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THE RETURNS

The A. P. A. and the Republicans Have Generally Won.

Frauds are Reported From Kansas City—The Result in New York a Complete Overthrow of Tammany.

The election in this city has not gone differently to what we have, from the first, believed it would go.

Nearly all the Republican ticket has been elected, which points to Madden's election for mayor at the next election.

In Illinois the result has been a complete Republican victory. Wulf is elected state treasurer and both branches of the legislature will be Republican.

Reports from points outside of Chicago and Illinois show practically the same state of affairs.

The Kansas City AMERICAN gives this report of the elections elsewhere:

For several weeks a most exciting campaign has been waged by the candidates on the various tickets, but at the same time it has been an amicable, good natured contest, marked by but very few disagreeable things.

True, Register Owsley has had some severe things said about him regarding some of his official acts, and some of the candidates have been referred to in uncomplimentary terms, but we all expect those things in a campaign, and very few of us believe a story which is set afoot on the eve of an election to injure a candidate.

But that orderly canvass for votes was not followed on election day with a due regard for the law by some of our citizens. The Star contains quite an extended account of election day outrages, from which we take the following:

"The election which began early this morning and which will not end until 7 o'clock this evening, is carried on today in many precincts with a total disregard for the election laws. During the past week the Republicans have done little else than try to insure a fair election. The candidates were left to take care of themselves while the central committee made its fight for fair play. Whatever may be said of the candidates, the fight for fair play was commended by the best element in Kansas City. Today's events prove that that fight was useless in almost every instance.

"Judges Henry and Slover, of the circuit court, decided that every party is entitled to challengers and to witnesses of the count of the votes. The judges of election in the districts controlled by the Shannons, John May and Ed. Findlay and in other precincts decided that the witnesses should not go in the booths, and they did not. In many cases today force was employed to eject them.

"The Republican central committee objected to 100 of the judges who were appointed by the recorder of voters. The recorder of voters agreed to treat with them, then changed front and finally submitted a proposition which the Republicans declared they could not accept. The proceedings today show that the objections to the judges were not without foundation. The judges appointed as Republicans are helping the Democratic judges disregard the law.

"The day began clear and bright. Before sunrise, almost before day began to break, the polling places were opened. In the west half of the Ninth ward, in the Second ward and a part of the Sixth ward men were on hand to put the witnesses out if they attempted to stay and to elect judges of their own kind if any of the regular judges should be late. This they accomplished to their own satisfaction.

"In the Forty-eighth precinct of the Ninth ward, where Joe Shannon's word is a higher law than the decisions of any court or the orders of any board of police commissioners, there was excitement all the forenoon. The polling place is 320 East Eighteenth street. At 6 o'clock, when the polls opened, Shannon was there with his henchmen, leaving to his brothers and Martin Welch the Forty-ninth precinct, which is as clearly under their control. L. C. Stolte, a judge, and Thomas Malloy, a clerk, both named as Republicans by the recorder of voters, were absent, and their places were quickly filled by James Kelly and John Mullin. Republican and Populist witnesses and challengers offered their credentials. The judges told them to go out and wait until they, the judges, had passed on the question of whether witnesses should be admitted, which they prom-

ised to do after they had made the first count. They have not decided the point yet. The witnesses objected. They were given to understand that it was left to them whether they should walk out or go out headforemost. At all events, they were not wanted there and were not to stay there. The room was packed, and in the rough and noisy crowd they saw no friends. They walked out. It is stated by one side, and denied by the other, that Joe Shannon put the Republican witnesses out by force. The police who stood around said they knew nothing about it. The Republican challenger, James H. Richards, who was allowed to remain, says he saw no force used.

"The first vote put in the ballot box stuck tight in the mouth. James Shannon, one of the judges, opened the box, broke out the machinery used to count the number of votes as they are put in, and the rubber rollers used to prevent more than one vote going in at a time. He threw the machinery into the corner, slapped the cover on and the election proceeded with the dismantled ballot-box doing service as though nothing had happened. Shannon says the box was broken open by agreement of the judges, and J. S. Rust of the Democratic committee telephoned the same statement to the Star at noon.

"Precinct Forty-nine polling place, 717 East Eighteenth street, was run in the same manner. Martin Welsh, who has been an attaché of Latshaw's notorious court ever since there was such a place as Latshaw's court, was elected to serve as a judge in the place of Thomas Hove, an old man who is a Republican. Welsh was a judge at the primary last spring when the ballot boxes were stuffed for Johnson delegates.

"Jim Pryor and his gang opened the polling place of Precinct 23, the

Fifth ward, at 2625 Southwest boulevard, half an hour before the time for the polls to open. The regularly appointed judges and clerks of the Republicans had not arrived, and Pryor and his outfit went to work and elected a set to suit themselves. One of the Republican judges appointed by the recorder of voters arrived during the time Pryor and his men were electing their own judges, and as he is said to be as good a Democrat as Republican, they were content to let him remain. But it was found that he was too drunk to serve, and another half-and-half judge was placed in his stead.

"The same thing was attempted at Precinct 24, at 2130 Broadway, but the Republicans were there first, and protested so vigorously that the attempt to elect a new set of judges was abandoned."

And so the story of lawlessness runs on for several columns, to be followed by the information that warrants are out for the arrest of Shannon and Hayden.

If these outrages do not convince the Protestants of this community that Rome is always dangerous, it will be useless for us to try to submit sufficient evidence to eradicate the prejudice they have always entertained against the A. P. A. movement.

At this time it seems quite certain that Col. Stone has been elected, in spite of the dastardly work of the gang; and it also seems quite certain that J. Scott Harrison, for county treasurer; Dr. E. Burchard, for coroner; H. H. Hinde and Elmer Phipps for the legislature received enough votes to entitle them to certificates of election, if the same had only been counted. The election of Robert T. Van Horn is also claimed by a large majority of the people, and there is no doubt but what

he will contest the election of his opponent.

All day Tuesday, Tuesday night and Wednesday excitement over the outrages perpetrated in the several precincts ran high and resulted in a mass meeting being held in Turner Hall Wednesday night, at which ringing speeches were made by Mayor Davis, Col. Waters, Major Wm. Warner, Mr. Faxon, Blake L. Woodson and W. W. Morgan.

The hall was packed with the truest type of American citizenship, which greeted each speaker enthusiastically. Mayor Warner in his remarks said: "We are not here as Democrats, Republicans or Populists, but as representative American citizens," who had assembled to devise ways and means to detect and punish crimes that had been committed against the ballot during the late election.

When Mayor Davis arose to speak the applause was simply deafening.

During his remarks he denounced the daily press for its subservency to gang rule, and advocated the enforcement of law and order. His address was a ringing appeal for a higher grade of American citizenship, honest administrations and a fair ballot.

Col. John B. Stone, the Republican nominee for presiding judge of the county court put more life into the already enthusiastic crowd by denouncing the unheard-of and unlawful conduct of certain election officers last Tuesday.

A committee consisting of J. C. Horton, George A. Neal, George W. Fuller, Morris Sullivan and E. C. Taylor was appointed to investigate election frauds.

Mr. J. C. Horton was made treasurer of the committee and S. B. Armour, Wm. Warner, Judge Field, Frank Faxon, Mayor Davis and H. C. Mc-

Dougal started a subscription which amounted to more than \$1,000.

The committee intends to bring every man who violated the election law to justice, and have it understood that hereafter elections in Kansas City must be held according to law.

They will have the help of all law-abiding, patriotic citizens, regardless of party.

While the will of the citizens of Kansas City has been thwarted in part by lawlessness and intimidation, from all over the country comes the most cheering news. Everywhere the A. P. A. has won. A dispatch from a friend in Colorado says the "yellow dog" ticket—the A. P. A. ticket—was elected by 20,000 majority. In Nebraska the early returns from both the towns and country precincts indicate the election of Governor Majors and the entire Republican ticket.

In New York our friends have achieved a most noted victory. For years that city and state has been under the complete control of the most corrupt and the most rotten ring of political tricksters that ever infested any city or commonwealth. They auctioned off, practically, the offices to the highest bidder, giving with each sale a full and free right to levy blackmail, sell positions and commit any and every crime which has ever, or may ever, appear on the criminal calendar. So gross were the abuses, and yet so general the fear to offend, that no man dared raise a voice against it, until the A. P. A. worked its way eastward and entered New York, then God put it into the heart of a great and good man to go out and give battle to Tammany.

Single handed, he commenced the fight. Soon recruits enlisted under his banner. The Lexow committee came into existence, and the most appalling



THE MAN & HIS SHADOW.
Uncle Sam—(reflectively)—"He may be a right but my darned if I like his shadow!"

corruption was unearthed in municipal affairs. With each new exposure of the methods of Tammany the A. P. A. grew, and the result in New York state shows how well they were organized and how easily they defeated the sympathizers of Rome.

From West Virginia comes the cheering news that the A. P. A. have changed the First district of West Virginia, retiring a Roman Catholic congressman and electing in his stead a Protestant.

In Missouri the result has not been unexpected. Those men who have been objectionable to the American order have either been defeated or have been returned with greatly reduced majorities. The dispatches from all over the congressional district show that Tarsney is not getting the vote he did two years ago, and it is more than probable that he will be defeated.

NOT A PARTISAN.

A Former Democrat Gives His Views on Several Points.

Editor of THE AMERICAN—Sir: I have just finished reading Gov. Stone's speech, delivered to a large and appreciative audience. Indeed, sir, I think it would have been a grand thing for Rome if he had spent a little more of his time in telling his audience why many Democrats were so liberal in voting the public money to the up-building of a certain sect, and what were their ideas in voting against the English language being taught in certain schools. I, for one, think his speech would have been far more American than it is. As it now goes before the American people we find he put in a great portion of his time in abusing the trust band of American citizens in this government—the A. P. A. I am not an A. P. A. as a member, but I do endorse their declaration of principles, and I know no true American can in his heart object to them. His honor, the governor, was unjust in accusing the A. P. A. of trying to mix religion with politics, the very thing they are trying to rid the country of. Governor Stone knows as well as any one in this land that a true Catholic owes his allegiance to the pope above every other institution or thing under heaven, and he also knows it is a religious-political organization, and he further knows that they have become very strong when it comes to the ballot box. He also knows that they hold three-fourths of all the offices of our free and blessed country, and about nine-tenths of their votes are cast with the Democratic party, the party I have always voted with, but I have become tired, and am not a Democrat nor a Republican, but a true American, and I do ask our Catholic friends that when they come on American soil that they swear allegiance to the United States with the intention of protecting all our free institutions in preference to those of any other kingdom, priest, popes or potentate under the sun, then I can take him by the hand and call him brother, and not before. I think there will be Americans enough by '96 to rule America, and there will be many intelligent foreigners that will be in the van. I could not vote for Brother McKinley because I think he is partial to corporations. He is too high tariff for the generality of the American citizen. We have been electing men to office like Governor Stone, J. C. Tarsney and others that believe as they do, and we have seen who gets all the important offices. I need not say, but it is safe to predict that they are Romans or those in sympathy with them.

AMERICAN CITIZEN.

SCHOOL BOYS IN A FATAL RIOT.

Religious Prejudice Among Children Leads to a St. Louis Lad's Death.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 6.—Theodore Kayser, the 11-year-old son of August Kayser, a North Side butcher, died today from the effects of a blow received yesterday afternoon from the hands of John Gronlich, 11 years old. The fatal blow was struck during a small riot between the boys of the Bethlehem Lutheran School a Protestant institution, and the Holy Trinity School, Catholic. For a long time the enmity between the male scholars of the two schools has been very bitter, owing to their religious prejudices, and fights have been common. Friday's affray was a little more desperate than usual, but until the death of Kayser, who attended the Catholic school, nobody paid much attention to it. Now feeling is running high as the result of the affair. Adolph Lenk, 11 years old; Eddie Lycheman, 11; Louis Lycheman, 13; and John Gronlich are now locked up at the Fourth District station pending the coroner's inquest.

Everybody wants to read "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome." The American Publishing Company is the only place this excellent book can be had.