



York (Neb.) Democrat: David B. Hill will have no trouble keeping his promise to retire from politics.

David City (Neb.) Press: The democratic leaders discredited the intelligence and integrity of the masses, and met a Waterloo.

Holden (Mo.) Enterprise: We would rather lose on principle than win on policy. If the eastern idea is to prevail let it be republican.

East St. Louis (Ill.) Workman: The result of the election clearly demonstrates one fact, and that is that there is only room in this country for but one plutocratic party.

Plattsburgh (Neb.) Journal: Don't get discouraged, democrats, pick your flints and at 'em again, bearing in mind that the democratic party has survived for over one hundred years and that democratic principles are eternal.

Wahoo (Neb.) Democrat: Isn't it about time to re-organize again? It's been some little time now since we swapped issues and some of the boys are feeling a little monotonous. The recent change of climate doesn't seem to cheer them up perceptibly.

Spartanburg (S. C.) Free Lance: The "safe and sane" program has proved a failure and has met with greater disaster at the polls than anything unsafe and insane ever offered the American people. It has been repudiated most emphatically and it can scarcely be assumed that democratic

masses will ever again permit the party control to pass into plutocratic and autocratic and undemocratic hands. The party hereafter will be really and truly democratic and sooner or later must succeed.

Wilmington (O.) Democrat: The re-organization democrat has had his inning and is down and out. The decks of the democratic ship can now be cleared for action and the party will be stronger than it has been since 1884.

Bowling Green (O.) Democrat: There is little doubt that Parker would have received more votes if he had accepted the platform as made by his party, and not attempted to remodel it by sending that "gold" telegram to the St. Louis convention.

Anoka (Minn.) Free Press: The protective tariff is certainly a good thing—for some. It enabled Carnegie to accumulate three hundred million dollars in a very short time. Where did the money come from? From the consumers, who paid that much over and above what the goods, which Carnegie put out, were worth. See the point?

Aberdeen (S. D.) Democrat: The democrat party under the "safe and sane" leadership, has suffered the most crushing defeat in the history of the party. The Democrat hoped for a different result. Parker was not personally responsible for the disaster, nor were his friends who secured his nomination entirely responsible for this

adverse verdict. Roosevelt's personal popularity, it must be admitted, was a tremendous factor. But the reason which, more than any other, caused the unprecedented slump was that the democratic platform contained no positive utterance for any progressive policy to attract voters, and even if there had been, the leaders who controlled the convention and the campaign were distrusted by the great mass of the voters in the party. They boasted of their conservatism, but were too conservative to define clearly what they stood to conserve. The oil of progressive democracy will not mix with the colorless water of conservative democracy.

Millbank (S. D.) Review: The "safe and sane" democracy of the east has had its innings and a full and free opportunity to try to elect a democratic president. They have ingloriously failed and will now doubtless be content to permit the west and the south to undertake the task of reorganizing the party for the next presidential campaign.

#### Senator Cockrell

The retirement of the Hon. Francis Marion Cockrell from the United States senate will be the biggest single loss the democratic party sustained in state or nation as the result of the republican landslide. Expressions of regret are heard from all parts of the country over this turn in his political fortunes. General Cockrell has made almost an ideal American senator. He has always been dignified, careful and conservative, attentive to the interests of his constituents and a conscientious and watchful student of public ques-

tions and events. His actions have ever been prompted by high motives. He never displayed any selfish personal ambitions or narrow partisanship in the discharge of his duties. He has been as honest and patriotic a statesman, probably, as ever represented a state at Washington. During his thirty years of service there he has made a record which, though in no sense brilliant, is entirely honorable. He has enjoyed the respect of friend and foe alike. Nevertheless Mr. Cockrell has always been a pronounced and unwavering democrat and has regularly helped to fight the battles of his party. He can not and does not expect a reelection at the hands of a republican legislature. It would be unfair to their own strong men for the republicans not to displace him.

But there will be work and room for General Cockrell in Missouri when he has surrendered the emblems and powers of office. As a private citizen he will be one of the most esteemed and influential men in the state. His political prestige will not be materially weakened by defeat, as practically all his party went down with him. In the attempts that will be made to rehabilitate democracy in Missouri he will be looked forward to as a leader and a moral force.—Kansas City Journal.

#### A Duet

The celebrated soprano was in the middle of her solo when little Johnny said to his mother, referring to the conductor of the orchestra:

"Why does that man hit at the woman with his stick?"

"He is not hitting at her," replied his mother. "Keep quiet."

"Well, then, what is she hollerin' for?"—Answers.

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