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FROM WEST TO EAST.

California Sends Congratulations to Pennsylvania.

The Golden State Herself Worthy of a Meed of Praise for Glorious Results Achieved at the Late Election.

(Special Correspondence.)

LOS ANGELES, CAL., NOV. 15, 1898. The smoke of battle having cleared away, California congratulates Pennsylvania and awaits the plaudits of the grand old Keystone state. California deserves congratulation even more than Pennsylvania, for the sons of the Golden West have done better by their country in the late electoral contest, relatively speaking, than the descendants of William Penn. We have elected a Republican governor, not by so large a plurality as you, but we have done that which is more important, to-wit: Six-sevenths of the congressmen-elect accredited to our state are Republicans, while the Republicans of Pennsylvania have captured only two-thirds of their congressional delegation. Compared with the population and voting strength of Pennsylvania, too, our governor is elected by as handsome a plurality as yours.

A GLORIOUS VICTORY. The Republicans of California indeed have won a glorious victory. The entire state ticket with two exceptions, is elected by unprecedented majorities. That of Henry T. Gage for governor, is nearly 20,000. The only Republicans on the state ticket who were defeated, were the candidate for secretary of state and one of the judges of the state supreme court who was up for re-election.

The candidate for secretary of state who failed to make the rifle deserved defeat, as he represented the worst element of ring politics in San Francisco. He was notoriously corrupt as clerk of San Francisco city and county, and he was defeated squarely on his public record. His defeat will teach the Republicans of the state not to nominate such men for state offices again.

The candidate for supreme judge who was defeated, gave a decision some time ago which was interpreted by many voters to mean that the killing or maiming of a poor man's son through the criminal negligence of some responsible employer or corporation, did not entitle the parents to as large an amount of damages, as if the victim was the offspring of rich parents. It was hardly fair to interpret the decision that way, but that was the view taken of it by the majority of voters, so they turned down the judge who made it, and elected instead one of the fusion nominees, a Silver Republican from Los Angeles who has been on the bench in some capacity nearly all his life and is well known throughout the state as a learned and honorable jurist. The candidate-elect is 74 years old and for many years has been on the bench in the superior court of this county.

The Republican candidate for state board of equalization from the southern third of the state, was also defeated, on account of his railroad affiliations. With these laudable exceptions the entire state ticket was elected by larger majorities than the most sanguine Republican had dared to hope for.

In Los Angeles county the entire Republican ticket was elected by majorities ranging from 1500 to 5000, the average being about 3500, with the exception of one justice of the peace in Los Angeles city, who was snowed under on account of his affiliation with the hoodlum element. Prospects are bright for a Republican sweep at the election for city officials on the 5th of December.

REDEEMED FROM POPULISM. Southern California redeemed itself entirely from the grasp of Populism, by electing two staunch Republicans to Congress, instead of the nine popoos Barlow and Castle who misrepresented this end of the state in the last congress, both of whom strove for re-election. The majority against them this year was so large as to be almost unanimous. The Democrats, or fusionists, carried only one congressional district in the state, which happens to be represented by an exceptionally clean and able young Democrat, Marion DeVries, who was nominated for re-election. The Republican put up against him was not an extra strong man, hence his defeat, but DeVries' majority was sealed down considerably. Even the district represented in the last few congresses by that great advocate of single tax, J. Gallagher Maguire, who

made a try for governor this trip, elected a Republican for the next two years. Had J. Gallagher tried for congress again he could not have been elected, on account of his unpatriotic attitude in regard to the war with Spain, in the last congress where he figured as one of the Democratic leaders and opposed all the administration's war measures.

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATURE. The new California legislature which will elect a successor to United States Senator Stephen M. White, is overwhelmingly Republican in both branches. This county elected four Republican assemblymen and two senators out of a total of seven legislators. The one assembly district that went Democratic usually gives a majority of not less than 1000 for the Democratic nominee, who by the way has served one term and is a very decent and capable fellow, was re-elected, barely by the skin of his teeth.

REPUBLICAN TIDAL WAVE. Such is the Republican tidal wave that has swept over the Golden State, heretofore generally in the doubtful column, in this beneficent year of grace, Washington and Oregon also are in the Republican line, and upon the whole the Pacific Coast has given the splendid administration of President McKinley a most emphatic endorsement. Even Nevada, the sagebrush state, has been almost redeemed from the sway of the free silver cranks. Arizona alone of the commonwealths in the far west has disgraced herself, by turning down the gallant Maj. Brodie of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, as delegate in congress, by electing a free silver Democrat instead. Benighted New Mexico did better than that, for even that Democratic territory elected a Republican delegate. Arizona has high aspirations for statehood, but I am badly mistaken if her action in sending a Democrat to congress does not give her a setback for some years to come.

The great surprise of the election in this state was the big Republican vote in San Francisco which was carried by the Republican candidate for governor by about 3400 plurality, against the usual Democratic majority in that city of 5000 to 10,000. Fusion is a dead issue in California, and unless the Republican office-holders make some egregious blunders during their term of servitude, it will be a long time before either Democrats or Populists will have a ghost of a show to feed once more in the public crib in these parts.

AS TO PENNSYLVANIA. I was gratified to learn that Mr. Thropp pulled through so handsomely in the Twentieth district, along with about all of the other candidates. I was disappointed, however, to learn that the Democrats elected 10 out of 30 congressmen. That is too many for the old Keystone state. I can not help but think Quayism had something to do with bringing about this result. I see that Brother Wanamaker is still after Matthew Stanley's scalp. I hope he may get it. More room to pious John's elbow!

W. S. LIVENGOOD. P. S.—Returns received since the foregoing was written indicate that the Republican candidate for Secretary of State is elected by a small plurality. The Republican landslide carried him into office notwithstanding his alleged unfitness.

It Might Be Possible.

Candidates for Speaker of the next House at Harrisburg are getting to be quite numerous, in spite of the fact that some who were candidates a week ago have been dropped for want of election. Those who are now prominent are:

William T. Marshall, Allegheny. Ward R. Bliss, Delaware. C. Kropp, Franklin. John R. Farr, Lackawanna. Charles E. Voorhees, Philadelphia. The list will grow from time to time, for a while, at least, and then very likely most of the candidates will realize that they really haven't been candidates at all. It is not improbable that the name of the next Speaker is in the above list, and yet in a Legislature constituted as this one will be it might be possible to elect a Speaker who would upset all calculations—such a man, for instance, as General William H. Koontz of Somerset.

DICK CROKER, the big Tammany boss, says the Free Silver issue is dead. A good many people were of that opinion immediately after "Billy" Bryan was snowed under.

It is said that there are fewer suicides among miners than among any other class of workmen. This would

seem to indicate that the miners are a happy, contented class.

Or the fifteen counties in which John Wanamaker spoke during the last three weeks of the political campaign just ended, twelve of them elected anti-Quay members of the Legislature. Yet the Quay organs are trying to make people believe that Wanamaker has no influence.

HUGH S. TAYLOR, of Homestead, Pa., has invented and patented a process for manufacturing steel that is claimed to be absolutely rust-proof. If his invention is what is claimed for it, there will be no end to the demand for steel that will not rust, and furthermore it will almost revolutionize the steel industry.

FIVE true bills have been found in the indictments against Senator Quay, his son and State Treasurer Haywood, on the charge of conspiring with John S. Hopkins to unlawfully use the funds of the defunct People's Bank, of Philadelphia. It is beginning to look as though Quay is about as near to the penitentiary as he is to the U. S. Senate, and it would not surprise us to see him elected to either place.

EVIDENCES of McKinley prosperity continue to multiply. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has just placed another order for 2,000 forty-ton freight cars, the same to be delivered by Feb. 28th, 1899. With this new order the company has ordered 7,000 cars this year. During the last Democratic administration the railroads of the country did not need more than half the cars that are required to handle their traffic now. It made all the difference in the world when the Republican party set the factory wheels in motion.

THE Democratic journals of Pennsylvania are still bewailing the result of the late election. They set up the howl that the people don't want purity in politics. That may be true and it may not be true, but THE STAR is of the opinion that the great majority of the common people do want purity in politics. They know that there is a great deal of rottenness in the Republican party organization in Pennsylvania, but when it comes to purity in politics, they also know that there is no use in looking to the Democratic party for it. There is always a chance for correcting wrongs in the Republican party, but the Democrats have fooled the people so often that their party has lost the confidence of the people so effectually that it is doomed to remain in the background for a long time yet. Looking to the Democratic party for purity in politics would be like prospecting for pure water in a dung heap.

In reporting the result of the election in the Twentieth congressional district, last week, the Scullpaper sneeringly points out Mr. Thropp's loss of Bedford and Cambria counties, and his reduced majority in Blair county, then adds: "But his bacon was saved by the loyal Republicans of Somerset county."

This reminds us of a certain election in this same congressional district just eight years ago, when a man named Scull was the Republican candidate. Somerset county figured somewhat as a "bacon" savior then, but not so extensively as now, for it gave Mr. Scull a majority of more than 700 less than it gave Mr. Thropp, last week, and Mr. Scull's majority in the district was only 528. The Scullpaper said nothing then about anybody's "bacon" being saved. The truth is that the Scullpaper was secretly opposed to Mr. Thropp's election and would have rejoiced over his defeat. But being unable to do that, it gives vent to its feelings in a sneer at his reduced majority.—Somerset Standard.

A Man of Backbone.

An old darkey parson once said in his sermon: "Bredren and sisters, it am a common belief dat Pontius Pilate was a bad man, but he wasn't. He was only a weak man—he had no backbone. He didn't want to see de Savior crucified, but he didn't have de backbone to put a quietus on it. Bredren and sisters, if General Andy Jackson had been de judge on dat occasion, things would have ended a mighty sight different."

The old darkey was probably right, for Jackson was a man who did not care a straw for criticism when he thought he was in the right. Men of Jackson's firmness and fearlessness are far too scarce, these days, but Governor-elect Roosevelt, of New York, seems to be a man constructed somewhat on the Jacksonian plan. It is reliably reported that Roosevelt, recently uttered the following words: Senator Platt,

the big Republican boss of that state: "I shall appoint no man to office who is not above suspicion. I shall appoint no man whose record is not as clean as a hound's tooth. This is my policy and I shall stick to it at all times."

A man who thus defies corrupt political bossism has backbone, and we need more such men. Give us the Republicanism of Abraham Lincoln, Garfield and Roosevelt, and the country is safe. It is time to relegate Quayism, Plattism, Scullism and other sham brands of Republicanism to the rear. No party can tolerate corruption of such brands and live.

Another Electric Light Proposition.

President Boswell, of the Merchant Coal Company, has made what we consider an exceedingly liberal proposition for the purpose of giving Salisbury a good electric light service. The proposition, as stated to THE STAR, is that Mr. Boswell offers to put in enough incandescent lights to light our streets as good or better than the light usually given by the few scattered arc lights usually found in towns the size of Salisbury.

For this service, we are informed, the town is to grant a five-year franchise and pay \$200 per month for street lighting, the revenue derived from private lights to go to the borough.

If the proposition was correctly stated to THE STAR, we think the town ought to jump at the chance, for we feel sure that the borough could make more out of private lights than it would require to pay for the street lights.

The Merchant Company has a large electric plant at their mines, and this plant being practically idle at night, enables the company to give this town cheap light.

Now then, let our leading citizens and the Town Council get a move on them, and let no man be guilty of sitting on the tail of progress. "God helps those who help themselves," and now is our time to help our town and lift it from darkness into light.

A CHURCH DANCING SCHOOL.

Jersey City Pastor's Plan to Keep His People Out of Bad Company.

The largest Congregational church in Jersey City has for a pastor Rev. John L. Scudder, who says he "believes in fighting the devil with his own weapons," and so he has established, in connection with his church, dancing classes, billiard rooms, and all the forms of amusement which are supposed to lead the steps of young men and young women in almost any direction but toward the sanctuary.

The preacher has in his church about one hundred young people, who, he says, "re like most other young people in that they are fond of amusements, and who will go where amusements may be had. The church has in the past had nothing of this kind to offer, he declares. It's not the desire to be bad that leads young people astray, Mr. Scudder insists, so much as the desire for amusement takes them where they fall in with other young people and from them they learn evil ways. Now, argues the dominie, if these young people of the churches can be protected in seeking their amusements, they will not fall into evil ways, and amusements, such as dancing, billiards, etc., will lose the evil name which they have had for these many years.

Mr. Scudder argues that it is altogether a case of making either bad use or good use of amusement, and he claims that he is doing the latter. He has several classes in dancing which are instructed by a competent dancing master, and over which he keeps a watchful eye himself, and in addition to the billiard room, already mentioned, has a theatre connected with the church, in which he claims only clean and wholesome plays are produced. He has no trouble in getting an audience for a good company from among the members and friends of the church, and frequently after the performance dancing is indulged in.

These are some of the ways in which Rev. Scudder is trying "to fight the devil with his own weapons," and he declares he is getting along swimmingly. He says he learned more about how to handle men while first baseman of the Yale College baseball team than at Divinity School.

The Baker Estate.

SOMERSET, PA., Nov. 21, 1898. EDITOR STAR:—I would say to those expecting to see something in this week's STAR concerning the Baker estate that I had expected reports in time for this week's paper, but up to this time I have received no report. However, I am daily expecting to hear of some further developments in the matter.