



ALTOONA, PA.

THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 1858.

Where parties are unknown to us, our rate for advertising is to be paid in advance, or a guarantee from known persons. It is therefore desired for all such to send advertisements offering to pay at the end of three or six months. When advertisements are accompanied with the money, whether one five or ten dollars, we will give the advertiser the full benefit of cash rates.

Election in Blair County.

Up to the hour we go to press, the following returns have been received from this county:

Table with columns for County, Votes, and Total. Includes entries for Allegheny, Antis, Blair, Katharine, Frankstown, Freedom, Greensfield, Gaysport, Juniata, Logan, N. Woodberry, Huston, Snyder, Taylor, Tyrone, Tyrone Bor., Woodberry, E. W. Hollid., W. W., Altoona, N. W., and E. W.

We give the reported majorities in the different districts, and presume the official returns will vary but little therefrom. Blair's majority will be about 3200 in the county, and Burley's in the neighborhood of 1000.

The whole American county ticket is elected by majorities ranging from 600 to 1200.

Geo. B. Cramer, Democratic candidate for Four District has a majority of 171 in the Borough—good evidence that he is popular where he is known.

We will give the official vote of the county in our next issue. Had the contest been close, we should have waited for a full return, this week, but as they are like the handle of a jug, (all on one side) we deem it useless.

Election in the State.

So far as we have been able to ascertain, by telegraph and otherwise, the following is the result of the election on Tuesday last:

Philadelphia gives 6888 majority for Read, the People's candidate for Supreme Judge. The same party has carried all their candidates for Congress in the city, except in the 1st district, which is still in doubt.

Lancaster county gives 4000 majority for the People's ticket. Thad. Stevens is elected to Congress.

Dauphin county gives about 1400 majority for the People's ticket.

Mifflin county gives 850 majority for Hale, the People's candidate for Congress in the 16th district. Centre county gives Hale 400 majority. He is undoubtedly elected. Allison White Dem., the present member, was his opponent.

Ferry county gives 646 majority for Junkin, the People's candidate for Congress in the 16th district.

Allegheny county gives 4000 majority for the People's ticket. Moorhead the People's candidate for Congress in that county, will have 1800 majority.

In the 13th Congressional district, Covode, the People's candidate, has 1460 majority in Indiana county. Foster the Democratic candidate has 1000 majority in Westmoreland county, and claims 460 majority in Armstrong.

Reading gives John Schwartz, Opp. candidate for Congress, 813 majority, over J. Ghany Jones, which is a gain of 1281 compared with the vote of 1856.

Snyder county gives about 80 majority for the People's ticket.

The presumption is that the People's State ticket will be elected by 30,000 or 40,000 majority. Should the returns from all parts of the State show the same gain as those that have been heard from, the majority will over-reach the figures set down.

Congressional District.

The following are the reported majorities of the several counties in this Congressional district:

Table with columns for County, Blair, and Perahing. Includes entries for Blair (1200) and Perahing (1000).

This gives Blair a majority of 1000—600 of 800 more than was counted upon.

About Comets.

According to Astronomers, the comet which now blazes in the evening sky, was first seen on its most brilliant and attractive form, on the 12th inst., being at that time nearer the earth than previously, and to commence receding from that date. Its distance from the earth on the 12th was fifty-two millions of miles. According to Mr. Hall's computation, the tail of this comet, on the 23d of September, extended to the length of fifteen millions of miles. This comet is known as that of Donati, being discovered by him June 2d. It was first supposed to have an elliptic orbit, and hence it was inferred that it is the same comet which appeared in 1827. But more accurate observations lead to the opinion that a parabolic orbit will better represent the motion of the comet than an elliptic. If so, this conspicuous visitor does not belong to our solar system, is now within it probably for the first time, and will soon leave it to visit some other. Notwithstanding the progress that has been made in astronomy, as little is known about comets now as when astronomy was in its infancy. The most that has been done is to determine the periodicity of some of them, but regarding their character, and the causes of the singular appearance they present, science is as much at fault as when they were first observed. Over twenty of them are known to be periodical, or belonging to our solar system, with various periods of revolution. At this time there are three visible, only one, however, Donati's, without the aid of the telescope. One of the telescopic comets is Encke's, which revolves around the sun in the short period of 3 1/2 years (forty months) with nearly the regularity of a planet, and which, when most distant, or in aphelion, is not beyond the orbit of Jupiter. The third is a comet, and is said by astronomers to have no resemblance to that of 1866, or the famous "comet of Charles the 6th," with which it was first thought to be identical. It is now in the circle of perpetual apparition in our latitude, or revolves around the Pole without setting. There have been recorded by astronomers, about seven hundred comets in all, of which the orbits of about one hundred and eighty have been calculated. The period of revolutions vary from three years to several thousand years. Some approach in their perihelion so near to the sun as to be heated to a white heat, as some suppose, though possibly, like a great many other suppositions, this may be very erroneous. Although the number of comets is so large, there are comparatively few which appear to the naked eye; only about fourteen in a century. But, to the telescope, hardly a year passes without the observation of one or more. In 1810 four were seen, in 1818 there were eight.

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Letter from Springfield, Ohio.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1858. Misses Kirby.—Autumn never comes but it brings with it a tear from my eye, for it was in Autumn my sister died. The tears were dried in their silver of red and yellow hair, as she lay in her narrow shroud. I remember when full-blown roses, her face, and how quickly she dropped and died; how anxiously I gazed upon her pale face as she lay murmuring my name; how I thought she might recover, until I saw my mother weep—then I knew she was going to die. Oh, how my young heart sank within me, when the sobs of parents and brothers fell upon my ear, and when they told me Mary was dead! I remember what sensations of grief filled my bosom, when I heard them weeping down the coffin-lid. They buried her in the little grave yard on the top of a distant hill. I remember how bitterly I wept when I saw them placing the corpse in the hearse and drive away from the house; how I stood and, with streaming eyes, watched the solemn procession slowly passing under the trees and up the hill toward the city of the dead. I was then in the Springtime of life, but felt as if I had passed through the storms of many winters, with the chilling effects in my heart. Tears have passed since then, but never will I forget the gloomy appearance that Autumn wore. A light had gone out in our household, never to shine again on earth. I was led to her new-made grave—it was covered over with leaves from the surrounding trees. I remember how carefully I stroked them off and wished for Spring, that I might adorn her grave with flowers.

Thus it is that I am sad when Autumn comes—the time of falling leaves and faded flowers—the time that sister died.

The Military Encampment, held here last week, was almost a fizzle. There were only three companies present—the others in this county and those which were expected from a distance, failed to make their appearance.

THE EXCELSIOR SOCIETY of Wittenburg College—its active and honorary members—with the Faculty of the Institution, partook of a bountiful repast at Willis' Hotel in this city, on the 22d ult., which was certainly one of the most genial, social and entertaining festivals I have ever enjoyed. After the most thorough discussion of the luxuries with which the table was laden, numerous toasts were read and were very happily responded to. A gentleman from Altoona, not a student at Wittenburg College, by name, Peter Bell, read the following toast: "Prof. Geiger: whose mind is as exact and comprehensive as the science he teaches—May we ever fully appreciate him as our instructor; and may his immortality be limned in glowing character upon the monument of new-born glory."

ANOTHER SHOCKING RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday evening, another shocking accident occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Britton's station, a few miles east of Pittsburgh, which will doubtless result in the death of a young man named James Sheridan. It appears from the accounts in the Pittsburgh papers that during the day, left the city about four o'clock in the afternoon, upon one of the trains bound east, and in the evening he was discovered by a brakeman upon a western bound train, near the above named station, lying upon the track, with both legs broken. The train was stopped and he was immediately conveyed to the depot in Pittsburgh where Dr. M'Cook, Sr., and son, were called. They found the young man in a dying condition, the cars having passed over both legs between the knee and ankle. The feet were held by thin strips of skin, which were cut loose, the feet still remaining in the shoes. The patient was faint from loss of blood—so far gone that the physicians could not operate upon the limbs. At half past eleven o'clock, he was removed from the depot to a room in the Mansion House where he was still lying at last accounts. It is supposed that Sheridan, being desirous of returning to the city, attempted to get upon the cars, and in doing so fell upon the track, and met with the injury. His physicians expressed no hope whatever for his recovery, and deemed it impossible that he would live until the next morning.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

FRANCIS NIORT SCHOOL.—In many towns and cities, in this State, have caused to be opened a public for the benefit of apprentices and daily employments prevent them from the day schools, and who are deprived of the blessings and benefits of popular education, and found to work admirably. We don't such an idea has ever been broached, but we think if there be a county where such a school is would be well attended, it is Altoona a great many young men and boys in the shops and throughout the county, who would gladly embrace such a public institution, such as a public night school, to improve their education. I think them with the means of spending in something more profitable and putting tobacco smoke and loafing around and drinking saloons. We such a school to the Directors in knowing them to be men who have of the community and the best interests of the community at heart, and we think if such an institution can be that they will do it. If it can be, let it will soon be apparent the number will avail themselves of the and gladly exchange a seat on box or in a drinking saloon, for one room where they may improve the attained in their younger days, or amusements for the time they have in when they had the opportunity to value the privileges of a day school, subject of general interest, and we that it will meet with the hearty consent of nearly if not all of our citizens.

"CALATHUFIAN" SHERMAN.—On night of last week, our ears were gratified by the strains of melodious music, classically extracted from about a horn, a kettle drum, any number of fog bells, shingles and other instruments with the vociferous barking of all in town, and the loudest yelling of the legged portion of the party could extract together it was a fine effort—that is, sitting in the vicinity of the scene of are partial to melodies. The affair was in honor of the arrival of Mrs. Smith to say, our good, kind, clever, good colored friend, Billy Smith, who oyster saloon and restaurant, on Railroad a few doors above the Exchange Hotel place, did, on the Sunday previous to made, take unto himself a wife, from a colored people of one of the towns of road, with whom he arrived in this place—press train on said Monday morning have not learned whether the musician, as a "treat" or not, but presume the Old Billy never wants people to working. We embrace this opportunity of our aged friend many years of joy and city with his new partner.

NEARLY FINISHED.—The Carpenters putting the finishing stroke on the new room and Town Hall, erected by Messrs. Clark & Plack. The building is an ornate town, and creditable to the owners and painter. The carpenter work was by Mr. Jacob B. Esser, of this place, the few better workmen can be found. The thing was the work of our young friend, and need only be seen to be admired. The story of the building, fronting on Annie contains three large windows of four light and the panelling between and under windows, and the doors, are oak grained in a style which can not be surpassed. The Hall, on the second floor, will be held between four and five hundred feet and will be a great addition and decided tags to the town. All that is now required make the centre of attraction, is a few of goods, and we know the proprietors will them on hand in a few days.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—A contemporary says forty-two new counterfeiters of various notes have been put in circulation since month—a pretty certain proof that the labor and risk of those persons concern this illegal trade meet with a substantial reward. Were counterfeiting unprofitable, men would engage in it; but, when it is found banking institutions are careless about the matter, and the commercial public generally indifferent on the subject, counterfeiters proceed with their work at all hazards, generally manifested towards propositions the flood of worthless money thrown into circulation, is to believe that the losers by counterfeiters are chiefly persons who work upon the mass of whom the taxation of forfeiting, in the aggregate, falls with great severity, several millions of dollars annually made and scattered throughout the country is a condition of things that require a speedy and effectual remedy.

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GROCERIES.—A LARGE AND complete assortment of Groceries has just been received at the store of J. B. HILLMAN.

ABDOMINAL SUPPORTERS, Truss and Shoulder Braces for sale at KESSELER'S.

NEW ARRANGEMENT.—We notice the Great Southern Train between this and Hollidaysburg, heretofore under the management of Col. Jim Cramer, is now under the management of Western Ferry, a short time since, and consequently, on Wednesday last, resigned charge to Capt. Dick, knowing that he could place satisfactorily. Jim is now preparing the western side, and we hope he may get the "elephant" and plenty of "goes," and should he penetrate to the waters of Frasier river we hope he may get the yellow lumps. His stay was protracted for several weeks, during which Capt. Dick will continue to discharge the duties of commander on the "Great Southern" in a manner he alone knows how.

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