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### RIPING OF THE FORM.

From the small town of Charlotte

Morroe county, N. Y., comes a story that shows the desperate device to which the democrats of that state are ready to resort.

When the polls opened at the recent election for supervisors the republicans found that the name of their candidate had been entirely omitted from the official ballots which the law compels all voters to use and that of his democratic competitor inserted in it instead; not only that but the names of the republican inspectors of election were also left off these so called official ballots, which were printed in the job office of a leading democratic organ of Western New York, published in Rochester.

But the game was not successful. Early had the polls been opened when the rascality was discovered and the democratic election officials were compelled to allow the republicans to use posters so that they could vote for their candidate. It was by methods akin to this that the legislature of the state was made democratic at the election last November and Mr. Flower became governor. So swiftly has come the revulsion against democratic outrages in the legislature that the party in full possession of the state government for the crime will hardly dare, even at the command of David B. Hill, to venture upon taking of a state census and basing upon it a redistricting of the State for the election of members of the State Senate and Assembly in such manner as to make both branches of the Legislature Democratic for the ensuing decade. That is the purpose of Hill; that has been his design ever since he rose to supreme power within his party in his State. There is nothing in his public career to render it possible that he will desist from his purpose because of any consideration for the rights of the people or public decency. With him in politics the only question has been whether a thing can be done and whether it will be for his immediate personal benefit to do so. At present it is plainly his opinion that his personal interest demand a State census and a new apportionment of Senators and Assemblymen among the sixty counties of the State, and he is not likely to be turned from his design by the rebuke he and his party have just received at the polls in the spring elections. Some of his followers may hesitate in the Legislature but they will speedily be forced into line.

It is, however, consoling to know as is learned from the late elections that the people of New York are at least aware of the danger with which they are threatened and that they can undo at the next election what ever of damage Hill and his tools can now do. They will require a majority in the Legislature large enough to overcome an executive veto, but if these spring elections are any indication of popular sentiment they will be sure to have it. While Hill is hunting in the South for delegations to the National Democratic convention, the people of his State are nursing the wrath which is to destroy him and his schemes, as his prototype Aron Burr was destroyed.—Inter Ocean.

### Iowa's Democratic Reformers.

Iowa's democratic senate has 78 servants to wait on its members that are paid regular salaries out of the state treasury, while the republican house has only 56 and yet the republican senate has just twice as many members as the democratic senate. Iowa's tax-payers thus have a conspicuous illustration of the economy and "Jeffersonian simplicity" of the reformers who have been so industriously howling for reform while frantically struggling to reach the state treas-

### ury. The Register will be pleased to hear from the tax-payers of the state in this regard.

While Iowa has been almost steadily republican, has no debt and low taxation, Indiana has been as constantly democratic, now has a state debt of \$9,000,000, and has always had higher taxation than Iowa. The Register has constantly warned the tax payers of Iowa of the threatened dangers of democratic government, and the warnings have now been verified in the profligacy of the "reform" democratic senate, the very first opportunity democratic "reformers" have had in over 30 years to get both hands and both feet in Iowa's treasury. Such is "reform" by Iowa's "reform" democratic "reformers."—Register.

### DAVID B. HILL CAN NOT BREAK INTO THE WHITE HOUSE WITH A JIMMY, SAYS GOVERNOR PECK, OF WISCONSIN.

The governor then adds, so that he may not be misunderstood, "He and the other political burglars associated with him will come to grief before election day." This is strong language and we are very sorry that Governor Peck did not speak sooner, when the republicans were drawing their indictment against "the political burglars" who stole the state of New York. But all that time the Wisconsin humorist, like most democrats, thought it was extremely funny to see Hill steal a seat for the party. Since Hill has refused to divide, and it is clear that he stole New York only for himself, the Cleveland democrats see the reverse side, which is no funny at all.

### ELMIRA'S ELECTION RETURNS CONSTITUTE THE FIRST PIECE OF GOOD NEWS THAT CLEVELAND HAS RECEIVED SINCE 1892 BEGAN.

St. JOHN is trying to rejuvinate the prohibition party with a view of course to securing another contract with the democratic national committee as a campaign speaker at the rate of \$500 per day.

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### DARK DAYS IN HISTORY.

On These Occasions People Thought the World Was Coming to an End.

The earliest mention of the phenomena known as the dark days appears to be in the year 44 B. C., about the time of the death of Julius Caesar, when we read in Plutarch and Dio Cassius that the sun was paler than usual for a whole year. The great darkness which lasted two whole days all over Europe appears to have preceded the great earthquake of Nicomedia, which occurred August 12, A. D. 328. Two years later in all the eastern provinces of the Roman Empire there was a "dark day" which was so dark as to make stars visible at noonday.

From further descriptions one might consider this the result of a total eclipse, but astronomers say that neither the eclipse of March 4, 860, nor that of August 28 of the same year was visible in the countries mentioned. During Alric's siege of Rome, 409 and 41 A. D., there were several days "as dark as the nights which preceded and followed them." In 537, 567 and 620, we find mention of long periods of diminished sunlight. According to Schurrer, "the sun darkened in an alarming manner on August 19, 733, without there being the least possibility of an eclipse being the cause."

The Portuguese historians record several months of diminished sunlight in the year 934, which terminated by an apparent opening in the sky "from which loud sounds issued, the noise sounding not unlike two giants quarreling." In 1091, on Sept. 29 (not 21, as given in some translations of Humboldt's "Cosmos") the sun turned suddenly black and remained so for three hours. For days afterward the blackness had disappeared the sun gave out a peculiar green light, which occasioned great alarm.

Schnurrer next mentions a dark day in June, 1191, but astronomers attribute it to the total eclipse which was visible in the greater part of Europe on June 21 of the year mentioned. Several dark days are recorded as having occurred in February, 1106, the darkest being the 4th, 5th and 12th. On the 5th a bright star was seen shining "only a foot and a half from the blackened remains on the sun."

"On the last day of February, 1206," says Cortezza, a Spanish writer, "the sun appeared to suddenly go out, causing a darkness all over this country for about six hours." The superstitious writers of the time attribute the great darkness of 1241 to God's displeasure over the result of the battle of Leignitz; the sun being so obscured as to make it necessary to keep lamps burning until after the ninth hour.

Prof. Schiaparelli, who has been collecting data concerning that uncanny event, is now inclined to refer the cause to the total eclipse of Oct. 1241. Kepler tells us, his authority being Gemma, that there was a sun-darkening in 1547 which lasted for three days—Aug. 22-25—which finally ended by the sun "appearing to be suffused with blood to that degree that stars were visible at noonday." America has experienced several dark days during her short historical life, the most memorable being that of May 19, 1780, when the darkness was so great that all the people of New England, with the exception of a sturdy few, were terrified almost to the verge of distraction.—St. Louis Republic.

### The Average Woman.

How many who use the term "average woman" know what it implies? Physically it means that she weighs about 117 pounds, and that if an American, she is somewhat taller than 5 feet 1 inch. Observations taken by the French academy relative to the average height of 1,107 Frenchwomen, without shoes, show it to be that much. Dr. Sargeant, from 1,835 observations, concludes that the American woman is nearly two inches taller than the average daughter of France; and Dr. Galton, an Englishman, in 770 measurements, found that the women of Great Britain are the tallest of the three, they exceeding Miss Columbia by fully half an inch. In the matter of weight, though, American femininity is slightly ahead, though the figures are not given.

### Madagascar.

The island of Madagascar has two distinct climates, two classes of natives, and two classes of fauna and flora. The island is about the size of France. Along the coast it is tropical and malarious, and the natives are darker, and larger than in the interior. The interior is a high tableland and mountainous. There the climate is cooler and the natives smaller and lighter in color than on the coast. But in the interior they are more intelligent and they rule the island.

### A Good One on Papa.

There is a story told of a veteran night editor, who, for some reason, had a couple of days off. For years he had reached his home at about 6 o'clock in the morning, slept until late in the afternoon, and been obliged to rush off to his work. His children naturally saw but little of him. On this occasion he found it necessary to correct his youngest daughter for some flagrant breach of discipline. The child rushed to her mother, flushed with indignation: "Mamma," she exclaimed, "that man wiv whiskers that sleeps here daytimes 'panked me."—Drake's Magazine.

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