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HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

The Cause Which Led to the Landslide of Nov. 8, 1892.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Secretary of State Foster attributed republican defeat to the tariff issue. The party he says challenged the judgment of the country on the McKinley bill and the verdict must be accepted as the will of the people that a different policy shall be adopted. Other questions entered somewhat into the contest, but not to such an extent as to materially affect the result. Nor would it have been different if other candidates selected or other leaders managed the campaign. No administration ever went before the country with a cleaner record. It was the policy, not the personnel of the administration that has been condemned. In this view the secretary is gratified that Cleveland will likely be sustained by a party majority in both branches of congress, so a new policy may have a fair trial.

DEPEW HAS HIS SAY.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Chauncey M. Depew said to-day: "If Cleveland is elected I hope democracy will have both branches of congress. If he is elected, it simply shows that the country has accepted the theory for the practice. Give the democrats full swing; let them have every opportunity to reduce their theory to practice."

TAUBENECK'S OPINION.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 10.—Chairman Taubeneck, of the national campaign committee of the people's party, asked regarding the election, said the result produced was above by all the spirit of unrest, discontent and dissatisfaction among the people of the nation. Old party ties were loosened and not broken. It has taken the American people long years to discover that tariff is a tax and the foreign manufacturer does not pay it, and now it will take them years to learn that tariff for revenue will not remove the burdens of which they complain. The people simply jumped from one fire into another. The people's party will not under any consideration give up the fight on the lines mapped out but will immediately reorganize and prepare for the next contest.

WHAT WATERSON SAYS OF IT.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 10.—Waterson said in his leading editorial this morning: "The vote Tuesday is primarily and decisively a

verdict against the policy and theory of protection. The transaction in the national democratic convention on that point left nothing to do but construction. The response which Mr. Cleveland gave the platform was conclusive and cheered the hearts of honest tariff reformers, all over the land. The answers of the masses are spontaneous and overwhelming. It puts doubting democrats to shame for Iowa's cowardice. It animates and reassures upright democrats in the courage of their convictions. It is an announcement to America and the world that the government of the United States has at last stepped out of the paths of bondage and protectionism and upon the broad open highway of free trade with all mankind."

THE FIREFLY'S LIGHT.

It is of Phosphorescent Origin and Serves Many Purposes.

A young reader wants to know what causes the light emitted by the firefly. We believe it has never been definitely settled to what the light is due, but the general opinion is that it has a phosphorescent origin. There are a great many animals and fishes that have the power of giving off light, and naturalists all agree we believe, that nature has provided it as a means of securing food.

The little fireflies that we have here are almost insignificant compared with those that are found in Central and South America and the West Indies. The lightning spring beetle which inhabits those countries is more than an inch long and its light is so bright that ladies use it as an ornament. The beetles are caught by holding up burning coals on the end of a stick. This attracts the insects.

The ladies who buy them put them in little wire or gauze cages and keep them until they desire to decorate their dresses with them. Water has to be poured on them quite often to keep them alive, and they are regularly fed on bits of sugar cane.

The natives of those countries use the beetle, as we use candles and gas, to light their houses. Two or three of them together will emit enough light to read by very comfortably.—Philadelphia Times.

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BENCH LAND IRRIGATION.

Work Now in Progress Which Will Convey Water to a Large Area.

Work has been actively begun on the dam on Sun river at Priest's crossing twelve miles west of Great Falls. The plans for this project were proposed some two years ago, but were abandoned for some reason. Lately the value of the lands under irrigation has become so apparent that hesitancy no longer exists in the minds of men possessing ample means to complete the work and it will be pushed forward rapidly. A crew of men is now at work and a few months will suffice to make the project a success.

All that portion of Sun river above Priest's crossing is under water and its fertility has been shown by the large crops raised in successive years. The plan now about to be perfected consists in the construction of a dam which will furnish power to operate rotary pumps similar to those in use at the copper smelter in this city whereby water is raised to supply the concentrator. The pumps will have a capacity sufficient to fill 36 or 40 inch pipes running north and south from the dam to reservoirs, from which the water will be conveyed on the lands to be irrigated by means of ditches. These lands, in places, now produced good crops, but in an extremely dry season the yield is not certain. The water to be conveyed thereto renders it possible to get a large yield each season. Some 13,000 or 14,000 acres—in fact all the available agricultural area between Priest's crossing and the mouth of the Sun river will be covered by the water from the reservoirs.

The value of this work cannot be fully appreciated until the yield of the thousands of acres it will transform into productive farms is harvested. The bench lands west of the city will be converted into as fertile farms as any in the state. The promoters of this great work are entitled to credit for their enterprise. Agriculture is destined at a near day to be a very important industry in northern Montana, and the products of the husbandman's toil will find ready market in Great Falls.—Great Fall Tribune.

How QUEER it must feel to be the fourth of fifth town in a capital race after claiming the earth and the fullness thereof!—Independent.