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Apologetic.

We issue the Democratic Watchman, this week without its usual variety of editorial matter, and are aware that we are not as interesting as usual, but hope to be excused for this. We have also delayed our paper until today (Sunday) in order to give the official returns of the county. Next week we shall resume our usual style and variety and continue to make the Watchman what it has always been heretofore, the best paper in the State.

Death of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Death, of late, has been busy removing from earth some of our most noted men, and the grim Destroyer's last victim is General Robert E. Lee. Late Commander in Chief of the Confederate Army, and their struggle for Southern Independence. This event occurred at Lexington, Virginia, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at nine o'clock in the morning, of an operation of the brain. At the time of his death, Gen. Lee was 65 years, eight months and 21 days old.

While parties will, of course, disagree as to the propriety of Gen. Lee's course during the late great war between the North and South, all unite in pronouncing him an honorable, upright and conscientious man. He was undoubtedly one of the purest public men this country ever produced, while his private character was without a blemish. After his surrender, Gen. Lee refused to give any information which he never could be induced to stir for any purpose whatever, save to accept the Presidency of Washington College, the chair of which he filled most ably, and which he occupied at the time of his death.

As a General, Robert E. Lee had, perhaps, no superior in either hemisphere. He was General Scott's particular pride, and when events gave him the control of large armies, he manifested the most magnificent ability. Had he had anything like the number of men that Gen. Grant had to surrender at Appomattox Court House might never have occurred, and a different termination of events might have changed the whole history of this Government.

The news of the death of this eminent man is received throughout the South with demonstrations of the most profound grief, and even at the North no discord is to be perceived as a public calamity. We will publish an obituary notice of Gen. Lee in our next issue.

The Question of Descent.

At a recent meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, an English bishop closed a scientific speech against the Darwinian theory by turning to Professor Huxley, the leading representative, and blandly asking, in the presence of the large audience, "Is the learned gentleman willing to have it go forth to the world that he believes himself to be descended from a monkey?" Professor Huxley arose and replied in his usual manner. "It seems to me that the learned bishop appreciates our position and duty as men of science. We are not here to inquire what we would prefer, but what is true. The progress of science from the beginning has been a conduct with old prejudices. The origin of man is not a question of likes and dislikes, to be settled by consulting the feelings, but it is a question of evidence, to be settled by strict scientific investigation. But, as the learned bishop is curious to know my state of feeling upon the subject, I have no hesitation in saying that, were it a matter of choice with me (which clearly it is not) whether I should be descended from a respectable monkey, or from a bishop of the English Church who can put his brains to no better use than to ridicule science and misrepresent its cultivators, I would certainly choose the monkey."

We have not yet been able to get hold of the returns of the borough election, but Mr. Klinger, (Republican) has been elected Chief Burgess and Mr. Livingston (Republican) Borough Treasurer. In the South Ward James H. Lipton and William Kerlin (Democrats) and Levi A. Miller (Republican) were elected to the School Board, with John Hoffer (Democrat) and A. O. Furst (Republican) in the North Ward. In the West ward Edward A. Nolan (Democrat) and George Bayard and Lafayette Mulholland (Republicans) are elected to the Council. Isaac Loss is Borough Constable. There was a great deal of cutting done. We will try and secure the certain returns for our next issue.

THE ELECTION! GLORIOUS RESULT; Our Rooster Croweth over the Skedaddling Nigger!



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OFFICIAL RETURNS OF CENTRE COUNTY, FOR 1870.

Table with columns for Precincts, Total, and Majorities. Lists precincts like Bellefonte, Anderson, etc., and their respective vote counts.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Congress.

First District -- In the first district Samuel J. Randall, Democrat, is elected by about the usual majority. Second District -- Captain John V. Creeley, Independent Republican, is chosen in the Second district over Hon. Charles O'Neill, the regular Republican nominee. The Democrats had no ticket in the field. Third District -- Hon. Leonard Meyers is re-elected over John Moffet, the Democratic nominee. Fourth District -- Hon. William D. Kelly, is re-elected over Gen. W. B. Thomas. Both the above candidates were Republicans--no Democrat in the field. Fifth District -- This district is still in doubt, with the chances in favor of John B. Reading, the Democratic candidate. Sixth District -- E. L. Acker, Democrat, is probably elected in this district over John H. Oliver, Republican. The vote is very close, and if Acker is elected, it is a large Democratic gain. Seventh District -- Washington Townsend, Republican, is elected in this district over John H. Askins, Democrat. Eighth District -- J. Lawrence Getz, has been re-elected from the Democratic stronghold, Berks county. Ninth District -- Oliver J. Hokey, the Republican candidate in the ninth district (Lancaster county) is reported elected. Tenth District -- In the tenth district, composed of Lebanon and Schuylkill counties, John W. Klinger, Re-

publican, has a majority of 400 to 500 over C. W. Glounger, Democrat.

Eleventh District -- The eleventh district, composed of Carbon, Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Wayne counties, elects John B. Storm, Democrat.

Twelfth District -- L. D. Shoenberger, Republican, will succeed Judge Woodward in Congress as Representative of the twelfth district, defeating J. B. McCallum, Democrat. This is a Democratic loss.

Thirteenth District -- We are sorry to learn of the defeat of Captain C. B. Brockway, Democrat, in this district, owing to dissension in the Democratic ranks on the Legislative question. Meier is elected by a small majority.

Fourteenth District -- Hon. John B. Packer, defeats E. Greenough Scott, Democrat, in the Fourteenth district.

Fifteenth District -- Richard J. Halldeman, Democrat, is re-elected, defeating Rev. W. B. Raber.

Sixteenth District -- Milton R. Spear, it is now conceded, has defeated Hon. D. J. Morrell by about one hundred majority. Another large Democratic gain.

Seventeenth District -- In this district, composed of the counties of Centre, Clinton, Tioga, Lycoming and Potter counties, there is an immense Democratic gain, and Sherwood is probably elected over Armstrong, Radical. Two years ago, the latter's majority was nearly three thousand.

Eighteenth District -- Glenn W. Schofield, Radical, is elected in this district by the usual majority.

Nineteenth District -- Samuel Griffith, Democrat, is elected in this

district by from 800 to 1000 thousand majority over C. W. Glounger. This is a large Democratic gain. Twentieth District -- Hon. Henry D. Foster defeats Hon. Andrew Stewart, in this district, by a handsome majority. This Covode's district, and Foster's election is a grand Democratic triumph, and a heavy gain. Twenty-First District -- Gen. Negley, a regular Republican, has a majority of 1,822 over two opponents, with 12 districts to hear from. Twenty-Second District -- Hon. Ebenezer M. Junkin was elected in this district over Wm. Sirwell, Democrat, by a majority variously estimated at from 1,800 to 2,500. Twenty-Third District -- Capt. M. Cleland, Democrat, will have a majority in this district of about 800 over Capt. J. B. Donley. This is another magnificent Democratic victory, and shows that the people are thinking

From Senatorial District, we have reports that Blair gives Radical maj. 450 Huntington 500 Mifflin 41

Total 991 Centre county gives Dem. maj. 550 Juniata 750

Lehigh 1200 Democrat in 13 Districts 200.

Letter from the Oil Region.

Oct. 6, 1870. Under the present management and with the experience of the men engaged in the production of oil, there is but very little water pumped with the oil. In tubing the wells there is no need of using as formerly. The tubing is put down inside the casing, leaving room between the walls of the well and the tubing above for the escape of the gas. The tubing is hung up on the casing at the top of the well and the gas is allowed to be consumed in the air. It is a beautiful sight as one rides along in the cars after night from the Tarr Farm to Petroleum Centre to see eighteen or twenty gas lights ten or twelve feet in diameter, on the McFay hill, lighting the country around for miles.

Petroleum Centre and its vicinity contains about seven thousand inhabitants. In 1864 it was the McClintock farm, and the old farm house and a few scattering buildings were all that was called a village. Now, the place is on the main street and one continuedazaar of shops. The show of vegetables and fruits in the windows and before the shops is much better than at our country town. There is no finer beef than they have there, out of the large cuts, and the display of all sorts and kind of goods is large and varied as in any interior city in the State. The Centre is however afflicted with its evil-drinking saloons, all sorts of games from the Saracen box down to high dice. The social evil numbers some six hundred, two hundred and ninety of whom had the boldness to so report themselves to the census taker, and there is no telling how many did not so report themselves. Many of these people have gained a notoriety for some extraordinary or outrageous act. One will be pointed out to you as the woman who stabbed a man and he died in five minutes; another stabbed a man who threw some beer in her face with a tumbler, cutting him, so that he died in a short time. The narrow board walk leading to the end of the town where these people live is perfectly thronged in the evening with men of all ages. One would imagine that there was something special going on in that direction, to see the crowd. It may be said, for the credit of the place that every effort is being made by the respectable citizens to abate this evil. Informations are made at every court against the keepers of these places; sometimes the frequenters tear them out and break up their furniture; a preacher goes in among them and preaches in the New York style in their houses or before their doors, but it don't do them any good. They pay their fine, and when they get out of prison, come back, buy new furniture and start again anew. Somebody is always ready to bail them or lend them money, and there they are again sweeping the walks with their trails, and making handsome purchases at the stores.

The Ocean property back of the Centre is played out, as also the Benefield just above. Up Benefield Run are eight acres which some years ago belonged to a company called the Merchants. From the display made in 1865 and 1866 just below this property, it promised to be good, but in tubing along up towards it, it was found that the third sand run out very thin before this land was reached, and there has been nothing done on this property going from the Centre to the Creek

many familiar places are passed. The old Punk farm, Pioneer Run and its tributary, Western Run, the Jold Noble Well, and Bull Run. All of these places are dead--dried up. Great storage tanks fill the flats, each one marked in large white letters with the owner's name. All the old important places so familiar a few years ago have dwindled down to way stations, Titusville now being the great oil emporium of the region, and Titusville has every reason to be proud of her growth and enterprise. Her men of wealth, and there are not a few of them who can count their millions, have not hesitated to invest their money in their own city in machine shops and manufacturing establishments. Titusville now boasts a larger population and more wealth than Mendville. We had the pleasure of a short visit to the residence of Mr. Watson, at Titusville, who lives in most elegant style in the suburbs of the city. This gentleman has the most elegant mansion, and most tastily arranged grounds in the interior of the State. He has never altered in his faith in the oil production, and has invested his money in oil territory when other men thought it advisable to gather up what they could and leave, until he is now the largest owner of oil lands in the State. Titusville is a perfect bustle from morning until night. The streets are crowded with all sorts of vehicles, and the business places with customers. The people don't seem to care for money and spend it without stint upon the improvement and decoration of their city. We have not time to mention the elegant hotels, stores and private dwellings, nor to do more than to say they are building one of the most magnificent Opera Houses in the State. Returning from this place over the creek we pass Shaffer, Miller, and other places until we again reach the Centre. Down from the Centre to the mouth of Cherry Run, up the Run or the Miller farm, which is just back of where our friend Col. McFarland and John Jack put down a well, is another only spot. Quite a number of new derricks show from the railway. The railway built from Reno to Palmer, by Gen. Burnside, for Culver, is abandoned, the bridge here at Rouseville being more than half gone.

This road of Culver's was engineered by Gen. Burnside, as it he was doing business for the United States, and was a most magnificent failure from the opening. Culver will long be remembered by the people of the oil region as the gentleman who made magnificent donations to churches, who was elected Treasurer for everything in a public and charitable way, who was elected to Congress by the Republicans, and who finally chucked on all the funds in his bank, and found himself in prison in the town of Franklin, from which place he published his own vindication in a large sized pamphlet. Everybody who can't pay or don't want to pay ever since the failure of Culver, has regularly said that they either directly or indirectly lost all they had by Culver. It is the standing excuse for five years. Red Hot is another only spot, and is the Engadus farm, and the Hickory. The quantity of oil produced in these places is very large, but the oil men, who seem to be posted, say that the oil is the black oil, and that the territory producing this black oil, will soon fail. The oil produced on the Hickory is perhaps of a better quality, and more likely to hold out.

The means of traveling now to or from the oil region of Pennsylvania are cheap and convenient. The shortest and quickest route is by Blairsville Inter-connection to Kiskimuntus, on the Allegheny, and then up the river by the Allegheny railroad to Oil City. At Oil City there are trains leaving several times a day, for up Oil Creek, or up the river. The Franklin and Warren road connects Oil City with Irwin on the P. & E. road, and then us but ten or twelve hours ride to Look Haven. The Oil Creek roads connect with Titusville, and from that place with Cory on the P. & E. road, so that now there is no lack of railroad conveniences. In my letter of the 22d ult., I perhaps did my enterprising friend, George M. Kepler, injustice, by saying that the lease on which he had put down a well on the James McCray farm was now in the hands of J. M. Kepler, and two other gentlemen, who had heretofore been unfortunate in the oil. The lease known as the "Allen lease," is being operated by J. M. Kepler, and Gen. Watson, of Titusville. Geo. M. Kepler, I am informed upon good authority, owns one clear eighth of the working interest in this lease, and is the original lessee, on this now rich territory. It may be said for the information of any one interested, that the working interest means one half of the production. More at another time.

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France and American Sympathy.

Perhaps there is nothing more capricious than human sympathy. Since Jonah mourned the gourd until the present time, we have had continuous examples of pity withheld when humanity endured the greatest evils, and listened profusely when the evils were of trifling moment. Often, also, commiseration is indulged for the most unworthy and withheld from the most deserving objects. Our own age and country forms no exception to this anomaly. Two nations cursed by king rule, engage in a war so vast that the earth trembles beneath the tread of their armies. With neither government, as such, could republican America consistently sympathize, while, as between King and Emperor there was very little room for choice. Of the two nations, France approximates more to republicanism than Prussia. Thus, the *casus belli* was esteemed too trifling to justify a declaration of war, even here Americans were blinded in judgment by regarding the cause of the war from an American, rather than from a European standpoint, but suppose that Monarchical France courted the present quarrel, she has not only sullied her name, but Americans have been deflected, for France not deflected, if I had my way, would have been a half world, but she has been and her cities subjected to the most cruel evasions, while her capital, so long the center of civilization, has been seized and threatened with the degrading trade of arms.

But, behold! what was momentary is republican France. The movement, though startling was quickly made, and goes far to prove that Frenchmen are worthy of self government. What American sympathy now? As a nation, we are happy to say it is unflinchingly with France, and yet our President argues not only of the republic, but very many of our citizens are not of republican extraction, and in the success of the French arms. It is very true that we are nothing but sympathy to France, even that should not be unshared. There is a moral force in that kind of support, which thrills the heart, and sends a new infusion of strength into an expiring cause.

The new republic has offered to order everything but Honor as the price of peace, but still King William's legions march on, crying "give, give, and never satisfied. There may be a righteous tribulation which will drive the invading armies, down and fugitive to their own borders, but not by an indignant people who hearts have already become imbued with the spirit of liberty, a spirit of noble and vague in its present aspirations, but which is fast assuming shape and power. No man imagines this spirit more lately than the man who rules by right divine, and no wonder, for he may and his successor must succumb to it. It is a road to the world and must rule the world. But the day of its glorious conquest may be hastened or deferred. The influence of no nation in this world is half as potent as our own. We have set the example of self government, it is our duty, as it should be our greatest pleasure, to encourage those who follow that example. *March, Chronicle, Times.*

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