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THE RESULT.

In the melancholy language of Rosewater, "It is all over now." We refer to the late political contest in Holt county. In the light of the returns it is interesting to look again over the field of carnage and reflect upon the manner in which the battle was lost and won.

The vote in the different townships discloses the fact that the populists did not elect their candidates, but on the contrary shows that they were elected by republican votes, judging from the returns of two years ago. Taking into consideration this change, together with the further fact that the pops won by reduced majorities, it is evident that something is working in the populist camp. Members of the party are gaining a little insight into the methods of their leaders and becoming disgusted.

Straight republicans have nothing to regret over the result, but on the other hand have cause to congratulate themselves. Two years ago the populists depended upon their large majority for an election and were successful without a struggle. This year they found their majority had melted away and they fought as they never fought before. They went into republican strongholds and spread their money like high-rollers on a bender. There are in every community men who can be bought, and this party of purity sought them out and purchased the fee simple of their lives for election day. Harrington, it seems, was comptroller of the currency and he did his work well. We don't know where he got all the money used for this purpose, and it would not be proper for us to say what we think, but we do know that he is the smoothest gentleman in a boodle campaign that ever stuck his proboscis into Holt county politics. We truly believe that if given money enough he could send the Jew to congress. Mike, as a vote-buyer, is but a trifle short of perfection, and, while we despise his methods, we are forced to admire the zeal with which he makes a success of even a disreputable undertaking.

But all this does nothing more than emphasize the decline of populism in this county. When a party after one short term finds it necessary to desert its record and buy enough votes to retain its crown it is relevant evidence that it is on its last legs, and that the purchasable floaters are responsible for its success, the ones who decide between right and wrong as it were. For these reasons we say republicans have no cause for depression. The party's liver is all right, the party's face has a healthy color and all that is necessary for success at the next election is for individual republicans to keep a stiff upper lip and continue to spread the gospel. The men who were bought in this election perhaps can always be bought, but remember there are hundreds of good men in the populist party who will not sanction such corruption, but will vote with the republicans just as lots of them did this year.

Thank's nothing the matter of Shields.

The Stuart republicans who out John Brady and voted for Charlie Hamilton are responsible for Brady's defeat and must bear the blame. We suppose these same fellows will come down to O'Neill some day looking for division votes. The returns show that Brady has many friends in O'Neill.

The FRONTIER committed no error when it said that Biglin would literally skin Mullen in O'Neill and Grattan township, where both men are best known. Mullen has lived in O'Neill two years now and Biglin's majority shows what the people think of him. Stuart, Atkinson, Ewing, Chambers and Steele Creek defeated Biglin, but where he was known his majorities were big, and he can always point with pride to his home vote.

"The fate of the party depends on the election of Judge Maxwell," said Edgerton in his ante-election letter to the populists. Maxwell was defeated by 10,000. This is the beginning of the end of populism in Nebraska. As a state organization the party is dead as a door nail. It may survive for a year or two in a few isolated and poverty-stricken counties in the state—that is, linger along like a pestilence, but one by one the different communities will recover from the disease and fumigate themselves to prevent a return of the malady.

One year ago the ten counties comprising the Fifteenth judicial district gave Kem a majority of 1400 and elected him to congress. This year Kinkaid carried the same ten counties by a majority of over 1000. This makes a change of over 2400 votes. Judge Kinkaid would have beaten Kem one year ago, and next year he can beat any man the pops may nominate, not excepting Silas Holcomb, and if the republican congressional convention fails to take cognizance of this potent truth it will blunder miserably to invite defeat. The republicans of this congressional district should profit by past experience and at the next convention select a winner, regardless of the claims of any politician.

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