

# The Democrat.

## WILL THEY ATTEMPT IT.

One of the most radical propositions in the way of congressional legislation that has ever been to the country since the dark days of reconstruction, is the bill that Senator John Sherman proposes to introduce into the next congress whereby the election of congressmen is to be taken out of the hands of the States and placed in the hands of clerks, judges, boards and canvassers appointed directly or indirectly by the president.

This is the bill which has so frequently been threatened, and which promises to be the most important political issue coming before Congress in December.

The debate is likely to be a long, bitter and partisan one, and the democrats will manage badly, indeed, if they are not able to show the country that popular government is threatened by this measure. There are a great many blacksliders in the republican party already on this issue, thousands of voters, particularly in New England, who believe the proposed measure is dangerous. A discussion of it will soon show them the extent of this conspiracy against popular government. Under this bill the president is to appoint a board of canvassers in each State and an electoral board of three members in each congressional district. A registrar for each precinct or election district is to be appointed by the electoral board, which will also designate the judges of election. Clerks of election will be chosen by the judges. The electoral board of the congressional district will appoint a board of canvassers for each county, city, or political division. Every step in the election of a member of Congress from the registration to the final count is to be under the supervision of officials created by and responsible to the national administration. Summarizing the political machinery provided for in the Sherman bill it is as follows:

1. A board of five State canvassers in each State, to be appointed by the President, "by and with the approval of the Senate."
2. An electoral board of three members in each congressional district, also to be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Senate.
3. A registrar for each precinct or election district, to be appointed by the electoral board of each congressional district.
4. Three judges of election for each precinct or election district, to be appointed by the electoral board of each congressional district.
5. Two clerks of election for each precinct or election district, to be appointed by the judges of election therein.
6. A board of canvassers in each county, city, or corresponding political division, to be designated by the electoral board of each congressional district from among the judges of elections.

The Sherman bill would create at one swoop over 600,000 new Federal officials appointed directly or indirectly by the president and under his control and management—210 State canvassers, 990 members of district electoral boards, 100,000 registrars, 300,000 judges of election and 300,000 clerks of election or a total of 601,200 persons. In no limited monarchy of Europe would the King be granted such power as Sherman proposes to give the president. It is the virtual creation of a dictatorship, and the republicans themselves would soon regret their action.

The *Mercury*, republican, says: "A trifle more than a half dozen years ago Iowa rolled up from 75,000 to 82,000 republican majority, Iowa goes democratic this year. She bends over Indiana to hug Virginia, and presses her pouting lips against New York's sniffling countenance. Thank heaven, we can always depend upon staunch old Oregon."

The *Scio Press* opens war on the democracy as follows: "Some of the Democratic journals are whooping it up for Governor Penneyer, loudly calling for his renomination. This wouldn't pan, as the genuine Webfoot never takes the same puke twice in succession. Besides, brother Penneyer would rather go to the United States Senate by a large majority."

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An exchange says that the Iowa River is reported to be nearer dried up than it has been for thirty five years. The necessary consequence of prohibition.

It is estimated that 125,000 French Canadians have crossed over during the present year to reside in the United States.

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