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THE OFFICIAL VOTE

The official vote of the State printed elsewhere, shows a total vote of 554,358 on Lieutenant Governor, against 671,147 for Governor in 1872, and 461,294 for State Treasurer in 1873, or falling off this year from 1872 of 116,789 votes, and an increase over last year's vote of 90,064. Judge Woodward received the highest vote of any Democratic candidate, his excess over Judge Paxson being 7,124; Latta over Olmstead 4,079, Temple over Allen, 4,172; and M'Callister over Beath 4,625. The average Democratic majority is 5,150. The highest vote polled by any Temperance candidate was 5,333 for Judge Black for Supreme Court and, of this number 2,578 votes or more than one-half, came from Allegheny county.

The Legislature will stand as follows; Senate—Republicans, 30; Democrats 20; Republican majority 10 House of Representatives—Republicans 89; Democrats 110; Prohibition 1; Independent Democratic majority 19; on joint ballot 9.

A New Democratic candidate for the United States senate from this State is about to be brought forward in the person of James P. Barr, Esq., editor of the *Pittsburgh Post*. For a long time Mr. Barr has successfully maintained the only Democratic daily in that city, and he has claims upon his party that cannot very well be ignored. Inasmuch as the place is to be filled by a Democrat, we see no particular reason why it should not be given to the *Pittsburgh* editor. Such old party hacks as Clymer, Randall, Wallace, Buckalew and Black, have had their share of office and should stand aside for a new man, and one who has done much hard fighting for them. —*Williamsport Gazette & Bulletin*.

At a meeting of the directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, held on Tuesday in Philadelphia, the usual semi annual dividend of five per cent. was declared. A statement of the operations of the company on its works east of Pittsburgh, during the past six months, was presented, showing gross receipts of \$19,696,042 and net receipts of \$9,444,380. After paying interest on bonds, semi-annual main line payment, and dividends and interest on the New Jersey lines, there is a balance of \$5,141,356. After reserving \$876,383 for contingencies, there is \$4,265,423 available for the dividend, which on a capital stock of \$68,443,800 will amount to \$3,422,165, and with the state tax, which the company pays, to 3,730,150. This leaves a balance to credit of profit and loss of \$35,304. This is a very gratifying exhibit of the successful management of the company, and will be so regarded by the stockholders.

NEW SET OF RULES RELATING TO THE COMFORT OF THE TRAVELING PUBLIC
The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has issued a new set of rules for the government of their employees. Among the number the following will be found of interest to the public:

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It is believed, on good grounds, that Charlie Ross was seen in Meriden, Conn., passing through to New Haven.

An officer sent from Fort McPherson, Nebraska a few days ago by General Ord to visit all sections of the grasshopper district, reports that he finds no cases of actual starvation, but much suffering, some of which is partially relieved from various sources. Relief must be given or hundreds will starve before the winter is half over.

An old man, limping badly and with green glasses over his eyes, entered a saloon in Detroit recently, and asked for money. He told a pitiful tale, but unfortunately for himself gave as his residence the house in which one of the persons present lived. The poor gentleman's story was doubted, and he was roughly seized, his green glasses torn off, displaying a perfectly sound pair of eyes, his limbs recovered their strength, and he made a vigorous effort to escape. His tormentors found \$38.45 in his pockets, and a bank book with \$480.50 credited to him, and only released him on his agreeing to leave Detroit at once.

(From *Foxey's Press*)

A Few Deductions.

The Democratic party is naturally jubilant over the result of Tuesday's elections. An organization as strictly partisan as it is, and which trust so much to historic prestige and traditions, and fights its campaign on such narrow issues as it does, has just reason to congratulate itself when it meets with so overwhelming a victory as the one it celebrates. Everywhere that party has been successful—even in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, which we had believed were as firmly wedded to Republicanism as the rock upon which the Pilgrim Fathers lauded to the shores of the one, and the iron-ore which makes it wealthy to the soil of the other. The question is whether the disaster is to be permanent and the divorce for ever. We believe not. Even in the midst of their rejoicing, wise and cool-headed Democrats do not claim that their success is final, hopeful and sincere Republicans will not admit that their defeat is irretrievable. The *World* pauses in its delirious shouts of triumph to thank the Republicans who aided its party; the *Pittsburgh Post* awards "the independent and anti-ring Republicans a large share of the credit for the changes which have been effected," and the *Baltimore Gazette*, whose sympathies are strongly southern, acknowledges the assistance of "the thousands of good men and true who separated themselves from the extremists of the Republican party and voted with the Democrats." There is no claim in any of these utterances that Tuesday's result was a vote of confidence in the Democratic party, but rather a candid statement that the people expressed their dissatisfaction with the course of the Republican party, their condemnation of its errors and sins, and their unwillingness to longer trust many of its leaders.

To properly appreciate the situation and feel the staggering force of its lesson we must go back to the early history of the Republican party. It was born of the anti-slavery sentiment of the country, and came into existence predestined for one object—the overthrow of the evil institution. It accomplished its work; it fought the war to a successful termination; raised up the lowly, and fairly administered the foreign, and domestic affairs of the nation. But it stopped there. It did not address itself intelligently and with vigor to the new questions which had arisen during the war. It neglected to reform the abuses that had been fostered by its own administration—to answer the popular demand for purer men and higher measures. Planting itself upon its past and trusting to popular unforgetfulness of the Democratic party, it stood still and even defied public opinion. The Democratic party was the anti-slavery party, the anti-war party, and during its term of power it had been the anti-reform party. The Democratic party was still torn assunder by dissensions, and handicapped in New York and elsewhere with corruptions. It had no policy to offer the people, and its shibboleth was either the meaningless and ineffective issues of the past, or the claptrap and disguises of demagoguery. Trusting to this condition of affairs, the men at the head of the Republican party disregarded the signs of discontent everywhere visible, and discounted their personal weakness. The result is Tuesday's defeat.

The Democratic party must not, however, congratulate itself on a victory. When the returns of the elections come to be counted, it will be found that more Republicans stayed at home than voted the Democratic ticket. As the *New York Post* says, the people have used the Democracy as a weapon to chastise the Republicans. "Whether the instrument shall prove further useful or shall be cast aside, the next two years will show."

One lesson which the Republican party must take to heart is that it can no longer hope to stand upon its past. That was blotted out Tuesday. This defeat means the brushing away of dead and decaying records. The Republic is not ungrateful, but believes that it has paid for past services. Hereafter parties are to be judged by their performances.

If the Democratic party is wise it will be conservative in its counsels and moderate in its action. It cannot revolutionize the Government or remodel the Constitution—thanks to the checks wisely provided by the Fathers—unless so desired. But it must be careful not to display the spirit which would do these things. Its victory was the result, not so much of its wisdom and virtues, as of the folly and vices of its opponents, and its lease of office depends not so much upon its good conduct as upon the bad behavior of the Republicans. Its position is the most anomalous ever occupied by a political party since the Union was formed. And the surest and easiest way of effecting its return to its old minority is for it to attempt to lay violent hands upon the work for which the Republican party is held in grateful remembrance by the people of the country, but which they have just declared does not entitle it to a perpetual ascendancy.

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