

News of the Week.

GENERAL.

Thanksgiving.—The President has issued the following Proclamation: By the President of the United States of America: A PROCLAMATION.

In the year which is now drawing to its end, the art, the skill, and the labor of the people of the United States have been employed with greater diligence and vigor and on broader fields than ever before, and the fruits of the earth have been gathered into the granary and the storehouse in marvellous abundance; our highways have been lengthened, and new and fertile regions have been occupied. We are permitted to hope that the long protracted political and sectional dissensions are, at no distant day, to give place to returning harmony and fraternal affection, throughout the Republic.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this 12th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-third.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President, W. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

Political.—The World of New York and the National Intelligencer, Washington, demand the withdrawal of Gen. Blair as Democratic candidate for the Vice-Presidency, and the General is said to have expressed his willingness, but the Southern Democrats say that in that case Seymour also must withdraw; and the National Executive Democratic Committee refuse to hear of any change.

Army.—Gen. Joseph Hooker has been retired from active service, in consequence of disability. He retires with the full rank of Major General.

STATES AND TERRITORIES.

Pennsylvania.—The State election was held Oct. 13th, the polls opening at 7 o'clock, A. M., and closing at sunset. An Auditor General and Surveyor General were elected for the whole State, and Messrs. Hartranft and Campbell, the Republican candidates for those offices, had a majority of between ten and eleven thousand. Members of Congress were also chosen in each district, as also members of the State Legislature. The result gives the Republicans 62 of the 81 members in the Lower House, and 38 of the 52 members of the Senate.

Philadelphia.—The city election on the 13th of October was much more peaceable than was anticipated from the movements of Sheriff Lyle, who swore in a force of deputies and issued a corps of instructions apparently designed to supersede the city authorities and overawe the police. The prompt action of Judge Allison checked this insolence of usurpation, but the deputies were not withdrawn, although forbidden to approach the polls or display batons. These rules they broke through, and in many ways evinced their character and the end of their organization. Three of their number were guilty of murder during the day.

The illegal naturalization papers were rejected by some election judges, but accepted by others, especially in the Democratic districts. The great mass of the New York and Baltimore rowdies visited the city for the day to vote on their muscle, so that "the metropolis" had a quite a time of it. The result, as ascertained by the return judges, gives Fox, the Democratic candidate for Mayor, 1,838 majority; Meloy (Dem.) for Receiver of Taxes, 238 majority; Sheppard (Dem.) for District Attorney, 1,275 majority; Fletcher (Dem.) for Prothonotary of the Common Pleas (31 majority); Getz (Dem.) for City Comptroller 734 majority; Barger (Dem.) for City Solicitor 892 majority; Hare (Rep.) for Judge of District Court 25 majority; Greenbank (Dem.) for Associate Judge 125 majority; Weaver (Dem.) for City Commissioner 953 majority. In the first Congressional District, Randall (Dem.) has 6,337 majority; in the second, O'Neill (Rep.) has 2,620; in the third, Moffet (Dem.) has 127 majority; in the fourth, Kelley (Rep.) has 1,859 majority; in the fifth, which includes Bucks county, Reading (Dem.) has a small majority. None of these Democratic elections, except that of Randall, are accepted as finalities by the Republican party; as the corruption and fraud practiced to secure them were too gross and open to allow of a being taken as the expression of the popular will. Philadelphia has 7,500 liquor-shops, 385 churches, and 245 schools.

Ohio.—The Republican majority, Oct. 13, was over 17,000.

Indiana.—The State election, Oct. 13th, was very close, and the returns still imperfect, but the result is conceded to be a Republican majority of between one and two thousand.

Wisconsin.—The failure of the hop crop has dealt wholesale ruin among the farmers and merchants of parts of this State.

West Virginia.—A company of U. S. troops has been posted at Philippi, at the request of the Governor.

South Carolina.—Rev. B. F. Randolph, a colored member of the Legislature, was assassinated by three men at Cokesburg in open day, on the 16th of October.

Louisiana.—A committee of the House report that the State Boards of Registration have exceeded their powers in excluding certain naturalized citizens of New Orleans.—The office of The Sentinel, in Franklin, was sacked by a mob, Oct. 18th, and the editor forced to fly to New Orleans. The Legislature offers \$2,000 reward for the detection of the murderers of the Sheriff and Judge in this town.—The municipal authorities of some towns refuse to recognize the metropolitan police appointed by the Legislature.—No Opelousas three white rebels assaulted an editor. He proceeded to bring action against them in Court, whereupon the people became enraged, and spent the whole day in murdering the negroes. A hundred were killed, men, women and children.

One Day's News.—As the spirit of the Rebel Democracy goes out at the South it rends them. We have details this morning of the brutal murder of the Hon. George W. Smith of the Texas Constitutional Convention; of the assassination of the Sheriff and Parish Judge of St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana; of the murder of a South Carolina State Senator in broad day light on the platform of a railroad car; and of the murder of a Deputy Sheriff in Arkansas—an old and highly respected citizen, who was tied to a negro, so that the single shot gave them a common death. Besides these we have

the disarming of U. S. troops by Quantrell's band, Ku-Klux outrages in North Carolina, and a variety of minor occurrences, which serve to show that they have not heard of the election yet in the regions where Ku-Klux most do flourish.—Tribune, Oct. 19.

BY ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

October 13.—London.—The Daily News says, Hon. Beverly Johnson has signed the protocol of a naturalization treaty which will be satisfactory to both nations.—Gladstone has begun a spirited canvass of S. Lancashire.—At a meeting held to-day (Earl Mayo presiding) 7,000 pounds were raised for the sufferers by the S. American earthquake.—The Times says that the laws by which the U. S. national debt was contracted are so ambiguous as to leave room for honest doubt as to paying the principal in paper money; but says that to do so would so diminish the U. S. credit, that future loans would have to be negotiated at a much higher rate of interest.—The Central Junta at Madrid has seized the property of the Jesuits and abolished the order.—Paris.—Le Gaulois says that Napoleon has written to Napoleon to say that the Madrid Junta desires closer friendship with France, and prefer a ruler acceptable to France and Europe.—Barcelona and Valencia, through hostility to the Free Trade policy of the Junta, hesitate to give in their adherence.—Madrid.—The Junta is sure of the adherence of the Captain General of Cuba. They urge the extinction of all religious corporations, and of all taxes on business transactions.

October 14.—London.—The claimant of the throne of North Afghanistan has fled to Bokhara and the civil war is at an end.—Gobazzi has been crowned Emperor of Abyssinia, but Theodore's eldest son claims the throne.—Gladstone spoke at Liverpool to-night, charging the Administration with extravagance, and denouncing the Irish Establishment.—In Spain the Bishop of Tarragona heads a revolt against the Central Junta.—Paris.—The Italian Premier, Menabrea, is here on diplomatic business.

October 15.—London.—The daily papers are all discussing the election news from America. The Daily News ascribes the Democratic defeat to their want of passivity. The Standard hopes for the best for the Democrats, but says they ought to have been guided by better councils. The Telegraph approves of the result, but decries of the future of the victorious party, as they are hopelessly divided on financial questions.—It is said that France has furnished 30,000 men from the army and navy.—Larissa.—Le Pogue thinks some of the European Powers will soon ask why Farragut is moving about Europe.—Copenhagen.—The Rigsdag, in reply to the speech from the throne, regrets the failure of the Schleswig negotiations with Prussia, but hopes for continued peace.—Florence.—Vesuvius is in active eruption.—Madrid.—Forty-eight central cities adhere to the Junta and the monarchy. Some denounce the clergy and all declare against the religious orders. The Junta has removed two bishops for political offences. The Cortes meet Dec. 15, in order that Cuba and Porto Rica may be represented. Catalonia petitions for a protective tariff.—Lisbon.—The South American mail says that the Allies have taken Lopez's position on the Tobicuary and that he has abandoned Assumption and fallen back on Villa Rica.

October 16.—The Times says that the European Powers will forget that Mr. Burlingame is not a Chinese, if he does, and if he acts on broad views of the identity of European and American interests as regards China.—A mixed Commission is to adjudicate upon claims preferred against England and the U. S., by citizens of the other government.—So Rev. J. Johnson arranges with Lord Stanley, Paris.—L'Espresso accuses Prim of intriguing for the crown of Spain, and plays off Espartaco as a rival.—Madrid.—The scarcity of food is abating. The public free schools are reopened. The Central Junta declares all children born after Oct. 17th to be forever free, but will leave the plans for abolition to be proposed by the deputies from the colonies. The slaves are not to vote for the four colonial members of the Cortes, the writs for which have been issued. The Public Works are to cost only half of what was laid out last year.

October 17.—London.—Spain sends Blos Rosas as minister to England.—Paris.—Le Gaulois tells of an attempt to assassinate Gen. Prim at Madrid. The General releases the assassin.—The coinage of Spain is to be conformed to that of France.—Gen. Dulce declines the Captaincy-General of Cuba, and the Count of Almeria has been appointed.

October 18.—London.—The election campaign grows in vigor. Several Tories retire from the contest and the Liberals expect a majority of 35 in the next House.—Prince Alfred has been suggested as a candidate for the Spanish throne. Ferdinand, ex-King of Portugal, a Liberal in politics, though ultramontane in religion, is proposed. He is popular in Spain, and acceptable to France.—The large reductions reported in the French army increase the expectations of peace. Liberal political reforms are expected.—Madrid.—Prim has been created "Marshall of Spain," and Dales "Duke of Madrid." The deputation from Cuba agree to gradual abolition. The Republicans are agitating Barcelona in opposition to Prim and Serrano, but the latter promises that the Junta will resign when the Cortes meet, and regrets that the Republican statesmen refused places in the provisional government.

October 19.—London.—A duel between the Intendant of Isabella and H. Rochefort, editor of La Lanterne, is reported.—Dublin.—The Lord Lieutenant refuses audience to a Limerick deputation in behalf of the Fenian prisoners.—Geo. Francis Train has issued an address to the American people urging them to vote for Grant.—Paris.—Prim, in a letter to Le Gaulois, pronounces the charge that he aspires to be King of Spain, false and slanderous.—Madrid.—The Junta formally declares that they will leave the question of Spain's future to the Cortes, and the Democrats say that they will accept the decision of the Cortes if it is chosen by universal suffrage. Olozaga, a prominent Democrat, declares for monarchy.—Vienna.—The Reichsrath is in session and important measures of reform are being introduced.

FOREIGN BY MAIL.

Andorra.—The authorities of this little Pyrenean Republic recently acceded to the proposal to allow the gamblers of Europe to pitch their tents here, when driven by Russia (as in a few years they will be) from Baden. The people hereat rose in revolution and deposed the authorities.

St. Domingo.—The foreign Consuls deny the report of a revolution in the Island, saying that the only foundation for the report was the appearance of an armed force on the Western frontier, which was dispersed.

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