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## OBSERVATIONS

At this writing republican victories are reported in Tennessee and Texas. This means that the disruption of the "solid south" has begun. When the time comes that a state is not to be counted upon because of its location south or north, west or east, the union will be strengthened—which is a somewhat awkward way of saying that sectionalism is dangerous to union.

The "business men" who oppose civil service reform are in the habit of conceding the merits of the reform and adding that it is impossible to affect it because politicians, like everybody else, are governed by self interest and the offices belong to the men who were able to get the most votes out. How many of the men who voted and worked for or against free silver in this campaign expected to get an office from the republican or the democratic party? Republicans voted for McKinley because he is the republican candidate and they took off their coats and worked for him, oratorically because they were con-

vinced that his election meant prosperity for the whole country. Old line democrats voted for McKinley because of their disapproval of the Chicago platform and its nominee. The campaign has shown that men will work and vote for a principle harder than for bread, butter and glory. Men were ready to vote when the polls were opened and long before four o'clock in the afternoon Bryan was defeated by the largest vote ever polled in the country.

another job. Like the girl in the fairy story, pearls and rubies drop from his mouth whenever he opens it. He can set men laughing or crying at will. He is master of the situation while he is speaking—but afterwards it is different. He has led a blameless life. He has made a gallant fight and he is not accused of any meanness. His townsmen who voted against him followed his advice which he has given in so many speeches and in hundreds of places, viz:

highest regard. No fair-minded man can know Mr. Bryan without appreciating his simple-hearted goodness, generosity and thoughtfulness for others. The newspaper men—the majority of whom are republicans, have become to a man, his devoted friends in the months that they have been so closely associated with him. As a citizen of Nebraska he is an honor to the state. Any other assertion in consideration of what Mr. Bryan has done single-handed, deserted by democrats and only lukewarmly supported by populists, is not borne out by the circumstances.

## OUR NEXT PRESIDENT,



HON. WM. M'KILNEY.

Whatever Mr. Bryan's career may be, he has broken all previous records for speaking and travelling. If he can climb out of the drift that covered him up on November 3rd, he has a record that will stand by him when he wants

"Vote as you believe." They believed that the Chicago platform was the worst medicine this country could take for the paralysis which has made its members useless for several years. For Mr. Bryan personally they have the

Mr. W. T. Stead, the English editor and writer on economics, ethics or whatever you wish to call the autopsies that reformers like Dr. Parkhurst and Mr. Stead hold over the diseased bodies of large cities, has an article in the current number of "The Review of Reviews," which is calculated to make the English as mad as "If Christ Came to Chicago" made Chicagoans.

It is well known that in 1878, when Russia had the Turk down, the English summoned the Berlin conference in order to re-establish the Sultan's authority and consolidate his empire. England forced Russia through the conference, to destroy the guarantees exacted from the Sultan for the protection of the Americans, seized Cyprus for itself and has since occupied it. In consideration of the Cypriote larceny English diplomats have repressed their horror at the Armenian massacres until the English people began to consider a candidate's attitude on the Armenian question a qualification or disqualification for a seat in parliament.

Nevertheless, England can not do much on the Bosphorus without the aid of Russia, and Russia is suspicious of English philanthropy. "It is all very well," say the Russians, "for English agitators to clamor for armed intervention on behalf of the people whom English ministers have dragged from the arms of their rescuers and handed over to the Turk." Lord Beaconsfield took Cyprus in 1878; we should find Lord Salisbury, or some one in his place, attempting to seize Constantinople or Gallipoli in 1898. History repeats itself. National characteristics do not disappear in twenty years. As England tricked us then, England will trick us again. You can never trust the English excepting to look after the main chance for themselves, and to leave everyone and everything else, including their principles, in the lurch, when the time comes "for laying their hands upon their neighbor's goods."

On the other hand, if England, or rather the English, are really in earnest about putting a stop to the Armenian