

# THE DEMOCRAT IT'S TAGGART.

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TAGGART, how familiar that name sounds. Seems to us we have heard of it before.

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GOVERNOR MOUNT is having troubles of his own this week. W. J. Vesey and L. C. Hanna of Fort Wayne, seek the appointment of judge of the Superior court, a vacancy existing owing to the death of Judge Dawson.

WHEN President Lincoln wrote that "a man was good enough to govern other without his consent," he did not anticipate that only thirty-five years later the republican party would forms to prove that he didn't know what troubles talking about.

SENATOR JONES is at home from a long absence in Europe where he went to reap the blessings of better health. The senator is chairman of the democratic national committee and announces that great activity will mark the course of the committee in the next campaign.

MAYOR TAGGART so it is and so it will be for two years more. His election for the third time as mayor of Indianapolis, is a vindication of his administration and a testimonial to his popularity. Any one that can three times be elected mayor of Indianapolis is certainly a gem.

THE Indianapolis Sentinel is to be commended for its able campaign waged for Taggart, and the democratic candidates for city offices. It has championed its cause in a fearless manner and deserves the many bouquets being thrown so promiscuously at it. The Sentinel was a foot and alone, as the saying is, but it has covered itself with glory, and won the plaudits of an admiring public.

## Third Time Elected Mayor of Indianapolis.

It is a Personal As Well As An Administrative Vindication.

The Mayor's Many Friends Over the State Rejoice With Him in the Great Triumph Achieved.



The result of the Indianapolis municipal election is certainly gratifying to the democracy, who for the third successive time have been successful, with Taggart as their mascot. It certainly denotes a wonderful amount of personal popularity and confidence for any one to be honored three successive times with the office of mayor of so large and important a city as Indianapolis. But strange as this may seem, it is true of the Hon. Thomas Taggart, the best known and one of the most prominent democrats in Indiana. During his previous career as mayor, the improvements in our capital city have been great, many of them involving the outlay of many thousands and even hundreds of thousands of dollars. The republicans in their party platform and in their campaign attacked the Taggart administration. They also brought into play all the artful political ingenuity so well known to the public. They tried to arrange the gold democrats against Taggart by holding up his record on the silver question, while the gas company, the breweries, the saloons and the gambling elements all formed a mighty combine to bring about his defeat, his past administrations not being tasteful to those who favored a wide-open city. But the elements that believed in progression where honestly administered, those who took pride in the elevation of their city and its moral standing, especially the democrats, all stood loyally by Taggart and the democratic ticket.

At half past one o'clock this, Thursday morning, the returning board announced that Taggart received 20,388 votes, and Bookwalter, the republican candidate, 20,041. Taggart's official plurality being 347. The democratic city clerk was elected by 144 plurality, and police judge by 205 plurality, and fifteen of twenty-one ward councilmen are democrats and the six councilman at large. This is certainly a notable victory for the democrats and causes a big chunk of enthusiasm to assert itself in democratic circles all over the state. As is usual in such cases the republicans are claiming fraud and say they will contest, and so on. On the other hand Chairman Fanning, who had charge of the campaign for the democrats, has this to say: "I regard this victory as a great party victory for the democrats as well as a great personal indorsement from the citizens of Indianapolis for Mr. Taggart, who has served them as no public official ever has before. Considering the potent influences against us—influences that are said to own votes by the thousands—I regard the result as a more distinct expression of the public of its confidence in Mayor Taggart. There is no gainsaying this. It is the expression of the people who felt no spur except their desire to testify to the worth of the mayor of Indianapolis.

The democratic organization deserves in the fullest measure credit for this victory. I do not speak for myself, but for the committeemen who have worked unremittingly in the face of discouraging things. I would be denying them their just dues if I did not give them full credit. "To the election officers great credit is due. They were an incorruptible multitude, and deserve praise.

"I am not surprised that the republicans are charging fraud. This is a foolish charge. The democrats were prepared to resist the frauds contemplated against them, and they are yet. It is not surprising that the gossips should shout 'Indian giver' as the rest of us have done in our boyhood. The republican assertions of fraud are ridiculous."

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The issue of the Berne Witness last week was certainly a great credit to that enterprising paper. The Witness very handsomely took care of the Menomone conference, which held its sessions in Berne last week, giving a complete report in addition to which were some very handsome half-tones.

W. J. VESSEY succeeded in his aspirations and has been named by Governor Mount as judge of the superior court in Allen county, a vacancy existing. Judge Vessey has many friends in this city and county who will rejoice with him in his political advancement. He succeeds the late Judge Dawson, whose eminent qualities both as a jurist and a gentleman are well known.

One of the humorous incidents connected with the Dewey celebration, and not entirely without a moral, is the great indignation of Mark Hanna that Dewey should be mentioned for the presidency. Mr. McKinley's lieutenant is not often excited, but he betrays great disturbance at the honors to Dewey. When the two have appeared together, the admiral has far outranked the president in popular admiration.

The Indianapolis News will now have to eat its own crow. That paper supported Taggart two years ago and during his administration since up until three weeks ago, when it awoke one morning and discovered that Taggart and his alleged machine were a dangerous element to the future advancement and progress of that city. In other words it bartered itself away and got its just deserts. Its usefulness as a newspaper has been greatly lessened to say the least.

The governor and staff are home from Texas where they went on a mission of restoring rebel flags. The Frankfort Crescent wisely remarks that had these same officials been democrats the republican press would be wading in buckets of rebel blood and handling the chustnut of copperhead with their old time ease and persistency. But being republicans the Lord has endowed them with a special sanctification and granted them the special privilege of doing themselves what they would roundly denounce others in doing.

The tin trust having bought up all the mills in the country and being protected from the competition of the Welsh tin makers, has greatly increased the price of tin. This has compelled a decrease in the canning output, the tin comprising a large part of the cost of canned goods, and the farmers and truck-raisers find their market restricted and prices for their products depressed, though the consumer will be charged more for his canned goods. Let congress remove the tax on tin plate and see whether the trust will not reduce its prices as soon as competition is restored.

Some means ought to be provided for taking care of the incurable insane in this state. When it is ascertained that persons undergoing treatment at the hospital for the insane cannot be cured they are returned to the county from which they were sent. They are then generally taken to the jail or the poor house, where it is impossible to give them the care which their condition demands. The number thus returned seems to be on the increase. It is quite probable that when the next legislature meets, that body will be asked to provide a place for the keeping of these unfortunate individuals.—South Bend Times.

SHREWD observers who have carefully watched the course of events in the Ohio campaign, say that no one need be surprised if there should be an apparent breach between Senator Hanna and the president before the state election. By saying that "the British government is as good as ours" and especially by characterizing all talk of Admiral Dewey as "indecent," Senator Hanna has put the president in an unpleasant position at this time. If the president should go through the motions of turning Senator Hanna in it might placate the large element of the party that is disgusted with bossism.

By a conference of the democratic state central committee Indianapolis last Saturday evening developed that the democracy of the state are already grooming themselves for the conflict next year. Rites of the various districts bring good returns, showing harmony and determination to succeed that is gratifying in the extreme. The issues were a reaffirmation of the Chicago platform with strong declarations against trusts and imperialism, and we add, that the people are already studying these important questions. The position of the democratic party—as it always has been—on the side of the people against any class. As it has been against the British financiers so will it be against arist combinations who seek and do control markets and the value thereof to the consumers.

The mention of Dewey for the presidency has been regarded by politicians as purely complimentary. It is very clear that he sees in it something very significant. Lately, indeed, there has been good deal of quiet discussion at the clubs in Washington, to the effect that the Dewey boom will be something more tangible than a compliment. Many who at first did to take a serious view of it, agreed to admit that the movement might grow and assume definite and proportions before the wis over. It is argued by many thoughtful public men that as the time approaches for holding the next national convention, with no important press made in the Philippines, people will admit the unwisdom of renominating Mr. McKinley, and many republicans now commit to his fortunes will take hold seriously of the Dewey movement as the means of securing a renewal of party's administrative lease.

ALTHOUGH held far southwest, the democratic gong at Dallas, Texas, was one of importance, and its effects were felt throughout the country in campaign. It was attended by representative democrats of test and south. Their utterance authoritative, and will be in general circulation as democratic doctrine the coming election. The drastic managers have begun their work early. They have taken positions on the vital issues of time, and have evinced great feebness in outlining the democratic of battle. The contrast of their position with that of the republicans is remarkable. The factions in the are widening on the question of imperialism, and discussing the wisdom of renominating McKinley in uncertain tones. They are looking forward also with very great apathy to the opening of congress, they fear public utterances of leaders of their party which will further embarrass Mr. McKinley's administration.

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