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THE DISRUPTED DEMOCRACY.

Utterly disrupted and disorganized by its overwhelming defeat, what is to be the future of the democratic party? Will the so-called "conservative" element...

It would seem that this is inevitable. In its present character the democratic party will appeal in vain for the support of a majority of the American people...

Obviously the democratic leaders in this year's campaign will exert very little influence upon the future of the party. They have been so decisively rejected and repudiated that they have virtually no following today.

The probability is that the reorganization of the democratic party will be effected by the radical element, in which event it would not be difficult to name the man most likely to again become the leader.

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away and the heat of political excitement is subsiding the taxpayers and citizens of Omaha generally should put on their thinking caps and seriously contemplate the vital issues by which they are still confronted.

On the contrary, the very fact that the electric light monopoly can afford to expend more than \$20,000 in a desperate effort to defeat municipal ownership of public lighting must arrest popular attention and make thoughtful people think for themselves and cheap editors bluish.

In the irrepressible conflict that must be fought out before it is settled right The Bee will stand just where it has stood. Not one word, not one syllable that it has uttered in the last campaign has been inspired by selfish or mercenary motives.

There will probably be an unfillable vacancy in the chairmanship of the committee on mines and mining in the Nebraska senate, which, since the organization of the state, has been longed for by prescription to a member of the minority party.

Great Britain now expects President Roosevelt to take the lead in bringing about peace between Japan and Russia. That unprecedented popular vote must have convinced the British that the present chief executive can get anything he goes after.

Tom Taggart has returned to New York for a protracted stay. In the light of Colonel Watterston's threat to hang him if he didn't carry Indiana he probably feels safer with more remoteness between him and that doughy warrior than the distance between French Lick and Louisville.

In the compilation of election returns, as in all other things, The Bee prides itself as being the only real newspaper in this section of the country. Its local popocratic contemporary is merely doing wild guessing, while the "afternoon scavenger" is foraging on the enemy and appropriating what it can lay its hands on.

expended \$500,000 on a lighting plant when the city is paying \$50,000 a year for street lighting when it could secure better service for \$50,000 a year.

It was unfortunate that these economic questions were presented at a time when demagogues and mountebanks were seeking to ride into office through appeals to popular prejudice and ignorance.

MORE FAVORABLE FIGURES.

The latest figures in regard to our trade with Cuba are more favorable, showing that for the first nine months of this year the exports from this country to the island made a very considerable increase over the corresponding months of last year.

It is interesting to note that as to general conditions in Cuba they are represented as very encouraging. In his message to congress, the winter session of which opened a few days ago, President Palma noted that half the debt due the Cuban volunteers, the total amounting to \$28,500,000, had been paid.

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It goes without saying that he ought to be able to return their hospitality in a suitable manner, but few American consuls can do so unless they have a private income. "When we despise our consuls of the necessary means to enter the social circle to which they properly belong, we reduce them to mere ciphers," said President Monroe.

It is an open question, even though Japan should be victorious over Russia, whether the Japanese government would be able to meet its national obligations. It has been estimated that the cost of the present war to that country will reach \$1,000,000,000 and for a country of the limited resources of Japan that necessarily means a tremendous drain and burden.

Russia is also looking abroad for a war loan, and while her chances of obtaining it are better than those of Japan there is no eagerness being shown to get her securities. While Russia's resources are vastly greater than Japan's her national debt is tenfold greater, and the fact that the seat of the present war is near the extreme eastern boundaries of her vast dominions has undoubtedly made that conflict immensely more costly to her than it has been to her adversary.

The aggregate vote polled in Douglas county on president will approximate 27,000, or fully 3,000 less than the number that should have been cast if all the men entitled to vote had exercised their franchise privilege.

"The returns received look something like Mickey," says the World-Herald two days after. But demagogues who have been talking on Berge on the strength of World-Herald forecasts and hindcasts are saying something that does not sound complimentary to political fakirs.

"It is now evident that the election of any democrat to congress in this district was impossible," exclaims Mr. Hitchcock in his card of thanks. It was evident from the outset that the election of a democrat in this district to congress was impossible with The Bee on the other side.

There will not be quite as much obstruction in congress next term, for the reason that there will not be as many obstructors, and the few who remain will have a better idea of public senti-

ment on a number of previously disputed subjects.

A Prophecy Fulfilled. Brooklyn Eagle, Nov. 7. The independent vote will decide! It's up to you, Colonel. Kansas City Star.

Phantom Fleets Again. Baltimore American. A member of the army general staff says that the United States' coast is at the mercy of a foreign foe.

Silence of the Press Agent. Indianapolis News. Without finding any trace of the Cody bank robbers, the posse that is in pursuit of them has returned to do its duty as American citizens and voters at the election.

Apathy on the Surface Only. Chicago Chronicle. The sage who were so sure that the noiseless campaign of the last three months was due to the fact that the people were indifferent in regard to the election.

The Wonder of the West. Springfield Republican. John Morley's view of the rise of Japan may be inferred, perhaps, from his statement in his Pittsburgh address: "The upbuilding of the west is reckoned by some as the most important world movement of the last 100 years, but it is more important than the amazing and imposing, and perhaps disquieting, apparition of Japan."

Putting Up a Great Fight. New York Tribune. General Stoesel, in a proclamation to his soldiers, calls them "granite cliffs," and says that for their enemies they "feel only Arthur" and then wires the car that Port Arthur is to be his tomb.

War Resources of Japan. Cleveland Leader. A Japanese gentleman of education and distinction is authority for the statement that Japan can call into service at short notice 1,500,000 men of strong physique, and in addition to the large national guard.

Underpaid Consular Service. New York Independent. It goes without saying that he ought to be able to return their hospitality in a suitable manner, but few American consuls can do so unless they have a private income.

MEANING OF THE AVAILANCE. Vote of Confidence. Chicago Inter Ocean (rep.). It is an overwhelming vote of confidence.

Illustrious Personal Triumph. New York Sun (ind. rep.). One of the most illustrious personal triumphs in all political history.

A Triumph of Democracy. Kansas City Times (ind. rep.). The cause of democratic government triumphed in the success of Mr. Roosevelt.

The Meaning is Plain. Kansas City Journal (rep.). The meaning is plain. The masses want prosperity to continue. The "big stick" has no terrors for a patriotic people.

The People's Choice. New York World (dem.). It can be said of the people's choice of Mr. Roosevelt, as Disraeli said of the man who married a second time: "It is a triumph of hope over experience."

Faithful Service Indorsed. Chicago Post (rep.). It is an endorsement of faithful service and a pledge of hearty support which should enable him to make the next four years the most brilliant, the most important in the nation's history.

A Personal Victory. New York Times (ind. dem.). The result is a victory that is not so much republican as it is personal to Mr. Roosevelt, a victory more sweeping and remarkable even than that of Mr. McKinley in 1896, and comparable to that of Grant over Greeley in 1872.

Indorsed by the People. Memphis Journal (rep.). President Roosevelt has received the rewards to which a faithful public official is entitled. A strong efficient, clean and aggressive administration has been endorsed by the people as no administration or candidate has been in a generation.

BITS OF WASHINGTON LIFE.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. Now comes the announcement with other good news that the pressure of banks on the Treasury department for one and two-dollar bills has materially relaxed and the officials of the money foundry are feeling more comfortable.

The days of the crisp bank note are numbered. Instead of being crisp the money being the bureau of engraving and printing will hereafter turn out will be soft and velvety if important experiments which are now being conducted in the presence of treasury officers for the purpose of demonstrating the advantages of a novel chemical treatment for paper prove satisfactory.

Under the new process it will take just sixty days' less time to manufacture a bank note than under the present method. The chemical solution not only renders the paper soft and velvety, but it also makes it nonshrinkable.

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structions, and Mrs. Townsend felt that she had seen her purpose accomplished—erasing the misfortunes prognosticated by the "witch."

"This is what we call the even price," remarked an officer in the redemption division of the Treasury department to a Washington correspondent. "About this period of the year foolish housewives all over the country start fires in stoves, kettles and ranges, forgetting that it was ages they used the ovens of those contrivances as hiding places for money."

"Within the last two weeks we have had a dozen cases of burned money rescued from ovens. This is always our experience at the beginning of cold weather. It is really astonishing how many people, chiefly women, will hide money away in stoves. Then the most surprising thing is that they will forget they put it there and go ahead and start a fire. Here is a case that came in this morning. The owner states that this pile of blackened paper represents \$22, of which \$20 consists of \$50 bills. The novice looking at the ruins would say it is hopeless to attempt to identify money in the mass. But our experts have discovered traces of four \$50 notes, so that the owner is sure of getting \$200 at least. It is a curious thing about burned money that the parts which remain sound longest are the corners where the numerals occur. The fine scroll work on that part of the note resists the flames longer than any other portion, and is responsible for most of the identifications."

"E-Soap-us," it was, "E-soup-us, it is. Possibly the rank and file resented the charge of "safe and sane." There will be two full moons and one Byrd in the next congress. Editor Pulitzer struck out for dear old London before the crash came. It is fairly well settled that a mud road does not lead to the White House. Some days must pass before Tom Taggart fully recovers from his French Lick. Let's not forget Henry Gassaway Davis. He did the best he could, for one of his years.

The election of a democratic governor in Massachusetts is a tribute to judicious newspaper advertising. Mr. Cleveland's home town and home precinct went as Parker's did-for Roosevelt. Everywhere the tail went with the hide. Judge Parker goes back to the farm. When a man is rudely jolted by his countrymen, getting close to nature is balm for the wounds. The walls of discontent wasn't very loud in Chicago, but the socialist democracy in Massachusetts is a tribute to judicious newspaper advertising.

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Dr. Pica's Cream Baking Powder advertisement with image of a woman and text: "Improves the flavor and adds to the healthfulness of the food."

LAUGHING GAS. "Really, dear," said the beautiful dress who was Pan's favorite wife, "I must have a new bonnet."

THE LAST LEAF. Oliver Wendell Holmes. I saw him once before you see me on the street. Him? The rubber at you, do it? Well, I thought it better to say anything to you before he passed away?

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