

MR. KRIBBS' official plurality in this district for congress is 4,002. His total vote was 17,285, against 12,283 for Andrews, Rep., and 1,232 for Bigelow, Pro.

EX SECRETARY BLAINE has been a very sick man at his Washington home during the past ten days, but is now slowly recovering. He will spend the winter in California as soon as he is able to travel.

IT was a glorious victory. Read how it was celebrated in Indiana; "MARTINVILLE, Ind., Nov. 22.—Tombstones over many soldiers' graves at this place have been shattered by Copperheads. Other tombstones have been painted red."

THE cheering news comes through a Democratic newspaper that a tin plate factory is to be erected at Seatle, notwithstanding the probable change in the tariff. Glad to hear it. Glad to hear of any increase of American industries any where, but it comes with a poor grace from a free trader organ that has persistently claimed that tin plate cannot be manufactured in this country.

THE Republican party has but to keep its craft in a steady direction on the question of protection to American industries, and it will be recalled to the command in four years. The Democratic party most either repeal the McKinley bill and bring a crash on the business interests of the country or they must refuse to carry out their platform, and acknowledge that they got their election on false pretenses. In either case they will be repudiated in 1896. The Republican party was not born to die by such hands as are about to control the national government.

THE Democratic brethren are worrying themselves needlessly with the idea that when they take hold of the Government next March they will face the problem of an empty treasury. They should calm themselves and take comfort from the lessons of history. When the Republicans went into power in 1860, for instance, they found not only an empty treasury, but a public credit so debased by Democratic misrule that the Government had been compelled to pay as high as 12 per cent. interest in time of peace for money for running expenses. The situation is several degrees better now than it was then.

"JOHN WANAMAKER comes in for a good deal of fault finding at the hands of his Democratic neighbors and friends, but in spite of all their criticisms he has done as much to put the Postoffice Department on a business and common-sense basis as any man ever did with any department of the government since the beginning of the republic. And sensible business methods are what we want. Wanamaker may or may not be profuse in his Sunday school work, but that's not the concern of the people or the politicians. He made a good P. M. G."

WEDNESDAY afternoon last W. H. Andrews, of Tusculum, filed a petition with the court at Meadville, duly signed, praying that the certificate of election to the Assembly be given to him instead of W. P. Higby, his Democratic opponent, elected over him by 28 votes. The court appointed Dec. 5th for the hearing of the argument and served notice on Mr. Higby to answer the same. The ground of contest is the holding of the election for Sparta township, in the borough of Sparta, and for Cambridge township in Cambridgeboro. Andrews alleges that the law of 1891 which allows such elections is unconstitutional.

THE Pittsburg Post says: "It is only 80,000 for Cleveland in Georgia and 150,000 in Texas. The only estimate we have seen of his popular plurality puts it at 600,000, but that is probably exaggerated." With elections, a farce in at least twelve states of the Republic—states where votes, practically, are counted on but one side and returned, there is not the slightest occasion for wondering over Mr. Cleveland's "popular majority." In Texas the majority is only limited by the size of the ticket boxes and the time required to pack the votes away. If necessary the average Texas county could return one hundred thousand ballots, more or less, and no one would think of questioning the accuracy (?) of the count. Under the above conditions it is not in the best of taste to talk about popular majorities. The elections south of the Ohio river are a "condition, not a thing," and it is not to the credit of the American people that such a condition exists.

THERE is just about as much likelihood that the Republican party will abandon the principle of protection as there is that it will recant its utterances and acts on the slavery question. When the party gives up the protection idea it will order its graveclothes and invite the free traders to come to its funeral.

IT is to be inferred from the President-elect's notice warning office hunters to keep away from him, that Mr. Cleveland's celebrated personal comfort is going to receive a good deal of consideration from the new administration. The place seeker who ignores it or tramples on its corns will do so at his peril.

THE Republicans are seven short of a majority and the Democrats five short in the California Legislature, and seven independent members hold the balance of power in electing a United States Senator. As several millionaires are candidates for United States Senator we may look to the "independents" leaning towards the wealthiest man, with the subsequent scandal and investigation.

THE death of Capt. Dinsmore, chief doorkeeper at the Executive Mansion makes the fourth death connected with the White House since Mr. Harrison crossed the threshold as Chief Executive. The executive staff of the house has been reduced almost half by death. In the list are a Cabinet officer and several members of the Cabinet family, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Halford, Mrs. Pruden, the telegraph operator and his daughter, a trusted em ployee, brought by Mrs. Harrison from Indianaapolis, and lastly, the chief doorkeeper, Capt. Dinsmore. It is a record of death unprecedented in the history of administrations.—Indianapolis Journal.

BANK REBEL HATRED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 20.—Daubing with red paint the headstones of soldiers' graves on the night of the Democratic jubilation this past week has aroused the Grand Army of the Republic men as nothing else could, perhaps, short of a midnight raid by Kuklux. At first, when the report came from Clarrington, in Hendricks county, that every grave of a dead soldier who served in the Civil War had thus been violated, it was not regarded as a matter to demand more than local concern, but since the news from numerous towns in Hendricks and Morgan counties reveals the fact that in that section of the State, once honey-combed by the Copperhead class, composing the Knights of the Golden Circle, a preconcerted raid was made and every Union soldier's grave in nearly a dozen burial grounds was visited and outraged in this manner. Veterans all over the State are ready to rise in arms. In some cases the offensive cross of the Golden Circle was daubed on the gravestones.

The Grand Army has set to work to investigate the outrage, and evidence has been collected tending to show that during the recent campaign many camps of the Knights of the Golden Circle were revived by reason of the belief, that the rebel sympathizers had an ex-member of the order on the ticket in the person of Adlai Steven son. The members of these camps, it seems, renewed their treasonable oaths to the supposed extinct but really only dormant organization, and secretly worked for the Democratic ticket. Emboldened by victory, they resolved to commit some act that would show their old Confederate friends in the South that Copperheadism was still alive in the North. As a result it was decided to slink into the cemeteries and despoil the graves of fallen soldiers. Every grave was visited by trusty men and marked.

THE FLAG ALSO INSULTED. On the day of the ratification the Golden Circle gathered and committees were sent forth to complete the outrage. It now appears that soldiers' graves at Clayton, in Hendricks county, and at West Union, Munrovia, Mt. Zion, Hall, Mt. Pleasant, Poplar Grove, and Wilbur, in Morgan county, were visited. In many instances valuable monuments were utterly ruined by the daubing. Over many of these graves the National emblem had been placed by living and loyal friends, and these flags were also smeared with paint. At Hall an elegant shaft, placed at the grave of Captain Smith by his widow, was so daubed that it cannot be cleaned.

The G. A. R. posts here are leading all the aid in their power to the searching out and punishing of the men, and talk of railroadng a carload of influential Democrats to prison is heard. Not only G. A. R. men, but good citizens generally, are loud in their condemnation since it has been learned that it is claimed that the affair arose from the election of Stevens and not a mere desire to celebrate the Democratic victory.

A THIRD COUNTY VISITED. Reports have arrived showing two additional cemeteries to have been

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