

Vice President Hobart Dead.

Vice President Garret A. Hobart passed peacefully away at his home in Patterson N. J., last evening at 8:30 o'clock, after a long and painful illness of Bright's disease. The whole Nation mourns the death of this noble man.

THE people of this country are not disposed to exchange prosperity for some political nostrum said to be better.

BRYAN carried Nebraska by about the same majority as in 1896, but there is a different story from South Dakota, Kansas and Kentucky.

RHODE ISLAND opens the State elections of 1900 in April. It will be the next Democratic chance to put salt on the tail of that elusive "reaction."

GERMANY'S demand for American apples is the largest in Europe. England stands next and neither country can get all that it wants of the splendid fruit.

THE United States has become a billion-dollar country in its supply of gold. Next year's campaign will not hinge on humbug about a defective gold supply.

NOTHING in the election returns indicates that sound money Democrats have applied for the suits of sackcloth and ashes Bryan promised them three years ago.

EDWARD ATKINSON says that expansion stands condemned in the President's own State. That sounds like one of Agulnado's bulletins to his bow-and-arrow men.

AN enterprising statistician has compiled a map of the country showing where the various centers—as of population, manufacturing industry, agricultural output and the like—are located. The center of population is now in Indiana, of agricultural output in Iowa and of manufactures in Northwestern Pennsylvania.

AT a meeting of the President and his cabinet on Saturday last it was decided to establish the domestic rate of postage in the Philippines, the same as has already been done in Cuba and Porto Rico, and the order for the new rate was issued on Saturday. Hawaii is the only one of our new possessions now without the domestic rate of postage, and as that country is not under military rule, the President must leave that matter to Congress.

ADMIRAL DEWEY says the report of the Philippines commission is "an absolutely truthful representation of all that has happened and of the existing situation." Carl Schurz says it is contradictory and inconsistent. Dewey was in the Philippines for a year. Schurz has never been there. But this is immaterial to Schurz. He set himself up to be infinitely wiser than Lincoln and considers Dewey merely an infant in brain power compared with himself.

THERE is no shrewder political prophet in the United States than Col. McClure, the great editor of the Philadelphia Times, and when he has figured out the cause and effect of a move on the political checker board it's figured, that's all. He makes the claim that Senator Mark Hanna carried Nebraska for Bryan, so as to make sure that the great free silver prophet would again be the candidates of the Democrats for president next fall, against McKinley, who will lead the Republican ticket once more to victory.

AMERICAN capital is being rapidly invested in the islands which have of late come under the control of the United States Government. The business men of the country realize that we have to send abroad \$250,000,000 a year for tropical products and think they might as well get their share of the profits from the production of these articles, every dollar's worth of which can be grown in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, and thus keep this vast sum of money within our own borders instead of distributing it to the outside world every year.

S. M. JONES, the picturesque exhorter, occasionally stops his talk on religion long enough to speak a little on worldly affairs. A few days ago he was preaching in a town in Georgia and, dipping into politics, got off the following: "The biggest fool in the world is the one who stands up and argues against facts. I was talking to one of those old free silver lions a few days ago and called his attention to the great prosperity which has come upon our country, mills and shops and mines running on good time, and I said truly prosperity has come to our land again. He said: 'It ain't struck me yet.' I said, 'It's mighty hard to hit nothing.'"

PEOPLE who are losing sleep over the frequently repeated suggestions that England's experiences in India prove that a large standing army will be required in the Philippines should divide the standing army of India into the population and then see how it fits conditions in the Philippines. The standing army of India consists of 225,000 men, of which one-third are Europeans and two-thirds natives. The population of India is 300,000,000; that of the Philippines 8,000,000. Make the calculation and you will find that at the same ratio we should have to keep in the Philippines 2,000 American and 4,000 native troops.

THE old soldiers of the war of 1891-3 have no patience with the performance of the fault-finders in the so-called Democratic party of to-day. General Dan Sickles, who was in Washington the other day, said:

"I have always been a Democrat and always expect to be one, but Bryanism is not the faith of the old-time leaders of the party. I would scorn myself were I to pretend to endorse such principles as were embodied in the Chicago platform, which has already made shipwreck of the Democratic party, and if put forward again, the verdict against it will be more overwhelmingly crushing than in 1896."

A Look Over the Field.

The political sentiment of the United States at this time is decisively Republican. Any one can go over the list of states and see that the Republicans hold more than in 1896. Three general elections have taken place since that year and the net result is a strengthened Republican position. The four states gained are Kansas, Washington, South Dakota and Wyoming. Kentucky, which divided its electoral vote in 1896, is more strongly Republican now than it was then. The single State regained by the Democrats is Maryland, and this was managed only by a platform silent on silver and the rest of the Chicago platform. Compared with 1896 the Republican gain of electoral votes is twenty-two the loss eight. This change would make the electoral college stand Republican, 285, Democratic, 162. It is as close an estimate in actual figures as can be made. These are accomplished facts. Through three so-called "if years" the opposition has done its utmost to turn the political tide. But it runs more powerful than ever. The Democratic party itself has crumbled in attempting to develop a weak spot in Republican lines.

One new national issue, expansion, was tested in the twelve states that voted on the 7th inst. It was emphatically approved. Massachusetts, the home of Atkinson, Garrison, Boutwell, Hoar and a bitter anti-expansion league, piled up an immense Republican majority. New York Republicans increased their Roosevelt majority and gained twelve members in the legislature. New Jersey shows decidedly Republican gains in both the popular vote and the legislature. McLean is astonished by the 50,000 plurality against him in Ohio. The Republicans of Kentucky were united and won a brilliant victory. Iowa increased its majority. South Dakota, where the President recently made some of his strongest expansion speeches, and where Senator Pettigrew has been untiring on the other side, changed from a fusion majority last year to a phenomenal Republican majority of 8,000 or 10,000. McLean and other Democratic managers counted on a German revolt on expansion. It is invisible in the returns, in Ohio, Iowa, New York or anywhere else. There are many thousands of Germans in Buffalo and Louisville, and both cities went Democratic last year. This year they give large Republican majorities.

Mr. Bryan saved his state and it is evident that there are some Republicans in Nebraska who do not care to lessen his conspicuity in the Democratic party. Bryan has a strong popularity and perhaps will serve the Democratic purpose next year as well as any man could in the present confused condition of the party. He will be defeated, but so will any other Democrat. To drop him would cost the Democrats their chance in Nebraska, Colorado and two or three small western States. He can count on the South as confidently as any other. He will lose Maryland unless he renounces free silver and that would stultify him to such a degree that he would be a laughing stock. His position against expansion is already condemned. As for trusts, he will find no exclusive fighting ground. In fact, he has no objections to them if they take the shape of his friends McLean and Wetmore. All that the Democratic party can do is to hope that an issue will turn up before the meeting of their national convention. In all probability they have their candidate, and he is a beaten man on the face of circumstances. —Globe-Democrat.

SURPRISING gains were made by the Republicans in all parts of Colorado. The Democrats won victories in only two important places, Denver and Cripple Creek, and they merely held their own. It looks as though the State will fall into the McKinley column next year. The Silver Republicans and Populists are fast disappearing.

ABOUT the last of the industries to recover from the depression caused by low tariff and Democratic rule is that of woolen manufactures. The enormous importations of woolen goods under the Wilson low tariff paralyzed the manufactures of woolen goods within the United States, and it is only during the last few months that they have fully recovered from the depression due to the enormous stock in the country when the Dingley law was passed. Now, however, the woolen mills of the country are running on full time, and in many cases overtime. Demand for American wool is increasing, and the last of American industries to feel the effect of Republican protection is gratefully acknowledging its benefits.

SECRETARY GAGE's proposition to redeem \$25,000,000 worth of the outstanding bonds of the United States not yet due, the purpose being to put into circulation a part of the surplus now in the Treasury, will probably bring the total money in circulation in the United States to the two billion dollar line. The total money in circulation on Nov. 1st was \$1,963,716,148, and the great excess of exports over imports is constantly bringing money into the country from abroad, so that it seems almost certain that the two billion dollar line in our circulation will be reached very soon, thus increasing the total circulation 33 per cent. since the nomination of Bryan and all this without the free and unbranded coinage of silver.

MAJ. JOHN A. LOGAN'S death while leading his battalion in action ends the direct male line of a heroic family. Gen. Logan went through a storm of shot and shell for years, but survived to serve his country in civil life. His horse was shot under him at Fort Henry and he was severely wounded at Fort Donelson. He always led his men, and no one who saw him in battle can forget the spectacle. Maj. Logan has fallen in his first fight in the Philippines. The supreme sacrifice of the patriot has come to him and the sympathy of the country goes forth to the family and his distinguished mother. The name of Logan, father and son, will have a prominent place in the history of the American volunteer, who has never yet failed to carry the flag where his country asked him to plant it.

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