

THE CHOICE.

We do not suppose that any intelligent Democrat in the State of New-York has the least doubt that the McKinley Electors and the Republican candidates for State officers will be elected by an overwhelming plurality. Therefore, no Democrat who retains a preference for his own party principles has any reason for voting either the National or State Republican ticket in this State this year. The only effect would be to help swell a party victory by votes that did not rightly belong to the party and were not necessary to any practical purpose. Sober-minded Republicans would prefer not to have that happen lest their own party be tempted to go to extremes which would bring about a violent reaction.

The Democrats in this State, therefore, have the choice of two tickets, both of which are doomed to defeat, but they can show by their votes which represents their convictions and the tendencies that they wish to see prevail in the party in the future. They can also show that the division within their ranks does not mean the abandonment of their party and a conversion to the party which they have always opposed, and at the same time they can permit the Republicans to make an exhibition of their own strength just as it is.

Which of the tickets presented to them ought Democrats in this State to choose? Under our ballot law and the present method of voting, the National and State tickets will go together, and few will take the trouble to separate them, and there is no reason for separating them. The Democrats of this State have always been for sound money. Their principles were declared at the convention at Saratoga in June, and were adhered to by their delegates to Chicago in July. The platform of the Chicago assemblage was a radical departure from Democratic doctrines, and the Chicago ticket stands for Populism, not Democracy.

Never was there a clearer or sounder statement of the principles and policies of the Democratic Party of the Nation than that adopted at Indianapolis, and the party never had candidates more worthy of confidence and support than those there nominated. At Buffalo those who have always been ready to sacrifice principle to what they deemed expediency, and who represent the degenerate tendency of the party, cast their lot with BRYAN and the platform of repudiation and dishonor, and after much tribulation have candidates in the field of whom the people know little, and seem to care less. At Brooklyn the sound platform was accepted, and a ticket nominated bearing the names of Democrats known and honored throughout the State.

This is the choice. If the Democrats in this State who do not actually believe in MCKINLEY, and all that he stands for, and who really prefer PALMER and BUCKNER to BRYAN and SEWALL, will vote according to their convictions and their preference, as honest citizens ought always to vote, a majority of the party will be found standing firmly by its ancient faith, and its prospects for the future will be vastly better than if it go down to ignominious defeat held together by a blind devotion to "regularity."