



The gravest beast is the Ass; the gravest bird is the Owl;
The gravest fish is the Oyster; the gravest man is the Fool.

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THE little significance attaching to party names in these days is shown by the very radical programme adopted by the British Conservatives at a conference recently held in Edinburgh. Their demands go further than those of Liberals in the direction of electoral reform and progressive industrial legislation. The old race of Tories is evidently almost extinct in England, and indeed everywhere, except in Canada.

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THE recent adoption of cattle-trade regulations in England, compelling all Canadian cattle to be slaughtered on their arrival in port, will cause much loss to our farmers and cattle shippers. Hitherto, many of the cattle exported to England have been lean animals which were fattened in England before killing. This branch of the trade must now be discontinued. However, Canada cannot reasonably complain. Having deliberately chosen to shut out British trade by our tariff, we cannot fairly expect that the English people will continue to accord us special privileges in return for windy and meaningless professions of loyalty.

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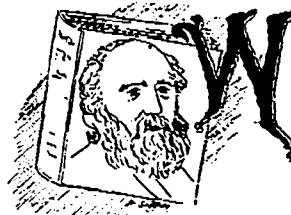


AFTER a campaign mainly remarkable for the unusual apathy displayed by the electors, the presidential election, held on Tuesday of last week, resulted in the return of Grover Cleveland by a sweeping majority. As the McKinley tariff

was practically the only issue in the campaign it is conceded on all sides that the re-indicates the dissatisfaction of the masses with the protective policy. It may be doubted, however, whether public opinion is yet sufficiently educated to allow of any very sweeping reform; though, no doubt, the existing tariff will be considerably modified at the earliest opportunity, especially in the direction of the free admission of raw materials. The absolute Free Traders are, as yet, in a small minority in the Demo-

cratic party, but as they have the advantage in brains, education and political honesty will eventually dictate the policy of the party.

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NEVER, the People's Party candidate, did better than was expected. One of the surprises of the campaign to those who have depended for their information on the partizan press, has been the vote polled by the People's Party in the

West, where they succeeded in carrying several States. This is the first time since the Republican party was formed that a third party has succeeded in electing representatives to the Electoral College. This success coupled with the fact that they hold the balance of power in the Senate, indicates that the people are becoming aroused to the dangers of plutocracy. It may not yet be too late for the masses to recover their liberties if they learn to act together intelligently in politics. But this is a very large "if."

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THANKSGIVING DAY was to have been the occasion of a military parade and sham fight in High Park, but the affair did not come off, being countermanded at the last minute for the ostensible reason that snow had fallen heavily in the night and the weather was disagreeable. Really, after all the vainglorious bluster we have had from militia colonels and after-dinner revenue-patriots about the superior hardiness and endurance of Northern races and the degeneracy of the descendants of the misguided people who settled South of the boundary line, it is rather an anti-climax to find our defenders, who are supposed to be above all such considerations as physical discomfort, staying at home because of a little snow. In justice to the men, it must be said that many of them were extremely disappointed at the cancelling of the turn out, and it is hinted that the real reason for the proceeding was the failure of many of the officers to put in an appearance. What would such fellows who are afraid of marching for a few hours through the snow do if it ever came to real warfare?



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