

The Democrat.

The first few days of the coming session of congress will show whether Tom Reed will consider himself to be a bigger man than the American people.

Mr Reed, of Maine, made five speeches in New York during the late campaign. They were in five different congressional districts. The result was a democratic gain of five congressmen.

In the lower house of the Kansas legislature are only four lawyers. It is said there are fears that many laws will be passed that will not stand the test and that lawyers throughout the state are expecting a rich harvest to grow out of the legislation enacted by this new legislature.

Tinware, carpets, dress, goods, tools, boots and shoes, crockery, glassware, lumber and furniture will be marked up in price or scaled down in quality. The plague of monopoly taxation is upon the American people, and shut their eyes to as they may, deny it as the pall organ of the trusts may, they will feel its cruel oppressions more and more keenly from this time forth. The robbery is in progress. There is only one question: Will the people submit to it?

The most overwhelming victory in the late elections was in Harrison's own state—Indiana. The democratic majority on the state ticket was 19,579 and on the total congressional vote the majority is 34,928. The democrats elected 12 of the 13 congressmen. The legislature stands senate, democrats 34, republicans 16. In the house democrats 73, republicans 27. The democratic majority on joint ballot being 64.

J. McKay, of Kansas, has never studied law, never been admitted to the bar, never served in any capacity in a court, and yet the farmers elected him judge of one of the district courts. The Farmer's Alliance will send him to Ann Arbor for fifty days to fit himself for the office. It shows that all the members of the Alliance want in a candidate is honesty, and they will do the rest.

Early in the present generation of business men there were but five millionaires in this country. They were John Jacob Astor and Stephen Whitney of New York; Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati; Stephen Girard, of Philadelphia; and William Gray, of Boston. There are now 500 millionaires in New York alone.

The legislature of Illinois is so nearly a tie on joint ballot that there is no telling who will be elected United States Senator. In the senate the republicans have 27 senators and the democrats 24. In the house the democrats have 77, the republicans 73 and the farmers mutual benefit association 3. There are James Cocker, H. H. Moore, and Herman Tanker. The latter has pledged himself to not vote for Palmer, Moore nor on the democratic ticket and will support Palmer. Cocker, although a vigorous Jacksonian democrat, run a palatial democrat. Democrats count on his voting for Palmer. If two of the all-ance men refuse to vote with the democrats there will be a tie on joint ballot.

A Washington special says that politicians in Washington, who profess to be posted, say that the movement looking toward the defeat of Don Cameron is a formidable one, and that the senator is hardly frightened at the outlook. It is also said that the man who is likely to come out as a candidate is Postmaster-General John W. Wamsaker. Trusted friends of Wamsaker's freely admit that his ambitions are to become the controlling man in the republican party of Pennsylvania, and they are not sure but that he cherishes a desire to occupy a seat in the senate as a means to that end. Quay is friendly to Cameron and Wamsaker, but owing to recent events neither of these gentlemen seem particularly anxious at present for the active support of the chairman of the national committee.

No better argument in favor of changing the mode of electing the U. S. Senators can be adduced than the middle into which the election of one in New Hampshire has thrown the Legislature of that State. The people of that State voted on Nov. 4th for a low tariff, but they will not for months know whether a protectionist or a man representing their sentiment will be elected. The same is true of Kansas and Dakota. The people of Illinois have declared at the polls for Gen. Palmer, but as an accident or a death of one man may send a Republican to the senate, as was the case when Logan defeated Morrison in 1857. The Democratic states of Connecticut and New York are misrepesented in the Senate because of this infamous system. There are men in the Senate who would never be thought of by their constituents if they had to submit their chances of election to the people. Gerry mandering is the offspring of the present system of electing the U. S. Senators by state Legislature.

IOWA'S OFFICIAL VOTE.

Official returns of the election for state officers received from ninety-six counties, the remaining three counties having reported unofficially, show the election of the entire republican ticket by pluralities ranging from 366 for railroad commissioner to 3,500 for secretary of state. The vote is as follows on principal offices.

Secretary of State—McFarland, (rep) 192,061; Chamberlin, (dem) 188,261. Auditor of State—Lyons, (rep) 191,355; Witten, (dem), 188,471. Treasurer of State—Benson, (rep), 190,994; White, (dem), 189,239. R. R. commissioners—Lusk, (rep), 183,931; Day, (dem), 189,565. Attorney General—Sosa, republican, has 3,779 plurality. Rothrock for Judge of the Supreme court, has 3,209; Gray for clerk, has 3,047; and Raymond, for reporter, has 3,448. The total vote is the largest vote ever cast outside of a presidential year. The democratic majority in the state on the congressional vote is 1680.

SOME MISTAKES.

The Mercury in its additional page makes several mistakes. It says that republicans retain control of the New York legislature. The democrats control it. Again it says the political complexion of the New York delegation in congress has been reversed, that in the present house there are nineteen republicans and fifteen democrats, while in the next house there will be nineteen democrats and fifteen republicans. This is another mistake. The delegation just elected has 25 democrats and 11 republicans. It says Governor Foster of Ohio was elected to congress. He was defeated. Again that paper says:

The new tariff law is emphatically the poor man's law, as it makes all the necessities of life practically free, and imposes the duties mainly upon the luxuries of life and extravagant. If the Mercury would by kind enough to name the necessities of life placed on the free list by the new tariff law the people would then know how correct the above statement is.

OFF YEARS.

Republican leaders are seeking in all directions to find crumbs of comfort for the overwhelming defeat of that party at the late elections. One of the chief crumbs is, that with few exceptions, the administration party during the last fifty years has lost congress during the middle of its term. But when this historical fact is fully analyzed there is precious little comfort in it for the followers of McKinley, Reed, and Harrison.

William Henry Harrison lost congress in the middle of his term. The democrats elected James K. Polk the next president. James K. Polk lost congress in the middle of his term. The whigs elected Zachariah Taylor the next president. In 1856 Buchanan lost congress in the middle of his term and the republicans elected the next president. In 1874 Grant lost congress in the middle of his second term and in 1876 the democrats elected Tilden president. Garfield in 1882 lost congress in the middle of his term followed by the election of Cleveland in 1884. Here are six presidents who, during the last fifty years, lost congress in the middle of their term, and whose party was defeated for president in the following presidential election.

Franklin Pierce was the only president in the last fifty years, who lost congress in the middle of his term and then succeeded in electing his successor from the party of his own political faith. In the off years of 1862, 1866 and 1870 congresses were elected in harmony with the president then serving. So, that in every instance, except one, during the last fifty years, when the president in power lost congress in the middle of the term, he has been succeeded by one of the opposite party. So there is none but the smallest conceivable crumb of comfort in this "off year" talk. It is highly probable that this is an "off year" for republicans, and the presidential year will be an *off* one for them.

ROUGH ON REED.

One of the best of the election stories that are going around is the one about the speech on Wednesday, the text of which is said to have run as follows:

"The Hon. Thomas B. Reed, Portland, Me. If you want the floor at any time during the Fifty-second congress, we are quick. Amos J. Cummings." While not reckoned in the list of aspirants for the speakership, Mr. Cummings is likely to have a good deal of influence with the success of the latter-day "Man from Maine." The difficulty experienced by the New York representative on several occasions in catching the eye of the speaker when he wanted the floor gives keen point to the magnanimous offer of congressional facilities after March 4, 1891.—New York Star.

"TWELVE APOSTLES OF REFORM."

It was proposed by the St. Louis Republic to have a bill introduced into congress making provisions for: 1. Free landing time. 2. Free cotton ties. 3. Free wooted for men and women's clothing. 4. Free agricultural implements and edged tools. 5. Free blanket. 6. Free coal. 7. Free tin and tin plate. 8. Free silver-leafing leadore to re establish our trade with Mexico. 9. Free hamper. 10. A reduction to the "revenue only" basis on table and kitchen ware. 11. Free white lead and paints. 12. Free barrel wire and wire rods for farms. Just these "Twelve Apostles of Reform" as congressman Springer calls them, would be a great benefit to the farmer, that is all the honest legislators in the McKinley list do that class of citizens. We would suggest at other little spoils, free grain traps. It would pass by a large vote.

WHY HE DIDN'T MOVE.

There lives out in Joe Cannon's district in Illinois an old farmer who is a zealous republican, one of the red-hot partisan stripe. When he heard of Cannon's defeat he said to his wife, who is one of those women who obey their lord and master blindly: "Mary, pack up everything, I'm going to move." "Why?" asked Mary. "Because Joe Cannon is beat and I won't live in a democratic district." "Very well," said Mary, with a little resigned sigh. Then the old man went to town to sell his farm. There he heard all the election news. He returned home, and entering the house said:

"Mary, you can quit packing up. I ain't a-going to move." "Why?" inquired Mary. "Because," he replied sally, "there's no place to move to."

The desire of the public seems to have been "to give the democratic party rope." History is likely to repeat itself as usual.—Oregon Daily.

You are very right. In 1874 the people rose up in their majesty and elected a congress with a democratic majority of 71. Two years following they elected Simeon J. Tilden president. In 1882 the people desired again to "give the democratic party rope" and the result was that the democrats secured congress that year by a majority of 67. Two years later they elected Grover Cleveland president, thus repeating the history of 1874-6. Now then in the year of grace 1890 the people again desired to "give the democratic party rope" the result of which desire is occurring fittingly fresh in the minds of Reed, McKinley, Harrison & Co. to be followed in two years by the election of the man of destiny in his law office in New York City or some equally sound, able democrat. Of course history will repeat itself as usual.

A peculiar character of promise case has been decided in the circuit court at Lima, Ohio, by a verdict for the plaintiff of \$1000. The case originated at Paulding two years ago just prior to the presidential campaign. Miss Mary Shull was engaged to marry a prominent young man named Albert Lehman, who was an ardent republican. He was helping his party raise a pole in the town, which was witnessed by Miss Shull, who was a strong democrat. During the pole raising she hurrahed for Cleveland several times. This so angered Lehman that he refused to marry the girl. She brought suit against him, and after several trials of the case, it resulted as above stated.

Senator Dolph, of Oregon has expressed his views on some of the leading political questions. He was asked if he thought Lodge's election bill will pass the senate. He said it would not. He was asked to be quiet on that point. He said he is in the republican bill would be probably be the re-portionment bill would be the measure of the most absorbing interest in congress this winter. He thought the house was too large and unwieldy now, but he could not say what sort of bill would pass. The senate would be apt to concur in whatever the house decided was best.

WASHINGTON.

Mr Harrison has shut his eyes to the result of the recent elections, and made up his mind to urge in his annual message to congress the passage by the senate of the Force bill and by the house of the notorious subsidy bill. In short, he has, in spite of the protests of some of the best feeling members of his party, including Mr Blaine, determined to cast his lot with the radical wing of the republican party. That however does not mean that the Force bill will be passed. All indications are against its passage, as it is certain that more republican senators would now vote against it than would have done so at the last session of congress had it then reached a vote. Mr Harrison will also, it is said, strongly endorse the McKinley tariff act in his message. Democrats fear that these things are too good to be true. They can hardly realize that their opponents should be willing to do so much toward democratic success in 1892.

There are good reasons for believing that as soon as congress meets bills will be introduced by republican senators from the northwest, modifying or repealing sections of the new tariff law which bear down heavily upon the citizens of the states they represent. It is believed that bills placing binding duty on the free list, and reducing the duty on ready made clothing would receive the votes of every republican senator from west of the Mississippi river; and there is some talk about a combination which in return for the votes of several republican senators from the eastern states would have all duties on raw material. Such bills could easily be gotten through the House as it is a fact well known here that at least twenty-five members of the House voted for the McKinley bill under protest, and only because they lacked the moral courage to stand the lashes of the party whip which was given them unsparringly whenever they evinced a disposition to kick outside of the party tracks.

Mr Blaine is now engaged in performing his celebrated reciprocity act. He hopes to save the moribund old republican party by holding out glittering inducements to the people of what will be accomplished in the future, and by ignoring the injury inflicted upon them at this time, which they are now reacting so effectively by their vote. Mr Blaine has a long head, and his brain is an active one, but he cannot bamboozle the American people, who know that reciprocity with a string tied to it, provided for, or rather allowed to be provided for, by the McKinley tariff law, is a fraud and a simple. Oh no, Mr Blaine, the people have been jugged with too long in the "protection" line to be caught by the false glitter of your "reciprocity."

The treasury surplus has been reduced so low lately that it is said completed pension cases are held up in the pension office because the treasury wanted a check to get in some more money before honoring another draft of the Commissioner of Pensions, who drew \$1,000,000 last month. It becomes plainer every day that the deficit proposed by the democrats at the last session of congress for the next fiscal year will exist.

Not satisfied with having served notice upon Senator Quay that he must vacate his position as chairman of the republican national committee, there is an element in the republican party that wants to depose Speaker Reed from the leadership of his party in the House, and the proposition has been boldly put forth that the complimentary nomination for Speaker of the next House be given to some other republican. There might be something in this if there was anybody else to lead the republican national committee, but there is not. The republican party that wants to depose Speaker Reed from the leadership of his party in the House, and the proposition has been boldly put forth that the complimentary nomination for Speaker of the next House be given to some other republican. There might be something in this if there was anybody else to lead the republican national committee, but there is not. 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