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POST-ELECTION SERENITY. THE CONSERVATIVE, long used to self-control,

represses its grief, because of the apparent overwhelming defeat of William Jennings Bryan. Returns up to this time indicate that the American voter has determined, like the son-in-law who, when asked by telegraph whether the remains of his mother-in-law should be embalmed, cremated or buried, replied: "Embalm, cremate and bury; take no chances."

The "Second Battle" will soon be in course of incubation, provided the assay of the free-silver junk, imperialism and trust scraps show the possibility of the coinage of Mr. Bryan's recent candidature into the currency of the realm. "It is the money that is in politics and not the honor" that attracts Windy Willie.

General Smyth and Colonel Bryan kindly came down into Otoe County on the 26th of September last and at Nebraska City made a malicious, mendacious and purely partisan assault upon the Nebraska City starch factory and all the interests therewith connected. Colonel Bryan was particularly facetious in quoting THE CONSERVATIVE, doing—as he is accustomed to do when quoting Lincoln—the act of mutilation; that is, deliberately leaving out parts of paragraphs and parts of sentences, so as to destroy the original intention of the author. Colonel Bryan was particularly strong against the starch works at this place as a menace to the prosperity of our people, and in this he was upheld

with all the effervescence which Attorney General Smyth, who originally was fed on chunks of blarney-stone, could evolve. Before these gentlemen arrived to make war upon the common-sense of the voters of this propinquity, by assuring them that a large wage-paying, corn-consuming manufactory was a detriment to the community, the majority of the voters in this town had given their franchises to Colonel Bryan. In 1896 the valiant colonel, who has been distinguished as invincible in peace and invisible in war, carried this city and county. But the public stomach was so nauseated by the egotistic declamations of the Colonel and General Smyth on September 26 last, that on November 6 the emetic went into full action and both were spewed out as not fit for benevolent assimilation.

THE CONSERVATIVE nearly three years ago recommended the realignment of the better citizenship of the United States into a conservative political party. On this morning of the 7th of November, 1900, it commends for reconsideration the importance of a political organization to be founded upon principle and in favor of honest and economical administration of the government upon a patriotic instead of a partisan basis.

The Nebraska legislature seems to have been captured by the republicans, so that on joint ballot they can defeat the re-election of Allen and the proposed election of Bryan or Hitchcock to the Senate of the United States. Whatever the republicans may do in giving to the commonwealth a citizen of high character and ability as its representative in the upper house of congress, we are sure that it cannot create a more perfect combination of strong intellect and rugged brutality of absolute degeneracy in moral instincts and self-assertion in politics than William V. Allen. It may be that the people have determined already to send Messrs. Rosewater and Thompson to the United States Senate, and if the legislature carries out the mandate of the popular vote in that regard, every decent citizen must acquiesce in the selection and uphold the senators as long as they seem to be doing honestly the best they can for this great and growing state.

It seems probable that Otoe county,

which has given more than four hundred majority for McKinley and Roosevelt, may have elected to the House of Representatives one fusionist in H. H. Hanks. If this be the fact the county is congratulated upon its good sense and good fortune in having selected the best man on that ticket to represent its thrift and intelligence. Aside from a few economic vagaries about the sacred ratio and unlimited coinage, Mr. Hanks is a young man of good ability and commendable character.

The starch works will grow in Nebraska City. Up-builders have defeated the down-pullers; constructionists have vanquished destroyers and prosperity is not enjoined from our midst.

FOR SALE. A second-hand "Landslide for Bryan" can be bought cheaply. For particulars ask J. C. Dahlman, traveling companion, political guardian and assistant prophet to "the peerless leader," W. J. Bryan.

COLONEL IRISH. Aside from the speech of Colonel Bryan at Nebraska City the most effective influence in making votes against Bryanism was the eloquent, forceful and convincing address of Hon. John P. Irish of California. Colonel Irish is steadfast in his devotion to the real principles of democracy but uncompromising in his opposition to populistic vagaries now counterfeiting democracy. He spoke under the auspices of the gold democratic organization of Nebraska City.

A. B. C. The alphabet of anarchy, bribery and corruption will be forever illuminated by Altgeld, Bryan and Croker.

Then Tillman—who boasted that in South Carolina it is the custom to shoot negroes that attempt to vote—may be placed alongside of Croker who in 1872 was indicted for the murder of a citizen of New York who endeavored to vote against Tammany.

What a change for Croker, from the cell of a criminal in the tombs of New York, in twenty-eight years to the twinship of a candidate for the presidency—from the prison bread-and-water to twelve dollar-a-plate dinners and the right hand of fellowship with goody Willie Bryan.