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The woods are full of Democratic statesmen out of a job. But they are willing.

"The cloud?" says the Philadelphia Ledger, "appears not to have even a tin-plate lining, so far as Major McKinley is able to perceive."

One of the early items on the Democratic programme will be the admission of Arizona and New Mexico, and possibly Utah, to the sisterhood of states.

The Republicans managers, put it is reported on good authority, nearly \$100,000 into the Delaware election. From one source alone they obtained \$57,000. They apprehended that the re-election of Harrison and the complexion of the United States Senate might hinge on the vote of Delaware they determined to carry the State if money could do it. But they failed, and they are wiser and their capitalists are poorer for the experiment. — Delaware Gazette.

One of the first duties of the Democratic party in the next Congress will be to repeal the force bill of 1870. It should not be in the power of any man or set of men to appoint roughs toughs at five dollars a day, on the day of election to arrest honest, upright citizens and deprive them of their right to vote. This is what the federal supervisor law has come to. The states are able and competent to protect all their citizens in their right of franchise and we want no federal interference at elections.

John I. Davenport, the chief supervisors of New York during the administration of Ben. Harrison, had thousands of citizens arrested and the not result of all these arrests has been the indictment of four persons for illegal registration. Of these four, two were acquitted on trial, and of the other two the United States Judge suspended sentence in one case without punishment and in the other imposed a small fine. Mr. Davenport's bill against the government for these arrests amounted to \$108,000. This is a damnable law and should be repealed at once.

Repeal the Force Bill.

From the Chicago Herald.
A system must be abominably bad that requires such agencies in its enforcement. There may be some ulcers of police protection. But they can be protected more effectively by the regular police, established by law, acting under responsible officers, organized and disciplined for the service which they perform, than by improvised gangs of roughs and toughs, employed for only a day, themselves habitual offenders against the law, without an honest sense of duty, and who regard the day merely as one of freedom from restraint and of unbridled license.

From the Lynchburg Daily Advance.

One of the first acts of the Fifty-third Congress should be the repeal of the Federal Election Law of 1871. Let it be blotted out forever and let the States regulate their own elections, as was originally contemplated by the Constitution. Let John I. Davenport be dismissed from an office in which he has covered himself with infamy and insulted the American people. There is no room in our political system for such an officer as John I. Davenport has shown himself to be. We shudder to think what the country which would have destroyed the freedom of elections by Federal interference and would have made little John I. Davenport King maker for life. Down with Davenportism.

From the Philadelphia Times.

The revolutionary antics performed by John I. Davenport in New York, who holds the position of United States Supervisor of Elections, and the appointment of

1892. A little well-directed energy and perseverance, backed by an aroused public sentiment, can accomplish it. The House of Representatives is strongly Democratic. A bill to repeal the Federal election statutes can be passed by a large majority within a week after that body has assembled in Washington. The Republicans have only a relaxed hold upon the Senate. They cannot, if they try, rally a majority to defeat so just a measure. But if they undertake to do so, they will set themselves against public sentiment, recently expressed, and will bring down upon themselves afresh the wrath of the people. The successors to twenty-two men who hold seats in the United States Senate are to be elected early next year. Not one of the present incumbents could be re-elected if he shall persist upholding Federal interference with elections. Put these men on record before the end of the year, so that before Senatorial elections are held next year the people and the Legislatures of the several States may know those who still stubbornly resist the popular will. Johnny Davenport, Charley Dennison, "Poker Jack" McClure, and the whole brood of Federal election bosses ought to be wiped out forever by the first of January. Try as it may, the Democratic party could not enact a greater positive benefit to the country than to restore to the people of the States of the Union the right to control their own elections.

From the Morning Herald.
It is apparently the fixed purpose of Democratic leaders to make a strenuous effort to repeal the federal statutes relating to elections during the coming session.

Certainly as much of those statutes as authorize the appointment of federal supervisors and deputy marshals will be repealed, unless the Senate shall absolutely refuse to concur. The Democratic plan is to put the repealing provision as a rider upon one of the important appropriation bills, perhaps that for the maintenance of the legislative, executive and judicial departments. The Democratic leaders are satisfied that popular will demands the repeal of these statutes, and they believe it will be a very politic move for them to strike at once.

For political purposes they would much rather have the Republicans oppose than assent to the repeal. Then the Democrats would make use of the employment of supervisors and deputy marshals at the recent election as an argument. The select committee of which

Representative Fitch, of New York, is chairman, and which has been investigating the practices and methods of John I. Davenport in New York, will submit a voluminous report at the coming session. It will be accompanied by a bill to repeal the federal election laws, and assuming that the Republican Senate would refuse to pass a separate bill to that effect, the Democratic House will insert it in an appropriation bill and thus put the Senate in the attitude of being willing to deny needed appropriations for the government in order to maintain the federal election laws. It has been suggested that in view of the fact that the Democrats will soon have entire control, the Republicans of the Senate might consent to pass a repeal bill, but the Democratic leaders do not believe this. They hold that the Republicans cannot, without stultifying themselves, assent to the repeal of laws they have so stubbornly sustained and defended. The Democrats anticipate a fight over it, and there is every reason to believe they will be united. The appropriation bill and repealing rider can be passed through the House without any great delay, even should the Republicans filibuster against it. The committee on rules would bring in an order fixing a time for stopping debate and taking a final vote. This fight is going to be a very interesting feature of the coming session.

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