

NEW YORK IN 1888.

Gov. Hill's friends have repeatedly laid stress upon the exhibit of 1888 in New York as indicating that he is there much stronger with the democratic party than Grover Cleveland, who lost New York in that year and so lost a re-election. Friends of Cleveland have gone so far as to assert that Hill managed the influences at his command so entirely in his own interest that he neglected the interest of the national ticket. From this charge of atrocious selfishness the Buffalo Courier has steadily defended him, and with a heartiness which created the impression that it was overzealous for the governor. But the Courier will not be unjust to Cleveland, and explains satisfactorily how it came that in New York Hill had 14,647 more votes than Cleveland in 1888.

Warner Miller was left outside the breast-works, to use the figure in Harrison's sympathetic dispatch, on a state issue, the liquor question. The Courier cites the vote in Erie county, where Cleveland received 29,542 votes for president in 1888 which was more than the full party strength. Hill there received 3,608 more votes than Cleveland. "Deducting the Hill excess in Erie county from the total excess, 14,647, in the state, the Hill excess in the other fifty-nine counties was 11,139. Who doubts that the republican liquor vote which was cast for Gov. Hill as against Warner Miller in these fifty-nine counties was fully equal to 11,139? If this is true—and who can reasonably doubt it?—then what becomes of the assertion that because Gov. Hill received on a state issue in 1888 a vote of 14,647 in excess of the presidential vote for Mr. Cleveland the result was an indication of the unpopularity of Mr. Cleveland among democrats? This question is fair to Gov. Hill, to Mr. Cleveland, and to the democratic party of the state and nation."

The whole question is one which Gov. Hill can gain nothing by agitating. The democracy of the country were gravely disappointed in 1888 at the failure to secure in New York the success of the national as well as the state ticket, but after some exhibition of impatience with Gov. Hill they were content to accept the explanation which was then urged. The reopening of this matter will not advantage Hill. —Chicago Times.

The gauntlet has been thrown down. The proposition has been officially made that large sums of money will be asked for to build wagon roads. Let the tax payer keep his eye on the legislature. It is a plain violation of the constitution of the state of Oregon to pass special laws providing for laying out and constructing wagon roads. A million dollars would not build the roads needed. Let no member of the legislature who is a friend of the people be deterred from doing his whole duty in defeating such pernicious legislation, by the sham cry of mossbackism.

A liberal, (not profligate,) appropriation for the World's Fair will meet approval from the people, but political death awaits the man who votes to squander the people's money on mountain wagon roads.

Section 23, Article 4, of the constitution of the state provides that the legislative assembly shall not pass special or local laws in any of the following enumerated cases:

7. For laying, opening and working on highways." How can a man who swears to support that instrument vote to appropriate money to build wagon roads?

We are waiting patiently for some laboring man to rise up and inform the public that his wages have been increased as a result of the passage of the McKinley bill.

It is stated that since the sunflower has been cultivated on certain swamps of the Potomac, malarial fever has decreased. Similar results have been observed in Holland, at the mouth of the Scheldt.

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The Michigan State Grange has passed resolutions strongly opposing the policy of loaning money to farmers by the general Government. This probably fairly represents the view on this subject that will be generally taken after people have taken their second thought about it. The few demagogues who have gone in for this policy, under the notion that it will make them popular with farmers, have made a serious mistake. This is the usual fate of demagogues. When their designs are seen through, they become despised, while those who had courage betimes to speak the unpopular truth receive due honor.

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