

Political Speculation.

The Chicago Herald, of February 7, in commenting on the political situation, says:

Under the new congressional apportionment the various States will at the next election have four hundred and one electoral votes, of which two hundred and one will be necessary to a choice. Four years ago the following named States gave their votes for Hancock and English:

Table listing electoral votes for various states: Alabama, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Delaware, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina.

By the new apportionment additional votes were given to the above States as follows:

Table listing additional electoral votes for various states: Arkansas, South Carolina, California, Texas, Virginia, Kentucky, West Virginia, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina.

Adding this increased vote to that cast in 1880 gives the strength of the Democrats in the electoral college at 172, which, with the thirty-six votes of New York State, would make 208 a clear majority of seven.

In this enumeration the only State not certainly Democratic is New York, while not included in it are Indiana and Connecticut, which are quite as likely to be Democratic as Republican. Beyond this it would be idle for the Democrats to look. They might carry all the States first named, and Indiana and Connecticut as well, but losing New York they would be defeated. On the other hand, if they should make New York the battle-field, and stake their hope of success on their ability to carry it, they would, with unobjectionable candidates, have to retain a State already their own, and the votes of Indiana and Connecticut could be held in reserve to make up for any break which might occur in some less important quarter. The necessity of the Democrats making their campaign in New York is so plain as to require no labored argument to substantiate it. Without that State they cannot win, as the figures show. With it, defeat would be practically out of the question.

The pretense that Ohio can be made a Democratic State this year is idle. Hopes based on that idea will be shattered. The State has never failed to vote for Republican candidates in Presidential elections. It has occasionally been carried by the Democrats in off years, but as regularly as the quadrennial contests have taken place it has returned to its allegiance. New York, on the contrary, when not overwhelmingly Democratic, has always been close, and since the war it has been carried twice by Democrats in Presidential years. Nothing but the unpopularity of Mr. Greeley with the party whose candidate he was, prevented the State from declaring against Grantism in 1872 as vehemently as it did in 1876. In no previous contest has the possession of New York been of such vital importance to the Democrats as now, for at no other election in twenty-five years have they had a certainty of enough votes elsewhere to elect their candidates, even if they did carry that State. This year they have that certainty.

New York is the one State which the Democrats must make sure of carrying. No party ever found itself confronted on the eve of a national election with a more simple problem. By concentrating their efforts in that direction they can settle the question on ground of their own choosing, and of which they will be in possession at the opening as well as the closing of the campaign.

High license is making progress; the supreme court of Illinois has affirmed the Harper act, which requires a license fee of \$500 a year. In Nebraska high license is accomplishing so much in the way of temperance reform as to compel silence on the part of its opponents. In cities of 10,000 and over, of which Lincoln and Omaha are the only examples, license is placed at \$1000 per year. In the country and smaller towns the fee is \$500. Since the adoption of high license Omaha has lost half of its saloons, while the decrease in the country is still greater. Legislation of this sort is wise, because it is legislation that the people will enforce.

The amendment to the Chinese restriction bill, which was prepared by the Pacific coast delegation, has been favorably reported by the committee to which it was referred, Messrs. Lamb and Eaton, the Democratic members, favoring it and Mr. Rice, Republican, opposing it. There is no doubt but what the House will pass it, though what action the Senate and Mr. Arthur will take upon it is uncertain.

Temperance.

In this week's issue we have Mr. Benjamin's reply to our criticism on his article last week on prohibition. In the course of a long study of the liquor problem it has been a question with me whether the policy pursued by these temperance reformers have not accelerated rather than retarded the traffic and heightened the worst features of the evil flowing from the saloon business. Certain it is that within the last twenty years saloons have multiplied faster than any other business and the accompanying evils have grown to more gigantic proportions. It was with a view to ascertaining how and why this is so that our criticism was directed against his article last week. The reply of Mr. Benjamin furnishes to my mind cogent reasons, and shows how unwittingly these reformers have been playing into the hands of the saloons. The article and reply presents the true theory of these reformers. They are in favor of prohibition, and to be consistent deny the right of the State to license what they term an evil, and strenuously oppose a high license for saloons.

In this reply Mr. Benjamin admits the right of the druggist to sell for medicinal and mechanical purposes, and claims that the evil comes from selling as a beverage, which he alone asks to prohibit. Now if we were to close up all the saloons in accordance with the position assumed by the writer, and the druggists are allowed to sell by the quantity, we would have to have the additional prohibitory amendment against drinking as a beverage, to prevent those who would desire, from obtaining the liquid, which would be difficult to enforce. If we admit the right of the State to license, regulate and control, then it is the fault of society that the evils flowing from the saloons are not eradicated. Should the license be commensurate with the expense they entail upon society, there would be fewer saloons in the community and the law enforced against selling to minors and inebriates, and the doors closed against youths entering its portals, the business would become less obnoxious and many of its evils would disappear. It would be less dangerous to society than when sold by the quantity from the drug store. Many persons who are in the habit of using the stimulant would take their bitters over the bar instead of keeping it at their homes and drinking it before their children, as they would under prohibition.

The house of representatives of the United States passed a resolution of condolence on the death of Herr Lasker, a member of the German reichstag, and sent a copy of the resolution to our minister in Germany, to be communicated to the president of the reichstag. It is reported, on the authority of a London Times' correspondent, that Bismarck returned the resolution, with a request that it be returned to our house of representatives, as the position of Herr Lasker in Germany was not such as to justify the action of congress.

JOHN LIVINGSTON, of New York, president of the Railroad Shareholder's Association, has issued a confidential circular, to be sent to the stockholders of the various railroads. The circular asks for contributions to a fund to be used to defeat legislation on railroad matters, and to secure the repeal of existing laws and the abolition of railroad commissioners in the various States where they exist.

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