

The Election of Orsamus Cole.

The opposition now admit that there is no longer a doubt of the election of ORSAMUS COLE, as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the circumstances this result is flattering in the highest degree to Mr. Cole, and evinces how firmly grounded in the principles of true republican liberty is the popular sentiment of Wisconsin, the youngest and freest offspring of the ordinance of '87.

It is still more flattering when the circumstances that attended the election are considered. While Mr. Cole was not supported as a party candidate, every democratic paper in the state supported Mr. Crawford, and most of them urged their readers to support him as democrats. One or two Republican papers also supported Mr. Crawford, and his call was signed by a number of Republican lawyers, thus he had the benefit of the support of one party, and a portion of the other. Moreover the temperance issue was dragged into the election just late enough to help Mr. Crawford in the large towns and to prevent that issue from being known much through the country, where the temperance vote is strong. The result therefore shows how jealous are the people of infringement upon their liberties, and how deep-rooted is their hatred of every form of dough-faceism or truckling to the slave power.

The canvass has been disfigured by very little of that spirit of detraction and misrepresentation, that too often disgraces our judicial elections, as well as those of a political character. Mr. Cole has been denounced as a Know-Nothing and office-seekers, in one or two instances; both of which charges were totally destitute of truth as we believe no man in the state is less obnoxious to such charges than is Mr. Cole, and we regarded them as put forth in a wilful and malignant spirit of hostility to that gentleman. Mr. Crawford has been treated, in regard to his character and personal relations, with respect and courtesy throughout. Thus far the people of Wisconsin have no reason to complain of the system of an elective judiciary.