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THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

The overwhelming victory of the ad vocates of sound money, a protective tariff, and a Supreme Court free from and the evident effort to exide a ce political influence or enforced partisanship, as typified in the recent Presidential election in the United disgust rather than enthusiasm. Ex States, is a superb vindiction of the honesty, common sense and business capacity of our neighbors across the line.

A victory for the Republican party mass of the people re-asserted isc it can hardly be rightfully called, and Mr. Bryan was rejected as a se No doubt Major McKinley is a Re. less visionary. publican of Republicans. But his sweeping majority was composed to be beneficial. Factories, shutten largely of Democrats, who shrank while awaiting the popular water from supporting the Chicago platform will once more set their whees t and preferred to vote for a candidate motion. Capital, re-assured in same of common sense, rather than to com-mit the fortunes of the country to a ence in existing institutions will

party which numbered among its most prominent supporters such men as Altgeld, Debs and Tillman, h was a victory of the best elements of the country marshalled together to resist a policy of fraud and anarchism. and who tacitly agreed to postpone the adjustment of their minor political differences in order to combat a suit greater evil. It was a victory of an honest dollar and a stainles- supreme Court over the forces of traid and socialism. It shows that the American can people have not degenerated as a whole, from the high prin sples of their forefathers—as the Invantes would have had us believe-and that the American farmer and artisan are not as easily hoodwinked by plansible phrases and appeals to class gealouses as some of the more timid equalis. appear to have feared.

No doubt Mr Bryan was perfect, sincere in the attitude he assumed He assuredly worked in the cause is a way that no other Presidentic candidate has ever done, and it is a fault of his that his defeat his beg so crushing a one. His mistake was that he over-rated the number of discontented men in the United State and under-rated the honesty of enc this class. When it came to the be of the ballot they declined to rue mit their country to a fraudulen They felt that a 3 currency. cent dollar would only resure a branding the United States was the stigma of fraud without z any way benefitting themselves, ag they declined to commit themselve to such a policy. The other panks in the platform were equally distant ful. A Supreme Court swayed by partisan sympathies and dependent for its composition on the efforts & ward "heelers" would have been as worthy both of its high office and to great people whose laws it is prize eged to interpret. The fields ixangues of Altgeltd, Tillman and less flict between what have been terms " the masses and the classes - calors in the revulsion of feeling what naturally succeeded the hypnotes citement of the Chicago Convents. the sober common sense of the gas

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