

ONE of the first questions suggested by the Democratic victory in Ohio is naturally: Is the Standard Oil Company a candidate for re-election to the United States Senate?

As might have been expected, Calvin S. Brice looms up boldly as a candidate for United States Senator from Ohio. The rainbow that now spans Colonel Brice's horizon begins in his own bar and ends in the seat in the Senate at present occupied by old Mr. Payne.

The death of State Treasurer Hart occurred at his home in Harrisburg on Friday night last. He had been in poor health for several months, but was supposed to be convalescing. Treasurer Hart was a very popular official, and his death will be mourned by friends all over the State.

The latest from Ohio is a telegram under date of the 11th, to the effect that the official returns from 60 counties, received at the Secretary of State's office, and the other 28 on telegrams from the officials of the counties, indicate that the plurality of Lamson, Republican, for Lieutenant Governor, will be 131. These figures will not vary much from the final result. The Republicans elect all the State ticket, except Governor.

Mr. Boyer's majority for State Treasurer is 60,889. This is not strictly official, but the final figures will not change this result much. In Ohio the Democrats have carried the legislature, thus holding their own in the U. S. Senate, as the incoming legislature will elect a Senator to succeed Payne, the present Democratic incumbent. In Iowa the Republicans carried everything but the governor. The legislature being Republican insures the re-election of Senator Allison. Virginia went Democratic of course, as did also New Jersey, Massachusetts and Nebraska stand by their guns and elect all Republicans. New York elected Democratic minor State officers, but the legislature is largely Republican. Mississippi was still going Democratic at last accounts.

PLENTY of reasons both rational and absurd are given for the result of the elections last Tuesday. Nearly every public man has expressed his opinion, either in public or private. Mr. Grover Cleveland has given his in an interview as follows: It is evident that the leaven of tariff reform has at last leavened the whole lump. It is enough for me to say that I am satisfied at the indications and results of Tuesday's elections.

These are exactly the stereotyped phrases which anyone acquainted with Mr. Cleveland's mental processes would have expected him to utter over the elections. They sound about as fresh and revivifying as the parroting of a phonograph. There are some authorities, however, that differ with Mr. Cleveland as to the causes which brought about Tuesday's Democratic victories, and one of them is the Independent Rochester Post and Express. It expresses its conclusions in the following terse way: With Grover Cleveland out of the way the Democrats seem to be doing remarkably well.

If the Democratic party was polled and every man gave his honest opinion as to the reasons for this year's election results there is not much doubt that a larger number would agree with the Rochester paper than with Mr. Cleveland.—Phila. Press.

The question, "Which state, North or South Dakota first assumed statehood?" is one which must forever remain unanswered. It is a mystery and as such must forever remain until time shall be no more. On the 2d inst. the President received from the State department the two proclamations, deficient only to the extent of his signature. The question of priority at once came up and it was difficult to decide. South Dakota has been the favored one in times when everybody supposed that North Dakota was going to be left out in the cold as a territory and every South Dakotan was satisfied that his geographical subdivision would be regarded as the superior. North Dakotians said that that wouldn't make the slightest difference; their territory would naturally have precedence just as one would naturally, in calling the roll of states, mention North Carolina before its sister in the southward. It was a grave situation for the President to be in and he evidently realized it, but he steered his way out without difficulty. The two documents, unlooked at, were laid down on the desk on a sheet of paper and then they were shuffled until even a three card monte expert couldn't tell 'tether from which. When this stage of the game had been reached the proclamations

were turned faces upward but protected from the gaze of the curious and everybody else by the sheet of paper upon which they had been laid. The sheet was slipped aside until the blank spaces for the presidential signature were exposed; the autograph was appended; the ink allowed to dry; the proclamations turned over once more and again vigorously shuffled. The two Dakotas were admitted to the union of States, and although one of them was ahead of the other just the length of time it took the President to write his name, history will never be able to record the name of the leader. It is a profound mystery, and it will always be so.

THE NEW DOG LAW. Of Interest to Owners of Dogs and Sheep as Well as the Taxpayer.

We clip from the Lancaster New Era the following carefully prepared synopsis of the new law.

The law provides that on and after its passage there shall be assessed, levied and collected annually in every township and borough of the Commonwealth, from the owners of dogs, a tax of 30 cents for every male dog and \$1 for every female dog, the sum to be collected with the other township taxes. These sums shall be paid to the treasurer of the board of school directors in the different districts, and shall be kept separate by the treasurer, so he will know how much has come into his hands from this source. This money shall constitute a sum from which persons sustaining loss or damage to sheep by dogs may be paid for such loss, along with the costs necessarily incurred to establish their loss.

The assessors of every borough and township shall annually, when making other assessments, ascertain the number of dogs in their respective districts and the names of the owners, and how many of each sex are owned and kept. The County Commissioners shall annually make a true return to the school directors of the number of dogs owned therein, to either of the assessors named, and the school directors will cause the tax to be collected in the same manner as along with the school tax.

Persons who have sustained loss or damage to sheep may make complaint before any justice of the peace, and the latter shall notify the owner of the dog or dogs causing the loss, and if the owner does not appear "as soon as practicable" and pay the loss caused by his dogs, the justice shall notify the township auditors to appraise the loss sustained by the claimant; they have power to summon witnesses and investigate the case thoroughly, and shall determine and report to the justice the amount of the damages, if any. The report shall be signed by a majority of the auditors. A section prescribes the manner in which the justice shall then proceed in bringing the matter before the school board. When the latter receives such notification, and it appears a loss has been sustained, they shall file the amount of the approved claim with the secretary of the board, including the necessary costs incurred, to be paid out of the fund raised by the tax on dogs. If the owner of the dogs doing the damage is responsible, then the treasurer of the board shall immediately collect the damages and cost from him, and place the proceeds in the sheep fund. If it shall be found at close of the current year that the dog tax is not sufficient to pay for all the losses incurred under the law, then the school board shall pay a pro rata share to the several claimants; if the funds are sufficient, then the claims shall be paid in full.

All dogs in the State shall become personal property and subject to arrest. Justices shall be allowed a fee of 50 cents in every case that comes before them. Owners of dogs causing may voluntarily pay the damage without awaiting action. In case there is a surplus in the sheep fund in the hands of the treasurer at the close of the current year amounting to \$100, the same shall be transferred to the school fund of the district for school purposes.

The law does not repeal or effect the provisions of any existing special law on the same subject in any county or district. The law is a very important one, not only to farmers, but to all dog owners.

Forest County's Vote for 1889.—Official.

Table with columns for Districts and Candidates (Boyer, R., Johnson, P., White, R., Hindman, D., Salada, P., Bout, R., Hagerly, D., Proper, R., Clark, D., Stonephor, R., Weber, D.).

MAJORITYS.—Boyer over Bigler, 238; White over Hindman, 27; Hagerly over Bout, 49; Proper over Clark, 102; Stonephor over Weber, 204.

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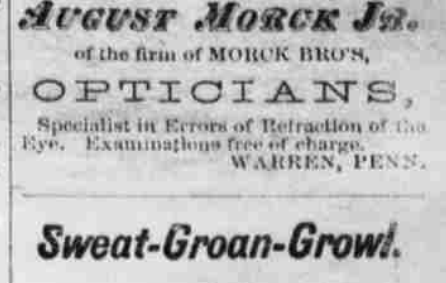
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