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Rio Salado

We are not sure that this is pure Spanish for "Salt River," but it is so nearly correct that people will understand what we mean. "Up Salt River" for many generations, at least three, now has been the direction of the destination of defeated candidates for office. And even yet every individual has in mind one or more candidates whom he is hoping to send "up Salt River" this fall.

The original Salt River is a tributary of the Ohio. Its source is in Kentucky and being very crooked and difficult of navigation it was in the early days a favorite stronghold of the river pirates. These highwaymen were in the habit of preying upon the commerce of the Ohio and rowing their plunder up the Salt river whence it was never recovered. Hence it came to be said of anything that was irrevocably lost, "It's rowed up Salt River." By an easy transition this expression came to be applied to defeated candidates.

It is pertinent to remark that the republicans of this county are engaged in the planning of a flotilla for the transportation of the democratic candidates "up Salt River" this fall.

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