

THE VERDICT.

In nearly every state that cast its vote yesterday there are large Republican gains, and the verdict of the people at the ballot-box has been in favor of protection and the national administration of affairs as outlined by the old party.

In Ohio the issue was clearly and unequivocally made, and Major McKinley, the apostle of protection, headed the ticket.

Iowa fell into line with the Populists a few years ago, and the Republican ticket was defeated ever since.

It is to be regretted that the election yesterday did not include every state in the American union, so that the entire sovereign people could speak in emphatic tones against the heresies promulgated by the Chicago platform.

THE LESSON TAUGHT.

Several reasons will be assigned for the recent Republican victory by the disappointed Democrats. That Ohio should give Mr. McKinley a good majority is no surprise to any one; but that this should swell until it reached nearly 100,000 is a matter of astonishment to all.

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OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

This is an off year in state politics. Only thirteen out of the forty-four states held state elections—Iowa, Nebraska, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Virginia and Wisconsin.

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Judge Manly laid the law down clearly and plainly in his charge to the jury in the trial of the publishers of the Sunday Mercury for criminal libel, when he said it made no difference whether the managers did not write or authorize the writing of the article, or even did not see it until after it was published, they were guilty of the crime.

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PRINTED WORDS. The verdict of a trial jury in Portland finding two of the publishers of the Mercury guilty of libel defines the boundaries of that style of journalism, and there are limits to public criticism in other matters which may be as clearly marked.

Some men who pretend to be educated and abreast with the progress of the age, advocate that "cranks" should be summarily dealt with. If such an idea were put into effect, it would be the same men who are unnumbered and suffer defeat, and the country would be under the domination of those of ungodly and unstable minds.

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There is no doubt that full justice will be done Prendegast by the criminal court of Chicago, without any aid from the press of the country. The crime is the worst known to our laws, and if insanity is no defense there is no use of any trial. If such is to be the rule of courts in this country here-

after the poor fanatic should be hanged to the first lamppost, and a trial would simply be a farce.

A cotemporary says that Cleveland is a "single" man. Mrs. Cleveland, Ruth and Esther will object to calling "papa" single, as well they might.

The silver men say they have not given up the fight; but are again preparing for battle. It may be expected that the next contest will be at the ballot box, when the forces of free-coinage will make a desperate attempt to recover lost ground.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

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