The Democrat.

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THE VICTORY.

The victory gained by the Democratic party at the late election is of far greater and deeper significance than many seem to imagine. It places the Republicans in a plight from which they will not soon recover if Democratic officials use wisely and well the trust placed in their hands by the voluntary suffrages of the people. The circumstances under which Republicans heretofore gained and maintained power in Oregon have materially changed. Under a Republican president they were able to collect large sums of money from federal officials to carry on their political campaigns, and this money was not always used in the most honorable way. Before another state or presidential election this great and powerful auxiliary will have passed from their control, and all the federal offices of the state will be filled by Democrats, and while Democratic officials will be required to hold hands off in an election the party will be stronger in that the Republicans will be so much weaker. That party being out of power in the state will add much to its weakness, for the fact is indisputable that much of the large Republican majority in Marion county is secured through state patronage. But the one great incubus that is now weighing down that party is the dissensions and bitter factional quarrels that exist all over the state. It will be impossible for the Republican party to place itself in fighting condition two years from now, if meantime Democratic officials give us an administration in line with the best intelligent thought of the people.

FLATTERING VOTE.

By examining the official returns of the election in this county, published in another column, it will be seen that the vote for Judge Strahan is as we predicted it would be—a flattering one. His vote in the county is just the same as Pennoyer's, 1712. It is 55 more than Butler's for Congress, 34 more than Gibons for Secretary of State, 56 more than Webb for Treasurer, 100 more than Davis for Superintendent of Public Instruction, and 56 more than Nickel for State Printer. The reason his majority is not larger is because of the fact that the prohibitionists had no candidate for Judge and they were advised and instructed to vote for Waldo, which they largely did. Judge Strahan's vote in his own precinct was 15 more than Butler's, 11 more than Pennoyer's, 14 more than Gibons, 14 more than Webb's, 17 more than Davis' and 21 more than Nickel's. In East Albany his vote was 26 more than Butler's, 7 more than Pennoyer's, 9 more than Gibson's, 32 more than Davis' and 24 more than Nickel's. We mention these facts to show his hold upon the people notwithstanding the malicious warfare made upon him by certain parties here who had mercenary purposes to subserve.

SINGULARLY UNFORTUNATE.

The *Herald* was singularly unfortunate in the late election. The Democrats against whom it constantly kept up a fusilade, and used its powerful influence to defeat have all been elected. In its hot zeal to defeat Pennoyer it started the story that he was a Know Nothing, but this was so patently canardish that it soon gave up the contest. Then it flaunted Leasure's letter to its readers to induce them to vote for Marston, but the trick was too flimsy. It then opened its batteries with appalling fierceness against Judge Strahan, and he too was elected. Curl, "Vanny" Smith, Galbraith and Reid all were made the victims of that paper's onslaught, but all were triumphantly elected. So you see our neighbor's opposition is his victim's success.

IN DUE TIME.

"Subscribe for the Corvallis *Gazette*, the leading paper of Benton county, Republican in politics. The *Gazette* will announce in due time the departure of the Democratic party for their voyage up Salt Creek."—Corvallis *Gazette* before election.

Come now, Bro. *Gazette*, we are waiting for the announcement.

The *Herald*, of this city, does not appear to know that the election is over, in view of the fact that it still keeps up its malicious attacks upon Judge Strahan and Mr. Curl. It will find out later, (not sooner,) that, although this course may meet the approval of the little coterie of Republican shoulder strikers, who seem to have controlled its columns during the campaign, yet the great body of Republicans of the county will not endorse such a foolish course.

Bro. Pipes, of the Benton *Leader*, crowed loud and lustily last week over the magnificent Democratic victory in that county and state. And he had the right to, for right royally and bravely did he fight the combined forces of three Republican newspapers, the methods of some of which were disreputable in the extreme. Laugh on, Bro. Pipes. You have nobly earned the privilege.

Bro. VanCleve, what about that "stuffing?" and don't you forget it some more. Come, now, old boy, Strahan got there and don't you forget it. Say, what's a matter, now?

It now appears that Reuben got there, Eli, the *Herald*, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The Official Vote of Linn County, 1886.

| PRECINCTS. | Congressman Hermann | Congressman Butler | Congressman Miller | Supt. Pub. Instr. Waldo | Supt. Pub. Instr. Strahan | Governor Connolly | Governor Pennoyer | Governor Houston | Sec. of State McBride | Sec. of State Gibon | Sec. of State Kinney | Treasurer Marston | Treasurer Webb | Treasurer Long | Sup't Pub. Ins. McElroy | Sup't Pub. Ins. Davis | Sup't Pub. Ins. Lyman | State Printer Baker | State Printer Nickel | State Printer Shepard | Judge 3d Dist. Bolon | Judge 3d Dist. Shaw | D. Att'y 3d Dist. Johns | D. Att'y 3d Dist. Belt | State Senator Dawson | State Senator Johnson | State Senator Irvine | State Senator Black | State Senator Goodman | Member House of Representatives Powell | Member House of Representatives Richardson | Member House of Representatives Wirtz | Member House of Representatives Templer | Member House of Representatives Smith | Member House of Representatives Currie | Member House of Representatives Mommyer | Member House of Representatives Miller | Member House of Representatives Hansard | Member House of Representatives Swank | Member House of Representatives Blevins | Member House of Representatives Henry | Member House of Representatives Irvine | Member House of Representatives Bamford | Member House of Representatives Biggs | Member House of Representatives Marks | Member House of Representatives Allen | Member House of Representatives Davis | Clerk Andrews | Clerk Galbraith | Clerk Talbot | Sheriff Trask | Sheriff Smith | Sheriff Bryant | Treas'r Hughes | Treas'r Curl | Sch. Supt Gilbert | Sch. Supt Reid | Assessor Breece | Assessor Smith | Assessor Knox | Surveyor Fisher | Surveyor McAdoo | Coroner Woodin | Coroner Thompson | Commissioner Paul | Commissioner Brendon | Commissioner Miller | Commissioner Pomeroy | Commissioner Powell | Commissioner Bond |
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