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THE COLUMBIAN has the largest circulation of any paper published in Northern Pennsylvania, and is also a much larger sheet than any of its contemporaries, and is therefore the best medium for advertising in this section of the State.

Democratic Standing Committee.

A meeting of the Democratic Standing Committee will be held at the Court House on Monday, September 5th 1870, for the transaction of important business. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

A meeting at the same time and place of the delegates who represented Sugarloaf, Greenwood, Scott and the Bloomsburg Districts is requested, to nominate candidates for the office of Poor Commissioners. WM. B. KOONS, Chairman.

Stamp Duties, &c.

The Republican, a few weeks ago, published an article showing a reduction of Taxes, which is so erroneous, and so apt to mislead the public that we take the liberty of correcting it. Through the kindness of Col. Samuel Knorr, Assessor of Internal Revenue for this District, we have obtained the necessary documents and facts; and we may here add that however much we may differ from Col. Knorr in political opinion, in the administration of his office we have always found him courteous, just and impartial.

The amended Tariff goes into operation, as stated, January 1st, 1871, but a portion of the Internal Tax laws take effect October 1st, and others not until May 1st, 1871. We classify each as follows:

- On carriages of every description, \$1 to \$10 each.
On watches, \$1 to \$2 each.
On billiard tables, \$10 each.
On silver plate of all kinds, 5 cents per pound.
On gold plate, 50 cents per pound.
On passports, \$5 each.
On gross receipts, including those of railroads, steamboats, canal boats, and all other vessels, and stages, 2 1/2 per cent of receipts.
On gross receipts of telegraph companies, ferries, bridges and turnpikes, 5 per cent of receipts.
On wholesale dealers, or those whose sales exceed \$25,000 a year, 50c each, \$1 additional on every \$1,000 of sales exceeding \$50,000.
These taxes on sales are all repealed, except as regards liquor and tobacco.
On banks and bankers, with capital of \$50,000, \$100 each, and \$2 additional on every \$1,000 of capital over \$50,000.
On canned or preserved fish (now paid by stamps) 2 cents per pound.
On bills and receipts to any amount and on promissory notes for a less sum than \$100 (now paid by stamp), 2 cents and 5 cents each.
All other stamps are continued in force.
On legacies and successions, \$1 to \$5 each on every \$100 of property devised or inherited, according to the degree of relationship. All repealed.
Those which go into operation May 1st, 1871, are as follows:
On boats, barges, and flats, \$5 and \$10 each.
On retail dealers, (license tax) \$10 each.
On brokers, (license) \$50 each.
On hotel keepers, (license) \$10 to \$300 each.
Auctioneers and peddlars, (license) \$10 to \$50 each.
Claim agents, insurance agents, real estate agents, patent right dealers, and conveyances, \$10 each.
Manufacturers, (license) \$10 each.
Proprietors of saloons, restaurants, circuses and concert halls, \$100 each.
Proprietors of gift enterprises, \$150 each.
Druggists, physicians, architects and builders, \$10 each.
Coffee and spice grinders, \$100 each.
Express carriers and agents, \$10 each.
Miners, assayers, plumbers, photographers, apothecaries, butchers and eating house keepers, \$10 each.
All others now chargeable with license tax of any kind, except dealers in spirits and tobacco are exempted.

TAXES REDUCED.

On incomes exceeding \$2,000, for the years commencing January 1, 1870, and January 1, 1871, 2 1/2 per cent.
The exemptions are, in addition to \$2,000, all taxes and interest paid during the year, losses and bad debts, or repairs on dwelling houses; and amount paid for labor to cultivate land or to conduct any other business from which income is derived.
On dividends of all corporations, for the year 1871, including banks, railroad companies, canal and turnpike companies, trust companies and saving institutions, 2 1/2 per cent.
This tax may be paid by the companies, who may deduct it in disbursing their dividends to the individual holders.

The Democratic Pyramid.

The State elections of 1870 have already formed a fine pyramid of Democratic States. Look at it:

Table with 2 columns: State and Democratic Majorities. Oregon 600, Connecticut 600, North Carolina 20,000, Kentucky 50,000, Tennessee 75,000, New York 90,000. Total 231,000.

It thus appears that in these six States there is a Democratic majority considerably exceeding 200,000 votes. These triumphs have been won over and in despite of negro suffrage in thickly settled negro districts. The Republican pyramid stands thus: Rhode Island 5,000.

Under that admirable system of legislation originated and perfected by the Republican party, it is entirely possible for every one of these Chinese lately engaged in scooping out the eyes and cutting off the heads of certain religious women at Tien-tsin to come over to this country and exercise the proud privilege of the American citizen. When the great benefits inuring to the country from Republican dominance are discussed upon the stump this fall, it is to be hoped this celestial possibility will not be forgotten.

Congress at its last session voted to speculate 280,000 acres more of land belonging to the people than there is in Germany, with its 45,000,000 of inhabitants.

Confere Meeting.

BLOOMSBURG, AUG. 29, 1870. AT THE COURT HOUSE. Proceedings of a Meeting of the Conference elected to select a candidate for Representative for the District composed of the counties of Columbia and Montour.

Present, Peter Hughes, Wm. Yorks, of Montour County, Iram Derr, John A. Funston, of Columbia County.

On motion of Iram Derr, seconded by John A. Funston, Peter Hughes was unanimously chosen President of the Conference.

On motion of Wm. Yorks, seconded by Iram Derr, John A. Funston was unanimously chosen Secretary.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to ballot for a candidate with the following result:

1ST BALLOT. Peter Hughes voted for Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " Hugh M'Williams. Iram Derr " " John A. Funston.

2ND BALLOT. P. Hughes voted for Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " H. M'Williams. Iram Derr " " David Davis. John A. Funston " " "

3RD BALLOT. P. Hughes voted for Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " David Davis. Iram Derr " " John A. Funston.

4TH BALLOT. Iram Derr voted for David Davis. Wm. Yorks " " Thos. Chalfant. P. Hughes " " Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " A. G. Voris.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet again at four o'clock p. m.

On re-assembling the President called the Conference to order, the counties to vote first alternately; it was then moved, to proceed to another ballot. Carried.

5TH BALLOT. P. Hughes voted for Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " Michael Brockbill. Iram Derr " " John A. Funston.

6TH BALLOT. Iram Derr voted for Michael Brockbill. John A. Funston " " P. Hughes. Wm. Yorks " " Thos. Chalfant.

7TH BALLOT. Peter Hughes voted for Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " A. G. Voris. Iram Derr " " John A. Funston.

8TH BALLOT. Iram Derr voted for A. G. Voris. John A. Funston " " Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " "

9TH BALLOT. Peter Hughes voted for Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " Thos. Butler. Iram Derr " " Thos. Butler. John A. Funston " " Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " "

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13TH BALLOT. Peter Hughes voted for Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " Wm. M'Brice. Iram Derr " " Wm. M'Brice. John A. Funston " " Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " "

14TH BALLOT. Iram Derr voted for Wm. M'Brice. John A. Funston " " Thos. Chalfant. P. Hughes " " Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " "

15TH BALLOT. Peter Hughes voted for Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " Wm. M'Brice. Iram Derr " " Wm. M'Brice. John A. Funston " " Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " "

16TH BALLOT. Iram Derr voted for William M'Brice. John A. Funston " " Thos. Chalfant. P. Hughes " " Thos. Chalfant. Wm. Yorks " " "

After the sixteenth ballot without a choice.

On motion of Mr. Yorks, seconded by Mr. Derr, it was

Resolved, that the Conference do now adjourn to meet again on Monday, September 5th, at one o'clock p. m., in Bloomsburg. Adjourned.

Attest: PETER HUGHES, President. JOHN A. FUNSTON, Secretary.

Look at the Record!

THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY DEFAULTING COLLECTORS!

We suggest that the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee have one hundred thousand copies of Executive Document No. 267 printed and circulated, as the means of opening the eyes of those who are blind to the enormities and corruptions of the present administration. This document is the reply of Secretary Boutwell to a resolution passed by the House of Representatives on the 21st of March last, requesting that officer to furnish the House a statement of balances due from Collectors of Internal Revenue, etc. It contains eight solid pages of the names of defaulting collectors, in all three hundred and forty names. Every one is a radical and belongs either to the sort which Congress kept in office by the Tenure of Office Bill, under Johnson's administration, or to that peculiar class of Gen. Grant's favorites, the worthies who presented His Excellency with corner lots, brown stone houses, fast horses, terrier pups and cigars of rare brands. Ten of these defaulting collectors have stolen from the government \$5,938,113. Nearly six millions of dollars of the people's taxes have been delinately fobbed by these unannointed rascals, whilst the remaining three hundred and thirty did not dip quite so deep into "Uncle Sam's strong box," but carried off enough to make them comfortable for life. Not one of these defaulters has been prosecuted, but all are permitted to enjoy their ill gotten gain in undisturbed security. A few civil suits have been brought, but not a single criminal prosecution. And this is the honest, economical and impartial administration of the government, which we were to have under U. S. Grant. The "For-Ty Thieves" of the Arabian Nights had an insatiable thirst for gore. So Governor Geary will be spared to his native land, and will remain a standing argument in the British Cabinet against a war with the United States.

PLAIN hanging don't suit Western reporters. They tell of a man's "spirit being choked out of his mortal casing at the end of the hang-man's cord,"

Communicated.

EDITOR COLUMBIAN.—Dear Sir—I see in a late issue of your paper that a patent has been granted to J. R. Faus for an improved method of oiling buggy and wagon fellos. It occurs to me that this is a much needed invention. Why it has not been brought about long ere this, is certainly a mystery to me. The advantages derived from oiling, evidently are obvious to every sane individual. The oiling of fellos itself is not a new thing. The subject has been agitated through the columns of the press for the past twenty years. Different methods have been in use, all of which would require from two to three weeks to saturate the wood thoroughly with oil. But it is claimed by the inventor that by this method it can be done more thoroughly in one hour than it can be done by any other method in weeks. He also claims that he has himself been oiling for some eight years. He has invariably guaranteed his wheels with oiled fellos to all of his customers and has agreed to bear all expenses of tire cutting. He states that he has never heard of a tire coming loose on any of the fellos of which he saturated thoroughly with oil.

The reason of the tire not coming loose is simply this. The rim of the wheel necessarily is more exposed than any portion of the wagon. Now, when it is not oiled, the water as a necessary consequence must penetrate into the wood. When it becomes thoroughly saturated with water it evidently must expand. The expansion of the wood causes the spokes to spring crooked and dishes the wheel. After the rim becomes dry it leaves the spokes in an imperfect position, and the tire loose.

If the rim is thoroughly saturated with oil it prevents the water from penetrating into the wood and consequently prevents all expansion and contraction. The tire as a necessary consequence must remain tight.

Press Notices. Capt. Charles B. Brockway, editor of the Columbian and a gallant soldier during the late war, has been nominated by the Democracy of Columbia county as their choice for Congress in the District of Columbia next year. The Democratic conference will ratify his nomination and thus insure a Democratic representative from Mercer's District. It is to be hoped that the Congressional conference will ratify his nomination and thus insure a Democratic representative from Mercer's District. It is to be hoped that the Congressional conference will ratify his nomination and thus insure a Democratic representative from Mercer's District.

DEMOCRATIC EDITORS POPULAR.—Able and conscientious Democratic editors need not complain that they are not appreciated by their people. John B. Bratton, of the Carlisle Volunteer, has just beaten two opponents in the race for Congress, on the Crawford County District, in Cumberland County; C. B. Brockway, of the Bloomsburg Columbian, has been declared the choice of the Columbia County Democracy for Congress, and P. Gray Meek, of the Bellefonte Watchman, has been re-nominated for the Legislature in Centre county. The three gentlemen named above are first-class newspaper men, and they are worthy of the confidence and support of the people.—Lancaster Intelligencer.

Capt. C. B. Brockway, editor of the Columbian, has been nominated by the Democracy of Columbia county as candidate for Congress, to represent Columbia, Bradford, Wyoming, Sullivan and Montour counties, in the next year's election of the District of Columbia. This is a deserved compliment to an able and worthy young man. Captain Brockway made some telling speeches in his country two years since.—Wayne county Herald.

The Democrats of Columbia county have nominated Capt. C. B. Brockway for Congress, subject to the decision of the District Convention. Brockway is a very clever young gentleman, and was a good soldier.—Patton Gazette (Republican).

We notice that Capt. C. B. Brockway of the Bloomsburg Columbian, has been elected to the office of Captain of the Democracy of Columbia county. If he gets the District nomination, he will no doubt be elected. We offer our best wishes for his political success. He would say that the Captain will present quite a manly contrast to the majority of the thick headed Radical solons who inhabit the Congressional Hall.—Gazette & Democrat.

Our friend Capt. C. B. Brockway, editor of the Columbian, Bloomsburg, Pa. has been nominated for Congress by the Democracy of the Backfield District. Captain Brockway is a very able and gentleman, and we would wish him success if he had not got into such a bad row with the Democratic party of Middletown, (N. Y.) Evening Post (Radical).

AGAIN has the issue between the negro and the carpet-bagger been made in a Republican State Convention, and again has the negro carried off the nomination against his white opposer. In the Florida Republican State Convention, Hamilton, the sitting member, was defeated for a re-nomination, and a negro put forth the official candidate. So far, the Republican party South has nominated five Congressmen, and four out of the five are black. Having the votes the negroes think they ought to have the offices. In the exceedingly improbable case of a Radical victory this fall, how speckled the next house will be.

A FOREIGN paper contains this advertisement: "Lost, a pair of mislaid, French Prince, fourteen years of age, of tranquil temperment, wears red trousers, and carries a bullet in his pocket. Was last seen going home, from a baptism of fire. Is supposed at Paris to be in Metz; is supposed at other places to be in London. Any information concerning him will be received with the greatest indifference by the Corps Legislatif."

We confidently deny the rumor that Governor Geary has been invited to enter the service of the Khedive of Egypt to command a brigade of Mamelukes. The Khedive is a very jealous man, and he is always careful never to have for his subordinates men of bewildering military genius. Besides this, the Khedive wants strategists, and not dashing officers whose striking peculiarities are reckless personal courage and an insatiable thirst for gore. So Governor Geary will be spared to his native land, and will remain a standing argument in the British Cabinet against a war with the United States.

BERLIN, August 25.—The following official bulletin from the Prussian army headquarters, has been received at the war office in this city. The crown prince of Prussia is near Chalons. The enemy evacuated his camp at Chalons-sur-Marne. The head of the Prussian columns has advanced

THE WAR IN EUROPE.

French War News.

PARIS, August 23.—The cholera epidemic has broken out in the Prussian camp at Metz.

PARIS, August 24.—A dispatch from Metz, dated yesterday afternoon, contains the following: The resistance of Marshal Bazaine, even with the small forces under his command, prevented the advance of the Prussians until the organization and preparation of McMahon's large army was entirely completed.

LONDON, Aug. 21.—Noon.—The following dispatch from Paris contains the very latest intelligence from the seat of war: Metz is entirely isolated. The Prussians are strong on the west in that neighborhood. General Faily, who was in command at Chalons, is still there; but the new disposition is superseded.

General McMahon is strongly posted in the plains before Chalons, with heavy detachments at St. Minehold, Verdun and Rheims.

McMahon has one hundred and seventy-five thousand men under his command, well supplied with food, ammunition and artillery.

The sharpshooters are hastening to Chalons.

PARIS, August 25.—The garrison at Toul bravely holds out. The Prussian bombardments are returned spiritedly. The garrison are confident, and have effected a sortie, and inflicted a loss of seven hundred upon their Prussian besiegers.

PARIS, August 26.—The last news from Strasburg is that six persons have been killed sixteen houses burnt, and the Cathedral slightly damaged. The people take refuge in their cellars. The fire from the town has killed a large number of the besiegers. As many spits still turn in the city, the soldiers ordered the soldiers to shoot any persons seen on the roofs. The open town of Kehl, on the German side of the Rhine has been nearly razed to the ground by shells thrown by the French from Strasburg.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—Pfalzburg continues its heroic defense. A church and twenty-one houses have been destroyed by the enemy's shells, and the garrison have repulsed two assaults, in which the Prussians lost 1,500 men. The town is well supplied with provision and munitions of war. It has been summoned to repeatedly capitulate; but its commander replies he will blow the place up first.

PARIS, August 25, via Brussels.—The siege of Strasburg, Toul, Thionville, Metz and Metz have made no progress. The Prussians are now within a short march of Paris, where, perhaps, some slight additional resistance may be met.

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—A note has been addressed from Berlin to all envoys of Prussia in regard to a flag of truce sent into the French lines, asking cessation of hostilities to bury the dead, which truce was refused and the flag insulted on three different occasions.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The following official dispatch is dated Bar-le-Duc on Friday night, and it comes via Berlin: "The garrison of Vitry-le-Francois surrendered on Thursday morning. The Prussians entered sixteen guns. Two battalions of the French Garde Mobile were annihilated by Prussian cavalry. Seventeen French officers and eight hundred and fifty soldiers were captured. The Prussians had one major severely and three troopers slightly wounded.

Aug. 29.—A dispatch from Arlon, in Luxembourg, of Sunday evening, says that fighting had been in progress at Dun, near the Belgian frontier, all day, the firing continuing until late into the night. An official dispatch from Paris, taken in connection with this, indicates a movement of the Prussians from about Chalons and the valley of the Aube to the northward, by way of Sempigny, Sommeville, Monthois, toward the city of Reims, where a few miles of the scene of the reported fighting. A London telegram of yesterday morning announces a concentration of Prussians in the valley of the Aube toward Sommeville. Another dispatch says that the Prussian lanciers occupy Montigny, which lies to the northward of Dun, and nearer the Belgian frontier. A London dispatch says the reported victory of the French on the Meuse, referring to the report of a repulse of the Prussians at Verdun, probably, is denied, the French representing that McMahon is not ready to fight. The Landwehr, says a London telegram, are investing Thionville. A London dispatch says the Emperor's head-quarters are at Vouziers. The same dispatch says the Crown Prince is moving northward, and will encounter McMahon west of Rheims and Epernay. Twenty-five thousand Germans passed Joville in the direction of Wassy and Montieron, on toward the valleys of the Marne and Aube respectively. A force of 20,000 cavalry passed through Chalons.

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LONDON, Aug. 30.—It was reported several days ago that Prince Frederick Charles would return and go in pursuit of McMahon, and this report seems to be gaining strength. It is supposed that the Prince has been thus led to depart from the original plan of operations because his line of communications would be seriously endangered with so large an army in his rear.

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beyond the camp destroyed by the French army, and is now continuing its onward march.

CARLEBURG, Aug. 26, via London, Aug. 25, 1 P. M.—Heavy fighting commenced last night at the town of Steyeg, ten miles from Montmedy, in the direction of Vouziers. The Prussians cut the railway between Chauvignes and Lamouilly. The wounded are brought to Montmedy. The gates of the city have been closed. An assault is momentarily expected.

LONDON, August 25.—10 P. M.—The Prussian army is reported at Doullant, St. Remy, Brienne, Landres and Chateau-Thierry, (the latter a station on the Eastern Railroad, fifty miles from Paris.) Le Siecle, contemplating the probability of a bombardment of Paris, urgently recommends the removal of the pictures from the galleries of the Louvre and the books from the Imperial Library.

WASHINGTON, August 26.—The following telegram was received here today, addressed to Baron Gerolt: PARIS, August 25.—Minister of the North German Union. The incident mentioned in the telegram of August 22 has recurred twice since. Captain Rochow, sent by General Alvensleben to Toul, with a flag of truce, has been received with shots, and a trumpet accompanying another flag of truce has been killed.

You will lodge a protest with the United States Government against these repeated violations of international law, and declare that we shall henceforth in the impossibility of sending flags of truce to a nation whose soldiers have lost in Africa, China, and Mexico all respect for the usages of civilized warfare.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The Times has the following resume of the situation: King William, leaving a sufficient force before Metz, where the siege works rise like exhalations, joined the Crown Prince, who was pushing on for Paris. The movements of Marshal McMahon begin now to be intelligible. A fugitive from Worth, avoiding Metz, he passed through the Vesges and Moselle, to Nancy, and to Chalons, where he was reinforced by the Garde Mobile and the volunteers. His obvious aim has been to bar the passages and prevent the advance of the Crown Prince on Paris. According to the latest reports, the Crown Prince moved on his flank past the camp at Chalons, offering McMahon battle, which the latter declined, retreating on Rheims, leaving the Chateau camp all to the Prussians. Since that time Rheims itself has been abandoned. The obvious motive throughout on the part of the French has been to avoid a fight. The Prussians are now within a short march of Paris, where, perhaps, some slight additional resistance may be met.

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MARKET REPORTS.

Bloomsburg Market.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Wheat per bushel \$1.50, Corn per bushel 80c, Oats per bushel 70c, Beans per bushel 90c, Potatoes per bushel 40c, Apples per bushel 30c, Butter per lb 20c, Eggs per doz 15c, Lard per lb 10c, Flour per barrel \$10.00, Sugar per barrel \$12.00, Coffee per barrel \$15.00, Tea per barrel \$18.00, Rice per barrel \$20.00, Spices per barrel \$25.00, Canned goods per barrel \$30.00, Dried goods per barrel \$35.00, Pickles per barrel \$40.00, Sauces per barrel \$45.00, Condiments per barrel \$50.00, Groceries per barrel \$55.00, Hardware per barrel \$60.00, Tools per barrel \$65.00, Building materials per barrel \$70.00, Lumber per barrel \$75.00, Iron per barrel \$80.00, Steel per barrel \$85.00, Coal per barrel \$90.00, Oil per barrel \$95.00, Gas per barrel \$100.00.

Philadelphia Market.

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Latest News.

MONTREAL, Ontario, Aug. 24.—Immense fires are raging in the woods back of the village of Ashton. The village has been saved by cutting down trees to make a gap between the woods and the village. The devastation is great. Between Ashton and Stovesville only one or two houses are left unburned.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 24.—A serious riot occurred last evening in Fall River, where the spinners are on a strike. A crowd of about 1,000 assembled near Durfee Mill to assault the workmen as they came out, as was done the previous evening. The Police could not disperse the mob. One or two officers were knocked senseless with stones. The Fire Department was called, and played water upon the crowd.

PEORIA, Illinois, Aug. 25.—Three girls, about fourteen, eleven and nine years of age, were killed last night. They climbed upon a small window in the street and lowered themselves to the ground, a distance of forty feet, by means of a clothes line.

MONTROSE, N. Y., Aug. 26.—A terrible storm of thunder and lightning prevailed along the Hudson river last night. Awful disasters by lightning are reported. At Kingston five persons were killed by a stroke. Reports of fires caused by lightning are coming in from all quarters.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 26.—Two men, masked and otherwise disguised, entered the United States Express car of the Missouri Pacific train, due here at 6 o'clock this morning, at Scott's Station, about seven miles west of Jefferson City, made a furious onslaught on the messenger, John Cleveland, beat him severely and bound and gagged him. They then robbed the safe of \$10,000 in money, and as the train approached Jefferson City, jumped off and escaped. No clue has yet been ascertained as to who the robbers are.

Another North Carolina.

War is proclaimed against the people of another Southern State. There is now before us a proclamation bearing date the 12th inst., in which Harrison Reed, Governor of Florida, threatens the people of North Carolina with military force. The pretext is, of course, the appearance in Florida of the Grand Sanghaary High School of the Ku-Klux-Klan; and the real object, equally of course, the overthrow of the election by armed force. "The seditions teachings of an unprincipled priest," says this Governor, "and the treasonable appeals of prominent opponents of the State governments," have brought out the High School, and led to his being driven to a resort which I fear would avail."

To justify this declaration of hostilities, he goes on to say:—"The people of the State, upon whom rest the responsibility and the odium of the present contest of things, are suffering and intelligent to fully understand the causes which have led to the singularly large number of murders and outrages which have been perpetrated and gone unpunished 'within the last eighteen months.'" Now mark how plain a tale will put this fellow down. He charges that there have been an immense number of unpunished outrages in Florida "within the last eighteen months," or since January, 1869, and yet in his message to the Legislature, in January of this present year, he distinctly says: "I congratulate you on the favorable auspices under which you again assemble to legislate upon interests of the commonwealth. During the period of the history of the State has there been more marked improvement and general prosperity than in the years just passed, and never have the laws been so generally and efficiently executed. In several counties organized bands of lawless men have conspired to overthrow the civil authorities, and many acts of violence have occurred. But these have been incidental to the State in all its past history, and arise less, perhaps, from special enmity to the present form of government than from opposition to the restraints of law in general." This statement, made in January, 1870, that the laws have been efficiently executed, and that there has been no more crime in Florida than is incident to any ordinary government, is singularly incongruous with the claim now put forth that since January, 1869, the sanguinary and lawless reign of the Ku-Klux-Klan have been stamped upon it by its own author; but the mendacity of this movement is not its most significant point. Holden declared that Grant backed him in his war upon the people of North Carolina, and it becomes a question whether, in hopes of better luck the next time, the President is not now instigating Governor Reed.—New York World.

JOHN T. ALEXANDER, the great Illinois farmer, owns 31,000,000 acres of land, worth \$1,685,000, has \$50,000 worth of implements, pays \$78,800 wages annually, and sold last year \$193,400 worth of live stock, besides grain, etc.

MARRIAGES.

RUBIN—KOLING.—At Bloomsburg, August 26th, Rev. Mr. Garrison, of Davis L. Loring, Esq