

ACCORDING TO THE latest returns it is safe to say that C. R. Henry is elected in this 29th district to the office of state senator, which news will give pleasure to a large number of citizens of this county who are acquainted with that gentleman they knowing him to be, by his tact, perseverance and ability as good a senator as the district could possibly furnish. It is true that the Republican majority in this district has heretofore been much larger than that by which Mr. Henry is elected, but when the fact that the Republican majorities in nearly every district in the state have been proportionately cut down and in some instances entirely wiped out, together with the fact that an unusually strong effort was made to defeat him by the Fusionists with a considerable help from a large number of Republicans in this district who are his personal enemies, his election can not be considered other than a glorious victory for him. The 29th district will have a good senator.

OF GENERAL ALGER'S election and campaign the Detroit Times says: "Gen. Alger and his troops with ballots in their hands have charged upon and routed the combined force of the opposition. The general has proved himself a gallant leader in politics as well as on the field of arms. He had more than the enemy in front of him to fight. In addition to the assaults made upon him by the allied greenback and democratic forces massed in the open field before him, he was attacked on the flanks by the labor unions and in the rear by the prohibitionists who had withdrawn in a pet from the ranks of the republicans. Yet he and his troops were more than a match for the opposition, and he and they have scored a victory well worth shouting over.

"There was an admirable method in the conduct of the general's campaign. Nearly all the movements, offensive and defensive, were well planned and promptly executed. His plans impressed his followers favorably and struck his opponents with dismay. He fought a good fight and won a creditable victory.

"The people of Michigan have reason to expect a good administration of state affairs with Gen. Alger in the gubernatorial chair. He is a man of business, familiar with the best business methods, and ought to attend to the state's business in a business-like way."

Do Dogs Understand Our Language?

An article in a recent number of the Boston Journal on this subject was a reminder to me of quite a number of incidents in my experience with this useful and interesting animal. When quite young, being very fond of hunting, I procured a brace of fox hounds, calling one of them Buck and the other Mountain. They were both well trained for the chase, and upon a frosty day in December they had a fox on a large open meadow of some fifty acres, oblong in shape, and were pressing him hard when I came up and got a good shot at him, but failed to bring him down. The fox, when hard pressed, will often make a circuit around a hill or meadow two or three times, and by his movements I thought he was going to do so in this instance. When the dogs came up I said to Mountain: "The fox is coming here again; head him off across lots." He at once stopped his baying and started in a cross-lot course, while Buck pressed hard in the rear with his usual noise and vigor. In a few minutes it was all over with Reynard, he running almost directly into the dog's mouth, who, in good hound style finished him at once. During the winter evenings following, my neighbors would call in. When I would relate to them the feat of this dog, Mountain would at once jump from the floor, putting his paws into my lap, looking at me in the face, seeming to say, "Did I not do it in good style?" At the same time Buck would not pay the least attention to the conversation, but lie quietly on the floor.

Later in life it became my duty to assist in taking the grand list in my native town, at a time when dogs were put into the list at \$2 each. I had taken the list of a neighbor of mine, when I saw a fine-looking dog lying on the floor, and on inquiry found he owned him. I then told him it was my duty to put the dog into the list at \$2. He said he was not able to pay the tax, and was not aware that there was such a law, and would kill the dog that night. The dog left that night and went to a son of his present master in a neighboring town, and could never be persuaded to return to his former master. After this I owned a little pet dog called Cass, who used to go with me in my trips with a team from town to town, until he got quite old, and I used to shut him up to prevent his going with me, telling him he was too old. But one morning no Cass was to be found anywhere on the premises, and I started on my trip over the hills. When away about two miles I noticed something unusual under my buggy seat, and on inspection found it to be my pet dog Cass. I called him a very bad dog, and told him to come out and take a good whipping. He left the carriage at once, and throughout the entire day kept himself at a good distance from me. The next morning when I was getting my team out to take one of my trips, Cass was not to be found on the premises. I started, but in passing a long row of sheds attached to a church edifice, near my place, out jumped the

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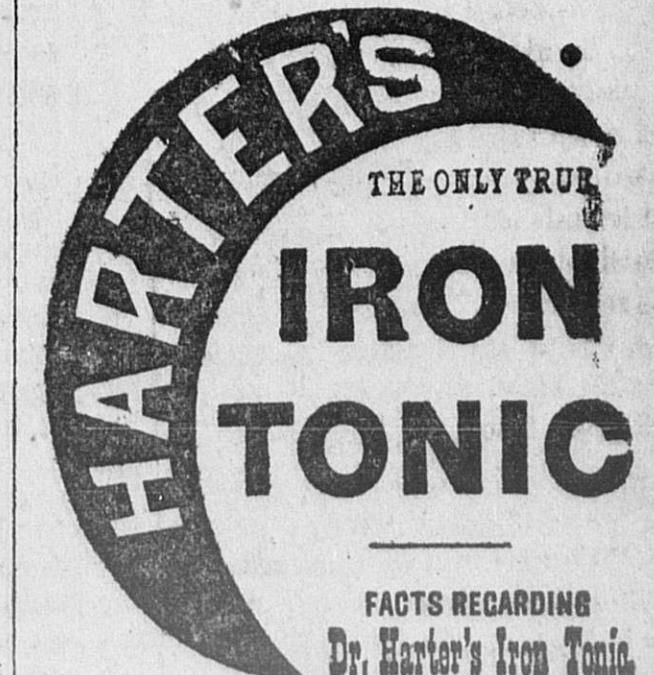
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