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DIVIDED DELEGATIONS.

Some Sound Reasons for Electing Gearin to Congress.

From the Salem Vidette.

There is one consideration that should be taken into account in the present Congressional election, namely, the composition of the delegation. It has been a policy of the Democratic party and administrations in national affairs to apportion governmental work among men of all political ideas, but particularly between the two great parties, and the Republican party in the last ten years has been obliged to recognize the soundness of this policy and to adopt it, not only in national affairs but in local. That a party in the administration of the government should have the control, or in other words the majority vote, cannot be questioned, but the minority ought also to have a word to say. This is not denied and never has been by the Democratic party, as a national party. In Democratic States full Republican delegations have been sent to Congress, when that body was Republican, for the purpose of harmonizing the majority. A Democratic representative in a vast Republican majority always was unable to accomplish anything of importance, but a Republican member from a Democratic community had very little trouble in getting his measure through. Any one of ordinary intelligence ought to grasp the idea of the policy.

To show how this policy is carried out we submit the following:

The Inter-State commission is composed of three Democrats and two Republicans. Anderson of New York, and Pattison of Pennsylvania, Democrats, and Littler of Illinois, Republican, comprise the Pacific railroad commission. The same system is adopted in the appointment of the postoffice site commissions and the tariff commissions.

President Garfield appointed Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio, on the Geneva Award commission with two Republicans.

All the committees of the Senate and House are constituted the same way. In the Senate, the majority of each committee is Republican; in the House Democratic.

In Oregon 26,900 votes were cast for Webb, Democrat, for State Treasurer, being about 200 more than for McBride, Republican, for Secretary of State; and yet the Democratic side of the State has no voice in the Democratic House of Representatives. This is not good judgment in the people. Had there been a Democrat in the delegation—two Republican Senators and one Democratic Representative, the delegation would have been Republican, but more potent. It is an established fact that Hermann wants to be U. S. Senator, and Dolph and Mitchell, looking out for their own interests, are impeding him all they can in his pull for it. There is a secret antipathy on the part of the Senators, as any one can see, against Hermann, which would not exist if a Democrat were warming the Representative chair. The Republicans in Oregon have admitted the expediency of dividing the political influence by not only electing Democratic Supreme Justices, but by putting a Democratic minority on election boards in the ratio of two to three.

Then look at the practice of old and well established States. In Pennsylvania, with 80,000 Republican majority, Randall, Snowdon, Ermentrout, Hall, Lynch, Scott and Buckalew, Democrats, are sent to Congress.

In Massachusetts, a large manufacturing and tariff State, Morse, Collins, Burnett and Russell, Democrats, are in Congress.

In Connecticut, another manufacturing and tariff State, Vance, French and Granger, Democrats, Congressmen, sup with Russell (Rep.) Congressman, and Hawley and Platt Senators.

In New Jersey, a Democratic State, the two senators are Democratic and two representatives out of seven are Republicans.

Ohio, a wool growing and Republican State, sends five Democrats out of twenty-one representatives.

Minnesota, a Republican State, sends three Democrats and two Republicans to Congress, beside two Republican senators.

Kentucky, a 50,000 majority Democratic State, sends up two Republican delegates.

Tennessee, a 20,000 Democratic State, has two Republican Congressmen.

North Carolina has four Republican and five Democratic Congressmen.

Missouri, the strongest Democratic State in the Union, has two Republican Representatives from Democratic districts, namely, Warren from Kansas City, and Wade from Springfield, where that fraud Fremont shoved Gen. Lyon "into the mouth of Hell," in 1861.

West Virginia, which was created a State during the war, has been Democratic since the war was put down by Democrats and foreigners, sends Nathan Gaff, Jr., a Republican, to stand off three Democrats.

These instances are cited, beside many others in view, to show that almost every delegation in Congress is divided so that both political factions in the country are represented. This is a potent argument for the election of a Democratic Congressman at the ensuing election. It is an easy matter for the Republican Senators to pass a measure in the Republican Senate, but it is not so easy for a Republican representative to get measures through the Democratic House, especially when the Republican Senators are secretly fighting the Republican representative. Judge Strahan was elected to the Supreme bench receiving 27,000 votes; G. W. Webb was elected treasurer by 26,000, and this vote is not represented in Congress—one-half of the people in the State. There are two Republicans in the Senate; why not have a Democrat in the House which is Democratic? Hermann has done absolutely nothing since he was first elected to Congress. The only thing he relies on is the bill creating the Harney land office and that was introduced by Senator Mitchell, aided by Gov. Pennoyer, and it would have gone through the House without Hermann's help. The Congressman gets good pay, but if he does no work he should be set aside. If his bitter partisanship prevents his accomplishing anything, it would be better to supplant him with a man who could act in harmony with the majority. Mr. Gearin is a Democrat, and a native Oregonian. He is educated, and has studied the politics of the country. He is full of sympathy with the Democratic policy and would secure the support of the majority in the House. This is for the voters and taxpayers to think about. If the object in sending a man to Congress is to secure benefit to the State, it is business to send such a man as can accomplish the work. History proves that Hermann cannot do the work. We might as well not have any one there. This State is not interested in paying a man $5000 a year to parade before an M. C. A congressman is not a whit better than a county commissioner, who works for nothing and pays his own expenses, in point of honor, and if there is nothing to do in Congress there is no use in electing a representative. On the theory followed by the administration we think it best to have a Democratic member to act with the Republican Senators.

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