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"Frog from the dotting scraps that letter our free-born reason."

THE CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION.

We surrender to-day our editorial space to the following from the New York Herald, which takes an extended view of the political situation and which will prove probably more interesting than anything which we could write on this subject.

The important gains made by the democrats in the election of members of the Forty-fourth Congress are the most significant feature of the October contests. Local issues, like the temperance question, may have more or less influence on the election of State officers, but the choice of Representatives to Congress turns wholly upon national issues, and the Congressional results of the recent contest are the most interesting feature of the political situation. Whatever success the republican journals may seem to have in explaining away the force of Tuesday's elections by attributing the result to local causes, it is obvious that this line of reasoning does not touch the great central fact that the democrats have achieved a noteworthy triumph on national issues by important additions to their strength in Congress. According to present appearances the democrats have a fair prospect of controlling the next House of Representatives. The national importance of such a change cannot be overestimated. From the admissions of the republican "organ" the democrats are rising in this year's elections to a position of equality with their republican opponents. We insert the "organ's" fables because they have the convincing effect of the testimony of an unwilling witness. The "organ" is compelled to admit, that in the States in which elections were held on Tuesday the democratic representation in Congress has been increased from the proportion of two to five to the proportion of five to five. Here is the table:—

Table showing election results for the 43rd and 44th Congresses across various states like Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Nebraska, West Virginia, etc.

Gains so remarkable look as if the democrats might entertain hopes of controlling the next House of Representatives. The preceding Congressional elections of the present year are also favorable to the democrats. We again insert a table taken from the "organ" —

Table showing election results for the 43rd and 44th Congresses across various states like Maine, N. Carolina, Oregon, Vermont, etc.

From this statement it also appears that the democrats are rising from a position of a helpless minority to the control of the next House. The political revolution, of which the recent elections furnish evidence, is not likely to be arrested midway in its career. Nothing is better established in our politics than the potent influence of preceding elections on those which follow. A pertinent illustration is afforded by the Indiana election of 1872, when Hendricks was elected in October by a majority of 1,148, and Grant carried the State in November by a majority of 22,515. There was a change of about 24,000, attributable to no other cause than the expectation of victory founded on preceding elections and the popular current of the drift of the political current. The October elections which have just been held will act on the November elections in a similar manner. There are tens of thousands of citizens always hanging loose on the outskirts of political parties who prefer to go on the winning side, and whose votes are determined by the drift of the tide, as manifested in the preliminary elections. These political soldiers of fortune will take their cue from the decided democratic success in the elections of the present year, and by shifting their votes into what they believe the winning side, will make their influence felt in November. Unless the ordinary law of political currents is arrested the democratic gains next month will outdo those which have just been achieved. The democratic chances are at least even for securing a majority in the next House, and this view of strategy would forecast a revolution in the politics of the country.

In the first place, a democratic majority in the next House would include certain contingent difficulties. The important gains made by the democrats in the election of members of the Forty-fourth Congress are the most significant feature of the October contests. Local issues, like the temperance question, may have more or less influence on the election of State officers, but the choice of Representatives to Congress turns wholly upon national issues, and the Congressional results of the recent contest are the most interesting feature of the political situation. Whatever success the republican journals may seem to have in explaining away the force of Tuesday's elections by attributing the result to local causes, it is obvious that this line of reasoning does not touch the great central fact that the democrats have achieved a noteworthy triumph on national issues by important additions to their strength in Congress. According to present appearances the democrats have a fair prospect of controlling the next House of Representatives. The national importance of such a change cannot be overestimated. From the admissions of the republican "organ" the democrats are rising in this year's elections to a position of equality with their republican opponents. We insert the "organ's" fables because they have the convincing effect of the testimony of an unwilling witness. The "organ" is compelled to admit, that in the States in which elections were held on Tuesday the democratic representation in Congress has been increased from the proportion of two to five to the proportion of five to five. Here is the table:—

which are always liable to arise in a Presidential election. The constitution provides that when a President is not elected by the people the House of Representatives shall choose the President. It should be found that the democrats have a majority in the next House it will forestall the possibility of a republican split on the third term question or any other question. With a republican majority in the next House the republicans could afford a split, since one or the other of the republican candidates would certainly be elected by the House if there was no choice by the people. In such a state of things it might be good republican tactics to encourage a third party, whose candidate could hold the dissatisfied republicans and prevent their desertion to the democratic party. This strategy might keep the democrats in a minority, and, by preventing the election of their candidate by the people, carry the choice into the House, which would be a perfectly safe game if the republicans held control of that body. But if the democrats shall have a majority of the next House the republican party must succeed in the Electoral College or not succeed at all. This consideration reinforces the reasons we have heretofore stated for believing that the next Presidential contest will be a straight, square fight between the two regular parties unnumbered by a third candidate.

In the next place, a clear democratic majority in the next House would have an important effect on federal legislation. It would prevent the passage of any bill in which the republicans might have a party interest. No matter what President Grant might recommend, or the republican Senate might pass, the democrats would hold a complete check by their control of the House. The moral effect of Congress would be greater than the mere advantage of blocking republican legislation. It would cause the country to look forward to democratic control of every department of the government, and would enlist the whole body of time servers, and political camp followers, on the democratic side. It would enroll in the democratic ranks the greedy multitudes with whom political gratitude is "a sense of favors expected"—a class numerous enough to turn the political scale. Besides this great advantage the possession of the House by the democrats would enable them to manufacture an astonishing amount of capital for the Presidential election. There would be a bewildering number of investigating committees appointed to ferret out republican abuse, and there is no reason to doubt that they could find what they searched for.—Everything in the past administration of the republican party would be turned inside out, and if the President of the Executive departments should refuse any information which the democratic House might demand the refusal would be construed as evidence of skulking guilt. An ancient mechanic said that he could move the world if he had a fulcrum on which he might rest his lever. The democrats would gain such a fulcrum by electing a majority of the next House, and should they succeed to this extent the next Presidency will be visibly in their grasp.

For us in New York the most immediate point of interest is the effect of the recent democratic victories on the contest in this State. It cannot be doubted that their influence will be great. They will depress and discourage the republicans and inspire hope, confidence and exertion on the part of the democrats. They brighten the chances of Mr. Tilden, and if he were not weighed down with bad tactics, weak nominations and unpopular leadership of Tammany Hall, he would now have a fair chance of success against General Dix. Even in spite of these obstructions and drawbacks his prospects are improved by the result of the October elections. And the democrats of this city nominated for the Mayorality some such candidate as Mr. Duncan or Recorder Hackett and a general ticket of corresponding respectability there is little reason to doubt that Mr. Tilden would be borne into office on the rising tide of democratic success.

TATE'S FACTORY.—We learn that the enterprising proprietors are giving the same price for cotton at their factory as is given in Charlotte. This wise policy will be of great advantage to both the farmers and the factory. The proprietors will be governed by the quotations of the Charlotte market.—Southern Home.

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GREAT INDUCEMENTS will be offered in Ready-made Clothing and Gents' furnishing Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Umbrellas, Trunks, Satchels, Rufflers, and many other entirely new lines of Goods, which will be sold at such low prices as to induce the trade to call and examine. A BARGAIN is offered in a Saw Mill and Engine, capacity forty horse. Enquire of J. S. PHILLIPS, Sept 19 '74.

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Advertisement for L.D. SINE'S GIFT ENTERPRISE, detailing the prizes and terms of the contest.

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