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ELECTION RETURNS

The People of Cass County Have Spoken in No Uncertain Tone.

"RING" COMPLETELY ROUTED!

Not a Man They Worked So Hard for Saved to Tell the Tale.

The Election Returns.

As the smoke of the battle clears away in one of the most hotly contested elections in the history of Cass county (so some of the oldest inhabitants say) we find that the democrats have been rewarded for their steadfastness to the principles of "always putting up the best men for office," by the election of Harvey D. Travis, for county judge, by a majority of 365; William D. Wheeler, for treasurer, 192 majority; John D. McBride, for sheriff, by 192 majority, and Prof. C. S. Wortman, for county superintendent, by 171 majority. The contest for county clerk is still in doubt, and a recount of the entire county on this office may be demanded. On the face of the returns, Tyson, (republican) has a majority over H. M. Soennichsen (democrat) of 10. The result of this election shows a determination on the part of the people of Cass county to vote for the best men irrespective of politics, and all that saved Tyson, if he is elected, was the fact of his candidacy for re-election. A great many believing in giving an official the second term if he has done well, or come anyways near "filling the bill" with satisfaction.

W. D. Wheeler,

the successful candidate for county treasurer, was considered from date of his nomination a safe winner, and the returns show that the Journal made no miscalculation on this score. Nothing during the campaign could be said against him either as an official or citizen, although the News endeavored to make its readers believe he was incompetent for the office. But the people who know W. D. Wheeler better than they know the editor of the News to the tune of 192 majority disputed the "talented" editor of that paper. Mr. Wheeler has lived in Cass county for many years, and the Journal prophesies that he will retire from the office with a record for honesty, integrity and competency equal to any man who has ever held the responsible position. For two terms he served as sheriff of Cass county, being elected each time by handsome majorities on the democratic ticket in a county that usually gives a republican majority for the national and state ticket of from three to four hundred.

Harvey D. Travis.

Harvey D. Travis, county judge, was born in Colum-biana county, Ohio. He was

"OUR JUDGE"



HON. HARVEY D. TRAVIS.

thrown on his own resources at an early age and obtained his education by his own efforts. After leaving college he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He came to Cass county in 1882, and settled at Weeping Water. In five years he was employed in the most important litigation in Cass and adjoining counties; was elected county attorney in 1890; served two terms. He was the most successful county attorney the county has ever had and Cass county has had some excellent prosecutors. He convicted the slayers of Matt. Akeson of murder in the first degree, securing the execution of one of them—Hill by name. This was the first and last execution in Cass county. Judge Travis enjoys the confidence of his brother lawyers and the people. The republican papers and politicians waged a bitter warfare on him, but he came out of the fight with a majority of 365, the highest on the democratic ticket.

C. S. Wortman,

who has been county superintendent since last April, when Prof. Smith resigned, was elected to a full term in that office by a majority of 172. The manner in which he has run that office during that brief time appealed favorably to all. Prof. Wort-

man was born on a farm near South Bend this county and his father still resides there where he has been since 1859. He is a man who by dint of



personal effort has pushed to the front. The people of his old home precinct gave him a flattering endorsement at the polls—running ahead of his ticket about 32 votes. Mr. Wortman is an able man and a good superintendent. Whether in the office,

at the polls, not only in this city, but also throughout the county. His friends, both republicans and democrats stood by him manfully.

Many Thanks.

The result of the election demonstrates that there is a class of independent republican voters in Cass county that have "grown weary" of being "pulled into the traces" year after year by the Platts-mouth ring. It is to this element that the successful candidates on the democratic ticket, to a great extent, owe their success. The Journal is authorized by each of these gentlemen to return their most sincere thanks to those republicans who rendered such valuable assistance in their election. While we do not consider the election of the democratic candidates a purely democratic victory, we must give great credit to Mr. H. R. Gering, chairman of the county central committee, for the able manner in which he conducted the campaign; and we also owe a great deal to his associates in various precincts for their generous assistance in maintaining an organization so manfully. The methods adopted by Tidd, Farley, Schneider & Co., the returns show, were not sanctioned by the liberal voters of Cass county, and one or two of the republican candidates attribute their defeat to the manner pursued by the these fellows, and they now openly declare that their underhanded operations were enough to down any party notwithstanding the News persisted before the conventions and howled incessantly for days "for a clean campaign." But, oh! how the manager of that sheet has fallen from grace!

John D. McBride.

No man on the demoeitic ticket has more cause for congratulation than J. D. McBride, who has been re-elected sheriff by nearly two hundred majority. In the face of



the serious charges made against him by the News, his success in this campaign is simply phenomenal. It shows to what extent the influence of the News and its coterie of assistants bore upon the voters of Cass county. J. D. McBride, as the Journal has frequently stated during the campaign, has made an excellent sheriff; the people knowing this as well as we did, gave him a great vindication

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Semi-Weekly Journal.

Some of the Journal's most intimate friends have suggested to us in the past few weeks the idea of issuing a semi-weekly. We have been thinking the matter over and have finally come to the conclusion to make the effort if our friends throughout the county will give us the proper encouragement. What we mean by encouragement is for every friend of the Journal to assist us in securing new subscribers. We are making arrangements to put in some more new material and machinery, which will greatly aid us in our undertaking, and we desire our friends in the various sections of the county to go to work right now and assist in extending the circulation of the Journal. There are a number of prominent democrats in every precinct in Cass county who are not taking the Journal, but who should take it. To such we cordially invite them to become patrons of the only democratic paper in Cass county. The present management of the Journal have had control of the paper for nearly two years and we believe our patrons have all been well pleased with it. Send in your subscriptions and commence with the first issue of the Semi-Weekly Journal.

A Letter From California.

SANTA CLARA, CAL., Oct. 29, 1903. EDITOR JOURNAL: I believe my time for the Journal has expired, and I cannot possibly exist, "even in this beautiful valley of sunshine, fruit and flowers," if once we "k" I could not expect my "Old Friend" and go over those familiar columns. Yes, away in far off California, we read of "Sissy Farley," and my only regret is that I cannot give my friend, J. D. McBride, "a little lift" this fall. But methinks he will not need it, thanks to his "would-be" persecutors. I must tell you we enjoy the climate here greatly. The winter at first we thought marvellous, with its green trees, grass and beautiful flowers, vegetables, etc., all winter through. But the fruit the past summer capped all. Think of it—the strawberries and raspberries are finer now than in the summer. All fruits of the temperate and semi-tropical climate flourish: oranges, lemons, olives, figs, dates, pears, plums, apricots, cherries, apples, with nuts, especially the almond and English walnuts. On the south adjoining our ranch, they have 160 acres of onions for seed; then on the west a field of over 500 acres devoted to seed raising of dif-

ferent varieties of vegetables and sweet peas. But prunes and hay are the main crops. Hay is demanding \$15 per ton at the present time. From a little over four hundred bearing prune trees we marketed 163 tons of prunes. Both crops were considered short this year. I will close by saying you will find a postoffice order for the Journal one year. With best wishes to my Platts-mouth friends, I am respectfully, C. L. CHAEHEL.

His Rhodus, His Salta.

Aseop, a celebrated Greek writer tells of a man who boasted having made a jump on the island Rhodus to an unheard of distance, and claimed having many witnesses. A bystander interrupted him saying: you cannot persuade us by talking. Well, here is our Rhodus, jump here and show us what you can do. It is easy to boast, but difficult to prove. You will find this true in everything, even in remedies. Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine is the only remedy recommended by the clergy, by Verner, Sisters, by physicians, by a large list of respectable citizens. Everybody says that it is an excellent remedy for all troubles of the stomach, for nervousness, and poverty of blood that it works as asserted by the manufacturer. It builds new blood, creates a healthy appetite and a natural sleep. The taste is very pleasant, the effect prompt. At drug stores and at the manufacturer's, Jos. Triner, 739 South Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Ill., Pilsen Station.

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