

The Watchman.

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To Readers and Correspondents.

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THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS.

One of the great boasts of all free American freemen, is that of a free press, through which the ideas, the wants, and the principles of communities can be reflected. Ever since the formation of the government—and indeed when self-government was regarded as an obsolete idea, the press developed, by high and judicious argument, the great truth, that by its freedom, justice could only be subserved, and truth fairly promulgated.

GREAT DEMOCRATIC TRIUMPH IN PHILADELPHIA.

We announced, by Telegraph, in part of our last week's edition, the glorious result of the election in Philadelphia, held on Tuesday, the 6th instant, which was one of the greatest political revolutions that had ever occurred in this country. Two years ago, in the secret Know-Nothing organization, then in the height of its power, carried the consolidated city by over 8,000 majority; now every candidate on the Democratic ticket is elected by an average majority exceeding 4,000, together with a large majority of Democrats to the City Council, Board of Health, &c.

THE PRODUCTIONS AND GROWTH OF THE COUNTRY.

The following concise tabular statement of the population and wealth of this country, contains more real matter for pride and congratulation, than has ever fallen under popular notice. It is one of those exhibitions of the real wealth of the country, and the strength of its population, which at first appears almost fabulous, but which can only be regarded as the result of a free and well-balanced government.

THE ERIS RIOT.

We have received the *Eris Constitutional*, Extra, issued since the destruction of its Printing Office by the mob, on the 30th ult. The Extra is issued from the *Observer* office, but Mr. Johnson, the editor of the *Constitution*, says, "in a few days he will have new type, press and materials, on even a more extensive scale than heretofore, when the paper will be much enlarged above its former dimensions."

FOREIGN NEWS.

The steamship *America* arrived at Halifax on Thursday morning, with Liverpool dates to the 10th ult., but the news possesses no special importance, except that rumors were current, and received some credence, that the British Government was inclined to give way in the position it had assumed in the controversy with the United States Government upon Central American affairs, but the belief was that Mr. Crampin would not be recalled.

ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS.

A good paper—The *Holidaysburg Standard*.
The new wheat crop of Ohio is said to be remarkably promising.
It is said that large numbers of French immigrants will sail for the U. S. this year.

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