

THE M'COMAS IDEA.

His Anti-Gerrymandering Bill Finally Reported to Congress.

A WARM ARGUMENT IN ITS FAVOR.

The Democratic Minority Bitterly Attacks the Measure.

ONE REPUBLICAN ENTERS A PROTEST

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Representative McComas, of Maryland, to-day reported to the House from the Committee on Election of President and Vice President and Representatives in Congress, his bill to prevent gerrymandering. The report is long, and includes an elaborate review and discussion of the constitutional questions involved. It says:

"The country grows more anxious to secure fair elections. Congress is justly urged to pass national election laws to guarantee a fair voting, counting and return of the election of Congressmen. In States hostile to the exercise of the suffrage by colored citizens, enforcement of such laws is difficult indeed. The subject of a national election law is involved in the negro. This anti-gerrymandering bill may be effective in the white States where new minorities of white voters are to-day suppressed by shameful gerrymandering."

JUST ONE INSTANCE. "At the last election for Congressman in Indiana, for instance, the majority vote for Congressman elected three Representatives, and the minority vote for Congressman elected ten Representatives. Such gerrymandering is a crime against the general Government and the people of the whole nation. This bill will at least compel representatives of the suppressed minority in the white States. It will check reckless gerrymandering in the States of the black belt and make it easier for Representatives elected therein to obtain certification of election. It will respect equally States rights and the rights of the United States."

"It permits States to continue to make regulations for the election of Congressmen, but warns the States that a national Constitution has been adopted establishing a real and not a shadowy government, a sovereignty of holding elections for Representatives in Congress, to secure districts more compact as to territory, more stable in duration, and to secure greater equality of population behind the Representatives in Congress. These things the States have failed to do."

THE MINORITY REPORT. Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, submitted the report of the minority. After a bitter criticism of the bill, it says: "In this day the spirit of reform is revived. It cannot wait. It would break down precedents because they are old, and sanction suggestions of radicalism because they are new. It would take from States the privilege of arranging their own Congressional districts as each might think best for its own people, and suggest that right to Congress, against reason, precedent and the Constitution itself. It would uphold the laws of sovereign States without cause, and supplant them with the unconstitutional enactments of a partisan Congress."

the proper exercise of which he is not responsible to the people whom it affects. It would strengthen and enlarge the powers of a partisan officer of the House of Representatives, and in one breath it would have Congress command the sovereign States of the Union to do its bidding and in the next breath prohibit their action. This spirit of reform must be arrested, or consolidation, desperate and hopeless, will be our destiny."

GREAT FLOW OF LANGUAGE. "It must be checked, or upon the mournful ruins of State preponderance will arise a mammoth empire stretching its broad arms from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores—an empire whose dominion shall be imperial Rome, boundless in its domain and limitless in its authority; with no guide but its own power; an empire decked with all the gorgeous splendors of a centralized domain and proudly wielding the scepter of its absolute sway over the broken and crouching victims of its ruthless usurpations."

Mr. Frank, of Missouri, signed neither the majority nor the minority report. He has framed a dissenting report in which he says that the most cogent reason for his refusal to give assent to the views of the majority is that the measure will be very unpopular and distasteful to the minds of the people who are not lawyers, and who are unable to draw a distinction between an ex post facto and a retroactive law. Under the Constitution of the United States no ex post facto law can be passed. Under the Constitution of all the States no ex post facto law can be passed, and under some of them no retroactive law can be passed. A retroactive law is always regarded with great distaste, and the people will not sustain Congressional action in the way the bill proposes.

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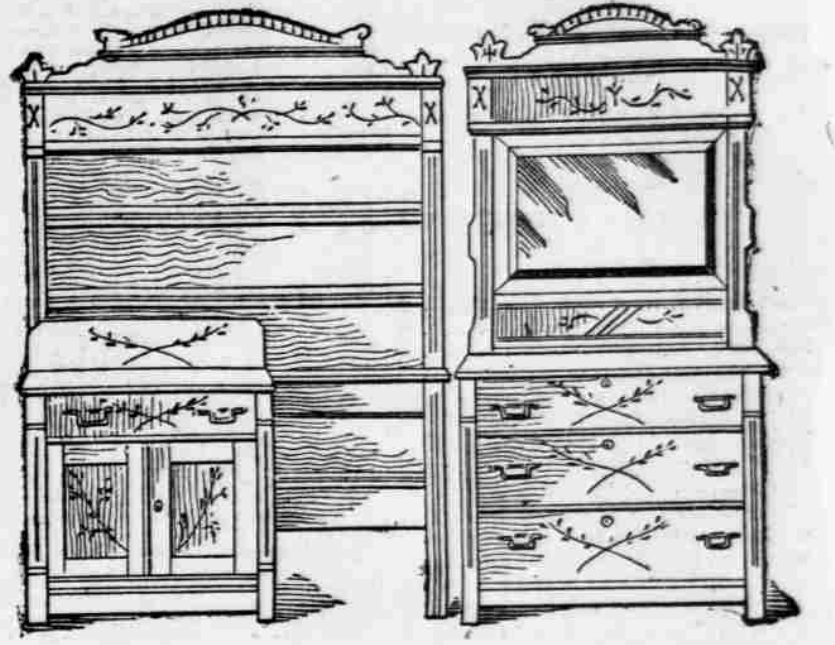
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