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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

New York papers contain forecasts of the results of the coming elections. The Herald believes that the New York legislature will be Republican and elect a Republican to succeed Senator Murphy; also that the next House of Representatives and Senate will be Republican, both some very small majorities. The World and the Journal predict a Democratic House by from 20 to 40 majority. One calculation gives the Republicans 180 seats to the House; another only 156. According to the Herald the Democratic gain of seats is 147; the Journal says only one seat of 108. The Herald distributes twenty seats among Populists, Prohibitionists and Silver Democrats; the Journal gives Populists sixteen and their leaves thirty-seven seats as doubtful.

Both sides agree in their calculations for Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming.

It is admitted that the calculation for the remaining states, which gives a Republican majority, does not take possible landslides into account, and that such, if they occur at all, are likely to be in favor of the Democratic party, because there is what is called "an anxious feeling of unrest" both in the middle West and the general district of the South.

A few days more and there will be uncertainty no longer.

HUMAN NATURE.

Prof. Lombroso, who is regarded as high authority on criminal matters, has recently turned his attention to the study of children. His discoveries, even if originality can hardly be claimed for them, are of special interest to parents and teachers.

The Italian criminologist finds that the true moral sense is wanting in children during the first few years of childhood and that when they are old enough to recognize the efforts of others, their standard is usually whatever the father of the mother permits or forbids. As a general rule, Lombroso observes that the child prefers wrong to right, and that vanity and vice manifest themselves as strongly as in their elders. As the infantile period is passed through by the normal child, and it approaches adolescence, it puts on a new life and moves to a higher plane. But there are unfortunately child monsters who never rise to the higher plane of existence. Such congenital and abnormal cases of degeneracy who now and then display they innate characters by the commission of atrocities and abominities which shock all the better feelings of human nature. There is a degenerate criminal type, and this type as found in childhood develops along certain lines into the adult vessels who infest the congested places in cities.

The observations of Lombroso are more substantially by other investigators, for Prof. Preyer demonstrated the frequency and the precocity of anger in children, and this is confirmed by observations of Sikorsky and much children about every hour of the day. Moment authorities testify to the precocity of the appetites and the real fits of rage manifested by infants when only two months old, and frequently before they are twelve months old they will either at them about them, make efforts to break things, or to throw objects at mamma or nurse, acting just they as savages do. Michael Monkopus said that lying and dissimulation grow in children just as their bodies grow, and cite a few cases. Prof. President Stanley Hall boldly asserted that all children are liars.

It is exceedingly interesting to notice in this connection that the contention of some modern philosophers that human beings by nature are good and become inclined to evil as they later on in life are surrounded by corrupting influences finds no support in scientific scrutiny. Lombroso says that Plato's idea that the mind of a child is a blank sheet upon which the educator is at liberty to inscribe whatever character he chooses. On the contrary, the old-fashioned doctrine of human depravity, humbling as it may be to the pride of man, is amply sustained by such investigations.

Lombroso points out that there are certain ways which indicate considerable criminal tendencies. The duty of the educator should be to study these signs until he knows them and is familiar with their meaning. Then he can act intelligently as a reformer, if he believes a child may wrong, but it has no justifiable special characteristics of the criminal, the teacher or parent may rest assured that the vicious tendency is transitory. There is no cause for alarm. But if the criminal characteristics are conspicuous and continue to be more pronounced, and the tendency grow more and more serious, ordinary treatment is insufficient. In that case, it may become necessary to separate the child from other children and protect it from all influence that may prove injurious. Especially, the problem calls, should be withdrawn or kept out of towns and cities. This should be set to work in isolated places, and should they grow worse and worse they should be separated on the same principle as vermin are so as to spare society a series of molestations.

SITUATION IN ILLINOIS.

Governor Tanner, of Illinois, is now said to have destroyed not only that he and most powerful followers at the state has with thrilling pains, but that he will sign the class legislation bill which is to exclude from exercising the importation of labor from other states. This is, of course, for the purpose of securing up the votes set already committed when a party of laborers were driven out of the state by force of arms, in violation of the Constitution and laws of the nation. We hope the people of Illinois do not mind this in November, but if they should be crowded, it would certainly become the duty of the federal government to interfere, as if the state were in rebellion. The President cannot avoid the responsibility of executing the laws of the citizens, if the state authorities refuse to do so. The war Department authorized to say, "your cause is just, we can do nothing for you," but that will stand no longer when hundreds of the patriotic outraged citizens stand for justice.

A GEM OF THE ANTILLES.

According to the information brought from Porto Rico by the possible scientific approved to report on a plan for the organization of an American postal service on that island, the soil there is as productive as any on earth. Port Porto Rico is as place for small farmers. It takes capital to acquire land and to bring it to a proper condition for yielding an abundant harvest. The opinion of the commission is that the island will reach its highest development when large syndicates take hold of the land and go to farming on great business principles.

The Porto Ricans, it is said, are not good farmers. They are content to get what they can with a minimum expenditure of energy, but even under such conditions and with conditions not ideal as we, and the Americans to provide, Spanish holders of mortgages on such farms are from 15 to 20 per cent profit, and then a handsome profit to left for the planters. It is evident from this that the annexation of Porto Rico by the United States is one upon which the country may well be congratulated. Porto has shared some $1,000,000 yearly on this possession, and that the annual surplus was not much larger is due entirely to her antiquated methods of government.

The chief attractions of the island to homeseekers is, we are told, its mild and winter climate. In this respect Porto Rico is spoken of as a veritable paradise. From the middle of October to the end of April the equatorial heat is felt now and then in the early afternoon, but evenings, mornings and afternoons are said to be cool, though never cold. In November nights the mercury sometimes drops to 15 degrees, but with the rising sun the mists take away and butterflies again hover about the flowering lianas and the chirps of birds and voices is heard in the forests.

This beautiful spot of earth is, according to the information given in Dooney's Family Magazine, a paradise without serpents. We wonder how it was ever found discovered by naturalists who have explored the jungles in all directions. Not are there any poisonous, fierce, wildcats or weasels, no snakes to destroy the harvest of the fruit plants and no reptiles to raid the fowl roosts. "Home seekers," who have tired of arctic winter cares, "who have breathed the perfume of the West Indian woodlands and tasted the waters of the Porto Ricans will think northern California and Sonora and Florida a mere alms." Add to this that the Porto Ricans cordially welcome American immigration and American reforms, and the lovely picture is complete.

THE WORLD MOVES.

The New York World says that it is a sign of a healthy pulse in the greatest states of the land the emergence of the country are beginning to differ authoritatively the question of whether or not the world is moving forward. It is quite easy it is gratifying to believe that the consensus of opinion is that on the whole (the nation) and Humanity under of wonderful is improving. It is a sense that we would be very unfortunate in the change if in spite of their divided minds our statesmen should keep on going from bad to worse and a great deal worse for those of us who would have to get along with the results of the degenerate condition.

Our Chicago contemporary holds that we can at the worst go to be only moderately to give study to the facts of our condition to be assured that it receives Gladstone's conclusion as to the next world, which he pronounced a condition of improvement. Moral man, it is said, having a body to feed and a mind to be fed in order to live, and been a better fed today than ever. He is better judged, better clothed and more his health better cared for. He is cleaner as well as healthier and, in a word, his bodily needs are better supplied now than ever in former time.

It is that people are in no that mere only the world is improving. Science is a steadily widening influence and with the exception of spasmodic cases the disappearance of many mortal evils. Even politically we are constantly improving and for social change. Though, of course, we can not more clear that after the election Congress will be.

The mass of us certainly are reasoning not for better things politically, but also in those that has the tendency to contribute to peace of society or have promoted or are likely to do so in such things. The "error" is very objectionable and, as regulating some thing a little more difficult than the rest to get at, but it would possess a comparer to point out specifically in what respects our partisan politics had undergone any material change for the better. It is still a struggle for party supremacy, still a contest looking to the control of the distribution of the loaves and fishes, still a scramble for place, with the old-time brass band and hoopla attachments. The other day politicians of equal life may be getting in somewhat, in some respects are doing nothing being no better politically than they were yesterday, to-day and tomorrow.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer is of the opinion that the voting machines of steel, iron and brass, though so constructed that mistakes in voting are impossible, will find no favor with the other political machines composed of flesh, bone, blood and nerves. If the new voting machines were introduced into the state of Ohio, the Plain Dealer says, it would displace several thousand members of the political machines, who are paid so many per day to superintend the importation of labor. For this reason, it is other, it is assumed that the machines will not be used very strongly or politicians to join in favor of the voting machine.

The Kansas City Star ventures to suggest that the typical American subdue resembles the Pat Wren, shown from some for managing of the fairer sex, because. He has the scum of Europe, the recreation, the scum of Africa in the carrying out of a purpose and the originality which has not been known to exist. In his style and appearance he also demonstrates the fact that, when Americans are natives and do not become self-conscious, they are at ease attitude and gentlemanly.

Referring to the report that King George of Greece is "weary of his kingship" and proposes to abdicate in favor of the Spirit, the World suggests that before giving up he ought to buy a broom and try the amusing new "broom-handle" game for weary kings. Also he might get a further distraction start an express company, or better still, a family boarding house.

It may be interesting to know that Lord Rosebery does not drink, smoke or swear. His nearest approach to the smoke vice seems to be a proneness for being served with considerable frequency. Also he is quite handsome and rather tall.

The New York campaign, with Tom Wyck on one side and Roosevelt on the other, is running higher and higher in the matter of attracting public attention. It is not said so much here in Utah.

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