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### THE ELECTION

For the third time William J. Bryan as a presidential candidate is doomed to disappointment and defeat. His defeat, while not so overwhelming in popular vote as in his previous campaigns, yet in the electoral college he shows but the same strength as in 1896 and 1900. There is no question but what he has grown in the popular estimation of the people, yet as a candidate these same people shout their admiration of his excellent qualities, his sincerity and his honesty and then vote for the other fellow. They refuse to accept him for what they know he really is. Against him have always been allied the great money and commercial interests and they scared the country into a belief of his unsafety as president. These elements alone caused his defeat. And in defeat he is the same peerless leader to his loyal followers as he would have been were the story now being written one of victory.

Governor-elect Thomas R. Marshall has won a signal victory. He won it by his strong personal charm, his striking individuality, and the belief that there was no pretense or false show about him. He brings into public life a new element of the independent, and if we mistake not, you will hear much of Thomas R. Marshall. As chief executive of this great state, he will be that chief executive in fact as well as in name, and it will be unnecessary to pay a dollar to a chauntiqua course to find it out.

For a second time John A. M. Adair has swept the eighth congressional district. This time his majority greatly exceeds that of two years ago, and this illustrates the fact that the people not only believe and trust him, but they also believe in rewarding the meritorious service of a worthy public servant. Congressman Adair has grown immensely in the estimation of the voters of the eighth district, and he bids fair to continue in their good graces for a long time to come.

The handsome majorities accorded the local Democrats on the county ticket is a testimonial to their standing as citizens and taxpayers of Adams county. They should now double their energies to serve in their several official capacities with zeal and energy.

### WE SECOND THE MOTION

The democracy of the state will decide for itself who shall be the successor of Mr. Hemenway, but Fort Wayne offers one who will represent the state strongly and properly in all things, and one who is heart and soul committed to our greatest enterprise, in the person of Edward G. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman is too modest to assert his own claims and this article is written without his knowledge or consent. But from the standpoint of party service, patriotism and ability he is in every way fitted to grace any position. In his short professional career he has given evidence of abilities far beyond the ordinary. His political service is evidenced by the fact that as county chairman he brought Allen county out of chaos back to its old political moorings, and his apostleship has made it firmer than ever in the faith; and then, advanced to a higher post of leadership, he redeemed the old Twelfth district from its waywardness of 1904 and 1902 and led it to the greatest democratic victory in its history. Taciturn, diplomatic, broadly sympathetic, intensely patriotic, eloquent and able, Edward G. Hoffman has the elements of statesmanship. He is young, but no younger than Albert J. Beveridge was when he was elected senator. He has wrought faithfully for the party and asked nothing in return; aye, even rejected proffered

honors. Now, when northern Indiana, and more particularly Fort Wayne, needs a man of high calibre in the halls of legislation, a better service could not be done by the Indiana legislature next January than to send Edward G. Hoffman to the senate.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

### SHOULD CHANGE CAMPAIGN METHODS

It seems that there ought to be a change in the manner of conducting campaigns. The idea of a presidential candidate riding night and day and making speeches from one end of the country to the other seems to be both unreasonable and unnecessary. The same thing is true of candidates for governor and other offices. It is asking entirely too much of the candidates and is a tax on their health and strength that should not be imposed or required. It satisfies the curiosity of the public, but it does nothing more. As a rule a very small fraction of the people to get to hear presidential candidates speak, and those who do hear them speak are of the same opinion still. A better plan, it would seem, would be to have the presidential candidates make a few speeches during the campaign. The number could be limited to a half dozen. Most any man could completely cover the ground with six speeches. The newspapers reproduce those speeches and every voter in the land has an opportunity to read and ponder over them. A candidate for governor could say all he desires to say in a half dozen speeches also, and he could avoid the expense and the fatigue and hard work involved in three months of the hardest kind of campaigning. The work of Taft in traveling over the country from a speaking standpoint amounted to nothing, for the reason that he made few speeches and is not a ready public speaker. Bryan is a great campaigner, but if he had gone to Lincoln after he made his regular set speeches and remained there, there is a probability that he would have carried every electoral vote he received. The people read these days and are not carried away or convinced by noise and parades. So the speaking tours might as well be eliminated in future, and there is a probability they will be.—Columbia City Post.

### SLIGHTLY DISFIGURED BUT STILL IN THE RING

Chairman Mack, of the Democratic national committee, said that while the Democratic defeat in the east was crushing, the party had won substantial victories in the west. The national organization would not go to pieces. On the contrary, plans would be made at once to strengthen the organization. Said he, "It is my intention to continue headquarters in Buffalo and Washington for the next four years, to keep in touch with the leaders of all the states and promulgate Democratic principles and Democratic thought by the printing of literature to aid the leaders of the party in fighting the high tariff which in all probability the Republicans will continue, notwithstanding their promises to reduce it. I am supported in this by the members of the national committee, state chairmen and other leaders all over the country. In his own state, Nebraska, where he is best known, Mr. Bryan was victorious. And while it is true that he met with defeat in the nation he did so as the candidate of his party, supported by the six or seven millions of his countrymen who voted for him and the principles so splendidly espoused and with the respect and admiration of the entire nation. Mr. Bryan made the most magnificent fight ever waged by a candidate. The party was made the victim of misrepresentation, a misrepresentation that Democratic success would retard the business interests of the country. That was, of course, an argument, without foundation in fact. Notwithstanding defeat the Democratic party stands more united today than it has in many years, and in this union lies its future strength and power of recuperation."

Now Judge Smith would fill that speaker's chair completely, and he would add dignity to the place, something that has escaped the presiding

chair of the Indiana general assembly since those good old days.

The eighth district, under the leadership of Adair, is fast becoming a Democratic stronghold. Bryan carried the district by 103, Marshall 2,381, Adair 5,663. This record is not excelled by any other district in the state, save the seventh, Indianapolis.

Hon. John W. Kern as expected, has announced his candidacy for the United States senate. It is true that Mr. Kern has long been a war horse in the ranks of the Indiana Democracy, and this fact will doubtless aid him to attain this place of distinction and honor.

Nathan H. Baker when he was nominated for congress on the Hearst independence ticket announced that he was going to make the race of his life. Nate received just three votes in the county and not a single vote in his own precinct. It looks like Nate reasonably ought to have received at least one more vote.—Portland Sun.

It is freely predicted by democrats and republicans alike that Mr. Adair will have little trouble being elected to congress again in this district. With the going out of many of the factories in the gas belt the district is very close politically and with the evident fact that Mr. Adair has made many true friends in the republican party the chances for his re-election look mighty good.—Bluffton Banner.

Senator Slack has announced his candidacy for the United States senate. This sounds good for an Indiana Democrat. Others mentioned are John W. Kern, B. F. Shiveley, John E. Lamb, Samuel Ralston and Edward G. Hoffman. Wade in, gentlemen and help yourselves. It has been so long since official honor has smiled upon a Democrat that we blame none of them for shieing early and often at everything that comes along.

Governor-elect Marshall has returned all contributions, thus showing that his political independence is real and not fancied. He has now given office seekers cause for partial paralysis, by advising them to go away back and sit down. This is another revelation that is in keeping with the spirit of the times. Governor-elect Marshall is evidently going to be governor, and we congratulate him now, as we expect to do again.

Steven B. Fleming carried Allen county for joint senator by a majority over Judge Vesey of 3,871, and his majority in Adams county was 1,291, making his total majority in the district 5,162. This will let Steve out of buying Editor Rohrer, of the Berne Witness, a new hat. It is also a lesson to the republican editors of this part of the state who filled their columns for months with personal attacks on Mr. Fleming.—Columbia City Post.

The counties in which the Bryan vote exceeds that of Marshall are Adams (adjoining Allen), Brown, Crawford, Decatur, Dubois, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Harrison Hendricks, Jay, Johnson, Lawrence, Martin, Perry, Putnam, Parke, Spencer, Scott, Shelby, Sullivan, Switzerland, Union, Vermillion and Washington. A majority of these are located in the southern part of the state. In all of these counties there always has been and is now a very pronounced Democratic temperance sentiment.—South Bend Times.

When Judge Taft's special train toured the Eighth district and Mr. Taft addressed "acres" of people at Anderson, Muncie, Winchester, Portland and Decatur, he urged the voters to support Senator N. B. Hawkins for congress, saying he would need Mr. Hawkins when he became president. We are glad that Judge Taft made this partisan appeal. We also believe and are glad that it lined up perhaps thousands of votes for Senator Hawkins. Had Judge Taft not done this Mr. Hawkins' defeat would have been almost disgraceful.—Portland Sun.

The merchants in Decatur are smiling—that means a fall business that in a way meets their expectations. If you have noticed, it is the advertising merchant who smiles the loudest.

If the tone of the Democratic press is an index, John Worth Kern will carry off the senatorial toga in a walk. Nearly every exchange cuts the wires and boldly proclaims that party service, good Democracy and clean statesmanship demands that the party place this senatorial honor upon Mr. Kern.

The prohibition vote in Indiana came up shy this year. Four years ago they cast 22,690 votes, while at the election last Tuesday their total vote was 15,926. The socialists gained about one thousand, while William Randolph Hearst's independence party was a dismal failure, they casting but 283 votes in the state.

The Eighth district is changing fast from a Republican to a Democratic stronghold. Four years ago George W. Cromer's plurality was 7,394, and this year William J. Bryan carried it by 103, Thomas R. Marshall by 2,381, and John A. M. Adair by 5,663. The Decatur Democrat says this record is not excelled by any other district in the state, save the seventh, Indianapolis.—Berne Witness.

Republican newspapers in the state are plainly showing the insincerity of their party's temperance attitude, by jumping all over Governor Hanly, and attributing to him the downfall of their candidate for governor. Their language is savage. A week ago these newspapers were praising the beauties of county option and printing eulogies about their great governor. All this makes prominent one fact—Governor Hanly is personally more sincere in his attitude for temperance than is his party.

We agree with the Indianapolis Sun that there has been enough election talk and argument. Mr. Taft is the president-elect and every law-abiding freeman is willing to give him earnest co-operation and support. Mr. Marshall is the governor-elect and we take it that the same confidence will be given him. Good government is always supported by our citizenship, with little thought of the party that supplies the governing power. With the election over, business should be permitted to resume—it is a needed asset after a year of painful depression.

The lesson can hardly be too strongly impressed that while office-holding is honorable, office-seeking is precarious. Every citizen should devote himself to some business in which he cannot only support himself and those dependent on him, but contribute to the well-being of the community in which he lives. He should also be alive to his duties as a member of the body politic. His voice and vote and influence should always be in evidence and directed with patriotic intelligence. If the people call him to public service, he should be ready to serve—but he should await the call. In office, his only object need be to serve the interests of the people who have commissioned him. Thus, only, is he safe from the biting irony of political fortune.—South Bend Times.

If the remainder of the state had done as well by Bryan as the Eighth district did, the Nebraskan would have carried the state by a good majority. Bryan's plurality in the district was 103, while Marshall's plurality was 2,381. This district is normally about 4,500 republican, having been previous to the first election of Congressman Adair, considered one of the strongholds of the Republican party in this state. Bryan's majority in the state would have been a good one if the other districts had done as well.—Bluffton Banner.

The close vote on state officials this year is not without precedent. At the October election in 1872 Thomas A. Hendricks was elected governor over Thomas M. Browne by about 1,000 plurality. The only other man elected on the Democratic state tick-

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et of that year was "Bishop" Milton B. Hopkins, of Howard county, for superintendent of public instruction. He was a Christian (Campbellite) minister, and was made the beneficiary of many Republican votes of that denomination. The result of the election was not definitely settled until a week afterward. Owen M. Eddy, of South Bend, and John B. Stoll, then a resident of Ligonier, were defeated for secretary of state and auditor of state, respectively, by less than 200 votes. The remainder of the Democratic state ticket was defeated by majorities ranging from 400 to 1,608. Among the latter was Michael C. Kerr, for congressman-at-large. Four years afterwards he was elected to congress from the New Albany district and subsequently made speaker of the house.—South Bend Times.

### TO RESIGN FROM COMMISSION

Union B. Hunt Accepts Presidency of Insurance Department.

Indianapolis, Nov. 10.—Union B. Hunt, chairman of the Indiana Railroad commission, announced today that he will resign from his position as soon as he can get the cases now before the commission cleared up. The resignation has not yet been tendered to Governor Hanly, but it will be within the next few days. Governor Hanly was absent from the city today and no intimation on the probable successor to Mr. Hunt has been given out. On his retirement from the railroad commission, Mr. Hunt will accept the presidency of the insurance department of the Knights of Pythias. His headquarters will be in Chicago. The salary will be \$6,000 a year, which is \$2,000 more than Mr. Hunt receives from the state as head of the commission.



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