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If you judge by the past, the Democrats, after the election is over, will congratulate themselves that they have again been beaten. And the rest of us will also congratulate them.

Mississippi is a good example of Democratic rule. It has 70 cents in the state treasury, and during the last year 596 murders were committed within its boundaries. And yet some people are urging us to adopt the Mississippi brand of political rule! No, thank you!

We notice many sales of farm land in Illinois at from $100 to $200 an acre. That is the way land sells when we have a Republican president. That is because times and prices are good. If you think prices are too high just elect a lot of Democratic office-holders and see how values will go kiting down.

Democrats keep demanding the right of suffrage for all sorts of people in far-off lands. That is Tillman's plea for the Filipinos. And yet he has come to Illinois to try to get us to disfranchise the negro. Better tell him to go the Illinois negros alone and to go home and give his own disfranchised fellow citizens half a chance.

Whatever apathy there is in this campaign is due to the fact that people are satisfied with things as they are and are not worrying themselves over any desired change. This is well enough in a general way, but it should not cause anyone to neglect his duty as a citizen, especially the duty of voting. Let those who are satisfied with things as they are be present at the polls on the eighth of November and see to it that the same satisfactory condition shall prevail in the coming four years.

All those who are interested in the success of the Illinois mines and in the welfare of those who work—and about everybody in the state is interested—should remember that under Republican state and national rule the mines have been prosperous and the miners have had steady work at good wages. This is in contrast with the condition of things when the Democrats were in power. And what is true to the past will be true in the future. Let the voters, therefore, act accordingly.

In expatiating on the blessings a bumper corn crop would bring to Illinois farmers an exchange enumerates as among the good things: Corn batter cakes for the old man, cornmeal mush for the children, cornstarch for the women and plenty of meal, nubbins and fodder for chickens, pigs, horses and cows. And it might be added that under a Republican regime the big price at which the crop will be sold will bring all the other necessities, comforts and luxuries which go to make an Illinois farmer's home as independent as a king's and a thousand times happier.

VOTE STRAIGHT THIS FALL

Republicans Must Not Listen to the Democratic Plea for Complimentary Votes.

The plea made for some of the Democratic congressional nominees in this state that they are personally good men and able men ought to have no weight with voters who want to see policies sustained by which alone the prosperity of the country can be continued. Democratic congressmen will vote for Democratic policies, and the country ought to know by this time whither such policies tend.

This point is well made, as follows, by the Albion Journal in showing that the Democratic congressional nominee in its district has no claims for Republican support:

"Rumor has it that in some quarters of the district an effort is being made to secure Republican votes for J. R. Williams on the plea that it is a very great honor for the people of southern Illinois to be represented in congress by a man of so great ability. Granting, for argument's sake, that Mr. Williams is a man of unusual ability—such fact should appeal the stronger to Republicans as an additional reason for voting against him. He is a Democrat and never fails to labor for Democratic measures. The greater his ability the greater his power to retard Republican legislation and harass the Republican administration."

After reading it carefully and noticing the tendency to colic therein we are inclined to agree with the old man who referred to it as Judge Parker's "letter of exceptance."

The Republican party has more than once used effectively the argument, "Let well enough alone." The Democratic party never had a chance to use it.

THEIR MINDS MADE UP

Absence of Demonstration Does Not Mean Voters Are Not Interested in the Result.

Some comment is made on the absence of hullabaloo in the campaign this year, and the inference is sometimes drawn that the people are not much interested in the contest. But this inference is wrong. The fact that the drums are not beating and flags flying and men marching through mud and rain and splitting the air with shouts, does not prove that they are not profoundly interested in the questions to be decided next month.

The explanation simply is that their minds are already made up. They know how they are going to vote, and there is, therefore, no use of getting excited about it. We don't need a "Tippecanoe and Tyler too" campaign, with its log cabins, hard cider and all the attendant buncombe by which it was formerly sought to stir up men. That is why this campaign is seemingly so quiet. It is really the quiet of deep feeling. The people have seen how the country has prospered under Republican management, and they recall how it failed to prosper under Democratic management, and they don't want any change of policy. They are satisfied with things as they are, and they don't have to get excited about it.

This calmness — the calmness of satisfaction — shows that the majority is going to vote as it has voted in recent elections, and that there is not going to be any Democratic landslide. So voters possess their souls in peace. The only danger to avoid is that this feeling of satisfaction and security may lead to inactivity and a lack of thorough organization. To get out the full vote it might be well to inject a little more ginger of enthusiasm and hurrah. However, Deneen's speeches and those of his fellow campaigners seem to be stirring up people, and we may yet have some old-fashioned hullabaloo.

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The visit of Charles S. Deneen, the Republican gubernatorial candidate, to Champaign, has left a pleasant taste in the mouths of his party friends and cannot have left a bitter taste in the mouths of his political opponents. That he is a man of the times and will make friends wherever he goes is a fact visible in his personal appearance and conduct. He gives actual confirmation of the remark made by "The Gazette" at the close of the recent long and troublesome state convention, that the Lord himself could not have brought a better result out of that extraordinary contest.—Champaign Gazette.

West Virginia State Building at St. Louis Exposition.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT DENEEN

Charles S. Deneen will be elected governor by one of the largest pluralities ever given a candidate for that high office in this state. He is regarded as sound, sagacious, level-headed and a safe man, not dealing in pyrotechnic oratory, but alive to the demands of the hour and willing to exert himself to redress the evils which he sees confronting the nation. Such a man is not likely to make mistakes nor to lose his hold upon the popular heart. The longer the canvass continues the more these qualities stand out, and the higher he is likely to stand in the affections of the people. At Galesburg last Monday the demonstration amounted to an overwhelming ovation. It seemed as if the public never would get tired of shaking him by the hand, for there is something in the nature of the man that inspires confidence and develops among those with whom he is connected a warm personal friendship. As this character the Inter Ocean

The reception accorded Charles S. Deneen upon his arrival in this city quite fulfilled the expectations of the persons most particularly concerned in giving the distinguished visitor a greeting properly due to the man who will probably be the next governor of Illinois. By turning out in large numbers residents of the twin cities and Champaign county testified to the interest that they feel in Mr. Deneen's candidacy. The coliseum was literally packed. In the audience were many women. When Mr Deneen put in an appearance he was loudly and prolongedly cheered, the university students and the band contributing their share of the noise.—Champaign News.

The Fenton Standard facetiously remarks that Mr Deneen came to town, saw the crowd and went to bed. Well, bless your sweet life, Brownlee, at every stopping place throughout southern Illinois where Mr. Deneen has been the crowd has been so numerous and enthusiastic that he could not only go to bed happy and contented, but sleep soundly and arise with the early morn, refreshed with the sweet memory of pleasant dreams.—Albion Journal.

Charles S. Deneen is receiving an ovation of the substantial kind, a respectful attention from the masses who listen to all he says and then decides more strongly than ever that he is the man to be governor of Illinois.—Springfield News.

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ONE OF THE DIFFERENCES

How State Finances Are Conducted Under Democratic and Republican Rule in Illinois.

There are a great many differences between the several Republican state administrations and the one Democratic state administration that we have had in Illinois the last forty-eight years. One of the important differences, and one that most intimately concerns the tax-payers, is the manner of handling the public moneys. During the entire forty-four years of Republican administration there has not been as much shuffling of the finances or as much loss of the public funds as under the four years of Democratic control.

However honest and worthy John P. Altgeld's friends claim him to have been, it will be conceded that he had the unfortunate faculty of selecting for custodians of the people's money men who were neither capable nor honest. There was hardly an institution in the state whose governing board or other officers appointed or selected by Altgeld did not, in some way, go wrong. A few of these officials, notably Charles Warren Spalding, treasurer of the University of Illinois, squandered the public moneys, in Spalding's case the amount being nearly half a million dollars. And all this had to be made good by tax-payers. And the worst of it is that some of the Democratic officials and their chief backers were to a greater or less extent beneficiaries of these crooked transactions.

Whatever measure may be urged against Republican administration, it will scarcely be questioned that the public moneys are always safe in Republican hands.

The Democratic candidate for governor talks as glibly of "reform" as if he had originated the expression. The fact remains, however, that the greatest job of reforming in this state was that done by John R. Tanner after the Altgeld administration had practically bankrupted the commonwealth.

MARCH OF THE FLAG.

(By Perry C. Ellis.)

Since thou hast led the nations in the path
That makes men free, press on, for he who raves
That thou'lt enslave, forgets how less in wrath
Than anguish, thou didst free four million slaves.
Thy sons know thee, O flag, press on! press on!
They falter not and none thy march may stay!
Within thy folds I see the white of dawn
Shine gladly forth; the glory of the day
In deepest red of rise and set of sun
And blue of mid-day skies; the stars of night,
That blot out dark, within thy fabric spun,
And, when the shadows gather, speak of light.
Prophetic banner, thou art now unfurled
To march with sun and star-light round the world.

Roosevelt's Writings.

An Illinois resident, says a down state paper, had a friend visiting him from the south who was bitterly hostile to Roosevelt. But in the host's library there happened to be a set of Roosevelt's writings—The "Winning of the West," the "Naval War of 1812," and some volumes of political essays. These the southern friend began to dip into in moments of leisure, with the result that before his departure he had become greatly interested in Roosevelt's writings, and in Roosevelt's own life and work. After returning south he wrote to his Illinois friend that he had decided to vote for Mr. Roosevelt.

This incident contains a useful suggestion, especially for young men as showing how the reading of Mr Roosevelt's writing tends to inspire respect for the president—as a ripe scholar and learned historian, and incidentally as a virile and interesting statesman and man.

Some of the Democratic papers are referring to "Laurence B. Stringer." If it had suited the Hopkins-Quinn fellows to nominate a well-known man for the office of governor, perhaps, the party organs would have known how to spell his name.

The Parker letter of acceptance doesn't say anything very definite, but perhaps it is to be followed later by a Western Union telegram of explanation.

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Senator Tillman pronounces the word "gyrate" as if the "g" was hard. He says "guy-rate." So does Senator Foraker.

When the pronunciation fell upon the ears of Senator Hoar he shrugged his shoulders. Being a stickler for correct English, it was remarkable that he did not express in the open senate his sorrow at hearing a word mispronounced.

"It is 'ji-rate,'" he said later when some one asked him about the word. "But," he added, "I haven't the time to play schoolmaster here."

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