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A Complete Landslide on Tuesday for the Republicans

WE MUST GO UP SALT RIVER

The Republicans Have Won All the Honors—A Repetition of 1896—Returns of Centre County Were Sealed—Official Count To-Day.

Nothing succeeds like success, and a politician never feels happier than when the returns come his way. That is why we democrats have the "dumps" and are bundling up our traps for another long, sad journey to that desolate, dreary clime unfavorably known as "Salt River." We have got to go; and we'll take our medicine without a squeal. We met the enemy, and they dealt us another solar plexus; the pain we suffer is not half so annoying as when our republican neighbors come along and poke all sorts of fun at us. That is the fate of politics—sometimes you're up, and then you ain't. We are not sure the country will go to the dogs because we can't have our views carried out; "there are others" you know who say "things are different."

Democrats have no regrets for what they have advocated, only sorry that they could not win. They firmly believed their cause was just, but were overwhelmed by influences too powerful to resist, and the groundless fears of those who may not have fully comprehended the situation, and voted against, what we believe, was their best interests.

Be that as it may, the election is over, and like patriotic citizens we cheerfully abide by the sovereign will of the people. If McKinleyism is good, give us lots of it—all will profit thereby, irrespective of party; if it proves disastrous, the proper remedy can be applied in the future.

THE RESULT.

Facts no doubt are more desirable than reflections. At this writing, Wednesday evening, the returns indicate that McKinley has more electors than in 1896, carrying all the doubtful states by safe majorities. The republicans make large gains in congress, also in the senate. The Quayites and the Anti-Quayites claim victories in Pennsylvania, but with all that Quay will hardly have enough to secure his return to the U. S. Senate.

At this time it is impossible to give definite information, only estimates that give a fair idea of the final result. In the eastern states Bryan made gains over his vote in 1896, but not large enough to secure any electors. McKinley, while he lost some in the east, made larger gains in the middle-west.

On pages 2 and 3 you will find a summary of the general returns.

CENTRE COUNTY REPUBLICAN.

It is settled that McKinley has again carried the county. Owing to some error made in the supplies furnished election boards the result is that nearly all the returns are in sealed envelopes in the prothonotary's office and can not be opened until noon Thursday, when the official count is begun before the court. For this reason it was impossible for us to compile anything like a tabulated statement for this issue, as is customary.

By telephone, returns were received at the different headquarters but these always prove more or less unreliable. Wednesday afternoon Chairman W. F. Reeder gave out the following calculation:

For President:	1900	1896
McKinley, R.	423	467
Bryan, D.	432	449
Majority	331	410
For Congress:		
Clearwater, R.	444	434
Hall, D.	434	444
Majority	10	10

In 1896 Col. Spangler received 4544 and Arnold 4741 in Centre county. In 1898 Hall received 4428 and Arnold 3501.

For Legislature:
Thompson, R. 4507
Allison, R. 423
Wetzel, D. 4459-59
Kepler, D. 4373-145

At democratic headquarters Chairman Johnston conceded the county to McKinley, but claimed the republican figures a little high. The result of the county will only be settled by the official count which is begun after our paper goes to press, therefore we can give no definite news on the county. Republicans claim the whole ticket.

This is the result to date, in a few words. As to how it happened is a matter for reflection and speculation.

A New Republic.

Reports from South Africa indicate that the Boers are starting upon a great trek to the west coast of Africa, where, many of them declare, General Botha intends to establish a new Republic.

Dr. Mohn, rep., was defeated for assembly, in Union county, by 139. McKinley had over 1300 maj. Focht carried the county by only 21.

NEVER FALTERED.

Mr. Bryan delivered his last speech at his home on election day. Having cast his vote he was escorted to his home by friends and neighbors, and from his porch delivered the following brief address to the crowd:

"Gentlemen, I want to thank you for the loyalty you have shown, not only in this campaign, but in the campaign, which has preceded it, and I hope that within twelve hours we may be able to meet again and rejoice over a victory. We opened this campaign at Kansas City by endorsing the Declaration of Independence, written by Thomas Jefferson. I want to close this campaign by reading an extract from a speech made by Abraham Lincoln, for in this campaign, we have been quoting the speeches of Lincoln and invoking his authority, as Lincoln, in his first campaign, quoted from the utterances of Jefferson and invoked his authority:

"Many free countries have lost their liberties, and ours may lose hers; but if she shall, may it be my proudest plume, not that I was the last to desert her, but that I never deserted her."
"I will add that I think we shall succeed to-day. But if we fall, be it so. We shall have the proud consolation of saying to our conscience, and to the departed shade of our country's freedom that the course approved by our judgement and adored by our hearts, in disaster, in change, in torture, in death, we never faltered in defending."

An Orderly Election.

Tuesday we had a fine day for holding the election and as far as heard there was no trouble at any of the polling places. In the evening the usual crowds hovered about the headquarters, but the returns came in slowly and were rather indefinite at first. At the democratic headquarters Mallory & Taylor hung a screen on the Brockerhoff house and with a stereopticon threw the returns out for the public to read. The result was that quite a crowd assembled at that point. Between the returns they put out views of scenery in the vicinity of Belleville.

The boys had a good time, as early in the evening they began parading the streets and kept a howl up that was annoying to most people of a chronic disposition. Several small bonfires were started but the crowd seemed to have it, instead of either political party. The republicans made little fuss over the result, evidently not so sure that it was all true.

A great many people came to town from over the county to get the returns, at the various headquarters.

BRYAN WILL NOT TALK.

William J. Bryan will not make any statement as to the result of the election until later. He made this announcement, saying he had desired to have as complete returns as were procurable before announcing any conclusions. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were in cheerful moods. Mr. Bryan said he had slept well and felt in excellent health. Referring to his plans for the immediate future, he expressed a determination to take a good rest.

ELECTION ECHOES.

Governor Stone said last night that there is no doubt a election of ex-Senator Quay to the United States senate by the next legislature. The governor claims Quay will have 153 votes in the senate and house, twenty-one more than necessary on joint ballot, to elect a senator, and that the machine will have a safe working majority in both bodies.

Complete, but unofficial, returns from the legislative districts of the state indicate the election of 151 Republicans, 46 Democrats, 6 Fusionists and 1 Independent Republican to the house of representative. The last house stood: Republicans 127, democrats 71, fusion 6.

Two Sisters Shot Down.

While they were husking corn on their farm near Hollidaysburg, Mary and Martha Hasenstab, sisters, were accidentally and seriously shot. Two unknown hunters were walking along a road near East Freedom when they heard a rustling noise in a cornfield nearby. Thinking that some wild animal was concealed in the field the men lifted their guns and discharged the contents into the supposed hiding place.

Cries of pain came from the field where the young girls had been working and the men perceiving their frightful blunder fled and have not been discovered, although farmers have been searching for them. The victims' faces and bodies were filled with small shot.

The ladies' needle work and bazaar of the Lutheran church is a great attraction. Go to the W. C. T. U. rooms and see for yourself. Dolls, candies, ice cream, cake, oysters and a great variety of fine needle work, Thursday and Friday afternoon and evening.

Ad. Rote of Coburn, and Jerry Shunk of Poemills, each killed a deer a few days ago, and Jacob Kerstetter shot a wild goose at Coburn.

THE LATEST ELECTION NEWS

Caught by Wire and Culled from the Morning Papers

MCKINLEY HAS 205, BRYAN 152

List of States Carried by Each—Hall is Solid in the District—Reports of Adjoining Counties—Republicans Gained Generally.

From the latest reports the electoral college will stand as follows:

FOR MCKINLEY	FOR BRYAN
California - 9	Alabama - 11
Connecticut - 6	Arkansas - 8
Delaware - 3	Colorado - 4
Illinois - 24	Florida - 4
Indiana - 15	Georgia - 13
Idaho - 3	Kentucky - 13
Iowa - 13	Louisiana - 8
Kansas - 10	Mississippi - 9
Maine - 6	Missouri - 17
Maryland - 8	Montana - 3
Massachusetts - 15	Nevada - 3
Michigan - 14	North Carolina - 11
Minnesota - 9	South Carolina - 9
Nebraska - 5	Tennessee - 12
New Hampshire - 4	Texas - 15
New Jersey - 10	Virginia - 12
New York - 36	
North Dakota - 3	
Ohio - 23	
Oregon - 4	
Pennsylvania - 32	
Rhode Island - 4	
South Dakota - 4	
Utah - 3	
Vermont - 4	
Washington - 4	
West Virginia - 6	
Wisconsin - 12	
Wyoming - 3	
Total for Mc. 295	Total for Bryan 152

Necessary for election - 224
McKinley's majority - 143

It is estimated that Pennsylvania has gone republican by 287,000, Illinois 100,000, Delaware 1200, Indiana 28,000, Iowa 80,000, Maryland 14,000, Nebraska 1800, New Jersey 54,000, New York 145,000, Ohio 70,000, West Virginia 12,000.

McKinley carried Clinton county by 268. The local democratic ticket was elected.

Clearfield county went republican from 1000 to 1300.
Joe Sibley was sent back to congress. In Chicago republicans claim 308 electors for McKinley, and they claim Kentucky.

The insurgents declare Quay cannot win. Both sides are confident.

In Union county A. W. Johnson, an independent republican candidate, and who was endorsed by the democrats, defeated Dr. Mohn, the Quay nominee. Mohn is the fellow who is credited with getting his nomination by gross frauds and the stuffing of the ballot box at the republican primaries in Hartley township. He belongs to the Focht Quay faction. Great credit is due editor Fred Kurtz, jr., of the Journal, for telling work to bring about this victory.

B. K. Focht, editor of the Lewisburg, Pa., News, was elected to the state senate, defeating Frank Brown, the democratic nominee. He carried Union by 21, Snyder by 712; Francis Brown got Northumberland by 228. Focht's majority in the district is 655.

The legislative fusion ticket was defeated in Blair county. McKinley carried it by 10,000.

The Quayites won in Huntingdon county.

J. K. P. HALL RE-ELECTED.

Wednesday the report was current on the streets of Belleville that Hall had been defeated in the district for congress. The republicans have given out their estimate that Clearwater carried the county by 108, but there is nothing certain about those figures, yet they may be reasonably near to the vote. Wednesday evening a telephone message was received from Mr. Hall in which he stated that he had carried Elk county by a majority of 1681, and Clarion by 812, while Clearwater carries Clearfield by 1350 and Forest by 350, and conceding Centre at 100 would still leave him at least a majority of 800 in the district. The complimentary vote given Mr. Hall in his own section shows that he stands exceedingly well where he is best known.

CLINTON DEMOCRATIC.

The Lock Haven Democrat, in commenting on the election in Clinton county says:

All glory to Clinton county! She emerges from the battle of ballots with the full Democratic county ticket, with the exception of W. S. Harris, to her credit. This is a great victory, in view of the determined stand the Republicans took to elect their men. Kaupp for congress, will probably have 400 plurality; Messrs. Bridgens and Harris came out a head for the associate judgeships. W. T. Young is an easy winner over J. W. Fredericks, and H. T. Jarrett is re-elected by the handsome majority of over 400"

LIBRARY 9,000 YEARS OLD.

Dr. Hilprecht, Archaeologist, Shovels Up Rich Documents at Nippur.

Prof. Herman N. Hilprecht, who has been digging up the ruins of Nineveh for the University of Pennsylvania, arrived on the Friedrich der Grosse this week.

He said that as the result of his discoveries and translations of inscriptions on vases, tablets and utensils, Bible history is shown to be quiet recent. The tablets are histories of times before Adam and Eve are supposed to have lived in the Garden of Eden.

"We have found the first Babylonian temple library ever discovered," said he. "It was uncovered at Nippur. Some of the documents go back as far before Abraham as Abraham is before our time."

"Not a document discovered is less than 2,200 years before the Christian era. That is about the period at which Nippur's civilization was sipped in the blossom by the Elamites, and Babylon succeeded Nippur as the capital of Babylonia. Some of the documents are supposed to be at least 9,000 years old."

"Nearly 18,000 documents were rescued this year."

"The documents are clay tablets from two inches by one inch to a foot and a half in length by one foot in width. They cover every branch of literature known to the early Semitic peoples. There are lists of words written in both the Sumerian and Babylonian languages, exercises in grammar, dates, hymns, proverbs, astronomical works, astrological texts, inventories of the temple, lists of gods, and cash-books giving the income of the temple from all sources. They will increase our vocabulary of the two most ancient tongues."

"Nippur was built on successive platforms, generations constructing a platform upon the ruins of previous generations."

"The Nippur library was lost about the time Abraham went out of Ur. Many Hebrew customs find here their first explanation. One old historical character who, critics had decided, was a myth is found to have been a real character."

"Most of the Jewish exiles transported by Nebuchadnezzar after the destruction of Jerusalem were located at Nippur and along the canals near there."

The records from the Nippur library are on their way from Bassora to Philadelphia.

RODE OVER A CATAMOUNT.

It is thrilling work to ride over the bare back of a crouching catamount on a bicycle. Rogerson Clark, of near Jersey Shore, Pa., who had such an adventure a day or so ago, will swear to that. He tells the story as follows:

"I was riding down a hill at the mill dam near town, Tuesday night, when I was startled by the sharp cry of a wild animal. The gap there is known to be a favorite place for catamounts, foxes and even snakes to come for water."

"I mimicked the call to see what the animal would do. He kept ahead of me for some distance and then I saw him leap into the road, which he slowly began to cross. Then he stood still and crouched. It was moonlight."

"I had no weapon, so I pedaled up hard and made a dive for the catamount. Thinks I, old fellow, I'll eat you up. The wheels passed clear over the crouching thing's back and he snapped and snarled like the winner in a cat fight. The jolt gave me a nasty header and I went sprawling in the road. When I got up I saw the cat crawling away from me, apparently unhurt. I knew I had him frightened, and must keep him moving. I walked toward him. He retreated, crawled through the wire fence enclosing the fishing stream, and jumping into the water, swam across the dam. All the while he growled and snapped savagely. He was still at it when I mounted my wheel and rode off."

Sadly Afflicted.

Mr. Young, son-in-law of Mr. Igen, of Georges valley, died of typhoid fever, and was buried on Thursday last, at the Cross church cemetery, Rev. Reafrick, of the Lutheran church, officiating. Miss Igen was ill of the fever about the same time. A child of Mr. Young's also died some days before the father. Mrs. Young and a son were also down with typhoid fever, but are recovering.

Altoona Attorney Missing.

Attorney S. A. McNeal, formerly assistant district attorney and one of the younger members of the Blair county bar, is among the missing, having left Altoona several days ago, and there is said to be considerable financial difficulty back of the sudden departure of the gentleman.

"Ring off," said the telephone girl when she canceled her engagement.

BEAUTIFUL NUPTIAL EVENT

Blackburn-Holliday Wedding in the Presbyterian Church

A BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT

A Notable Gathering of Handsomely Gowned Women and Distinguished Citizens—Reception Largely Attended.

Another beautiful nuptial event took place Wednesday evening 7th, the bridegroom being a Philadelphian, Dr. Albert Engles Blackburn, and the bride, Miss Myra Holliday, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Jackson L. Spangler, of this place.

The ceremony took place in the Presbyterian church at 7 o'clock, amid a perfect bower of floral decorations on a background of green. The prevailing colors were yellow and white, and the flowers, chrysanthemums. The decorations both at the church and Spangler residence were by the intimate friends of the bride.

When the hour for the ceremony arrived the edifice was filled to the doors. The wedding march was performed by Mrs. J. Malcolm Laurie, and when the first strains of the Lohengrin floated through the church the bridal party made its appearance. First came the bridesmaids and ushers in single file up the outside aisles of the church to the altar, where they formed in couples and returned to the rear of the church to meet the bride. The bridesmaids were Miss Henrietta Butts, Miss Mildred Smith and Miss Margaret Brisbin, Belleville; Miss Julia A. Kaul, St. Marys; Miss M. Virginia Sadler, Philadelphia, and Miss Romelia Vanpelt, Centre Hall. They were arrayed in dresses of white Paris muslin, trimmed with Valenciennes lace, with a headdress of yellow plisse bows and carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums tied with yellow ribbon.

The ushers were Dr. John B. Stetson, Dr. R. P. McReynolds, Mr. Harry F. Richards, and William B. Chapin, and Joseph H. Reilly, Philadelphia, and Dr. H. A. Polkinhorn, Washington, D. C. At the main entrance the escort of bridesmaids and ushers met the bride.

First came the maid-of-honor, Emma Holliday, sister of the bride, dressed in white chiffon over white taffeta, with accordeon pleatings and lace trimmings. Miss Holliday wore a medium veil and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums.

In the rear came the bride, Miss Myra Holliday, leaning on the arm of her step-father, Col. Jackson L. Spangler. The bride's gown was of white duchesse satin, made with court train and trimmed with real lace. She wore the regulation veil and orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley. A brilliant diamond pin and crescent, the gift of the groom, was the only jewelry worn. At the altar the party was met by the groom, Dr. Albert Engles Blackburn, and his best man, Mr. Charles S. Moore, of Camden, N. J., and the officiating minister, Rev. Dr. William Laurie, D. D., pastor of the church. The ring ceremony was used, Col. Spangler giving away the bride.

Immediately following the ceremony at the church a reception was given at the residence of Col. and Mrs. Spangler, on Allegheny street. The bride received in her wedding dress. Mrs. Spangler was attired in lavender liberty satin with trimming of cream applique, while Mrs. Blackburn, mother of the groom, who was one of the receiving party, wore black taffeta silk, trimmed in white lace. Over five hundred guests attended the reception. Music was furnished by Chappell's orchestra, of Williamsport, and the refreshments by Caterer Ceader. The bridal party were served in the drawing room. The bride's favors to the bridesmaids were gold crescents and the groom's to the ushers, monogram cuff links.

The presents received by the bride attracted more than usual attention and formed a lavish display. At ten o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn departed on a special train for a brief tour, after which they will be at home at 3725 Baring street, Philadelphia, where their house is already furnished, after December 15.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. J. L. Spangler. She was educated at State College and is a graduate of Wilson College, Chambersburg. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. U. Blackburn, of Fishertown, Bedford county. He is a graduate of the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, was a resident physician in the Presbyterian hospital two years and is now a visiting physician and tri-weekly lecturer there.

Among the guests present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. U. Blackburn, Fishertown; Mr. and Mrs. William Mil-

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FACT, FUN AND FANCY.

Bright Sparkling Paragraphs—Selected and Original.

It is well not to be sick. Weeping willows should be planted in tiers.

The surveyor knows where to draw the line.

It doesn't make you a kidnapper to "crib a baby."

Continued cheerfulness is a manifest sign of wisdom.

Some men are born great, and others become ingrates.

Judge a man by his address rather than by his dress.

The orator who expects pay speaks on the C. O. D. plan.

In olden times the bride of a day was the wife of a knight.

It is not impossible for the fish cleaner to scale a mountain.

A man must feel girlish when he makes his maiden speech.

You don't exactly enlarge your vocabulary by multiplying words.

One way to suppress a chronic borrower is to get your work in first.

Not until he strikes water should the digger let well enough alone.

The chronic invalid, if the truth were known, is often a chronic loafer.

Spend less time in doing penance and more in improving your conduct.

It would take the whipping post to whip some men into proper shape.

True politeness consists in treating others as you would like for others to treat you.

There may be little comfort in cold stones, but we like the ice cream that's in bricks.

The reason some people use too much perfume is that they haven't any better sense.

Time may be money, but the street beggar doesn't go around pleading, "Give me time."

The woman who depends upon borrowing a wrap must believe in the cloak of friendship.

Soag writers may turn out airs by the million, but they seldom become millionaires.

The public trusts many a man with an office that his butcher wouldn't trust with a pound of bacon.

A woman of experience says it is impossible to keep children or stair carpets in place without using the rod.

Some people are like hens; they no sooner accomplish anything than they make an unnecessary fuss about it.

OLD LANDMARK REMOVED.

The tall brick stack which stood as a monument to Beech Creek's one-time prosperity and which was the last mark of the large saw mill that was erected at the southern end of what is now that borough, in 1868, on land now owned by Hon. J. W. Merrey, was taken down last Wednesday in order to use the brick for building purposes. This stack was fifty feet high, was built of 65,500 brick, and is said to have stood until only three rows of brick supported it before it fell, so perfectly true was it built. This suggests the fact that the first circular saw mill on the Beech creek was that of Houzel & Miller, in 1850. This firm sold to Shoene, Saylor & Co., who, in 1854, replaced the former by a larger water mill, which was destroyed by fire in 1865. Saylor, Day & Morey rebuilt in 1868 on a still larger scale, adding a planing mill and putting in five huge boilers and a powerful steam engine, for which the brick stack was erected. At that time it was one of the finest equipped mills of its kind in Pennsylvania, employed a great many men and made Beech Creek a lively town. The sawed lumber was shipped by the canal and the Bald Eagle railroad, built in 1864. It was one of the leading industries in the Bald Eagle valley and sawed the choicest timber along the Beech Creek. The mill was operated by Hess, Kuecht & Miller from 1868 to 1874, since which time this place has had no industrial boom, but has patiently pursued the even tenor of its way. Now all indications point to a new era of prosperity for Beech Creek by the erection of the new fire brick works and possibly one or two other industries, the promoters of which readily see the advantages offered by a location here.—Lock Haven Express.

Killed at Pittsburg.

John J. Romig, formerly of Beech Creek, was killed Thursday night, at Pittsburg. Was a worthy employe of the Pennsylvania railroad, Middle Division, for about five years. He was married to a lady of Pittsburg, last August, whom he leaves to mourn his loss with a mother, two sisters, and a brother. Mr. Romig was killed by being run over in the yards at Pittsburg, and his remains were brought to Beech Creek for interment.

If there should be no more calves it would be impossible to re-veal the future.