

The Columbian.

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THE COLUMBIAN has the largest circulation in Columbia and adjacent counties of any paper published here, and is also a much larger advertiser than any of its competitors, and is the only medium for advertising in this section of the State.

Glorious Victory in Bloom Township.

The Democratic and Conservative citizens of Bloom Township on last Friday achieved a signal victory over the Radical ticket, carrying everything except the Constables, and electing the Judge of election by 57 majority, a gain of 41 over last fall's majority. Notwithstanding the inclement weather 136 votes were polled.

There was, however, a feature in the contest which our duty as a journalist compels us to notice, and which we trust will put our readers on their guard against similar attempts in the future.

As explained last week, a regularly called meeting of Democratic citizens formed a ticket to which at the time there was not a dissenting vote. Later in the evening, however, Messrs. Jacoby, Billmeyer, Coleman, and a few other men prominent in the town of 1866 from the regular nomination, met at the office of Barkley and Reiter, and resolved not to sustain the ticket as formed, but substituted the name of A. J. Evans for School Director, in place of Wm. Peacock, on the ground that the latter was a Johnson supporter, although they had placed on the ticket for supervisor a man no sounder in the faith. The result of this fresh bolt is soon told; their ticket got 61 votes while the regular one got 21, thus defeating both Radicals and Tories. It is proper to add that many men who have heretofore acted with that faction, went with us heart and soul. The Radicals only nominated two candidates for Supervisor, it being arranged in their minds to support Billmeyer as their champion.

These are all the facts in the case, well known to all our citizens, and no misrepresentations or squirming can soften their force. It is fully demonstrated that we have now, as in 1865, a faction in our midst who would prefer the triumph of the Radicals to our own, and who constantly bargain with them for votes.

The Buckshot War.

In the canvass of David R. Porter and Joseph Ritter were the opposing candidates for Governor, with Ritter at the time holding the office. The contest was exciting. The administration did not have a majority in its favor, but it made use of the public works, bribery and intimidation to secure that at the pending election. Joseph Ritter was Governor, William B. Reed was the Attorney-General, Thos. H. Burrows was Secretary of the Commonwealth, and Charles B. Pomeroy Central Committee, Charles B. Pomeroy Speaker of the Senate, Theophilus Fenn editor of the Harrisburg Chronicle, and Thaddeus Stevens, member from Adams county, and Canal Commissioner.

It must be confessed that the chances were against the Democrats, but it is honest and earnest labor brought success, and David R. Porter was elected by about 5,000 majority.

As soon as the result was known, the Radical plottings began. On the 13th of October 1858, Burrows, the Secretary and Chairman, published in the Harrisburg Chronicle, an address "To the friends of Joseph Ritter," in which he said, "LET US TREAT THE ELECTION OF THE NINTH INST. AS 'IF WE HAD NOT BEEN DEFEATED,' AND IN THAT ATTITUDE 'ABIDE THE RESULT.'" False and fraudulent returns from the county of Philadelphia had been made out and sent to Harrisburg, to Burrows, previously to the issue of the above manifesto, and meetings of Stevens, Speakman, Cunningham, Zellin, Rutherford and other Federal anti-Union politicians, had been several times held.

Stevens had been exceedingly busy. Members who could not be seen were written to, urged to come to Harrisburg several days before the meeting of the Legislature, and informed that "we shall have a turbulent time at the opening of the House, but we must be determined not to give an inch." Reed had published in his newspaper, then the Stevens and Ritter organ, that their members from the county of Philadelphia will have their seats, peacefully if possible, but forcibly if otherwise; and thus days before the meeting of the Legislature, plans were laid for thwarting the will of the people, and setting up a revolutionary government.

The Legislature was on the 4th of December 1858, and Stevens and Rutherford had a Gettysburg railroad engineer and a lot of hands from the Wisconsin feeder, called "Half-breed bullies," to whom he was distributing money in the hall of the House, to assist in the turbulence he had been for months preparing. Nearly a hundred of these "half-breed bullies" were in the House at the opening session.

James R. Shank had been the Clerk of the last House, and as such was entitled to preside, and had all motions until the election of a Speaker, Stevens however undertook to usurp that authority, moved the election of a Speaker, put the vote, declared it carried, and proceeded to designate as tellers creatures of his own, and voted for a Speaker after this very irregular fashion.

For Elected in our District, Col. Samuel Klorer, was chosen. Col. Klorer served his country with fidelity. Reed, for five years, and as a civilian, is among the ablest men of the District. In this selection the Convention has fully met the wishes of the XIIIth District.—American.

We fancy many old fashioned Republicans here do not agree with you, Doctor. By your way, be pleased to explain to your readers how, when, and where, Sammy spent five years in the field." His old comrades don't exactly see the matter in that light.

Impachment.

The answer of the President put in on the 21st, to the articles of Impachment presented, would cover eight or ten columns of the Columbian, and for want of space to give it in full we propose to state briefly the substance of it. To the first article, which is in reference to the removal of Stanton, the President reiterates the statements and arguments, already published in our columns, in his message to the Senate upon that subject; putting it however in legal shape and form.

To the second article, which charges the appointment of General Thomas as Secretary of War, the President admits the appointment, denies that he violated the Constitution or any law of Congress by so doing, and maintains that will insist.

1. That at the date and delivery of said writing there was a vacancy existing in the office of Secretary of the Department of War.

2. That the undersigned the Senate of the United States was then in session, it was lawful and according to long and well established usage to empower and authorize the said Thomas as Secretary of War at interim.

3. That if the said act regulating the tenure of civil offices, be held to be a valid law, the violation of the same was violated by the issuing of said order or by the designation of said Thomas as an acting Secretary of War.

To the third article he answers, that General Thomas was authorized and empowered to act as Secretary of War at interim, and whether the same amounts to an appointment or mere designation, he denies having violated the law or the Constitution. To the fourth article, charging that he and Thomas proposed to get possession of the War Department by threats or by intimidation, he puts in a positive and distinct denial, and that article is insufficient in not marking specific statements.

To the fifth article, charging conspiracy to hinder the execution of the "Civil tenure act," he puts in a denial; avers that Stanton was not Secretary of War at the time mentioned; and that of a specific allegation. To the sixth article charging a conspiracy on the 21st of February 1868 to take possession of the War Office by force, the President puts in a denial both as to the intent and fact, and as to the violation of any law.

To the seventh article, he avers that the said article, he never did conspire to take unlawful possession of the War Office, or did in any act commit a high crime or misdemeanor.

To the eighth article, alleging an intent unlawfully to control the military appropriation, the President denies that in appointing Thomas he had any such purpose, avers that there was a vacancy in the department, and that he desired to vindicate his authority as President, and to bring the Government to the same point.

To the ninth article, charging a conspiracy with General Enroy, he gives his note to the General, the conversation, and the purpose of the interview, and his construction of the law. To the tenth article, alleging statements in his speech to the Philadelphia Convention Committee, and to the citizens at Cleveland Ohio, derogatory to Congress; he denies the charge and refers to the speeches themselves, and not to extracts from them or recollections of them, and claims the right as President to be as a citizen at all times and in all places to speak his mind freely on all subjects, that the occasions of the speeches were not sought by him; and that in any case, the making of them was not in any wise an official act, for which he is amenable to impeachment.

To the eleventh article, charging that he denied the authority of Congress to legislate, or to propose constitutional amendments, because certain States were unrepresented; the President avers that he never said, but avers that it is his duty as a citizen to hold and speak his opinion on that as on any other subject, without question, imputation or any form of imputation or insult in any form or manner therefor.

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THE WIND BLOWING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

HARRISBURG, March 26.—The Democracy elected their ticket to-day by an average majority of five hundred. This is a Democratic gain over last fall of three hundred and twenty five (325). A full vote was polled. Everybody is jubilant for this sphere.

YORK, Pa, March 26.—David Small, the Democratic candidate, was elected Chief Burgess to-day by three hundred and ninety-six majority. This is the largest Democratic majority ever given in this city, and is a gain over last year of thirty-eight (38).

FRITSVILLE, March 26.—At the city elections held to-day in Cory and Frittsville, the Democrats carried the Mayor and a majority of the members of Councils in both places. At the last election, Cory gave Williams (Rad.) ninety-two majority.

BEDFORD, March 26.—At the election to-day the Democrats carried this borough by sixty-five majority, a gain of forty-one over last fall.

LEBANON, March 21.—Yesterday, at the regular spring election, the Democracy succeeded, for the first time in twelve years, in electing a majority of the borough officers. For Chief Burgess, J. H. Brossler, Democrat, was elected by a majority of 52. Last fall, Williams (Radical), had 41 majority in the borough.

WILKESBARRE, March 24.—The election here yesterday was a complete Democratic triumph, resulting in a majority for them of 15 in the First Ward, a Democratic gain of 31 since last October, and a Democratic majority of 78 in the Second Ward, a gain of 34 since previous election.

MARCS HOOK, March 21.—For the second time in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, the ancient Borough of Marcus Hook yesterday elected the entire Democratic ticket by majorities ranging from ten to thirty-five. It was an open standing fight, and the Democrats (as they called themselves) had to combat the charges of the White Veterans.

PRESERVATION OF FISH.—The following supplement to an act previously passed by the Legislature of this State relative to the passage of fish in the Susquehanna river was read in place, in the State Senate, yesterday, by Mr. Coleman:

Section 1. It is enacted, that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to extend or place any fish basket, fish trap, or other device, permanent or temporary, across or over any part of the Susquehanna river, or any stream or stream designated embraced in this act. Neither shall it be lawful to fish with any net, or to use any device or contrivance for the purpose of catching or entrapping in numbers within one-half mile of any sluice or other device erected for the passage of fish, as directed in this act, or to use any dam or dam in or upon which such sluice shall have been erected, or to draw any seine or net in or to the said sluices or dams, or to use any device or contrivance for the purpose of catching or entrapping in numbers within one-half mile of any sluice or other device erected for the passage of fish, as directed in this act, or to use any dam or dam in or upon which such sluice shall have been erected, or to draw any seine or net in or to the said sluices or dams, or to use any device or contrivance for the purpose of catching or entrapping in numbers within one-half mile of any sluice or other device erected for the passage of fish, as directed in this act, or to use any dam or dam in or upon which such sluice shall have been 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