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POPULAR VOTE FOR PRESIDENT.

McKinley's Plurality as Compared With Others From 1850 to the Present Time.

(Philadelphia Record.)

In 1856 the plurality of McKinley over Bryan was 296,719 votes, while the plurality this year is not far from 840,000. Grant's plurality over Greeley in 1872 was 765,000—the largest in the history of the country till this year. In 1892 Cleveland's plurality over Harrison was 293,638, and over Blaine in 1884 his plurality was only 20,000. Harrison defeated Cleveland in 1856 by a plurality of 114,660 votes. In 1860 Garfield had a plurality over Hancock of only 7,018, and a majority of 59 votes in the electoral college. Tilden had a plurality of 251,645 popular votes in 1876, and Hayes one electoral vote. In 1888 Grant's plurality over Seymour was 360,518. Lincoln's plurality over McClellan in 1864 was 411,281, and over Douglas in 1860 his plurality was 491,295, while in the latter year the total vote for Douglas, Breckinridge and Bell were 947,289 more than the popular vote for Lincoln. Buchanan's plurality over Fremont in 1856 was 497,120.

It is needless to carry these figures further back, as they sufficiently show how great and sudden have been the political changes in this country. Much stress has been laid upon Mr. McKinley's enormous plurality this year, and on the strength of it some Administration organs eagerly predict a long and continued tenure of Republican power. But great as is this plurality, it rests less upon the strength of the Republican party than upon the weakness of the Democratic party on the single issue of the currency. Had this issue been totally eliminated from the contest as it will be hereafter, and had the campaign been made wholly on the administrative policy of the Republicans, as it should have been, a different result would have been recorded. Tens of thousands of Republicans and Democrats voted for McKinley not because they approved of his Administration or of the Republican position on leading questions of policy, but because they believed that the election of Bryan would have been followed by a financial catastrophe. While they condemned the heretical doctrines of the Republican leaders on the Constitution, and while their confidence in the firmness of President McKinley had been utterly shaken by his course toward Porto Rico, as by other acts, they had to put an end to the Free Silver agitation forever.

How precarious is the reliance upon party majorities has been seen often enough in the history of this country. In 1872 the defeat of the Democratic party was so overwhelming that its Republican opponents affected to believe that its recovery was out of the question, and kindly suggested that it go into political liquidation. But two years later, in 1874, the immense Republican majority for Grant was swept away by a mighty popular revolution, in which the Democrats secured the election of over two-thirds of members of House of Representatives. Two years after that the vituperated Democracy, under wise counsels and capable leadership, gave Samuel J. Tilden a plurality of a quarter of a million votes over the Republican candidate for the President.

Those who eagerly assume from the late elections that the Democratic party is weak, are making a grievous mistake. It is not so weak as they think its greatest leaders, from Jefferson to Tilden, and it will survive the defeat of Bryan. It has encountered one opposition party after another—Federalists, Whigs, Know-Nothings, and Republicans—and it will still remain the party of the plain people, doing battle against all comers for equal rights and constitutional government. United under wise leadership and upon the restored Jeffersonian basis, as it will be, the indestructible Democratic party will resume its long record of political victories over all elements of opposition.

Senator Simmons.

(Wilson News.) When the General Assembly of North Carolina meets it will make a fact that which the voice of the people of the State determined on the 6th of November, and Hon. F. M. Simmons will be elected United States Senator from North Carolina. He has won the nomination by a great majority, one that shows his hold upon the Democracy of the State is a strong and deep one, and that they fully realize that in him they have one who will strive to do the best in his power for the State, one who has ably fought his party's battle.

He and his friends are to be congratulated on the sweeping victory that has come to them. In the prime of manhood, gifted and able, he has before him an opportunity to attain to that high place in the Nation which a Senator from North Carolina should fill and which his friends believe he can fill.

He is the party choice. Today all true Democracy are in line for him, and we feel that there is none more so than that noble North Carolinian, who has met defeat, Gen. Carr and his friends struggled valiantly, and they will accept the verdict gracefully.

To the victors a word. Remember that undue exultation over those whom you have vanquished will not strengthen the Democratic party. Rejoice for it is your due, but remember that in future battles against the common foe we want the white men of North Carolina to stand shoulder to shoulder.

Educational Advancement. (Lumberton Robinsonian.) Everything that pertains to the educational advancement of the State is of special interest to every lover of his State. That the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the State resolved in session in Raleigh last week to raise \$300,000 for the cause is one of the notable happenings of the day. A carefully wrought plan to raise the money was agreed on and the talk on the subject indicated that the plan would be executed with success.

The postman may not be literary, but nevertheless he is an important man of letters. "Experience may be a good teacher," says the Manayunk Philosopher, "but it is also the scapegoat of many a man's mistakes."



The Court of the Machinery and Transportation Building of the Pan-American Exposition, which will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., on the Niagara Frontier, during the summer months of the year, presents an interesting treatment of cloister work. The Machinery and Transportation Building itself forms a hollow square, with this side of the building, on either side, and 100 feet wide, the east and west ends opening respectively to the great entrance from the Grand Canal and the Court of the Fountains, while the other two ends, the north and south, are the great exhibiting rooms of the Mall side of the building, and the two exhibition rooms and great entrance court from the Court of the Fountains side of the building, on either side. Along each side of this Court, and extending the entire length, are roof-covered arcades under which the visitor may find rest on the comfortable benches.

THE STATE'S INDUSTRIES.

A Wonderful Growth Along Many Lines in Twenty Years. The manufacturing industries of North Carolina until 1880 were limited, but since that time the spindles and looms for the manufacture of cotton and woolen fabrics have been largely increased, tobacco factories have been established and enlarged and the culture of silkworms has occasioned the establishment of a silk-making industry.

In 1896 the number of cotton mills in the state was 167, looms 25,000 and spindles approximately 1,000,000. Over 15,000 persons were employed in these mills, and the capital invested was over \$15,000,000. There was a noteworthy advance during 1899 in wool manufacturing. New plants put into operation numbered 25 and new spindles 250,000, with an estimated capitalization of \$8,000,000.

The tobacco industry has greatly prospered in recent years. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, there were 27 manufacturers of tobacco, 28 of cigars, and the combined output in the calendar year 1898 was 8,182,418 cigars, 20,919,596 pounds of plug tobacco, 12,411 pounds of fine cut, 9,259,870 pounds of smoking and 38,552 pounds of snuff. The tobacco factories in 1898 gave employment to 16,904 men, 9,709 women and 5,684 children.

The income in the lumber product of 1899 over that of 1898 was estimated at 20 per cent. Eleven new lumber companies were organized last year with a total capital of \$52,000,000. Nine furniture factories, with a total capital of \$10,000,000, were also added. In 1897 the output of 225 lumber mills amounted to \$12,828,000 for the year. The fisheries of North Carolina are an important industry. In 1895 the number of men regularly employed in this industry approximated 6,000 and the boats and vessels about 2,500. The value of the products is nearly equally divided between sea and river products. The shad and herring fisheries are the most important of any state, and the greater portion of the catch is made in and about the Albemarle sounds. Oysters are abundant, the area of the public grounds exceeding 200,000 acres and the natural beds nearly 5,000 acres. Legislative protection has been thrown around the oyster and fishery interests, and the laws are rigidly enforced.

The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo next year will offer to the people of this state an opportunity for showing their resources that will prove of greater value than any exposition ever before presented. The state is in no better than ever prepared to make a great showing, and the wonderful resources of the state can be presented to millions of people who are near to us and more likely to become one of us if properly impressed with the advantages we offer, who could not have been reached through any other exposition.

RALEIGH BUSINESS MEN.

They Want the State Represented at the Pan-American. The sentiment, as expressed by business men individually and collectively, seems to favor a first class representation by North Carolina at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo next year. On the 14th of August the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Raleigh put itself on record by passing the following resolution: RESOLVED, That the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce appreciate the advantage that will result to the state of North Carolina by being properly represented at the Exhibition to be held in Buffalo during the summer and fall of 1901, and we trust that the board of agriculture of North Carolina may be able to transfer the Paris exhibit to Buffalo.

He Didn't Dance.

William Waldorf Astor, Jr., has attained his majority, and in honor of the event his father has sent a check for \$50,000 to the Maidenhead Cottage hospital district. Mr. Astor's Cliveden estate is located in the Maidenhead district, and the donation has made the American popular among the people. It is said that young Astor desires to wed the Lady Isabel Innes-Ker, who is a sister of the young Duke of Roxburgh, an officer in the Household Cavalry. Mr. Astor has been as devoted to the lady as he could be and not neglect his studies at Eton, and it is told in all seriousness that he is trying to persuade all of his relatives that his one great ambition is to wed the Lady Isabel, who is a very charming person. The elder Astor, it is added, is not at all averse to his son making a match with the representative of such a high and noble family—Argonaut.

Natal's hippopotamuses are extinct. The last herd was protected by the government on a reservation near Durban, but did so much damage to the surrounding sugar plantations that orders were given to have it destroyed. The presentation of the freedom of a city or borough in England is now a mere compliment, which does not confer any substantial or exceptional privileges.

ECZEMA=SATANIC ITCH.

This most aggravating and tormenting of all skin diseases is caused by an acid condition of the blood, and unless relieved through certain instrumentalities too much of this acid poison reaches the skin and it becomes red and inflamed. The itching and burning are almost unbearable, especially when overcooked from any cause. The skin seems on fire, sleep or rest is impossible, the desperate sufferer, regardless of consequences, scratches until strength is exhausted. This burning, itching humor appears sometimes in little pustules, discharging a sticky fluid, which forms crusts and scales. Again the skin is dry, hard and fissured, itches intensely, bleeds and scabs over. While Eczema, Tetter, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum and many like troubles are spoken of as diseases of the skin, they are really blood diseases, because

THERE CAN BE NO EXTERNAL IRRITATION WITHOUT AN INTERNAL CAUSE. If the blood is in a pure, healthy condition, no poisonous elements can reach the skin. External applications of washes, lotions and salves sometimes mitigate the itching and soothe the inflammation, but cannot reach the disease. Only S. S. S., the real blood medicine, can do this. S. S. S., the only purely vegetable remedy known, is a safe and permanent cure for Eczema and all deep-seated blood and skin troubles. It goes right to the seat of the disease, neutralizes the acids and cleanses the blood, re-inforces and invigorates all the organs, and thus clears the system of all impurities through the natural channels; the skin relieved, all inflammation subsides, and all signs of the disease disappear.

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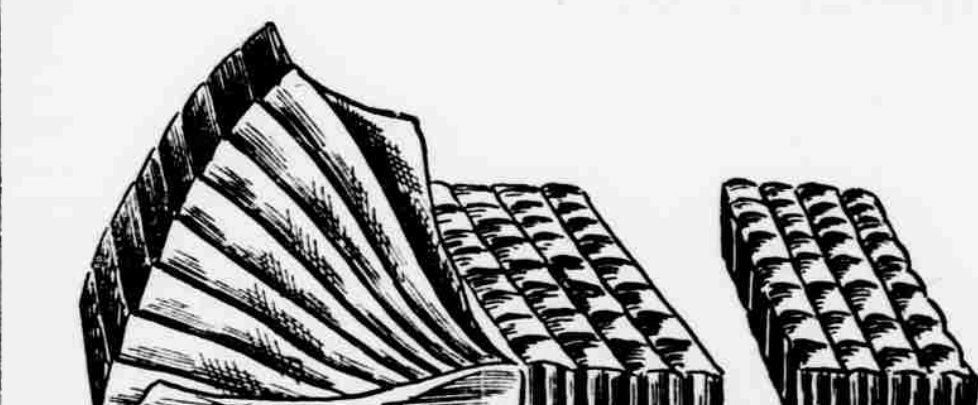


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