

DANGER IN OVER-CONFIDENCE.

The great danger to Republicans of Illinois at this time is over-confidence. If the election were held today there could hardly any doubt be placed upon the Republican majority and each day shows substantial gains. Republicans must not forget, however, that the Democrats are quietly and secretly at work canvassing and laying particular stress on the necessity of getting their voters to the polls. Secret meetings are held in private houses, in many cases. Frequently the chairman of the county committee will visit a township, call the Republican voters into a room, lock the door and then a canvass will be made of voters in the township and special means devised for winning over doubtful voters and getting the vote out on election day. The people are flocking to the Republican standard every day and if the proper work is done in getting out the vote on election day, Illinois will give the greatest Republican majority in its history. But if Republicans become over-confident and the Democrats beat them by secret hard work, the people may be robbed of a victory.

GOV. TANNER GIVES FIGURES.

Tells of the Burdensome Deficit Left by Altgeld's First Term.

Governor Tanner, in a speech at Canton, reviewed the present financial condition of the state under Republican rule, and laid bare the mismanagement of public funds during the years Altgeld held possession of the state government. Governor Tanner said:

"I consider this an opportune occasion to present facts and figures in connection with the conduct of the state's finances during the last four years, and I am gratified with the knowledge that the records show the present administration to have been both honest and economical.

"After four years of Democratic management characterized by nothing so much as its dishonesty, hypocrisy and ignorance in money matters, the Republican party returned to the control of the state government to find a bankrupt treasury and a set of falsified account books. The details of Democratic thieving and juggling with state revenues were given to the public two years ago, but a brief statement of the state's financial condition under Altgeld is necessary for purposes of comparison with the condition under the present management.

"The Democrats took charge of the state treasury Jan. 10, 1893, with a cash balance in the revenue fund of \$2,752,334.40 with which to pay un-drawn appropriations of \$1,683,429.16. July 1, 1893, at the beginning of the legislative year, there was a surplus, or working balance, in the revenue fund of \$1,068,905.24. At the end of the year, however, there was a net cash balance in the revenue fund Jan. 12, 1897, of \$163,639.92, with which to pay un-drawn appropriations of \$1,083,995.57. At the end of the year, however, there was a deficit of \$2,059,225.29, and the four Democratic years of \$3,128,130.53.

"The two general assemblies under the Democratic rule appropriated \$19,088,319.00, and the four Democratic tax levies of 1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896 aggregated \$13,000,000, the total rate being \$1.69 per \$100.

Increased Appropriations Needed.

"The two general assemblies under the Tanner administration appropriated \$23,678,557.57, an excess over the two preceding assemblies of \$4,590,238.57. During the past four years a state tax of \$17,500,000 has been levied, the total tax rate being estimated at \$2.06. This includes an estimate of a 42-cent tax for 1900, but the necessary rate has not yet been determined. The increase of about \$4,500,000 in the appropriations of the last four years was occasioned by the growth of the state and its institutions. While six of the old institutions were closed for the blind and the deaf and dumb, the Southern and Central Insane hospitals, and the two penitentiaries—were maintained at a less cost, by \$294,434 than under the Democrats, the seven new institutions, created by the Altgeld management and chiefly built and maintained by the present management, have required increased appropriations of \$1,893,358. These institutions are the Industrial Home for the Blind, the Home for Juvenile Offenders, the Incurable and Western Insane hospitals, the Soldiers' Widows' Home and the Eastern and Northern Normal schools. In creating these institutions the last administration appropriated \$693,850. In building and maintaining them the present administration appropriated \$1,087,208.

"The state national guard required excess appropriations of \$982,682, occasioned by preparations for war. Above \$300,000 of the money thus expended has been returned to the state by the United States government. The rapid growth of the state reformatory has required appropriations of \$496,000 in excess of the preceding four years. New buildings for the institution for the deaf and dumb and increased population require excess appropriations of \$426,000. The university's necessities increased its appropriations \$348,000. The Democratic deficit in the revenue fund required an immediate loan and an appropriation of \$270,000 to pay the loan. The expenses of the general assemblies were \$223,107 in excess of those of the Altgeld term. The soldiers' and sailors' home required \$155,700 more than during the preceding four years; the northern hospital for insane, \$98,300. The eastern hospital for insane, \$111,736. The enlargement of the judiciary, made necessary by the growth of the state, required increased expense on account of salaries. A large sum in the total of these excess appropriations is to be found in the deficiencies created in every department of the state government by the last administration.

"The economy took the form of full-

ure to provide, rather than failure to expand public funds.

Carried a Democratic Burden.

"While the present administration has levied a tax of \$4,500,000 more than its Democratic predecessor, it has been required to provide for a like increase in the cost of government. It has carried the additional burden of the Democratic deficit of above \$2,000,000, and it has been bound in duty to re-establish the working balance in the revenue fund which the Altgeld financial insanity destroyed.

"The revenue receipts of the present administration in Oct. 1, 1900, from tax levies were \$13,206,701.33. Miscellaneous receipts were \$6,776,098.50. Miscellaneous receipts from Oct. 1, 1900, to July 1, 1901, are estimated at \$1,810,078.57. The tax levy of 1900, the bulk of which was discharged during the first six months of my successor's term, is estimated at \$3,300,000 for revenue purposes. This estimate makes the total revenue assets of the administration \$25,092,859.83. The total liabilities of the present administration, to be paid from the revenue fund, are \$21,737,782.86, created by the Altgeld deficit of \$2,059,225.29, and the appropriations of the Fortieth and Forty-first general assemblies of \$19,078,557.57. There is an estimated net balance or working balance in the revenue fund July 1, 1901, of \$3,355,076.97.

"Deducting from the total revenue receipts \$3,006,761.33, received from the tax levies of 1896, 1897, which were levied by Altgeld and the remainder, \$22,086,098.50, is the revenue created by the Tanner administration. Its liabilities against this revenue, created by its two assemblies, are \$19,078,557.57, showing that the present administration created \$2,407,540.93 more revenue than was necessary to pay its debts. This is solely in line with the policy of re-establishing a working balance in the revenue fund with which to pay that part of the appropriations of the Forty-second general assembly which become payable July 1, 1901. The tax levy of 1900, the rate of which has not yet been determined, will approximate 42 cents on the \$100 but the administration could have discharged the indebtedness of its own creation and left the state revenue fund in as good condition as it found it in 1897 by a tax levy of less than 19 cents.

"I will not discuss the necessity of a working balance in the state revenue fund at the beginning of each legislative year. It is purely a question of whether the state will transact its business on a cash or a credit system. Whatever there may be in theory in favor of buying goods on credit, the Democratic practice of that theory in the conduct of the state's affairs from 1893 to 1897 proved it a dismal failure. By the operation of the Altgeld policy of wiping out the hated working balance in the revenue fund, the state is forced to borrow liberally and illegally borrowed at exorbitant rates of interest."

Dull Times for Attorneys.

Causing Republican Complaint: The Galensburg attorneys are complaining of hard times and this is something that the Democrats press could well afford to take up. The number of cases tried has been small and most of them do not involve much. It is hard scratch for the attorneys and they have remarked that unless times for them grow better some of them would have to go to work on a farm to earn a living. Then he sighed for the Democratic times of 1892-96. There was plenty of work for attorneys then, as he remarked. He especially recalled the hard times of 1896 and said that he did not know but that he would be obliged to vote for Bryan in order that hard times and lots of litigation might result. He reasoned that the people do prosper and have the means with which to pay their bills and meet other financial obligations. In addition to having work and wages or business there are in a more contented and happy state of mind. There are not so many cases in hard times. All these things he said, affect legal business. There is less of suing and being sued. There is less of quarreling and people are less disposed to litigate over trifling matters. There is a good old Democratic day. There is some ground for the lawyer's complaint.

Will Pattern After Altgeld.

Samuel Alschuler is a great admirer of John P. Altgeld and regards him as having been a model executive. It is therefore reasonable to suppose that, if elected, he would, as closely as possible, pattern his administration after that of Altgeld, for in a number of respects he resembles him. He is regarded Altgeld as one of the brightest men of his age, and his administration a clean one. If Mr. Alschuler is sincere, he is a safe and proper man to elevate to the governor's chair. It is not clear, however, whether his administration was bad? If he is not sincere, but is playing the role of demagogue, then he is certainly not the man to be made governor. What do Republican voters, to whom Alschuler is appealing for support, think of his statement that Altgeld's administration was a model one when, as a matter of fact, it plunged the state into debt and ruin? Do they want another governor like Altgeld?

Forman Is Now a Republican.

W. S. Forman, former congressman from the Twenty-first Illinois district, candidate for governor on the gold Democratic ticket, has become the present Democratic member on the state board of arbitration, has renounced his past political affiliations and comes out squarely for the Republican party. Mr. Forman is now on the stamp for McKinley-Yates and the white Republican ticket. He says that the only place for a gold Democrat is with the Republican party and he is glad to join the supporters of the present administration.

Women Voters in Illinois.

Women citizens of Illinois, whether native born or not, who are over 21 years of age can vote for the three university trustees on the state ticket. The courts having decided that women are entitled by law to register and vote it becomes a compulsory duty to provide ballots and boxes for their use in every precinct of the state where there is any registration of women whatsoever. The chairmen of the Republican organizations are requested to see that the provisions for a legal ballot and a fair count can be provided throughout the state.

YATES CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE.

Meets Every Requirement of Lovers of Honest Methods.

The people of Illinois are lovers of regal manhood and womanhood. In the person of Richard Yates, the Republican candidate for governor, they have found a worthy man who more than meets every requirement in this regard. A man who is tried but not tired; sound but not bound; loyal and true, but fearless and free. A man of the broadest sympathies and the highest qualities of both mind and heart. One whom the people love, no matter how they may be misled, they trust. A man whose private life, if known and read, would make him the idol of the state. A man whose heart is stabilized to every duty before him; who can never be intimidated and who will stand truer than any Roman guard every day in protecting the sacred honor of his native state.

Whatever Judge Yates himself believes he readily accords to other persons the highest degree of personal liberty consistent with good citizenship. If for any personal reasons he holds to any certain course of action he always concedes to others the right to use their own judgment in such matters though it may be radically different from his own.

The oft-expressed requirement that he be a friend of labor is met in the person of Judge Yates more than in any opponent of his. Left fatherless at an early age and thrown upon his own resources he has had to work his way up and by the most unremitting toil. His sympathies are with the laboring man and always have been. In him labor will have a truer and better friend than it has had for many years.

The Republican party may well challenge the people to raise their standards to the highest summit of human integrity and honesty of purpose for Richard Yates will more than measure up fully to every imposed requirement. Search his public and private life and not a single stain can be found. The more closely he is scrutinized, the more clearly it is seen that the larger will be his majority on November the 6th. Richard Yates is an American. He is an Illinoisian. He is a man who prayerfully strives to attain God's own ideals of what manhood should be. To those who know him best the most striking characteristic is doubtless his unswerving loyalty to purity in both public and private life, and to the eternal right. He is essentially a man of the broadest sympathies and the noblest attributes of both mind and heart.

NOTE THE TICKET STRAIGHT.

One Cross All That Republicans Should Make This Year.

The official ballot in Illinois will have from eight to ten columns of names on it this year, varying in size according to the number of independent tickets in the field in the various congressional districts. In the first column of the ballot will be the Republican ticket and then will follow in the order named the Democratic, Prohibitionist, People's, Socialist-Labor, Social-Democratic, United Christian, Union Reform for Good Legislation, Single Tax and Independent tickets. There is always confusion in voting under the Australian ballot system and even the best posted are liable to get mixed and make a mistake which may result in their ballot being thrown away for no reason. The way for a Republican to vote this fall is to make one cross in the large circle at the top of the Republican ticket. This done, you have performed your duty and voted the ticket straight. One mark by the ticket straight means a vote for McKinley and Roosevelt, Yates and the entire Republican ticket, from president down to coroner. The election of a Republican governor and a Republican legislature in Illinois this fall is just as important as the election of McKinley and no loyal Republican can afford to scratch a single name on the ticket. The election law is simple if you vote the ticket straight, but you are certain to become confused if you attempt to scratch your ticket. VOTE THE TICKET STRAIGHT.

Points to Republican Victory.

Chairman Fred H. Rowe, of the Republican state committee, gives out the following statement regarding the situation in Illinois:

"Since the 1st of October the political situation has rapidly changed in the state of Illinois. Reports from all parts of the state indicate that a large number of the Democrats have decided to leave the party of Bryanism and Populism and by voting with the Republicans, crush out the present combination that is with Mr. Bryan. Republican meetings in Illinois are being attended by one in a hundred, in contrast with the Democratic meetings. If there is any apathy it is clearly with the Democratic voters. Four years ago the Republican majority in Illinois outside of Cook county was over 72,000. The poll of the state, outside of Cook county shows an increased Republican majority over 1896 and with the situation in Cook county improving every day, the indications strongly point to a Republican majority in the state of 100,000."

Tribute to the President.

The Fulton Democrat, the leading Democratic provincial weekly of central Illinois, pays a compliment to the late President McKinley. The paper, and says the paper has always been an ardent supporter of Bryan and free silver, but it is in honor bound to say Old Glory has been signally honored by the magnificent statesmanship of President William McKinley, and that in all the intricate and dangerous complications President McKinley was the one world's ruler who "kept" his head and taught the world powers new lessons in lofty Christian statescraft.

No Tab for Flag Followers.

Bucene Lynch of Elgin, retired merchant and life-long Democrat, will vote for McKinley and Yates. The Lynchs, he says, are for the flag. Governor Yates signed the commissions held by him and his two brothers during the civil war. One of his brothers left Notre Dame university to join Muligan's brigade, afterward organizing the Fifty-eighth Illinois and attaining the rank of brigadier general during the war.

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