

The Total Vote on the Constitution.

The official count of the vote on the ratification or rejection of the new Constitution, for the whole State, gives this result: For the new Constitution, 77,959; against it, 67,134. Total vote, 148,093; majority for the new organic law, 10,825. The total vote counted in 1876, for Presidential Electors, was 155,777, or 7,064 in excess of the vote on the new Constitution. The vote of this year is *prima facie* evidence of the monstrous fraud of 1876, perpetrated by the Radicals. Great as was the excitement at that election, throughout the State, and in this city, it by no means compared with that which prevailed at the recent election. Never before was the vote of San Francisco so fully polled, nor was that of the State. There is, at a low estimate, all of seven thousand more lawful voters in California now than there were in 1876, certainly five thousand more in this city—and yet the vote now falls over seven thousand short of the vote of that year, in the State, and nearly five thousand short of the vote in San Francisco. It was here that most of the fraud and villainy was perpetrated, by fraudulent certificates of registration and by repeaters, by means of the Supervisor of Election law and the employment of rascally Deputy Marshals; and the Radicals were, in each separate branch of the villainy, the perpetrators and, as a matter of course, the gainers. To prevent the chance of a repetition of these frauds next September and in the Presidential election of 1880, Democratic Clubs should be organized in every precinct in San Francisco, and in other cities of the State, and it ought to be the duty of every member to ascertain by careful canvass of the precinct, or his own neighborhood, the name and place of residence of every dweller old enough to vote, in order to learn whether he is or is not a legal voter. This precaution, supplemented by scrutiny of the precinct registers and intelligent challenges at the polls, will make fraudulent voting almost impossible.