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## The County All Right.

### THE STATE GETTING RIGHT.

#### Machine Majority Reduced Over 100,000.

#### Democratic Senators Gained Both in Maryland and Kentucky.

Whatever cause of regret others may have for their neglect or indifference on election day there are 3,557 voters of this county who may feel proud of their action and satisfied with the result of their work. They were against the state machine, and its methods, not only in words but in work, and the almost thirteen hundred majority, against that machine, the largest given in the county since 1890, shows how well and how faithfully they performed their duty as citizens.

It might have been better had everyone fulfilled their obligations as citizens. But they did not, and there is no good in "crying over spilt milk" or speculating upon what "might have been." It is over, and the honest citizens of the county have both reason to congratulate themselves and feel proud of what was accomplished.

They repudiated, most emphatically, the state ring and the tools it presented as candidates. They expressed their indignation at the corrupting influences of the present state administration. They voted their disapproval of the methods and measures that disgraced the last Legislature and they left no doubt, in any one's mind, as to the position Centre county will take in a contest between right and wrong—between machine rule and the rule of the people.

Whether they were Democrats or whether they were Republican voters that contributed to the result, matters nothing. It only shows that Centre county is chained to no boss, and that her citizens are in favor of decency in politics, of honesty in public officials, and of an administration of public affairs that will be creditable to both State and county.

#### Fusion Swept Pennsylvania by 13,000 Outside of Allegheny and Philadelphia.

Complete returns of Tuesday's election from the counties of the State, unofficial, shows that fusion swept the State outside of Philadelphia and Allegheny by about 13,000 majority and that the Republican State machine was only saved from utter rout by the majorities rolled up in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia by desperate efforts. The defections in Democratic counties were costly. Harris, for State Treasurer, has about 52,000 plurality against the nearly 300,000 majority for McKinley a year ago, and Potter, for Supreme Judge has about 12,000 less plurality than Harris. All of Governor Stone's appointees for judicial offices, except Potter for the Supreme Bench and Solly for the Orphans' Court Judgeship in Montgomery, were rejected by the people.

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