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THE official election returns show that Talbot county elects part of the republican and part of the democratic ticket. Mr. Dodson for the State Senate is elected over Mr. Turner by a plurality of nineteen votes, while the republican legislative ticket is elected by an average of twenty majority.

Mr. Wrightson, democratic candidate for Clerk of the Circuit Court ran ahead of his ticket and beat Mr. Kemp by 91 votes. Mr. C. R. Wooters, democrat, succeeds Mr. E. H. Roe, the present incumbent as Register of Wills, and is elected over Mr. Jump by 40 votes.

The democratic candidate for County Commissioner was also elected which gives one democrat in that Board to succeed Mr. Thompson, the present incumbent. Mr. Willis was elected to this position by a by a majority of 17 votes over Mr. Powell.

The sheriff will also be a democrat, Mr. McKnett being the victor over Mr. Cummings by votes.

THE conflict is over, and the echoes only of the "battle of the ballots" are heard throughout the State.

In Talbot there was a friendly but earnest contest. Both sides studiously planned and arranged their forces. If these plans were "tricks" intended to deceive, simply because the managers did not publish them to the world before they were operated, then both sides resorted to "tricks."

So far as we know the election was quite as clean, and the campaign quite as decently run, and far more so on the Republican side, than for many times in the past on the Democratic side.

If published circulars were distributed derogatory to the interests of certain candidates and in favor of others, that is a privilege all parties indulge in, and is conceded to be legitimate.

Every insurance company and many other concerns do the same.

The democrats have frequently used the press for the foulest circulars damaging republican candidates, and have not become so charitable in their dealings that they will not do it again if they have the slightest shadow of a chance to make good their charges.

One thing is certain and that is, under the republican ballot law, each vote is counted as deposited.

If fraud or manipulation is practiced it is done before the ballot is placed in the box, and the guilty parties assume a great risk of being severely punished.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that both branches of the State legislature are Republican, Baltimore City Republican, and our own county not a total Republican wreck, yet the Democrats are jubilant and can hardly contain themselves. Where their countenances would have broadened out to is hard to predict, had they made a clean sweep.

The Maryland Republicans can this time help the Democrats to crow, and crow lustily.

Hurrah for the next Republican U. S. Senator, and one from the Eastern Shore too, and from Talbot county at that!!

THE rush of the express train of thought and action among business men has reached the station known as Election and deposited and taken on passengers. Some had to change cars at that point.

The next place of note will be Thanksgiving where a brief pause will be made, after that Christmas will be reached where a lay off for refreshments will be given. Then the final run to New Years where a full stop will be made and the coaches cleared, cleaned, brushed, the crew paid off and all made ready for a clean start along the route of success or failure.

MR. SOL. S. THOMPSON has made a good Commissioner and leaves the board as its president in creditable shape. Mr. George Trax will suceeed him to the Presidency, and keep things in line for the Republicans and good administration.

Two years hence there will be a hard fight by the Democrats to get control of the county commissioner's office, as well as by the Republicans to retain control. One member is elected every two years, and the term of office is six years.

MR. WM. H. KEMP made a clean and creditable fight for his election, but he had a strong opponent and one well versed in election wars. Mr. Wrightson will fill the position as Clerk to the Court with credit His nomination as well as election was but the fulfillment of the pledge given him by the Democrats when he stepped aside for Mr. Bateman.

THE GAZETTE congratulates Messrs Dodson, Hall, Tull and Woodall and rejoices with the State that Talbot can send to Annapolis such staunch, clean and able men.

MR. WILLIAM H. KEMP says the sacrifice he made is small compared with the satisfaction gained in helping to redeem the State. That is the patriotism that counts.

HAD the spurious Democratic ballots been counted "out" instead of "in" the Republicans would have elected Powell for Commissioner.

"AFTER the ball is over" can now be rendered, after the ballot is counted, then the fun begins.

THE Australian ballot law has not proved impregnable against giving opportunities for bribery as it was hoped to do by the last legislature. But the Republicans still having control it will be amended next winter to overcome one point which weakened the Republican majority and may have made an election in this State absolutely one sided had the scheme been more generally worked.

In the Second Precinct of the Fifth District, Tilghman's Island, there were eighteen straight Democratic tickets counted which had upon them, but not written in the place assigned, different names for Surveyor. These ballots, the Republican Judges construed to be "identification" marks and refused to sanction their being counted.

While the letter of the law, perhaps, had not been violated it was clear that the spirit had been. One person being voted for who was not even a resident of Maryland, showing that the voter himself had no sentiment or principle involved when he cast such ballot, but evidently had written the name upon it as a guarantee of good faith. It is more than probable he was being paid for his vote and desired to prove to the party purchasing it that he really did mark it as instructed.

It was shown that while the Republican Judges did protest, that one of them signed the returns, supposing that his protest would overweight his signature. The law compels the Supervisors to accept the report by the signatures of a majority of the Judges. This admitted the questionable ballots.

Had this precinct returned two sets of reports, one set signed by the Democratic Judges, and one by the Republican Judges, thereby throwing the question into the Courts, the result in our entire county ticket might have been different and at the same time some good rulings gone on record.

As it is, there will be amendments made to the law so as to at least block this little game, and perhaps, step by step the Australian ballot law will be made effectual.

COL. INGERSOL has joined the People's Church of Kalamazoo, Mich. In an address delivered by the Pastor, Miss Caroline Bartlett upon "Why the People's Church Would Fellowship Col. Ingersol," the church which seats over seven hundred, could not contain half of those who came. After explaining the fundamental principles of the church and Col. Ingersol's qualifications for membership, Miss Bartlett said:

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AN unusual and gratifying feature of the campaign has has been the leadership in it, on the Republican side, of a class of men far above what we have been accustomed to in either party. Such men as Scott, Gaither, Clabaugh, Goldsborough, Graham, Shryock, are a credit to politics, and their conduct of the campaign has been in keeping with what would be expected of them. An improvement is to be hoped for in the whole tone of "practical politics" if men of this stamp can be kept at the helm. They deserve great credit for their strenuous and able work, and congratulations on the great victory in which they have borne so creditable and important a share.—*News.*

THE business failures in the fourth week in October, 1897, were less than in the corresponding week since the days of Republican prosperity under President Harrison. They numbered in the fourth week of October, 1897, 218, while in the corresponding week of 1896 they were 246; 1895, 299; 1894, 253; 1893, 353. Yet, in that very same week, ex-candidate Bryan was throwing up his hat among the country people of Ohio announcing with apparent delight that the business failures of the first six months of the McKinley administration were more numerous than the corresponding months of the preceding year.

We are not "licked" clean out after all. Congressman Barber received a telegram from Congressman McIntire saying, "God Bless Talbot." Talbot saved the Legislature which gives the speaker to the Republicans as well as the chairman of all the Committees. Her three delegates is the majority in the House.

THE sun of political splendor has forever set for Mr. A. P. Gorman, while it is lost behind the clouds for Mr. Wellington and will be a long day, if at all, before it shines sufficiently to enable him to say, "see me first."

GOOD-BYE, Mr. Roe, you have made a model official and your eighteen years of public service will be a monument to your intregrity and capacity. You could not swim with Gorman fish but you were not caught all the same, una-"wares."

THE GAZETTE extends congratulations to all winning candidates and will do all in its power to enable them to fill their responsible positions with credit to themselves and to the general good.

MR. W. T. H. SEYMOUR has made a faithful sheriff and his retirement to private life will be regretted by many close friends he has made during his brief stay of two years as a citizen of Easton.

### A Rare Bird.

Mr. William T. Davis, of Bailey's Neck Farm, last Monday night caught a very large and fine specimen of the soft-feathered owl. This specimen is also known as the noiseless owl, and can fly through foliage without making any noise. It is the intention of Mr. Davis to have this rare specimen of night bird dressed and mounted.

### Arrested for Assault.

Wm. Macy was arrested by James Flammer on Wednesday charged with assaulting him with a bottle. Macy plead guilty and was fined by 'Squire Coburn. Flamer's head was very badly cut by the broken glass. Macy also swore out a warrant against Flamer charging him with assaulting him with a board.

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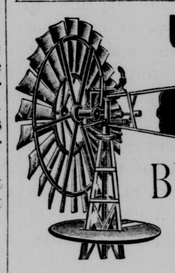
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