

# THE DEMOCRAT

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UNTIL THEN  
KEEP SWEET

Some of our Republican brethren are getting back to the 1876 atmosphere. The action of the politicians was endorsed apparently by the most conscientious partisans and the end they said justified the means. The great moral act of taking without color of right the presidency from Mr. Tilden was that the rebels would get the offices in the south; the bloody shirt was waived aloft and all was fair. Now the country must be saved to keep the tariff to a high water mark and the syndicates in the saddle—if not, a panic. To help along, northern Indiana was overrun by a horde of Hunyaks, Polocks, etc. Many had just passed Castle Garden and yet had the same force with their votes as the intelligent Irishman, the educated German or the native American. The signs of the times had looked better. It was thought that a body of intelligent men elected to the legislature and who took the oath of office to support the constitution of the United States, of the state of Indiana and to perform their duties as members conscientiously and to the best of their abilities, would give an honest hearing to the evidence of fraud presented. Now we are told that the question of evidence is to have nothing to do with the case. That the senate which is Republican and the house which is Democratic, will bring in reports according to the party to which they belong and the proof to be taken into account. This report comes from Republican authority; we do not yet believe it. We do not know what course will be taken by the state committee, but we do feel that if whole-sale frauds have been committed the fair-minded voters of all parties will endorse the verdict of throwing out the present state officers. If this is not shown, and clearly, no party can afford on party grounds to commit an offense against the ballot by throwing out the officials. When the evidence is presented we will all know more—until then "keep sweet."—Frankfort Crescent.

## INDIANA DEMOCRATS SHOULD BE OF GOOD CHEER

The small plurality for Mr. Taft in this state (as shown at last by the official figures) seems to prove that our people were not terrified by the president's talk of "industrial chaos," or greatly influenced by his stump letters. Not since 1892 has there been so small a plurality. The McKinley pluralities of 1896 and 1900 were 18,000 and 25,000, while that for Mr. Roosevelt in 1904 was 94,000. The Taft plurality is only 10,731. Here is a loss of 84,000, as compared with four years ago. The Democratic vote increased from 274,000 to 338,000, while the Republican vote fell from 368,000 to 349,000. The Democratic vote was the largest ever cast by the party in the history of the state. On the whole, it looks as though the parties were back on the old lines as they were drawn before the free silver issue was sprung. The smaller political organizations made a poor showing. Hisgen, Hearst's candidate, polled in the whole state only 514 votes. This is quite as many as he deserved. Evidently the people of Indiana were not greatly impressed with the "arguments" of the Hearst crowd. Debs made a slight gain, his vote rising from 12,013 in 1904 to 13,476 this year. At this rate of progress it will be long before we are overwhelmed with the Debs type of socialism.

Nor did our prohibitionist friends do very well. Four years ago they polled 23,496 votes as against only 18,045 this year. Though the cause of temperance is making great gains, that of political prohibition seems to be practically stationary. The old Populist party has all but disappeared, its candidate receiving but 1,193 votes. The

fight was thus a straight one between the two old parties, and in no other state in the Union did the Democrats make as good a showing. Our people voted in the light of present-day issues, and on those the Democratic party won a practical victory. What decided the case against them was undoubtedly the feeling that Mr. Taft would be the safer president. The question of the personality of the candidates was evidently the controlling one. But the slender plurality, the election of a Democratic governor, the capture of the legislature, and so of a Democratic senator, and the gain of seven congressmen, all combine to indicate that the people of Indiana felt that on the real issues of the campaign the Democrats had the better of the argument. The state of Indiana ought from now on to be a large figure in Democratic politics. It is to be hoped that the party here will feel a sense of its responsibility, will appreciate its opportunity. Whether the ground that has been gained shall be held depends on two things, one of which is within the control of the Democratic party, and the other of which is not. Obviously the record to be made by the Republican party will have a large influence on the course of events. This the Democrats cannot affect except in so far as they show themselves capable of acting as a wise and patriotic opposition party. Much can be accomplished in this direction. The other thing, of course, is the use that the Democratic party makes of its newly acquired power. The people do not want a mere narrow partisan government. A broad, wise and prudent administration of state affairs, a good record in the legislature and the choice of the right sort of man to be United States senator will greatly strengthen the party and insure for it a fair hearing at the hands of the people when it again appeals for their votes. It must keep its pledges as far as it has the power to do so, and continue to show that interest in the welfare of the people which it professed during the campaign.—Indianapolis News.

## THE DEMOCRATS AND COUNTY OPTION REPEAL

The Democrats at the coming session of the legislature have a splendid opportunity of proving their friendship to genuine temperance reform. They will be false to the people if they do not repeal the county local option law. They should pass a \$1,000 license law and limit the number of saloons, according to the population. Practical temperance and not buncombe dreams is what is needed.—Hartford City News.

The one thousand dollar license law would be all right, but we cannot see how a Democratic legislature would be false to the people by failing to repeal the county option law. What's more, we believe they would be idiotic politicians should they effect such a repeal. There is no question but that plenty of assistance will be freely offered them by the Republicans. That party organization wants to get out from under. They are not only willing but anxious to erase their efforts as prohibitionists. They want to get back to old and familiar ground of standing for any old thing, and to catch 'em both coming and going. The Democrats in the legislature can help them if they will.

Late reports are to the effect that Nick has Alice pretty well broken of the cigarette habit.—Columbia City Post.

Newspaper reports have it that James E. Watson is practicing law. It won't hurt Jim a bit to work for a living.

Congress will meet next Monday. At the close of the session March 4, quite a number of statesmen, especially in Indiana, will retire to private life.

President Roosevelt is trying to out-Hanly Hanly in the matter of appointments. Many of the president's friends are being rewarded with official place, their chief recommendation being that they are good Indians.

Notwithstanding newspaper reports that Senator Kissler, of Logansport, will introduce a bill to repeal the county local option law, we do not believe the law will be repealed. Democrats will exercise too good politics to repeal the law.

Bob Hanna is the next postmaster of Fort Wayne, this being the first appointment of Senator Beveridge since he's the whole thing. Mr. Hanna is a creditable postmaster and has the friends to back it. This being true, the soon to be only senator, acted with wisdom.

It is spiteful and mean of the shapeless editorial writer on the Fort Wayne News, to endorse a Democratic governor in his sinful practice of a simple life. Shades of Governor Hanly! No gold braid, brass buttons or tinhorn colonels. And every cross-eyed beanpole and jealous old maid will unanimously endorse and applaud and approve. The cats.

At the late election Wisconsin voted on an amendment to the constitution under the terms of which alien voting is abolished. Henceforth a foreigner must be a fully naturalized American citizen before he is entitled to vote. It is a notable fact that the German-American citizens of Wisconsin were especially active in the movement to secure this much-needed change. Now let Indiana follow suit.—South Bend Times.

The man who scrupulously studies what is best for him physically and mentally, and has the stamina to follow his conclusions, has the true conception of what may be called manly self-control. When Judge Taft reached the conclusion that his physical well-being demanded the exclusion of alcoholic beverages and then firmly resolved that he would henceforth have none of it, he simply adopted the self-restraint that other strong-willed men imposed upon themselves. Only men of stamina are capable of doing this.—South Bend Times.

Hon. Stokes Jackson, chairman of the Democratic state committee, denies that he told the Democratic editors at their recent executive committee meeting that the county option law must be repealed; but on the contrary he advised against the agitation of the question. The Democratic party is not pledged to a repeal of county option law, and the people of Indiana are not asking its repeal. If the coming Democratic legislature wants to maintain its grasp upon the confidence of the people of Indiana it will allow the option law to stand or fall on its merits and devote its time to devising means to lower the expenses of the state government without making it less efficient.—Lebanon Pioneer.

Thousands will gladly hear the news that Senator Aldrich will not be a candidate for re-election four years hence. Perhaps his age begins to tell upon him; perhaps he reads the signs of the times aright. If so, he must know that the day has passed when a senator in such conspicuous relations with some of the great business interests can remain peacefully and comfortably in Washington. It is the presence of Senator Aldrich and Speaker Cannon as party leaders which makes it so hard for Mr. Roosevelt to convince everybody that his is a reformed Republican party. It is but half reformed; it is a house divided against itself, with a process of elimination going on which a few years hence may have really separated the party from its Siamese twin, the protected interests. It is comforting reflection for every one who wishes to see business and politics kept at a safe distance from one another that this process of regeneration will go on.—The Hoosier.

The Berne Witness is grieved at our flippant use of English in disposing of the twenty-seven thousand dollars spent by the anti-saloon league in Indiana. It at least brought forth the first and only published explanation of the use of this money. The amount involved is considerable capital, and if we understand it, is paid by the many thousand contributors

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in the state. We have no criticism to make of the distribution of this vast sum, but as a matter of fact we will still stand by our statement, that a part of the twenty-seven thousand dollars looks good to some of those engaged in the work of the league. According to this great "business" age this is not altogether a reflection upon those engaged in anti-saloon work. The Witness will remember that the greatest issue in the last campaign was that Taft's election meant so much for business. Business was placed before any other issue, moral or economic. With business occupying the center of the stage, the anti-saloon workers should feel their importance and be in the work because it pays.

Christmas windows are already shown in Decatur, and the boy and girl who are counting the days and nights until that greatest of all evenings, when they hang up their stockings, can tell you right now just what is in each window and how much it costs.

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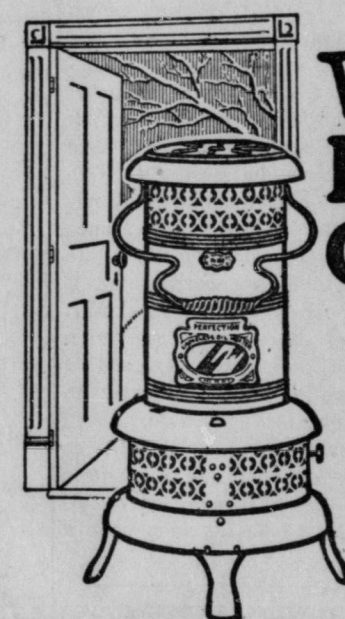
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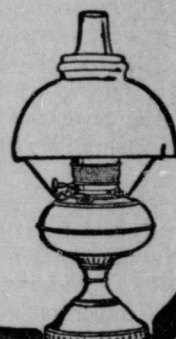
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