing with her, Brown walked up behind him and shot him in the back. Terry died soon after.

CHATTANOOGA, November 10.—Col. J. W. Barlow, United States Chief Engineer in charge of the Tennessee River improvements, to-day formally declared the Mussel Shoals Canal open for commerce. The steambot R. T. Coles passed through the canal to-day with a cargo of freight from Evansville, Ind., and Paducah, Ky., for Chattanooga.

NEW ORLEANS, November 7.—An attempt is being made here by Chicago and St. Paul capitalists to form a rice trust, to control all the mills in Louisiana. It is stated that the chief operators have about \$3,000,000 capital behind them.

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During October 23 steamships went to sea from Galveston, Texas, carrying across the sea 128,336 bales of cotton, and 17 steamships sailed for coastwise ports, carrying 67,888 bales more; the cargoes aggregating in value \$10,750,000.

The Election of Ninety-Two.

HOW THE ALLIANCE PROPOSES TO CONDUCT THE CAMPAIGN.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., November 12.—In its weekly issue the Farmers' Advocate, the official paper of the Farmers' Alliance or People's party of Kansas, has the following to say of the future of the party: "We shall at once commence to marshal the hosts of the people for the conflict of 1892. In this great work there are many prejudices to be overcome. Sectional lines must be abolished. Interests which are identical must be brought together, and the combined forces of the agricultural and laboring classes must be consolidated against the forces of corporations, monopolies, trusts, syndicates and moneyed aristocrats, who have for years feasted upon the substance of the people.

"The coming contest will not take place between the Northern and Southern sections of our country. The interests of the West and South are identical, and their political forces must be consolidated against the power of corporate greed. It has been, and is, the holy mission of the Farmers' Alliance to subdue sectional prejudices, which have been kept up by professional politicians in the interest of monopoly. It is full time for this nation to become united."

A Western paper says there is in the Bodie mining district of California, a spring which produces gold. The spring is not exactly a geyser, but the water is hot, and as it flows away and evaporates it leaves a deposit. That deposit contains gold. Whether the water disintegrates gold-bearing rock far below the surface and brings the gold to the top, or whether there is going on in the laboratory of nature a chemical process which produces gold in solution is an unsolved problem.

The feat of carrying the mails from New York to London in seven days has just been performed, and already there is talk of reducing the time to six days. People will not be satisfied, however, until a pneumatic tube is laid across the Atlantic, which will carry the mail bags from one continent to the other in an hour or two.

A syndicate composed of Lynn, Mass., and Kansas City capitalists has secured by purchase 175,000 acres of land in Madison and Yancey Counties, North Carolina, which they propose to develop at once. The land is heavily timbered and contains mammoth deposits of iron ore and some mica.

The Democratic city committee of Philadelphia has expelled two its members from the Third and Fourth wards, Democratic strongholds, for treason in selling out Pattison, Democratic nominee for Governor, who ran 3,600 votes behind McAleer, Democratic nominee for Congress, in those wards.

Mr. Franklin, a Methodist preacher, of Rowan County, N. C., was instantly killed Sunday night while on his way to fill an appointment, by a mule running away and throwing him out of his buggy against a stump, which broke his neck.

President John Thompson, of one of the large New York banks, says that "the Democratic victory insures the passage of some Act that will restore silver to its parity with gold at 16 to 1." He wants free coinage.

The Chicago packers have decided to advance the price of canned meats 1/2 cent per pound in consequence of the increased cost of tin under the McKinley bill. It is directly announced by authority that the stock yards will be removed from Chicago.

H. C. Wheeler, of Odebolt, has under cultivation the largest farm in Iowa. It comprises 6,200 acres, every foot of which is under cultivation.

A Pullman palace car recently passed from St. Louis to New York, which was chartered especially for the transportation of two valuable dogs.

The Indian cotton crop of 1889-90 is the largest ever known in that country.

Toney Hart, the famous comedian, whose real name is Anthony Cannon, is dying of paresis in the lunatic asylum at Worcester, Mass.

Why is the man who objects to his mother's second marriage like an exhausted pedestrian? Because he can't go a step farther.

It is wonderful what strength and boldness of purpose and energy of will comes from the feeling that we are in the path of duty.

What President Polk Has to Say.

WASHINGTON, November 9.—Mr. Polk, President of the Farmers' Alliance, said in an interview yesterday: "You Democrats and Republicans are claiming everything just now, but when you come to sift the mass of wheat and chaff you will find that the Alliance had something to do with electing a fair proportion of the good men. Up to the present time it is a certainty that the Fifty-second Congress will contain thirty-eight Straightout Alliancemen, and from twelve to fifteen others who are pledged to us.

"We are here to stay. This great reform movement will not cease until it has impressed itself indelibly in the nation's history. Financial reform is the necessity of the hour.

"The Alliance had no campaign fund, no boodle. If we had money we would not have used it. The virtue and patriotism of the people are things to appeal to."

"The Federal election bill had more to do with Republican defeat than the McKinley bill," said another Farmers' Alliance official.

An organization modelled after the American Chautauque Literary and Scientific Circle, has been organized in Great Britain, under the name of the National Home Reading Union.

The floating island in Salawga Lake, in Whittingham, Vt., contains over 100 acres, and it actually floats on top of the water. It is not attached to the main land on any part of the lake.

There has been so much trouble in Cherokee County, Iowa, caused by the resignation of teachers for matrimonial purposes the past year, that the school board now requires every teacher to sign a contract not to get married during the school year.

The Farmers' Alliance of Iowa has increased its membership during the past year by 14,839, as against an increase of but 2,424, the previous year. There is at present no indication that this organization has reached its pinnacle of power.

There are 208,749 railroad bridges in the United States, spanning 3,213 miles.

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