

# The National Banner



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DESPITE our best endeavors, we have not been able to obtain the official vote for Congress in this District. Baker claims his election by 107 majority.

We cordially endorse what our friend Hasselman says in relation to the fine race made by Freeman Kelley in the recent congressional contest. It is conceded on all sides that Kelley exceeded the most sanguine expectations of his nearest friends.

A DEMOCRATIC jollification meeting was held at Indianapolis last Monday evening. Speeches were delivered by Gov. Hendricks; Hon. Joseph E. McDonald, Hon. Frank Landers, Hon. D. S. Gooding, and others. McDonald formally nominated Hendricks for President in '76, and McDonald was placed in nomination for U. S. Senator.

The Republicans supposed they had made a "dead sure" thing of it for Heilman in the First District. They entertained no doubt as to the reliability of the Fifth, but the invincible Holman comes out of the contest with a larger majority than ever. The Seventh they imagined unassailable. The Ninth would have been wrested from them had there been no Granger candidate. That they lost the Tenth, and came so near being "scoped" in the Thirteenth makes every "truly loyal" partisan white with rage. So much for gerrymandering.

The falling off in the democratic majority in the Third District is attributable to the fact that the inflation of the Democracy voted for their independent candidate, Gen. James A. Cravens, who was also accepted by the Republicans as their candidate.

## WORK FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer*, before the complexion of the newly chosen Indiana Legislature had been accurately ascertained, thus spoke of the work to be done by that body next winter:

The democratic and granger majorities in the Indiana Legislature, we presume, will elect a democratic Granger to the United States Senate in place of Pratt (Republicans whose tenure expired at the month of March next). That being done, the Republicans will be called to repeat the infamous apportionment of the State to legislative Districts. At present a democratic majority of 14,000 would not suffice to elect a democratic Legislator. Many republican counties and districts with less population than democratic districts have double as many members. This outrageous fraud on a large portion of the State was ably exposed by Governor Hendricks in his speeches, and materially contributed to our success. There have been many shameful experiments made in different States, but this Indiana one is the most flagrant that ever came under our observation. It is nothing more nor less than a conspiracy to deprive the majority of their rights.

JUDGE JAMES L. WORDEN, of the Supreme Court, is strongly urged for the U. S. Senatorship by his friends at Fort Wayne. A Terre Haute correspondent of the Cincinnati *Enquirer* insists that Daniel W. Voorhees must be elected to that position. The writer, whom we suspect of being a member of the new Legislature, fiercely assails Gov. Hendricks and Joe McDonald, whom he charges with being unfaithful to the cause of Simon-Pure Democracy!

**MR. KERR'S TRIUMPH.**

THE OFFICIAL MAJORITY for William B. McConnell for the office of Circuit Prosecutor is 773, as follows: Steuben 48, DeKalb 120, Noble 605. Billy has every reason to feel proud of this magnificent triumph. It is a most flattering endorsement of his official conduct. A few years ago no one would have dreamed that anyone but a Republican could be elected in this circuit, but the "tidal wave" and Billy's great personal popularity have greatly changed the situation. May true merit ever be thus rewarded.

THE OFFICIAL RETURNS from the State have not yet been received from all the counties, but enough is known to warrant the statement that the majority for the democratic State ticket is not less than 17,000. The congressional delegation stands: 8 Democrats against 5 Republicans. The political complexion of the Legislature stands as follows: House—Democrats 56, Republicans 36, Independents 8. Senate—Democrats 24, Democrats 23, Independents 3. This gives the Democrats a clear majority on joint ballot, without the aid of the Independents.

How complete the democratic victory in Ohio, may be learned from the following extract from an exultant Buckeye exchange: "We believe this is the first time since 1853 that the Democracy of Ohio have elected a Judge of the Supreme Court. Thomas W. Bartley, a democrat, was elected in the fall of that year, and remained on the bench until January, 1859. When Judge Bartley's term expired, the Supreme bench became purely Republican, and has remained so up to the present time, a period of sixteen years, and twenty-one years since he, the last Democrat, was chosen to that position. And now we have changed the order of things. Let us put a new feather in our rooster's crest."

## POLITICAL COMPLEXION OF THE THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

The official vote for Secretary of State in the Thirteenth Congressional District is as follows:

NEFF.	CURRY.
DeKalb..... 2,018	1956
Elkhart..... 3,039	2,662
Kosciusko..... 2,078	2,405
Marion..... 930	1,676
Marshall..... 3,084	1,548
Noble..... 2,285	2,104
Steuben..... 700	1,462
13,224	13,816

Republican majority—592.

Stout, the independent candidate for Secretary of State, received 304 votes in Steuben county. Bennett, for Treasurer, polled in the same county 523 votes.

The decrease in the republican vote since 1872 is as follows: In Elkhart, 332; in Kosciusko, 300; in Lagrange, 178; in Marshall, 310; in Noble, 233; in Steuben, 378—Loss in six counties, 1791. Republican gain in DeKalb county, 74. Net republican loss in the District, 177.

Democratic losses—Lagrange 88, Kosciusko 132, Marshall 234, Steuben 167—Total 620. Democratic gains—DeKalb 84, Elkhart 139, Noble 2—Total 225. Showing a net democratic loss in the District of 395.

**THAT GERRYMANDER.**  
The expected majorities in the several (new) Congressional Districts of Indiana, based on the vote for Governor in 1872, and the actual result in 1874 is as follows:

Mag. in 1872: Result in 1874:

1st—696 D. Fuller, D..... 368 major.  
2d.... 4,443 D. Williams, D..... 5,500 major.  
3d.... 4,419 D. Kerr, D..... 1,391 major.  
4th.... 701 R. New, D..... 1,100 major.  
5th.... 1,112 R. Holman, D..... 2,095 major.  
6th.... 1,049 R. Cason, R..... 331 major.  
7th.... 1,769 R. Landers, D..... 545 major.  
8th.... 1,492 R. Hunter, R..... 1,103 major.  
9th.... 603 R. Cason, R..... 1,200 major.  
10th.... 1,061 R. Evans, R..... 1,076 major.  
11th.... 2,061 R. D. Hamilton, D..... 2,700 major.  
12th.... 1,881 R. Baker, R..... 1,07 major.

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The accident on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, which occurred on Saturday afternoon at Pierceton, is attributed to the fact that the train was running at the rate of 40 miles an hour. This is of itself, however, is not sufficient to account for the accident. Forty miles an hour is not an unusual rate of speed, and is perfectly compatible with safety. It is the common rate of speed in England, and many of the Eastern express trains run on this time. In this case the engine struck a cow, and was hurled from the track, resulting in the breaking of the train. If there had been proper cattle-guards or other protection to the track, the accident would not have occurred. It is to the lack of these precautions, not to the rate of speed, that the accident is due.

A terrible case of poisoning is reported from near Waukegan, Ill.—*Advertiser* gives the facts as follows: A man by the name of Ezekiel Klinedence, who resides near Clappayton, in town on last Saturday, and on his way to Valparaiso. We should say that these gentlemen had got themselves into a bad scrape, and shall offer no objections to a vigorous prosecution, unless it shall become evident that they were acting under the orders of superior officers in the background who were really the instigators of the absurd and lawless resistance. The gathering of a mob to resist a lawful process is a serious matter which no really law-abiding citizen would dare to do, or let in these days. After dispersing of the crowd, the Baltimore & Ohio construction corps proceeded to lay the crossing under the protection of the militia, who remained over night.—*Chicago Tribune*.

YOURS TRULY,

D. Y. HUSSELMAN.

## Attempted Suicide in Elkhart Co.

The Elkhart *Review* publishes the particulars of a most determined attempt at suicide by Mrs. Samuel Pontius, of Washington township, Elkhart county. It appears that on Thursday forenoon of last week Mrs. Pontius accompanied her husband to Bristol, at which time he observed nothing particular about her, but while she was getting dinner on their return, he thought she manifested symptoms of insanity. After dinner Mrs. P. persisted in churning against her husband's expressed wishes, and acted so queerly that he went in search of her father, George Gemberling, who is a near neighbor. When he returned, accompanied by Mr. Gemberling, nothing could be found of Mrs. Pontius, and though diligent search was made by them and their neighbors, they could get no clue to her whereabouts until about ten o'clock that evening, when she was found some ten rods in the woods near the house, writhing in her own blood, which had flowed from a half dozen fearful gashes in her throat and across the wrist, self inflicted with an old knife or piece of glass which were found near her. She was at once conveyed to the house and Drs. Alverson and Aithen, of Bristol, were summoned, who sewed up the ghastly wounds. At last accounts she was alive, and hopes were entertained of her recovery. No novice in legislation, and as modest as meritorious, is he, odds, the ablest man whom the West could send to the House of Representatives.

## THE U. S. SENATORSHIP.

The Democrats having a clear majority in the Legislature, it is to be wondered that considerable activity is already noticeable in political circles to pave the way for special favorites. An Indianapolis telegram says upon this subject: "The name of the Hon. William Holman is mentioned in connection with the Senatorship in the event that Voorhees may be able to compel the selection of a third man, as between himself and McDonald. Gov. Hendricks has pledged himself not to allow the use of his name in any event. James D. Williams, of Knox, who was the Democratic candidate against Morton two years ago, just elected to Congress from the Second District, is also a favorite for Pratt's seat. He would probably be the choice of the Independents." Joe McDonald undoubtedly had the inside track, but there is no telling what time may bring forth.

## Scrapped!

(From the Cleveland *Herald*)

"Scrapped" is the word. No other exactly expresses the situation. There is no dodging or blinking the fact. The Democrats have smitten us hip and thigh. We have met the enemy and they are not ours by a jiffy. "On the contrary, quite the reverse." It is our scalp that is dangling at the Democratic belt, instead of Democratic hair. It is red and dripping with our blood. It is very sad; fearfully, horribly, dreadingly sad; but nevertheless fact. We are "busted," squelched, "scapped"! "scapped"! "scapped"! "scapped"! "scapped"! "scapped"!

## Columbus City Items.

The democratic rally on Monday of last week was as much of a failure as the People's rally had been on the Saturday previous.

I said in my last that somebody was going to be beaten, and it has turned out to be true. The Democrats got "scapped" out badly. The People elected their full ticket, contrary to my prophecy last summer. Everything went off quietly at the polls, however, as far as your humble servt knows; but on the next day several rows occurred. One fellow had his eyes dressed in mourning. In the evening of the same day the leaders of the People's movement built a large bonfire and several speeches were made. Dr. J. R. Baker led off and was followed by Tully, Washington, and others.

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Yours truly,

D. Y. HUSSELMAN.

## FREEMAN KELLEY.

### HIS GALLANT RACE FOR CONGRESS.

#### Merited Tribute to a Bold Defender of the People's Rights.

WATERLOO, IND., Oct. 20, 1874.

To the Editor of the National Banner:

As you are no doubt aware, we in this county, have measured strength with the enemy, and we are theirs.

In the Congressional District I regard it otherwise. When the opposition's majority is reduced 1,442, we may consider that we have done well. We are willing to admit that Freeman Kelley, in his comprehensive mind, saw the requirements of the democratic party in the Thirteenth District clearer than any other man in it, and with a master hand "grasped" and almost conquered all the difficulties which surrounded the former management, as is shown by the vote.

We are not disposed to be over-enthusiastic about any individual, but where a Herculean task, such as was imposed by this gentleman, is undertaken and so nearly successfully culminated, we do feel justified in going outside the beaten track somewhat and paying word of well-earned tribute to such an exhibition of ability.

Under the old order of things public confidence had been disturbed, and we were greatly in doubt as to the success of our party in the congressional fight. But with the first notes of warning Mr. Kelley promptly sacrificed his personal affairs and hastened to the rescue, and while others were hesitating and undecided, he assumed command, reassured his friends, restored confidence and continued the successful cause of the party without loss, but with great gain. He brought to his position an experience as a politician which had been gained in a practical school. He is no visionary, but a matter-of-fact man. There had been great changes in political interests, calling for an observant mind capable of meeting the demand, and he furnished it. The result is apparent. We award him the credit, because he has earned it, and in doing so he has merited the gratitude of thousands of his party friends whose interests were at stake. We do not deem it necessary in this brief letter to go into details. Suffice it to say that we are very sorry indeed, after so glorious a fight, to have our friend defeated, when by a very little greater effort he might have, and should have, been elected. The highest wish of his best friends need only be that his future success may equal his merits.

Yours truly,

D. Y. HUSSELMAN.

## RAILROAD WAR.

### The Michigan Central Attempts to Prevent the Crossing of the Baltimore & Ohio.

One Chicago paper of Tuesday contains lengthy accounts of a somewhat aggravated railroad difficulty between the Michigan Central and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Companies. A few weeks since the B. & O. Company secured the right of way across the Michigan Central track in Porter County, Ind., about two miles from Lake Station. The Michigan Central objected, because the State law requires all trains to come to a full stop at every crossing and each additional crossing occasions additional delay.

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