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AS USUAL the old First District was the banner district of the county, giving a majority of 127 for the Democratic ticket. The old Fifth, with her usual faithfulness to the ticket, was second with 100 majority for the ticket. All the districts did splendidly, and it was a great victory.

THERE IS A LESSON for us all in the outcome of the election in Queen Anne's and Dorchester. The people are determined to rule themselves, and when the power of leaders becomes that of a dictatorship, the people will rise up in their might and put an end to that power. Let us bear this fact in mind.

MR. WILLIAM WAGNER, candidate for County Commissioner in the Fifth District, received the largest majority of any candidate in the county—391. Mr. Medders, candidate for Sheriff, came second with a majority of 359 over his opponent, Mr. Daniel B. Neall. Both Messrs. Wagner and Medders proved their popularity with the voters by the large vote which they received.

RESULT IN THE STATE.

If the result of the election in the state emphasizes one fact more conclusively than another, it is that independence in political thought and action is growing apace. Men have ceased to be bound by party ties, and are doing their own thinking. They determine for themselves what measures are wise or unjust for their government and are fast learning that the spirit of liberty is the safeguard of our institutions of government. The result of the election has convinced us all of one thing, and that is that the leadership of men is ineffective when it fails to subserve the highest interests of the masses, and the sooner the Democratic party realizes this all-important fact, the better it will be for our political prestige. The verdict of the people is seldom wrong, especially when it is so decisive as it was on Tuesday upon questions that affect our constitutional liberties.

RESULT IN THE COUNTY.

The result of the election in Kent county on Tuesday proves how effective is the strength of a united party. It is unfortunate that there were some who had such little faith in the sincerity of the Democracy of their fellows as to charge that the anti-organization Democrats were knifing the ticket. The report to that effect was telephoned to *Centreville* on Tuesday morning, and was also scattered broadcast throughout the county by those who should have known better. But the result of the election shows that *every* one was in line for the election of the ticket, and labored for its success. Indeed, Siddey P. Townshend, Esq., one of the prominent leaders of the Republican party, stated before and since the election that the only opposition he encountered was from anti-organization Democrats, and that wherever he went he found his plans thwarted by them, and working hard for the success of the Democratic ticket. We believe that organization as well as anti-organization Democrats worked hard for the success of the ticket and the result of the election is an evidence of the sincerity of this belief. It was a splendid achievement and we trust that the Democratic party in Kent will always be so united as to produce such excellent results. The majority given our entire ticket is an evidence of the confidence of the people in the ability of our candidates to perform the duties of their respective offices and we extend our congratulations not only to the candidates but to the State Central Committee, and all for the work that accomplished such excellent results.

DEFEAT OF THE AMENDMENT.

The defeat of the Constitutional Amendment is much to be regretted, especially by those who have been brought in such close contact with the evils of the negro in politics as have the people of Kent and the Eastern Shore. It is in this part of the State that the negro voter *actually* holds the balance of power, and his participation in the politics of the Shore has had a great tendency to corrupt the ballot and to compel the legislature to enact laws that would make it difficult for him to exercise the right of suffrage, unless provided with a sufficient amount of intelligence so to do. It is no wonder therefore that the people of the Eastern Shore should feel more keenly the defeat of the Amendment than those of any other part of the State, and yet, keen as this disappointment may seem it does not appear that the people of the Eastern Shore were a unit for the adoption of the Amendment. Five of the counties of the nine on the Eastern Shore gave large majorities against the Amendment, and every county on the Western Shore with the exception of Alleghany and Howard, voted largely against it. The opposition to the Amendment was not confined to the Republican party. There was a strong opposition to its passage in both the organization and anti-organization ranks of the Democratic party. Even in Kent county the opposition to the Amendment was pronounced in both factions, and it was because of this Democratic opposition that the Amendment was lost in the State. Who or what is responsible for this disaffection in the Democratic family remains to be seen. There are those who lay all the blame upon Gov. Warfield and Senator Rayner for the stand they took against it, and there are others who blame Senator Gorman for forcing the Amendment upon the people in the face of determined opposition to its provisions. The only way we can size up the situation is to say that the *people* are responsible for its defeat, and it is the part of wisdom to bow to the will of the majority. Some people are great sticklers for majority rule, and let it be so in this case. Let us accord to every man the right to think and act for himself, and let us call no man a traitor or a criminal because he does what he feels he has a constitutional right to do. There are always two sides to every question and if the people did not desire the Amendment in its present shape they had a perfect right to say so by their ballots. Let us accept the will of the people, and let us get together for the good of the Democratic party. Don't think a fellow Democrat's a heathen, or a criminal, or a Benedict Arnold, because he does not think as you do upon public questions. Our lunatic asylums and homes for the feeble-minded would have to erect annexes if such thoughts were realities at present. Let's submit to the will of the majority. Kent has done her duty, and that is all that was required of us.

GOVERNOR WARFIELD AND THE AMENDMENT.

The attitude of Gov. Warfield towards the Constitutional Amendment is to be commended, we think, rather than censured. Gov. Warfield made his position on the Amendment clear to the managers of the party so called, as well as to the members of the last Legislature, on the Amendment, and he never wavered in his opposition once. The Poe Amendment was adopted in caucus only by a *very small* majority, and, knowing the opposition of the Governor of the State as well as many members of the legislature in caucus, the managers of the party made the gravest mistake in forcing it upon the people in the shape in which it was. The fact that Gov. Warfield came out when he did and further emphasized his opposition to the Amendment, should not condemn him at all. He did what he believed to be for the best interests of the people of the State, and from all we have heard he has gained many friends in Kent that he did not have before the election. The TRANSCRIPT, early in 1903, was a warm and hearty supporter of Gov. Warfield. In spite of violent opposition to his candidacy on the part of those who then controlled the machine in Kent county, the Governor won a great victory. From that time until the present the Governor, by his business like administration of the affairs of the state and by his course of conduct has won many additional adherents in Kent county.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

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A FOREIGNER'S VIEW OF SENATOR RAYNER. DEAR SIRS:—Just before the Election we all heard a great deal about Senator Rayner being a traitor and not being a Democrat and not loyal to his party. As one of those who honestly feared his vote might be affected if the amendment had been adopted it strikes me there might have been some deep political significance in this abuse by the organization of his conduct. Like mine, Mr. Rayner's parents were foreign born. Mr. Rayner has always been in favor of curtailing the negro's right of voting. He has never been opposed to naturalized citizens and their decendants voting. He was in favor of an Amendment which would prevent negros from voting, but never declared himself in favor of any Amendment which under any possible construction, might also abridge the ballot of any naturalized citizen who was not a voter in 1869.

May not Mr. Rayner's course after all have led his opponents into deep sea politics? And if so, is he not, even if unintentially, a shrewd politician?

In common with myself every foreigner in the state regards Mr. Rayner as the champion of the right of our foreign element. He was willing to disfranchise the negro, but he was not willing to eliminate the foreign vote. If Mr. Rayner had lived in St. Mary's county, Somerset county or Kent county with their large negro population, perhaps, he would have been a strong supporter of the Amendment; but Mr. Rayner lives in Baltimore city. He is identified with the Foreign Element of Baltimore city and of all the counties of Western Maryland where the negro is not much of a factor in politics. In many counties in the State there is not one negro voter to twenty white voters. The table below taken from the Baltimore Sun Almanac will show some of the counties to which this is applicable:

Counties	White.	Colored.
(1.) Garrett	4150	26
(2.) Alleghany	12383	450
(3.) Carroll	8128	471
(4.) Washington	10309	558
(5.) Howard	3160	991
(6.) Cecil	5612	1015
(7.) Frederick	12096	1239
(8.) Harford	6238	1466
(9.) Baltimore	20275	2858

After all may not Mr. Rayner's course have been the highest of good politics although he has not gratified all of us in Kent by his conduct? Is he not the Moses of the naturalized citizen? Is he not now looked up to as their leader? Has he not championed their cause? He is their Knight. He has fought their battle and won it. He has now arrayed behind him a political force which before this hour has never been behind any one man in Maryland. There are 50,000 or 60,000 foreign voters in Maryland who look with gratitude to Mr. Rayner for his championship of their cause. This is a force and power which always must be heeded in the politics of Maryland. Mr. Rayner has won by his conduct the support and good-will of the foreign element of our population. Is this not the true secret of the reason why the Organization was so bittterly against him? Did they not perceive how he was strengthening himself against them in the hour of need which is to come? Did the Organization not realize how they were losing touch (have lost touch) with this element of our voting classes? Is not the knowledge of this that which drove them to a frenzy, and was it not this that was the cause of their bitter denunciations? Mr. Rayner was looking ahead. He knew he had nothing and could expect nothing from the Organization. He has always had the support of the people. The politicians never wanted him and never will want him. Did he not also see that years hence, apart from his sense of firm conviction as between right and wrong, with 50,000 foreign voters at his back each demanding that he be recognized, no power in this State can prevent his triumphant re-election by the Legislature to be elected in 1908? The friends of Mr. Rayner are willing to wait. He is for the people. Wait until the Railroad Legislation, Tariff Legislation and other great party questions come before Congress, our eloquent Senator will then be the people's champion, their knight. Let us trust that he will win for them. It will be time enough to denounce him when he turns his back on such great questions as these in which our party has such a burning interest. Let our other Representatives in Congress then aid him by their votes and influence. If a single one falters let the people denounce such an one, whether he be a leader or the puppet of a leader, who in our National Congress is not willing to battle for the people in this coming fight. Watch and wait. Senator Rayner may not be the most astute politician in the country. But his friends will not lose faith in him because he has stood up for the rights of foreign voters. What has the Organization to say in reference to the Russian voter, the German voter, the Polish voter, the Irish voter, the Jewish voter and all foreign voters? Each of us believes he has saved our ballot and we are *not* apt to be ungrateful, nor to forget him. As an Irishman I would rather wait two more years for negro disfranchisement than run the risk of having my vote and the votes of members of my family questioned by an Amendment brought out by an Organization which I have ceased to trust in politics.

A WARFIELD AND RAYNER IRISHMAN.

Herb W. Edwards Injured.

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