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A DEFINITE TREND TOWARD DEMOCRACY.

The result of Tuesday's election was not so much of a surprise to those who have kept in mind the outcome of nearly every special opportunity the voters of the country have had during the past year to express their feelings through the ballot.

In every State in which there have been local or special elections to fill vacant seats in Congress there has been a definite trend that could indicate nothing else than dissatisfaction with the party in power.

Outstanding contests to the point on Tuesday were the smashing victories of Governor-elect Moore in New Jersey and that of Michael J. Hart for Congress in the Eighth Michigan district.

While the Watchman can see no good to the Democratic party in having control of the next House of Congress the duty that has been thrust upon it is gratifying evidence that the country is looking to it for something better than the present administration has been able to give.

In Connecticut every large city elected Democratic Mayors. Following last year's election of a Democratic Governor for the first time, almost within memory, this is significant of a trend that portends what might be expected there in the coming presidential contest.

Here in Pennsylvania Democrats won county offices to which they have not had entry for years. Of course most of such victories were due to purely local and personal conditions, yet it cannot be denied that they are evidence of a revival of militancy in Democracy and a willingness on the part of many Republicans to join in any effort to give the country a government that has something more substantial than promises to offer.

The Utley victory for Judge in the new Mifflin district was a direct slap at Governor Pinchot's having appointed a favorite to the bench there in defiance of the known wishes of the majority of the people of the county.

In Centre county, while the Democratic party presented a ticket made up of eminently good men, it was not wholly their personalities that swept them into office.

There are hundreds of Republicans in Centre county who are tired of the appeals to "vote it straight," especially when such importuning comes from those whom they are disfavoring or only using their party as a means to selfish personal aims, rather than as a constructive agency in government.

In the Nation, in the State, in the County, Tuesday's election encourages hope that our next President will be a Democrat. It can be no worse for the country than conditions are now.

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN CENTRE COUNTY

Items taken from the Watchman issue of November 11, 1881.

The County Fair Association is a little late in announcing the premium winners, but you will find them all on page 5 of this issue. Summarizing them here J. G. Rider won \$6.00 for the best heavy draft stallion.

another furniture store John Proudfoot and Reuben Spangler are going to open one in the McClain block, next door to the Watchman office.

The Democrats of Centre county have good reason to congratulate themselves on the splendid victory of Tuesday last. Every man on the ticket was elected by a handsome majority.

AT LAST

Almost the Watchman had given up hope of ever having occasion to dust off the roosters that were bought to crow over Democratic victories in Centre county in a time when its present editor was nothing more than something yet to be picked out of cosmos.

Like Eugene Field's little toy dog the cocks and cockerels in the Watchman's poultry farm were "covered with dust" until Wednesday morning. We didn't kiss "and put them there" but we did nuzzle and hug the courteous lady in the telephone exchange who told us, on Wednesday morning at seven-thirty, what had happened in Centre county the day before.

From Republicans and Democrats, alike, all day Wednesday, came a telephonic and personal clamor for the Watchman to seize this opportunity to give its poor old, dust covered, roosters a chance to crow.

One woman even went so far as to telephone that her breakfast dishes were all washed and she was ready to come down and help us "preen them up" for the exhibition she thought they were entitled to have.

The Watchman is not exultant. It has been its habit always to be with the under dog. In parading its roosters today it is not gloating over anything. It is merely running true to form.

Faithful to the Watchman the roosters stood All in a dusty row Hopeful of the time when Republicans would Give them a chance to crow



Crowing, not in exultation; merely to exercise lungs almost t. bd. by long confinement in a dusty coop.

A HODGE-PODGE OF NEWSY INCIDENTS.

On the street, last Friday, we met one of the leading merchants from a small town in Centre county, but he is no "small town" store-keeper by long odds.

The difference between the entries on the quarter sessions docket for the November court and the September term is so large that it is hard to reconcile.

The election is now a thing of the past and we hope some candidate will come to the front with definite information as to the kind of publicity that did him the most good.

We know of two candidates who attended a large gathering near the clog of the campaign and as the people were leaving the men took up a position of vantage and passed out their cards.

ELK'S MINSTREL DATE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

Friday, November 20th, has been definitely decided upon as the date for the Altoona Elk's club minstrels to be given in the Richelieu theatre under the auspices of the Bellefonte lodge of Elks for the benefit of the Associated Charities.

Our mailing list has been corrected and this week the label on your paper ought to reflect the standing of your account with the Watchman.

PATIENTS TREATED AT CENTRE COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Miss Florence Peters, of Boggs township, received surgical treatment, last Monday, and was discharged the same day. Mrs. R. G. Forsburg, of Bellefonte, a surgical patient, was discharged last Monday.

WOMAN JAILED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES DISCHARGED BY COURT.

A habeas corpus hearing was held before Judge Fleming, Saturday morning, in the case of Mary C. Watson, of Clarence, committed to the Centre county jail on October 23rd, by justice of the peace E. T. Haynes, of Snow Shoe, for failure to pay her taxes to the collector, Iva Burkey.

PENN STATE AND BRITISH TO DEBATE NEXT WEEK

Coleman Herpel, of McKeesport, and John A. Hoch, of Milton, have been selected to represent the Pennsylvania State College next week in the opening debate of the year, Professor John Henry Frizzell, debating coach, has announced.

BOALSBURG.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Houtz moved to their new home, near State College, and Miss Hester Christ moved into the D. W. Meyer home, vacated by the Houtz family.

IN BELLEFONTE CHURCHES

There will be revival services in the Advent church on the hill, beginning Sunday evening, Nov. 8th, at 7:30 o'clock and continuing as long as the interest keeps up.