

SUPPLEMENT.

The Resistless Tide of Democracy.

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The voice of the people, the great and ultimate arbiter of our republic, has been heard at the polls this year, so far, in a manner that admits of no doubt of its significance. It is a little over a quarter of the year, and the popular verdict has been so strong against the Republican party as to cause any reasonable observer to conclude that the fall elections will prove a Democratic tidal wave. There is far more significance in many of these local elections than the Republican leaders may be willing to admit. The stimulus of a presidential canvass may be lacking, but, under the present circumstances, each local election may be considered as reflecting the status of each party. It is idle to talk simply of the personal strength, politically, of any candidate. If he is beaten out of his boots, he can only attribute it to the decadence of his party. The candidate, who is the recognized and official representative of his party, must expect to poll its full vote, or, at least, a majority of it. In all the local elections this year what do we see? Republican candidates beaten in Republican districts by an unprecedented majority, and the normal Democratic majority in Democratic districts going up like the thermometer during the dog days.

The elections held, in Ohio, on Monday, although local in character, are considered by the political leaders in that state as having a most important influence on the fall elections. The Republicans fought in every instance for the distinct purpose of showing that the Democratic victory last fall was only an accident, and that Ohio was essentially Republican. On this line the contest was carried on, and the result is that the people of Ohio have emphatically declared, as the people of Iowa had already done, that they believe only in the Democratic party, and that they repudiate McKinley and all his works. Yet it was ostensibly for their sake that McKinley absolutely alienated New England in the wool schedules of his Dolly Varden tariff bill. The three principal cities of the Buckeye state, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus, have rolled up extraordinary Democratic majorities, and other cities and towns in the state have followed their example.

In Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and other states the same result has been manifested. The Republican strongholds in this state have fallen, one by one, and it is only necessary to point to the election in this city, in which the Republican vote was almost obliterated, to come to the conclusion that the Democratic tidal wave this year is of unprecedented dimensions. In Connecticut and Rhode Island the Democracy won decided victories. The same story is repeated wherever there has been an election since Harrison entered the White House. It is all nonsense to ascribe such an unvarying line of victories to local causes or Republican indifference. The cause must be sought in the overwhelming opposition of the entire country to the corrupt intolerance and unconstitutional course of the Republican party since it regained power. President Cleveland was right. Better to risk temporary disaster in the pursuit of the right than to let the country go to the dogs in upholding and continuing a vicious system. The right must prevail sooner or later in this country, and the wise, patriotic policy of President Cleveland is being daily indicated by the diminution of the Republican ranks. He is greater and nobler and more influential in his retirement than he was at the head of the government, for the country is fast finding out how true to its interests his policy was, and it is turning en masse to the true Democratic principles he so ably and eloquently advocated. Grover Cleveland is on the crest of the advancing Democratic tidal wave.

The President has removed from the Chicago Pension Agency the widow of the gallant Colonel Mulligan, who was appointed by Cleveland. Her brother was killed and her husband was mortally wounded in the battle of Lexington. The clerks in her office were mainly the widows of good soldiers who are rearing families left them to support. She is succeeded by a military politician, who announces that the women in the office will have to go, as he desires to make the pension agency a political factor in Illinois politics. All right, Cleveland did not try to make it a factor in politics. He remembered the non-voting widow, whose husband gave his life for his country. Of course from the machine standpoint, he was wrong, but what right heart in the country does not approve him?

Harney county's Democratic convention nominated the following ticket: County clerk, W. E. Grace; sheriff, A. A. Cowing; county judge, William Miller; assessor, W. E. Alberson; treasurer, Thomas H. Roberts; surveyor, T. A. McKinnon; school superintendent, I. R. Baker; coroner, F. P. Moore; commissioners, William Aitnow, T. R. James. At the election the people will vote upon whether or not the county seat shall be removed to Burns.

Gold was discovered in the dirt taken from an artesian well in Harney City last week. The well is being put down by O. Chandler, of that place, and now has obtained a depth of 175 feet. The last dirt taken from the well panned out seventy-five cents to the pan, and as soon as the extent of the valuable find can be ascertained steps will be taken toward developing the deposit.

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