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Mild winter—because the corn
husks are not thick and the matrial
has built an ordinary house. These
signs never fail—more than once a
year.

The New York Herald thinks
that the presence of 32 Randall
Democrats in the next house insures
that there will be no tariff tinkering.

The Oklahoma boomers are
turning their attention from that
land of promise to the pan-handle
of Texas.

It is reported that the Presi-
dent's wife sneezed recently, and
none of the papers had a word to
say about it. It is such unfortunate
failures to record the important
news of the day that is bringing
the American press into reproach!

A Philadelphia woman is re-
ported to have sent this note to an
oil broker: "Please buy me 10,000
barrels of oil at 90 cents and sell at
\$1.10. Remind me the differences,
less your commission. Upon the
promptness with which you execute
this order depends my future pat-
ronage."

The utter hopelessness of the
attempt of the "Gentiles" of Utah
to overthrow the Mormon power in
the elections in that Territory is
apparent when one reads the result
of the late election for Delegates to
Congress. John T. Caine, Mor-
mon, received 19,605 out of 32,483
votes cast.

Five years ago T. P. Woodall
of Hartville, Ala., in a fit fell into
an open fire, and his skull was so
badly burned that he was likely to
die. As a last resort surgeons re-
moved the entire skull on a line
parallel with the eyebrows, placed
an artificial covering over the brain,
and Woodall lived until a few days
ago, and retained all his faculties.

The Salt Lake News, (Mor-
mon) bewails the increase of crime
in Massachusetts, due, it thinks, to
weakening of church influences.
It is a pretty dark record that the
Old Bay state has been making of
late, particularly in the matter of
heavy embankments, but for a
Mormon paper to comment upon
it is like "pot calling kettle black."

Rev. J. Milton Turner, the
well known colored politician of
St. Louis, says he has become con-
vinced that the time has come for
the colored people to secure some
other means than politics for the
betterment of their condition. He
believes that the negroes must be
redistributed throughout the country,
and has a plan for the formation
of a colony in Missouri, But-
ter county.

J. L. Goben, who was elected
and of Montgomery co., on the
Democratic ticket at the late election
has been declared ineligible by
the commissioners, on the ground
that when he recently retired from
the office of county treasurer he
was a defaulter to the amount of
nearly \$8,600; which has never
been paid.

The returns show that the Re-
publicans carried Virginia by be-
tween 16,000 and 17,000 majority.
This is within a few hundred of the
majority by which Gov. Lee was
elected a year ago. The Congress-
ional representation stands six Re-
publicans, one Independent Labor
and three Democrats. Gov. Lee
ridicules the idea that the result
was due to any change in Dem-
ocratic sentiment. He says the
Democrats simply did not go to the
polls. "When the Democratic ba-
gle sounds," he said, "just wait for
some amazing majorities."

There are two ex-Vice Presi-
dents—Hamlin and Wheeler—now
living. From present indications
there will soon be only one left, and
that one the elder of the two. Ham-
lin, who is now about 77, and who
was a member of Congress as far
back as 1843, appears to be assured
of several years more of life, while
Wheeler, who is ten years younger,
is an invalid in his home in North-
ern New York. His death at any
time now would not cause surprise
to his friends.

There is every prospect that
the Democratic party will not be so
harmless in the next Presidential
campaign as in the last. First,
there is the tariff question which
will divide it. Protectionists in
the party will not brook any free
trade nonsense, and free traders are
firm in the belief that their doctrine
is the correct one. Randall who is
looming up as a strong candidate
for the nomination for the Presi-
dency, will fight against free trade
and will never consent to going in
to the fight under that banner.
Then there is the silver question,
upon which the South and West
are united in favor of "the dollar
of our daddies," while the East, par-
ticularly the gold-bugs in the Dem-
ocratic party, are bent upon stop-
ping the coinage. Cleveland, him-
self, seeking the re-nomination, be-
ing the most pronounced enemy of
silver coinage. Where a middle
ground will or can be found upon
which the leaders of the party can
stand dry-shod and rally the rank
and file no man can predict.

RECOUNT RELICS.

Evidence Before the Commis-
sioners' Court.

DO THESE MEN KNOW
WHAT THEY ARE
TALKING ABOUT?

THE READER MUST BE
THE JUDGE.

To satisfy a frequently expressed
desire to see in print the evidence
given by election officers, in the
trial recently had before the County
Commissioners, the statements
made by these gentlemen are repro-
duced below. As to their correctness
the Progress refers to the indi-
viduals quoted. As these men be-
long to both Republican and Dem-
ocratic parties, and some of them
are warm personal friends of one or
the other candidate for Auditor, the
testimony is worth more than
if it came from but one party or
from the friends of but one candi-
date. The first evidence of impor-
tance was that given by

Thomas McGinnis—Democratic
Inspector of Marion township
Counted the tickets correctly. Am
positive there were no mistakes; am
also positive that Pedigo's name
was not scratched at all. We
watched the scratched tickets close-
ly. There was not a name scratched
on a single Democratic county tick-
et, except Clark's.

David Johnson—(Republican
Judge of election in Marion town-
ship) Counted the votes the night
of the election; can see well; we
had a good light. Pedigo was not
scratched on a single Democratic
county ticket; I cannot be mistak-
en. There were 56 votes for Grimes
and 54 for Pedigo. (This is the
number of votes the count showed
but the re-count showed Pedigo's
name scratched off several tickets,
and made a gain of ten for Grimes,
or nearly one mistake for Auditor
out of each ten votes cast.)

Joseph Hadden—Witnessed the
count in Marion township; no
names were miscalled. No tickets
with Pedigo's name scratched and
Grimes' substituted; Worrall and
Clark were scratched, but Pedigo
was not. The vote stood 54 for
Pedigo and 56 for Grimes. Partic-
ular attention was paid to scratched
tickets.

W. W. Wicks, H. F. Perry and
William Blair, the Commissioners
who made the re-count, were called
and testified to the result as here-
tofore published. Some of these
had refused to sign a paper certi-
fying that they had counted all the
votes cast at the November election,
so the paper was modified so as to
read the votes presented to them to
re-count.

Witnessed count in Benton township.
Observed tickets closely, and kept a
private tally on Secretary of State,
Congressman, and Auditor. The
result on Auditor was 146 for Pedigo
and 58 for Grimes.

Wilson Adams—Republican In-
spector of East precinct in Bloom-
ington. Eye sight is good; had
two lamps on ballot box. I
called names correctly. Did not
make eleven mistakes. It was not
possible to do so. Was not sleepy.
Neither of the Judges were asleep
at any time. Ballots were put in
box and taken to office. Was not
possible that I made eleven mis-
takes; never did use as much care
in counting ballots.

Gus Holtzman—Democratic
Judge in same precinct. Sat close
to Adams and looked at every name;
passed tickets to May. The names
were all called correctly. Was not
possible to make mistakes without
it being discovered. Was not
asleep. Particular attention was
given to scratching on county ticket.
Don't think it possible that we
made even one mistake. Was but
one kind of sealing wax used to
seal tickets.

Robert Todd, Democratic In-
spector, and Isaac Fleetwood Re-
publican Judge in Polk township
testified that they made no mis-
takes in counting the vote in their
township.

A. K. Dowden—Democratic In-
spector of Smithville precinct,
called tickets correctly. Grimes
was scratched on 2 or 3 Re-
publican tickets. Pedigo scratched
one on Democratic ticket. Pedigo's
name was printed on 2 or 3 Re-
publican tickets, and there was a
Pedigo "sticker" on one. We had
three lamps. Am positive there
were no mistakes. My attention
was once called to a slight mark on
Matson's name. Did not have my
finger over it. Think packages of
tickets can easily be broken open
and re-sealed.

George P. Ketcham—Republican
Judge of Smithville precinct. The
tickets were all called correctly,
very few scratches on either ticket
for Auditor.

J. T. Mitchell—Republican Clerk
of Smithville. The report was
made correctly—84 for Grimes, 64
for Pedigo. The plaintiff appealed
to the Circuit Court.

J. M. Mitchell—Republican of
Smithville precinct. Watched the
count on left side of Inspector. The
count was correct.

J. H. Dowden, Democrat, testified
to the same effect.

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CHIPS AND SPLINTERS.

—Miss Lou. Helton and Miss
May Seward have been visiting
Mrs. Hert, at Bedford—Miss
Ida Coffey of Brazil is the guest of
Miss Nettie Hendricks—Dr.

Kirkwood is one of the most popular
men ever connected with the
Faculty of I. S. U. His occasional
visits to the students are recognized
by the warmest applause and the
most genuine demonstrations of af-
fection and respect. He is truly a
grand old man—Talmage, the
world-renowned lecturer and pre-
acher, will be in Bloomington to-night
(Dec. 8th) and will lecture in Col-
lege Chapel. Subject: "A Reply to
Ingersollism." The reputation
achieved by Mr. Talmage ought in
itself to be a sufficient cause for draw-
ing out an immense audience.

David Barrow—Inspector of elec-
tion in Benton township, counted
tickets correctly. The count stood
Pedigo 146, Grimes 58. It was not
possible to make a mistake of fifteen
votes. (The re-count showed a
mistake of 15 votes in favor of
Grimes.) After calling tickets
handed them to Mr. Tompson. Not
one mistake was made.

Daniel Robinson—Judge of elec-
tion in Benton township. Sat
about four feet from Inspector and
strung tickets.

Mr. Thompson—Republican
Judge of Benton township. We
had three lights. Sat on left side
of Inspector and followed each name
as called. Held one end of tickets
while being read off. The tickets
were all properly called. The talk
was that Grimes would run behind,
and particular attention was paid to
Auditor. Was not possible a mis-
take of 15 could be made. Some
dirty Republicans scratched Grimes.
After stopping I held one key to
box; finished after midnight; did
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Republican tickets with Grimes' name
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