

The latest election returns received to-day do not materially change the results as indicated in yesterday's dispatches. The democrats have won a victory which may be termed almost sweeping in its extent. As usual there is considerable effort and ingenuity spent in telling how it happened, and in avoiding admission of some disagreeable truth as to party policy.

The result of this election demonstrates the weakness of party lines and the wonderful increase of the independent vote—the flotsam on the great sea of politics, which is ready to be swept here or there with irresistible force by the variable breeze of popular opinion. Strong must be the part, and deep must its foundations be anchored in correct principles to avoid distinction by its tremendous and sweeping force.

Republicans are proverbially careless in off years and this is no exception to the general rule. There seems to be little doubt that the general impression of the McKinley bill on the independent vote was quite unfavorable to the republican party. The time in which its operation could be observed before this election was so short that it could not be considered a trial of its merits, but the reports of advance in prices of various manufactured articles of food and raiment which have been circulated by the newspapers of the country, regardless of their political proclivities, has alarmed the average voter and aroused a feeling against the McKinley bill which has found effective expression in the large majorities cast against the party that is responsible for it.

It may be that further familiarity with the workings of the modified tariff will remove the temporary prejudice against it, and demonstrated the wisdom of its provisions. But the greatest good the republican party can gain from this defeat is unity of effort in the next presidential contest.

The sweeping democratic victory in Indiana has rendered one thing certain; the republican presidential candidate in 1908 must be Benjamin Harrison.

GROVER CLEVELAND made a strong bid for the presidency yesterday, in his comments on the result of Monday's election, as given in our telegraphic columns. It is perfectly natural that he should be delighted with the democratic victories, as it is more or less an endorsement of his administration and policy.

London newspapers, in speaking of the Monday elections in this country, generally attribute the defeat of the republicans to the popular disapproval of the McKinley bill, and think the result was brought about by a few unwise politicians whose extreme protection views were embodied in that bill.

Electrons! The subject is too painful to contemplate; don't mention politics!

Remarkable Rescue. Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold which settled on her lungs; she was treated a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she had a hopeless case of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her daughter suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself cured from first dose. She continued to use, and after taking ten bottles found herself sound and well, now does her housework and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this great Discovery at W. Conroy's Drug Store, large bottles, 50c, and \$1.

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A Touching Scene Witnessed by a Portland Gentleman. One week ago I received an invitation to witness a delicate surgical operation on an eye. The patient was the 17-year-old daughter of Harrison Hay. For three years she had been blind in both eyes with a cataract, and was obliged to grope her way about in total darkness. The patient, without taking chloroform, submitted to the following operation: She was now ready for the surgical part of the work, and we stood in breathless anxiety as Dr. Prentice placed the point of his knife at the side of the eyeball, carefully touched the point of the cornea, and almost on the instant the girl said: "Oh, Dr. Prentice I can see you." This was spoken in tones well calculated to bring tears to one's eyes. From the time the knife touched the eye until the patient could see, it was but one minute. She was allowed to see those about her for a moment, then the eye was closed and bandaged. In just one week after the operation she came into our office and was able to read our paper. She also wrote a letter home, saying: "Dear parents, I can see and am happy."

Mr. Jerome W. Campbell, General Superintendent of the Willamette Bridge Railway Co., saw this operation.

A LETTER. From a Patient Who Was Cured By Dr. Prentice.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 7, 1899. To the Suffering: For five years I have suffered with sleeplessness, nervous debility, irritation at the base of the brain, and a terrible kidney disease. I had tried so many remedies that I had no good that at last I gave up all hope of ever being a well man again. I tried many prescriptions that were said to be sure cures, and all failed. There were many times during the past few years that I was obliged to lay off from work several weeks at a time. Lately I was running down in health very rapidly, and was alarmed. I contemplated leaving this part of the country and trying to see if I could not get relief elsewhere. I must say that my faith in doctors was about gone, but something led me to visit Dr. Prentice at the Esmond hotel. I crowded in with the others and waited my turn. He examined me and told me when my trouble was, and said he could cure it without medicine. I can't say that I really believed him, but something in his manner led me to trust him. He gave me no medicine at all, yet from the day of my first visit I began to improve rapidly. I now sleep as sound as a child. My memory is greatly improved. My kidney disease and nervous debility are entirely well. My appetite splendid, and I now enjoy life and perfect health. Any afflicted person wishing to learn about my case will find me at address below.

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