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THE RESULT UNCHANGED.

While the result of Tuesday's election may not meet the expectations of the more enthusiastic supporters of the Republican party, as foreshadowed early Wednesday morning, there is no doubt that Major McKinley will have, at the very lowest estimate, 277 electoral votes. These figures will probably be increased by later returns.

The claims made by the Democrats are only put forward to cheer their despondent adherents. The result of the election is made so plain that even a Wilhelm can understand the meaning thereof. The free and unlimited column of silver as an issue in American politics is as dead as the Democratic party in Schuylkill county.

There is another pleasing feature outside of the election of Major McKinley, and that is the House of Representatives will be made up of 228 Republicans, 114 Democrats and 15 Populists. In the Senate the retirement of Senators Cameron, Voorhees, Blackburn, Fretwell and Kyle, and the election of sound money Senators to succeed them, will give the cause of honor to the majority in the upper house.

The victory in Schuylkill county is a triumph, with the single exception of the First Legislative district. Those who assisted in the defeat of Hon. Joseph Wray are welcome to all the glory they get out of it. The Herald is not vindictive, but we cannot withhold the laurels conferred by some people to bring about the result.

In the achievement of the glorious victory in this county, with majority ranging anywhere from 1,000 to 2,000, the Herald has much reason to be proud, and we join the Republican hosts in celebration of that victory. But this victory poses a double obligation upon the successful candidates. The utter abandonment of the Democracy imposes upon the Republican officials the double duty of action and economy. These are conditions that demand the most judicious and the most economical. The result of their administration depends, to a great extent, the future success of the party. We believe they will prove equal to all emergencies and administer the duties of their office upon the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number.

Once again, in this single session! Difficult though it is, the Herald will endeavor to do its duty. This little money can be used for many things, but we will help themselves.

The battle between the Crow and the Martin in Philadelphia, resulted disastrously to the latter bird. The Martin does not rate the postmaster's salary as well as some think.

Across the patriotic Democrats who have spent time and money to further the election of McKinley and Hobart, none deserve more credit than ex-governor Flower and Bourke Cochran for their disinterested labors.

POLITICAL DRIFT.

The Democrats below the Potomac are fighting and over the defeat of Cullum for Vice Director. Bryan and Watson received four votes in the First ward, Palmer two and Free Silver 1 each.

In the Second ward Palmer received six votes. Parson, the Prohibition candidate for Legislature in this district, received two votes in the First ward, eight in the Second, nineteen in the Third, seven in the Fourth and one in the Fifth.

There is apparently but one Socialist in the town, and he voted in the Second ward. With only an average Democratic majority of 100 in Schuylkill, it doesn't look much like a silver cyclone here.

The Herald will have a table of the official returns. But it will hardly be ready for publication before Saturday. Republicans elected eleven out of the thirteen congressmen in Indiana, and will name a Republican to succeed Senator Voorhees.

The division of the First, Third and Fifth wards, by turning two precincts in each, is being agitated. The move is a good one. Maryland will have a solid Republican delegation in the next Congress.

The last returns from all counties in New York state make McKinley's plurality in the state 200,000. The Fifth ward returns were not counted until 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The election officers earned their \$100 this time. The city charter was defeated in Pottsville by 272 votes. Altogether, it is defeated by 112,000 majority for Governor of Illinois.

The Pottsville Chronicle says Democratic defeat in this county was due to the platform adopted. Major Frank B. Williams. Sen. Lusk received a magnificent majority of 2,000 votes.

We are in receipt of many flattering letters of appreciation by the candidates for the excellent fight the Herald made for sound money and the whole ticket. The E. & C. & L. Co. and the Lehigh Valley solicitor resumed yesterday morning and will work the balance of the week.

Kerrigan's majority in the Third district has been reduced to 242.

The people of Schuylkill on Tuesday voted on the city charter question, and the result was a complete victory for those who oppose a complete change from the present form of government. There were 207 votes for and 100 against the proposed change.

NOW SURE OF 277 VOTES!

Each family indicated, out of last census—deep, and is probably about 60,000 ahead of the Democratic national ticket. There has been evidently a large vote cast throughout the state for McKinley and Altgeld.

In Indiana, if any of the rules for admitting the vote of a state which previous to the present election held good are still to be relied upon, there is no justification for the Democratic claims of having carried the state. If the ratio of Republican gain continues to the end of the count McKinley will have approximately 20,000 plurality in the state.

In Iowa, as far as can be seen from the returns at present, the Republican plurality has been very large—not far either way from 75,000. Ohio, which has all along been claimed by Chairman Jones as a state in which Bryan would push McKinley very close, has given the Republican mandate an overwhelming plurality.

California has, on the strength of the returns at hand, undoubtedly gone for McKinley, the city of San Francisco giving him a plurality of 6,007. One-half of the outside precincts show a Democratic gain of 11 votes, showing that the Democratic reliance upon the heavy support of the rural districts was not entirely warranted.

Delaware where the Republican party has been bent in twain because of the Adkins-Higgins fight, has kept in the Republican column. The vote for the Republican electors in this state has been unusually large, showing that the factional dispute did not extend in any great measure to the national ticket.

The vote of Maryland has shown an interesting reversal from that of the last presidential election. Cleveland carried the state by a plurality of 21,330, and this year McKinley has a plurality of slightly over 21,000 in the city of Baltimore alone.

PENNSYLVANIA'S BIG VOTE. Returns from Nearly All Counties Give McKinley 269,950 Plurality. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5.—Of the 20 members of the assembly elected in Pennsylvania on Tuesday 17 are Republicans and 3 Democrats. In the last house there were 15 Republicans and 5 Democrats.

Conclusive returns to midnight from all but a few of the 67 counties in Pennsylvania give McKinley a plurality of 269,950. It is not believed that the official count will show much variation from these figures. The following table gives the plurality for the presidential ticket in each county, with the gain or loss in each county.

Table with columns: County, Plurality 1892, Plurality 1896, Gain or Loss. Lists counties like Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Berks, etc.

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