

The Columbian.

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THE ELECTIONS.

We are yet unable to state the exact majority of General Geary for Governor in this State, but it is about fifteen thousand less than the Republican majorities in 1864 and 1865.

The Republicans have also carried Ohio, Iowa, and Indiana. The returns are incomplete, but the majorities will be large in the two former States.

In Luzerne and some other counties the vote is greatly increased by naturalization. Large numbers of foreigners did not take out naturalization papers for several years past, on account of the war.

There has been some singular voting in this State. Philadelphia gives a Republican majority reduced four or five thousand below former votes; Bradford gives five hundred more than was claimed or expected; Luzerne gives thirty-seven hundred Democratic; and Berks a smaller majority than on some former occasions.

THE VOTE FOR CONGRESS.

The vote given to Judge Elwell in Columbia County is the finest tribute ever paid to a candidate by the people here, and ought to be highly gratifying to him and his friends.

One thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven majority is a grand vote in a county of the third or fourth class as to population, and we repeat it is one of which the friends of Judge Elwell may be proud.

But we must add, that this splendid vote for the Judge was aided somewhat by the opposition of Palenon John. John's management or mis-management of the Republican cause in this county has assisted to run up the Democratic majorities until they have passed the number of sixteen hundred, and his support of Meurer and opposition to Judge Elwell this year was a valuable element of strength to the latter.

MAGAZINES FOR NOVEMBER.

HARPER for November is the first of the magazines to reach us for this month. It is characterized by its usual excellence in illustrations and reading matter.

Following Harper we have Godey's Lady Book with the following excellent table of contents: "Out of an Engagement," a beautiful steel plate. The Colored Fashion-plate contains six figures.

IMPORTANT LETTER.

The following letter was written by Ex-Archbishop General Bates some two months since, but for some reason was never published until the ninth instant.

It will be read with interest by all classes, showing as it does the views of Mr. Lincoln and his Cabinet on an important question. It will be seen that Judge Bates clearly proves that the position occupied by the Radical leaders of to-day is completely adverse to the will of the late President and the Republican party during the continuance of the war.

THE OFFICIAL RETURNS.

OFFICIAL RETURNS FROM SIXTY-FOUR COUNTIES IN THIS STATE place Geary's majority at 17,151. The two counties unofficially reported are Butler and Forrest, both of which are small, and decidedly Republican.

The official figures, therefore, will not reduce Geary's majority in the State below 17,000. The official returns in the Thirteenth Congressional District show a majority of 1,278 for Meurer, the Radical candidate.

THE VOTE FOR CLYMER.

Table listing votes for various candidates: Adams, Bedford, Berks, Bucks, Cambria, Carbon, Centre, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Cumberland, Elk, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Juniata, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Pike, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming, York.

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Table listing votes for various candidates: Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Blair, Bradford, Butler, Cameron, Chester, Crawford, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Forest, Franklin, Huntingdon, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, McKean, Mercer, Perry, Philadelphia, Potter, Somerset, Snyder, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington.

FULL OFFICIAL RETURNS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY.

The following is the full official vote of this county:

Table with columns: Name, Total, Official. Lists candidates like Meurer, Geary, etc.

NORTHERN EMIGRATION WELCOME TO THE SOUTH.

As the Fall advances the immigration into the South from more northern regions heavily increases. With great interest we watch the northern immigration, which, settling toward this part some time ago, continues increasing in volume, and brings with it the constituent properties of a prosperous people—capital, intelligence, enterprise, and industry.

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GENERAL PRESS DISPATCHES.

From Washington. PROPOSAL OF THE PACIFIC RAILROAD. APPLICATION has been made to the Secretary of the Treasury by the Union Pacific Railroad Company for bonds for twenty-five miles of the road from the one hundred and fifth mile-post, making one hundred and sixty miles, including the Leavenworth branch of the eastern division. The bonds will be issued tomorrow. The Omaha division received to-day bonds for an additional section of twenty miles just completed and is expected.

THE MASSACHUSETTS DISTRICT-ATTORNEY. The President appointed on Monday Hon. George S. Hillard, the eminent lawyer and author, to be United States District-Attorney for Massachusetts, in place of Dana, resigned.

INTERNAL REVENUE TAX. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that the glazing of brown earthenware does not subject it to a higher tax than two and a half per cent., and the well known Eastern yellow is taxable at five per cent., that not being included in the description of common or gray stone ware.

THE COLUMBIA TYPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, at their meeting on Monday night, adopted an amendment to their scale of prices, as follows: Compositors and pressmen employed by the week shall receive not less than twenty-four dollars a week, eight hours to constitute a day from October first to March thirty-first, and ten hours to constitute a day from April first to September thirtieth, inclusive; for extra work, fifty cents per hour; after midnight, seventy-five cents per hour. Time work in all offices excepting morning papers, which has hitherto been forty-five cents per hour, shall be increased to fifty cents. A committee was appointed to inform the employees of Washington that the new scale would go into effect on Tuesday. The Bookbinders' Association also held a meeting and passed a law to work from October first to March first, inclusive, counterfeited five cent coins.

A COUNTERFEITED FIVE CENT COIN is in circulation. It may be distinguished from the genuine by the softness of the metal.

RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY OF WAR. It is stated upon high authority that Hon. Edwin M. Stanton has, in writing, requested the President to relieve him of his position as Secretary of War, and that Mr. Stanton will be sent to Spain as Minister of the United States, in place of Mr. Halle. Lieutenant-General Sherman will be requested to assume the duties of the War Department, as Acting Secretary of War.

WIDOW'S CLAIMS FOR BOUNTY. In cases where the additional bounty provided by the Act of July twentieth, 1865, is claimed by the widow of a deceased soldier, she having remarried, it has been decided by the Second Comptroller of the Treasury that if the remarriage took place before the passage of that act she is entitled to receive it. If married after the passage of the act, then the widow would not be entitled to the bounty.

THE AMERICAN PRISONERS IN IRELAND RETURNED. On Tuesday the Government received official intelligence that the list of the Fenian prisoners in Ireland, who claimed to be citizens of the United States, had been released by the British Government; that his friends, etc., had been returned to him, and he had been shipped for his home upon a vessel bound for this country.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. The United States Direct Tax Comptroller will sell to the highest bidder the following Government property, situated on the Islands of Port Royal, Ladies, St. Helena, Boosa, and Perry. The sales will commence as follows: November 1, 1866,—Forty-four lots and houses in the town of Beaufort.

November 5.—Nearly three thousand lots in the newly laid-out City of Port Royal, at the southwest end of St. Helena Island.

December 3.—Thirty-three sections of farms, all improved, and containing in the aggregate six thousand acres.

These sales are to be made under the act of July sixteenth, 1866, which provides that the school farms in the Parish of St. Helena, South Carolina, shall be sold, subject to any leases of the same on or before January first, 1867, at not less than ten dollars per acre, and the lots and houses in the town of Beaufort, which have been bid in by the United States at tax sales, shall be sold at public auction, and the proceeds of such sales, after paying the expense of surveys and sales, shall be invested in United States bonds, the interest of which shall be appropriated to the support of the schools without distinction of race or color, on the Islands, in the Parishes of St. Helena and St. Luke.

As a man, accompanied by his wife and child, was riding leisurely on the road between Columbus and Fall River, Wisconsin, one day last week, two boys aged twelve and fourteen, demanding his "money or life," and no attention being paid to their demand, grasped the bridles of their horses. The child at the same time drew a revolver and fired, the ball coming in close proximity to the gentleman's head. The report of the weapon startled the team, which left the precious urchins standing by the roadside. The boys have been arrested.

MISS CAROLINE BLEWER, aged about seventy years, died in the Alms House in Portland, Maine, on Friday last. She had been an inmate of the house for the last thirty-five years, and had spoken an intelligible word in all that time. Having been disappointed in love, in early life, she made a vow never to speak another word, and she religiously kept her vow till her tongue was paralyzed in death.