

The Democrat.

A BENEFICIARY OF FRAUD.

The Attorney General of the United States has made his annual report. He is an appointee of Harrison and hails from Indiana. Nothing strange about the fact that he is an Indiana man, but when considered in relation to the following extract from his report, one can only express his disgust at the brazen effrontery of that officer. He says:

"Very soon after the 4th of March last it was brought to my attention that at the then recent Congressional elections there were very numerous and far-reaching violations of the Federal laws, relating to such elections. It was charged that, by intimidation of voters, by seizing and destroying ballot boxes, by substitution of false returns, by bribery of voters and election officers and by various other means well known to those engaged in this nefarious business, the popular will was stifled and falsified and returns obtained wholly at variance with what would have been the result of a free and fair vote honestly counted. In every case where such changes were brought to the attention of this department, instructions were given to the district attorneys to investigate and prosecute to the utmost of their power every person implicated in such violations of Federal laws, and I am happy to be able to report that in a number of States such prosecution have been successful."

It should be borne in mind that the election to which the attorney general refers was the presidential election. His own state was carried for Harrison "by bribery of voters and election officers and by various other means well known to those engaged in this nefarious business." And who were engaged in this nefarious business? Quay who originated the scheme of the "Blocks-of-five", Wanamaker who furnished the money, and Dudley who carried it into execution. Fraud and bribery swept like a besom of destruction over nearly the entire state and rendered nugatory the will of the people, elected Harrison president, three or four republican congressmen that would otherwise have been defeated, and the attorney general is the beneficiary of these frauds, and not a single step has he taken to inquire into them. It is no credit even to Harrison to have an officer so entirely devoid of common honesty.

The latest investment of English capital in this country consists in buying up threshing machine works, options on a number of which have been obtained, with the purpose of combining them under one management. It is easy to see how such a combination might result in injury to American farmers. The threshing machine is a necessity to grain growers. Competition of various manufacturers has made it comparatively cheap. Would this competition be maintained if all threshing machines were under one control? It is very doubtful at the least. Such a combination is in the nature of a trust, and should be prohibited by law the same as any other conspiracy against public interest may be under our present laws. It is impossible for farmers practically to combine for their own protection in this matter. They are too many and too scattered. All the more reasons, therefore, that laws should be made for the protection of their interests.

The republican state committee of Indiana met the other day at Indianapolis and Chairman Michener scored a complete victory over United States Treasurer Huston, the election of new members being ordered for the second Thursday in January. This means the reorganization of the Committee in Michener's interest, and several friends of Huston say tonight that they will not stand for re-election or have anything to do with the campaign. A resolution was adopted endorsing the President's message. In the discussions on the state of the Republican party in Indiana the members all agreed that the dissatisfaction is general, and that the Committee should get to work early and endeavor to overcome it.

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