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THE republicans have the House by a majority of six, but on joint ballot it has 69 votes to the democrats 69, with two populists to hold the balance of power, until the republicans unseat a sufficient number of democrats to give them plain sailing. Already a number of contests have been spoken of, several on the flimsiest grounds, but taking the action of the party in Congress as their cue the rads wont care for law or justice, when they go in to create a majority. Of course Joe Blackburn stands no more chance for re-election than a snow ball does to retain its shape in hades, but he is cavorting around claiming that he will succeed himself. Having done more than all other men combined to get us in the present condition, his play now is to attempt to secure the democratic nomination as a vindication of his course. But the best laid plans of mice and men gang aft aglee and Joseph Clay Stiles Blackburn will find again that it wont do to tempt fate too much. The silver business and Joseph are as dead as door nails, and for these blessings, let us give thanks.

SENATOR QUAY, of Pennsylvania, is said to have put up a considerable part of the sinews of war for Gov. Bradley and that he favors him for candidate for vice-president, on the ticket with Reed at its head. Col. New is said to be for him with Harrison at the head and others with McKinley and so on. There seems to be a considerable divergence of opinion as to the proper man to head the ticket, but all seem to agree that Gov. Bradley shall fly as tail to the kite. There is no republican in the world whom we had rather see nominated than he, and none whom we would rather see elected if a republican is destined for that honor. Gov. Bradley has fought valiantly for every inch of ground that he has won and demonstrated that he is no ordinary individual, but a born leader of man and a man of affairs.

AUDITOR NORMAN will have till Jan. 1 to get ready to turn over the books to Mr. Samuel H. Stone. Some of the democratic officials at Frankfort will have to walk the plank Dec. 10 and there will be weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth among the clerks, who have been raised to believe that the earth was theirs and the fulness thereof. The voters said very unmistakably Tuesday that they wanted to stop all that talk about a Frankfort ring, which dictated and made nominations, a self perpetuating oligathy as it were. But we believe that it is only a step from the frying pan into the fire. There will soon be a republican ring there to which the so-called democratic ring will not be able to hold a candle.

WHEN fortune smiles all the world stands ready to do the recipient honor, while nobody cares for the man who gets left. Gov.-elect Bradley received over 1,000 congratulatory telegrams, but if anybody thought to send or say a word of consolation and comfort to poor Watt Hardin, the fact does not appear of record. But come to think of it he doesn't deserve either. He staked his fate on a 50-cent dollar and lost. Henceforth his name is Dennis. Let his fate be a warning to others who imagine themselves bigger than their party.

IT is more than probable that if the democrats ever honor Watt Hardin again, which is improbable, he will accept the judgment of the whole as a rule of action, and not think that all the wisdom of the world is tied up in himself, Blackburn and the Thompsons. His suicidal course can be attributed to no other cause than his delusive belief that he and they knew it all and the rest of us were arrant fools.

MR. JOHN W. YERKES announces positively that he will not be a candidate for United States Senator. He doubtless thinks he has a deader sure thing in running for Congress in this district and he will represent it at Washington, unless there is a big change from Tuesday's vote. The district would have gone republican in 1894 had any other democrat run except Gov. McCreary.

W. B. HUDSON, aware of the fact that the "come-to-stay" papers at Barbourville petered out "pretty quick already," has launched on the journalistic sea a journal, which he calls the Experiment. He doesn't claim the earth, nor make promises he can not perform, and his modesty ought to be rewarded with a big subscription list and plenty of good paying "ads."

BLACKBURN said in Washington several months ago that either he or a republican would be the next Senator from Kentucky and in view of all the facts, a large majority of people, good democrats too, would prefer the fulfillment of the latter part of his prophecy.

ADMINISTRATIONS may change and men may come and men may go, but the INTERIOR JOURNAL goes on forever promulgating party principles and preaching pure and undefiled religion. Now is the time to subscribe.

THE INTERIOR JOURNAL can corroborate the Louisville Times' grape vine dispatches that as soon as there were indications that the republicans had carried the Legislature, the Hon. A. E. Wilson, of that city, began to make the telegraph wires hum with congratulatory messages, at 25 cents apiece, to the members-elect all over the State. We saw one to Hon. B. B. King, who will be the member from Lincoln, which read as follows: "Warmest congratulations. Bradley's majority 10,000 and Legislature republican on joint ballot. Augustus E. Wilson." The Times adds that it has a pointer, however, from the rural districts that the members are opposed to making a United States Senator of a horse with so much white in his eyes and whose mane hangs on both sides. There will be no dearth of candidates for the honor. Dr. W. Godfrey Hunter has announced himself, and the woods are full of those who are standing in hopes of having the lightning strike them. Hunter, however, seems to have the pull and if hard work, a good deal of it dirty besides, is to be rewarded, he is the man for the place.

THERE is one consolation left us in these days of darkness and defeat. The Kentucky Senate is democratic by a good margin, and Col. Bradley can not put a single man into an office of importance without its consent, nor can the republicans pass a law or repeal one without its co-operation. Neither can they gerrymander the State, nor do any other devilment, which they would attempt, but for this fortunate restraint. Things are mighty blue generally, but they are not so bad that they may not have been worse and we are in condition now to be thankful for any kind of a favor.

IF the reporter to the Louisville Commercial is to be believed, it takes a mighty little to create a "great sensation" at Lancaster, when the flopping of a youth to fortune and to fame unknown causes one. If a man chooses to change his politics, and some people seem to do so as easily as they do their shirts, especially when there is pie in sight, we see no necessity of getting excited about it. As the Courier-Journal suggests, if such a thing produces so great a sensation in Lancaster, what would the people do if somebody's setter should have pups?

THE republican who went crazy because he stamped under the phœnix instead of the log cabin, certainly failed to attend the kindergartens of his party. Boss Davison, or the Gray Gelding, as he is called, didn't let any of his pupils make such a break. The republicans may not vote as intelligently as the democrats, but they usually know how to fix their ballots so they will count.

IT is said that Mr. Samuel J. Roberts of the Lexington Leader, wants to be insurance commissioner. He is too good a newspaper man to get spoiled in the flesh pots of office, but if he really desires the place, Col. Bradley should see that Auditor Stone gives it to him. No man worked harder or did more for the republican ticket than Sam Roberts and he ought to be given first cut of the pie.

AND now it is said that Gov. Brown is thinking of pardoning Dick Tate so that he can come home and tell about his steal. It's too late now. People have gotten so well satisfied that others were implicated in it, that the oath of a thief can't change their belief. Besides his defalcation has done all the harm it can now to the party and to all concerned.

THE Middlesboro News nominates William O'Connell Bradley for president of the United States and David Grant Colson for U. S. Senator. The woodcock is kept so busy making his usual remark these days that he doesn't find time to fly away. Both men may eventually get there, but they must tarry awhile in Jericho till their beards be grown.

GEORGE DENNY, of Lexington, has announced himself a candidate for the U. S. Senate, which shows he has mighty little faith in his chances to be seated in the next Congress, even by a partisan body clothed with the power. He has all to gain and nothing to lose by the contest, however. He'll get $2,000 for expenses any way.

A COLORED doctor at Frankfort is securing endorsements for appointment as penitentiary physician and other colored citizens are making a dash for the pie. Col. Bradley ought to remember them handsomely. He would never have been governor-elect but for his nigger friends.

CHARLIE MOORE, the hairy heathen of the Blue Grass Blade, was convicted in the U. S. court of sending obscene matter through the mails, but on his promise to go and sin no more, Judge Barr held up sentence till February, and permitted the old sinner to give bond in $1,000.

THE crop of embryo statesmen in this district, who were beginning to hear the Congressional bee buzzing in their little bonnets, was considerably bitten by the frost of November 5th. This Congressional district went republican by about 2,000 and the judicial by 602.

THERE are some hopes, but they are slim, that Tyler has more votes than Worthington for lieutenant governor, as the latter ran away behind Bradley and Tyler got more votes than Hardin in many counties.

THERE is a bare chance that Geo. H. Alexander is elected railroad commissioner and we truly hope his figures are correct, which give him 500 to 700 majority. His election would be especially gratifying, since he was fought so savagely by the A. P. A., because he is a Catholic.

IT now appears that Col. Bradley's plurality will not exceed 10,000, but that's enough, God knows.

Election Echo.

—Fayette went for free turnpikes by a large majority.

—The vote for free turnpikes in Garrard was 1,157 for to 662 against.

—Pulaski gave Bradley 1,666 majority. Hardin ran 502 behind Cleveland. Pulaski is Bradley's birth place.

—Bradley carried Madison by 271. Bennett by 477 and Burnam 480. Bennett beat Goodloe in the district 1,050.

—James Breathitt, a republican, beat Judge Linn, Gov. Brown's appointee, for circuit judge in the Hopkinsville district.

—Jackson county, where there is a usual republican majority of from 600 to 800, comes forward with a republican majority this time of 1,125.

—Hon. E. Tutt Burnam, republican of Madison county, is being talked of as a probable candidate for speaker of the lower branch of the Legislature.

—Judge Simrall, the bolting democratic candidate for judge of the court of appeals in the Louisville district, only got 1,200 votes. He did not deserve any.

—Bradley's majority in Casey county is 381; Grider's majority (rep.) for Legislature, 240. Grider seems to have been elected over T. J. Baldock by over 500 majority. He is a Baptist preacher.

—Blanford, of Breckinridge; Lyons, of Campbell, and Burnam, of Madison, are the republican representatives-elect most prominently mentioned for the speakership of the House of Representatives.

—This is what a rabid free paper now says: Now that it is all over, Wat Hardin should never have accepted the nomination, and Joe Blackburn gave him good advice when he urged him to decline it.—Elizabethtown News.

—Woodford G. Dunlap, republican candidate for the Legislature from Lexington, was beaten by Kaufman (dem.) by 126 votes. He may contest the latter's election alleging fraud in two precincts, which required 14 hours to count and gave big democratic majorities.

—The vote of the city hall precinct in Richmond, which gave Hardin 89 and Bradley 229, was thrown out because the clerk failed to indorse the ballots, but the republican county committee will institute mandamus proceedings to compel the count of this vote. It cuts down the representation of the county two votes in the republican convention and one vote in the democratic convention.

FARM AND TRADE ITEMS.

—Lesa Wilkes, 2:09, has never won a race.

—J. S. Murphy, Jr., bought 24 hogs of Dick Cooper at 3c.

—C. Vanoy sold to Harper & Powell a pair of mare mules for $155.

—W. H. Murphy bought of Col. Hall Anderson five good cattle at 3¾.

—Joe Coffey sold to J. C. Johnson, of Boyle, a lot of butcher stuff at 2½cts.

—Egbert ran two races at Latonia the other day and finished second in each.

—Feed mill with horse power for sale very cheap. Joseph Williman, Jumbo.

—The Latonia races closed Saturday and yesterday the Lexington meeting begun.

—Cattle are easy in Cincinnatiat 2¼ to 4¼, hogs slow at 3 to 3.60 and sheep dull at 1 to 3¼.

—J. R. Hughes paid $240 an acre for Elmwood, W. C. France's home near Lexington.

—The two-year-old filly, Oxmaid, has won over $3,000 this year and yet has not taken a heat.

—Lyon & Allen sold to J. W. Givens a combined horse for $75 and to Uriah Dunn a mule for $65.

—Joe A. Cohen bought about 200 hog at 3c, running in weight from 150 to 325 pounds.—Woodford Sun.

—E. P. Woods shipped to Cincinnat Saturday two car loads of 200 pound hogs bought of sundry parties at 3c.

—Grannan won the Latonia Cup Saturday. The distance was 2¼ miles and he went it in 4:12¼. Simon W. was second.

—A freight train on the K. C. ran into an open switch 19 miles from Cincinnati, killing 150 of its load of cattle and 20 hogs.

—John R. Gentry was ignominously beaten by Joe Patchen at Richmond, Va. In the second heat Gentry was distanced in 2:15.

—Miss Margie Wilder, aged 14, drove her uncle's team a mile to the pole in 2:36¼, at Washington Park, Chicago, the other day.

—J. B. Foster sold to E. P. Woods 25 hogs, averaging 225 pounds, at 3cts. Mr. F. also sold to Uriah Dunn three cotton mules at $50.

—J. B. Gentry's Oracle ran at Latonia Thursday and came second. He was a 7 to 5 favorite. Garland Bar, a 20 to 1 shot, won the race.

—There were probably 50 cattle on the market yesterday and very little demand for them. No public sales were made but Bronough & Herrin bought 10 head of 1,000 cattle at 2¾c, and Dan Holman disposed of several head of butcher stuff at 3c. The horse market was very dull, only a few plugs changing hands at $13 to $29.

—Molasses is coming into prominence as cattle food in Germany. Cows particularly devour their sweetened provender with the greatest relish. The food is claimed to be both healthful and economical.

—Administrator S. P. Stagg reports 300 or 400 people at the sale of D. B. Stagg Friday and satisfactory prices realized: 31 horses, colts and mules sold at $5 to $60, steers, heifers and cows $15 to $50, shoats at 3c, sheep $1 to $2.50 a head, corn in the field $1.25 and oats $2 per 100 bundles.

—Four of Garrard's most highly esteemed citizens casually met in H. T. Logan's store Tuesday and their total ages reached 305. They were Judge Patterson, 85; Capt. F. J. White, 76; Mr. L. Y. Leavell, 78 and Mr. Mitch Broadus, 76. These aged gentlemen are still enjoying fairly good health and walked up to the polls as sprightly as when they cast their first vote.—Lancaster Record.

—J. F. Moore sold to Farris, 400 barrels of corn delivered on the Danville pike at $1.40. Col. B. B. Campbell bought Tuesday, from J. L. Ransdell a bunch of 1,200 pound cattle at 3½ cents. Jerry Cardwell, of Boyle, bought of 'Squire O. F. Meredith 120 good grade 940 pound cattle at 2.70. Burr Coleman has sold to John I. Vanarsdall 500 barrels of corn, delivered at his stable in this place at $1.50.—Harrodsburg Democrat.

—A United States grand juror at San Francisco has been sent to jail for six months for disclosing testimony taken before the jury of which he was a member.

—The largest individual employer is the Krupp Company, employed in the manufacture of artillery and iron machinery. It is said that the company has on its pay-roll about 19,000 laborers.

—The yearly report of First Assistant Postmaster General Jones shows that during the year, under his supervision, a saving of $1,395,577 was made. The gross receipts of postoffices were $60,538,097.

—The statue of "Our Lady of Prompt Succor" in the Ursuline convent at New Orleans was so crowned Sunday with a diadem of gold and jewels worth many thousand dollars. Ten thousand people witnessed the coronation.

—Charles Higdon, of Bellevue, this State, vowed 20 years ago that he would not have his hair cut again until a republican was elected governor of this State. He kept his oath and a few nights ago got a trim. There was enough hair on the floor when the job was completed to make a good-sized mattress.