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Colonel Stone's plurality is more than half that of Governor Hastings, although in New York state, where the Republican party was undivided, the personally popular Roosevelt got less than one-tenth the plurality of his predecessor, Governor Black.

Confidence in McKinley.

Surveying broadly the field of the recent elections, the fact that stands high above all others is the confidence shown by the great mass of the people in the Republican national administration.

Ohio, always debatable after a distribution of Republican federal offices and just recovering from the bitterest factional fight in its history, instead of fulfilling Democratic expectations gives 69,000 Republican plurality; Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa do proportionally as well; Republicans redeem California, Washington, Wyoming and the Dakotas, cut down the Democratic strength in nearly all the other western states and actually carry Nebraska, with Kansas lingering in doubt.

The fact is very significant, too, that the most striking proofs of this confidence appear in the great "middle west"—the vast empire peopled by indomitable and healthy citizens who are the bone and sinew of progressive Americanism.

It was here, if report be true, that the president for the first time surely learned the majority will concerning the Philippines; and it is here, from the plain people who peculiarly personify the virility and the courage of American institutions, that, in a time of Eastern apathy and Mugwump opposition, he receives saving support.

All Cubans continue to look alike to the timid American citizen who believes that the insurgent must necessarily be a bandit.

The Crawford County System.

A "Republican that voted for Swallow" writes to us as follows: "If the Republicans that voted for Swallow will not be allowed to vote at the primaries, perhaps they can vote at the general election; and as the returns of the last election show that about 3,000 Republicans voted for Swallow in the city, their votes may make a decided change."

The rules now governing city Republican primaries were adopted in the convention held January 11 last, after a motion to table them had been defeated by a vote of 75 to 25.

The persons having a right to vote at the primary or nominating election shall be Republicans who are or may be legally qualified voters of the election district at the next general election, or who voted the Republican ticket at the last general election at which they voted or were entitled to vote.

It will be recalled that The Tribune, both before the city convention and the last county convention which adopted practically the same rules, opposed the Crawford county system as not being adapted to this locality and as being deceptive in its promise of reform.

For our part we believe in welcoming to the Republican primaries all citizens who honestly intend to support Republican principles. It would be political folly of the worst kind to try to draw a dead line in front of Republicans who, after one unavailing visit over the party fence, have come to their senses and want to get back.

Mrs. Rorer, the apostle of cookery as it should be cooked, and the advocate of many theories which are more blessed to give than to receive, has uttered a dictum which will make housewives tremble at the mere thought of following it.

It has been discovered by scientific test that the soft drinks manufactured in New Jersey contain more dangerous bacilli than the veritable "lightning" for which the state is noted.

Fourth of July and circus day, and even the individual who takes something for his stomach's sake will be tortured by a feeling of distrust lest the glasses have been contaminated by the deadly "soft" drink.

Andrew Carnegie has done much for the state of Pennsylvania and in his wide philanthropic and progressive ideas has made his name one of which American is proud.

A Reading woman created a ruckus at the polls on Tuesday by casting her vote into the box and demanding to see her husband's vote.

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