

The Columbian.

BLOOMSBURG, PA.

Friday Morning, Nov. 18, 1870.

If any views express in the COLUMBIAN are not in accord with those of our readers, the latter are welcome to controvert them in our columns, without other limitation than that they must be written out in a fair hand, be carefully considered, broached in clear, concise and respectful language, and be consistent with good morality and orthodox Democratic sentiment. Expressions of views for the public good, on any legitimate subject, are also invited.

The Bridge Question.

For sixteen miles, between Berwick and Catawissa, the Susquehanna river is spanned by no bridge. For the want of one at some proper point great inconvenience and loss are suffered yearly by the people of our county, and particularly by those who reside south of the river. In winter and in flood time, the latter are shut off from communication with the county seat and with the northern section of the county except by a circuitous and tedious route, and at all times more or less of delay and inconvenience is suffered by them in crossing north whether on foot or by any means of private conveyance.

The points which may come into question for the location of a bridge, are Middleville, Upper Lime Bridge or Stonytown, Epy, and the Bloomsburg Ferry. In view of all the facts pertaining to the question we think the proper conclusion will be in favor of the last named place. The ravine in the hill south of the Bloomsburg Ferry affords a fair grade for a road, and when the hill is surmounted good routes east, west and south are presented. Eastward a road along or back of the river hill, to its terminus will reach the Middleville section. South-east there is a good route to Middleville; south the valley of Catawissa creek is accessible on short lines, and west there will be an excellent and easy road along the ridge, dropping down by a gentle descent to the town of Catawissa. Besides, if desired, a road can be carried from the south end of the proposed bridge along the south bank of the river to a point opposite Epy, and there connected with the Middleville road, now used. The location of a bridge at the Bloomsburg Ferry is recommended then by two considerations, that the ascent of the river hill at that point is an easy one, and that we have there the best point from which to reach the whole country south of the river. But there are other recommendations of the place. It will be pretty secure in time of floods; the banks are good, and the materials for abutments and piers can be obtained, probably, near at hand on the south side.

It has been estimated that a single track bridge at that point, 18 or 20 feet wide, could be erected for \$30,000. Certainly the cost would not be much more than that sum and ought to be considered as a provident outlay by those who are interested in the proposed improvement.

Since the construction of the Catawissa and Lackawanna & Bloomsburg railroads, the Catawissa route across the river by way of Rupert and the narrow has become dangerous, and it would be gladly avoided by most of those who now use it, if a safer and better route were opened to supply its place. A rough and dangerous route would give place to a smooth and safe one, if the Bloomsburg Ferry route were fully opened. Almost every person with a wagon, buggy, or other vehicle coming from Catawissa to any point above Rupert would choose the new route, as would those driving south from this section. We might therefore assume that a great part of the travel and business of Catawissa, Franklin, and the whole of the Roaringcreek valley which is now forced upon the Rupert route, would be transferred to the new one, besides what would come from Main, Beaver and Millin.

"Should the bridge be a free or a toll bridge? Should it be erected by the county or by an incorporated company? To make it a county or free bridge would require the express assent of the people by a popular vote, or at least such popular vote should be had as an antecedent condition. Besides, a free bridge at the place mentioned, would be a severe blow upon the Catawissa Bridge Company. That Company would not doubt be greatly injured by the competition of such a bridge only 3 or 4 miles distant.

As to the alternative of a company bridge, the question is can stock subscriptions sufficient for the enterprise be obtained? There can be no doubt that a toll bridge would pay and pay well, and if men of capital and persons particularly interested in the improvement were appealed to, we suppose the necessary means could be raised. We say then, let the effort be made and made promptly to secure this much needed improvement.

The great obstacle in the way of re-trenchment and reform, is, undoubtedly, the pressure made upon the government by the hordes of Radical office-holders now sucking the life-blood of the nation. The administration at Washington is afraid to inaugurate any system of reform, because such a step would require the displacement of a large band of camp-followers who are found in the wake of a victorious army to pick up the spoils. To feed such men, the honest, hard working yeomanry are taxed. Unless they seek their only remedy at the polls, the burthens will never be removed. In a short time they will have a chance to correct these evils. If they fail to do so they will have no one to blame but themselves.

Too Sensitive.—An exchange draws the following picture, which will be appreciated by all editors: "It is strange how sensitive some men are. They will get drunk over the street yelling like savages, go home and beat their wives, turn their children out of doors, become so proud of their achievements as to make their neighbors conscious of the fact; pay a fine before a magistrate, and having made themselves as notorious as possible, will slide across to the editor and beg him, with tears in their eyes, not to bring disgrace to their families by mentioning that little affair in the paper." It is a great pity that such sensitiveness should be so tardy in making its appearance. It always comes too late.

Latest Election Returns.

ALABAMA.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 15.—The success of the Democratic State ticket is generally conceded to be from three to five thousand majority. The House will stand 65 Democrats to 35 Republicans, about 15 of the latter being colored. The last House was about 31 Republicans to 2 Democrats. It is doubtful which party has the majority on joint ballot.

The following are elected to Congress: For the First District—Turner (negro) Radical. For the Second District—Buckley, Radical. For the Third District—Handley, Democrat. For the Fourth District—Hayes, Radical. For the Fifth District—Dox, Democrat. For the Sixth District—Sloss, Democrat.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 15.—The next Legislature will stand: In the House—Democrats, 74; Fusion, 15; Brown Republicans, 18; McClurg Republicans, 20. Senate—Democrats, 7; Fusion, 7; Brown Republicans, 1; McClurg Republicans, 2. The election returns from ninety-four counties give Brown (Republican) for Governor a majority of 11,388, and the remaining twenty counties will probably add about 1,200 to this.

NEVADA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—Latest election returns from Nevada state that the entire Democratic ticket has been elected by a small majority. Kendall (Democrat) beats Fitch (Republican) for Congress by about 200 majority.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The following are the full returns from the election in West Virginia: Maj. First District—Davis, (D.) gain 1,314. Second District—McGrew, (R.) 887. Third District—Herdorf, (D.) gain 1,874. Senate— 12 10. House— 40 16.

Total— 52 26. Majority on joint ballot— 26. This will give the Democrats a United States Senator in place of W. T. Wiley, Radical.

DELAWARE.

The following is the complete vote of the State for Governor and members of Congress: GOVERNOR. Powder, Courcy, Rad. 12,450. 9,580. Pender's majority— 2,870.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Biggs, Heald, Rad. 12,454. 10,000. Total— 22,454. Biggs' majority— 2,454.

KENTUCKY.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 14.—Dispatches state that the Republicans concede the Eighth district to the Democrats by a majority of 125. This gives the Democrats an unbroken delegation to Congress, having elected their candidates in all of the nine districts of Kentucky. The official majority of Archer over Weighton, in the Sixth Kentucky district, is 4,292.

MICHIGAN.

The election in Michigan resulted in large Democratic gains. The present delegation in Congress is entirely Radical. This year the Democrats have elected Judge Sutherland in the Sixth district, and have nearly elected another Congressman in the Fifth district. In the Sixth, Sutherland will have over 2,000 majority. Two years ago the district gave a Radical majority of 3,239. The returns from the Fifth district compared with two years ago, are as follows:

1870. 1868. Stout, Conger, Dem. 1,230. 1,371. Dem. Rep. 1,620. 1,637. Maj... 131 1,721.

In the First district Waldron's Radical majority is reported at 810, against 1,602 for Beaman in 1868.

NEW JERSEY.

The New Legislature shows handsome Democratic gains. The Senate will stand: Radicals, 22; Democrats, 10—a Democratic gain of 4. The House stands: Radicals, 61; Democrats, 30—a Democratic gain of 12.

FLORIDA.

LAKE CITY, Nov. 11.—"The election throughout the State passed quietly, both parties working hard. Returns to-day indicate that the Conservatives have carried the State, electing their Congressmen and Lieutenant-Governor. Eleven strong Radical counties give them 3,700 majority. Ten Conservative counties give the Conservatives a majority of 2,000. Sixteen other Conservative counties are to hear from, which will place them ahead of the Radicals. Both Houses of the Legislature are Conservative.

MARYLAND.

The following are the majorities for the successful candidates for Congress in the five districts of Maryland: Dis. Member Elect. Maj. 1. Samuel Hamilton, Dem. 4,002. 2. Stevenson Archer, Dem. 6,532. 3. Thomas Swanwick, Dem. 4,465. 4. John T. Harris, Conservative. 5. William M. Merzick, Dem. 1,473.

Aggregate Dem. maj. in the State 15,502.

NEW YORK.

Returns to date give Hoffman for Governor, 32,063 majority.

THE ASSEMBLY.

No further returns have been received from the districts in doubt to decide positively the political character of the next Assembly. Our table still stands 65 Democrats to 35 Radicals. The official count this week will clear up all doubts.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Democrats have gained four members of Congress.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14.—The Republican claims the State by 30,000 majority. All their Congressmen—Sheldon, Sypher, Darrell, McCleary, and Morey—being elected.

VIRGINIA.

The latest list of Congressmen elect: 1. John Critcher, Conservative. 2. James H. Platt, Republican. 3. Charles H. Porter, Republican. 4. W. H. H. Stowell, Republican. 5. R. T. W. Duke, Conservative. 6. John T. Harris, Conservative. 7. E. M. Braxton, Conservative. 8. William Terry, Conservative.

KANSAS.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 11.—The Republican majority in this State is about 18,000.

ILLINOIS.

According to the information which we have been able to gather, and which is presented elsewhere in detail, the two houses of the Illinois legislature will be politically divided as follows: SENATE. Republicans.....28 Democrats.....22. Total.....50.

HOUSE.

Republicans and temperance.....97 Democrats.....50. Total.....147. Republican majority.....47. Republican majority on joint ballot.....23. Further returns may possibly change some of these apparent results, but not we think, to lessen the Democratic strength.

The West Election for President.

In the light of the returns of the elections of the present week, the politicians may make their calculations for the next Presidential contest. Taking the States which have gone against the administration within the last year, there will be a clear majority for the Democrats in the next Electoral College. If the number of members in that body were to be determined by the present representation in Congress the next College would consist of 317 members; necessary to a choice, 159.

The States which the recent elections have given to the Democrats are—

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Alabama.....8 Arkansas.....6 California.....6 Connecticut.....4 Delaware.....3 Georgia.....3 Indiana.....13 Iowa.....13 Kentucky.....11 Louisiana.....11 Maryland.....11 Massachusetts.....11 Missouri.....11 New York.....33 Oregon.....33 Pennsylvania.....29 Tennessee.....10 North Carolina.....7 Virginia.....9 West Virginia.....9.

Total.....171.

No States are counted here in the Democratic column except those which have voted against the administration. In this list Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Nevada, which are not certain to choose Democratic electors, are not included. Their votes are not needed. The last electoral college consisted of 234 members, Virginia, Mississippi and Texas having been excluded by an infamous trick of reconstruction. But that game is played out now.

The new appointment of members of Congress, based on the present census of 1870, will determine the number of the Presidential College. This change will greatly increase the favorable chances of the Democracy.

While the New England States will not hold their own, the States of the South, whose representation in Congress and the Presidential College is based on the old Constitutional provision, under which three-fifths of the slaves were not enumerated in the apportionment, will gain considerably. The increased representation of New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Indiana, Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee will fully offset all that the populous radical States of the West can gain in the next apportionment of members of Congress.

The Democratic party will enter the next Presidential contest under quite different auspices from those which attended it in the elections of '64 and '68. There will be no fraudulent army vote taken in camps and hospitals, and manipulated and redoubled, to thwart the will of the people, as in 1864. In 1872, there will be no attempt to cast away the votes of States as in 1868, or the people will know the reason why. There will be no shameful resolutions, as in the first Congress, to throw the electoral vote of a State away if it should not result in the election of a Democrat. In the case of Georgia, the only Southern State which is now in the grips of radicalism in South Carolina, and before the Presidential election of 1872, her citizens will rescue themselves from the rule of Governor Scott, Whittaker and his tools. The Democracy need not wish for better chances of success in the next Presidential campaign than have been developed in the recent elections. Harmony, moderation and the choice of a good candidate alone are needed. A dishonesty by the lesser of the two parties will be repetition of the blunder at New York in 1868.—Morning Patriot.

The Negroes Did It.

Pittsburg, Philadelphia and Luzerne county are about the only spots in the State where the Republicans held their own, or have not actually fallen off, in the late contest. Luzerne has frequently played the same trick heretofore, caused by a strange freak that occasionally gets hold of her vast mining population. Pittsburg and Allegheny county barely keep up their character as radical strong holds. Here the negro population is very strong, and if it had not been for their votes the republican loss would have been very large. But in Philadelphia the negroes alone saved them from overwhelming defeat. This is candidly acknowledged by the Evening City Item and Post. Says the Item: "The election yesterday was warmly contested and produced results mainly satisfactory to the Republicans, who have to thank their colored allies for their success. But for four thousand negro votes, our readers can plainly see where the Republican candidates would have been. With the exception, perhaps, of Judge Paxson, not one of the city ticket could have been elected."

The Morning Post:

"All honor should be given to the colored citizens of Philadelphia. In this, their first canvass they have shown energy and devotion that have done great value to the Republican party. They have campaigned their leaders worked hard, and gave money, time and ability to the ticket, and they were nobly sustained yesterday."

The colored vote was solidly thrown for the Republican ticket, and in the distribution of honors this must be remembered. The colored citizens have swelled our grand majority, and should be represented in the offices. The first Republican office-holder who appoints an intelligent colored man deputy or clerk will have the credit of doing a necessary act of justice—of recognizing practically the truth that the Constitution of the United States no longer knows distinction of race or color."

This is what the Chicago Republican (Radical) thinks about contesting seats in Congress. One or two defeated candidates in this State might profit by its perusal:

"We hope there is truth in the report that General Schenck denies any intention to contest Colonel Campbell's seat in Congress. The race, as far as we can learn was a fair one and a close one, and Schenck's defeat is much more honorable to him as it stands, than a seat in Congress obtained by the subterfuge of a contest would be. The business of 'contesting' should be left to the Southern scoundrels and Northern bunners who have monopolized it in the past few years. Nine contested cases out of ten have no other foundation than a belief that a partisan majority will be gained by the contest, and in about nine cases out of ten, not only are men deprived of seats to which they were legally elected, but the government is robbed of very large amounts of money to foot the bills—for Congressional contests are very expensive things, now-a-days. Congress has latterly done much to encourage the prosecuting of contests when there was little or no evidence to sustain them. We trust that at its next session it will inaugurate a reform in this matter. It is badly needed."

There has been an increase of the coal production during the last fiscal year, as follows: Last year, 18,568,832; this year 15,749,825 tons.

Convocation at Bloomsburg.

The convocation services at Bloomsburg, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the past week, were of unusual interest. They were held in the new St. Paul's (Episcopal) Church, which was opened for public worship, for the first time, on Sunday week.

Besides the Rector, the Rev. Thos. H. Cullen, there were present of the clergy the Rev. Mr. Marple, of Scranton, the Rev. Dr. Paret, and the Rev. Messrs. Brooks, Brush, Burton, Gibson, Moore, Peck and Shinn. The attendance of the laity was unusually large at all the services, and every face seemed to glow with holy reverence, and to beam with gratitude and joy.

The new church is a fine specimen of pure Gothic Architecture, and when the tower and spire are completed, will be second to none in the proposed new Diocese. It is built of blue limestone, with red sandstone string courses, jambs, sills, arches and buttresses—caps.

The nave (or body of the church) is 43 feet by 70 feet; the Chancel 20 feet wide by 23 feet deep; and the church will seat comfortably 400 persons. The roof is supported by two rows of columns, five on each side, finished with ornamental arches, braces and corbels. The windows are stained glass, beautiful in design and of superior workmanship. The Rose window at the west end, a memorial of Mr. John Barton, is exquisite. The windows on each side of the nave, nearest the chancel, are very beautiful. The one on the north side, having a richly colored emblem of our Saviour as the Good Shepherd, bearing a lamb upon His shoulders; that on the south side having the figure of Christ blessing His children. The principal windows were presented by the members of the Sunday School; and all bear appropriate devices and inscriptions.

The altar and chancel furniture are of chestnut, richly carved—the Bishop's chair, with its gabled back ornamented with a mitre and surmounted with a cross, being especially fine in design and execution.

To give a full description of this beautiful church, would occupy more time and space than we can afford at present. But we cannot close without congratulating the congregation of St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, on the near completion of their noble work. The contrast between the old church and the new is so marked that one can readily understand the joyous features of each parishioner, and the new zeal and energy and reverence with which they all united in the several parts of public worship—the only cause of regret seeming to be the resignation of their long-faithful and much-loved Rector, who soon leaves them for a wider field of labor in the Diocese of Albany.

May the blessing of that Master whom he serves so well, be with him and his in their new home. n—Money Lumbury.

Scathing Rebuke.

Our is nominally a free Republic, but we have only to turn back in English history to the time of Edward I. in the 13th century, to find the following among the statutes, which shows there was more freedom than now: "Forasmuch as election ought to be free, we hereby forbid any lord, or malice, nor menacing, should disturb any to make free election."

This is a statute of 600 years ago. Let President Grant read it and be ashamed of his military interference in our elections.

CIRCUS MANAGER MURDERED.

Henry Whitby, circus manager, was murdered in Louisiana on the 24th inst. The following, in reference to the tragedy, we copy from the Lancaster Intelligencer of Friday:

"A dispatch was received by the family of Alderman Van Camp this afternoon, dated Vicksburg, announcing that Henry Whitby, the son-in-law of Van Camp, had died in Vicksburg yesterday, and that his remains would be shipped from that city to-day for Lancaster. The family have also received a letter from Mrs. Whitby, giving the circumstances of his death, from which it appears that Cooper, Hemmings & Whitby's circus was giving an exhibition at Bayview, Louisiana, on November 24th. During the performance a ruffian, whose name we did not learn, insisted on entering the circus without paying. Mr. Whitby refused to let him pass in, but he finally got past, and the ruffian then knocked Whitby down, and drawing a revolver shot him in the head. Whitby sprang to his feet and staggered toward the dressing room, five more shots being fired after him, one of which took effect in his breast. The crowd that had gathered before the entrance of the circus came to the rescue, some of them armed with revolvers. The assailant of Whitby and three other ruffians were shot dead in the melee that ensued. The peacefully disposed portion of the audience ran in terror to a neighboring woods for safety. Mrs. Whitby, who was present, sent for a physician, who pronounced the wounds mortal. Assisted by one of the attaches of the circus she carried her wounded husband to a hotel, whence he was conveyed to Vicksburg the following day. He lingered until yesterday, when he died."

"Decayed was about fifty years of age, and was well known, not only in this city, but all over the country, he had been connected with the circus business ever since his boyhood."

TEN millions of dollars is the estimated amount of income tax which will be received by the government during the present year. To collect this sum, two hundred and forty-two collectors and any number of deputies and clerks are employed. The cost of running this branch of the government for the first eight months of Grant's administration was \$10,976,724. This is at the rate of \$7,417,160 per annum. It therefore costs over seven million of dollars to collect less than three millions into the United States Treasury. That is, the people pay ten dollars, and the office-holders pocket seven dollars and thirty-one cents, and leave the balance for Uncle Sam. And a Radical Congress voted to perpetuate this state of things, because revenue officers are very powerful about election time.—Age.

In 1860, the people of this nation were taxed two dollars each. Now they pay ten dollars and twenty-eight cents. The increase is owing to Radical extravagance, corruption and robbery.

Communication.

BERWICK, Nov. 9, 1870.

The Northumberland District Good Templar's Convention was called to order in the Good Templar's Hall, by W. C. T. Brother Steiner, of Lewisburg. Ten Lodges were represented.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: W. C. T., Rev. Brother John Thomas, of Bloomsburg; W. V. T., Sister Retta Fanson, of Bloomsburg, and W. S., Brother A. W. Spear, of Berwick.

The convention passed a series of resolutions, showing the members are in earnest in trying to carry the point of prohibition.

On Thursday afternoon the Convention adjourned to meet in Bloomsburg, on the evening of the second Wednesday in February, 1871.

A lecture was delivered in the evening by Brother Roberts, of Philadelphia.

A. W. SPEAR, W. S.

ADULTERATED AND FITTIOUS WINES.

Wine drinkers may prepare themselves from this time forward for the exercise of all their skill in detecting factitious compounds. The war in France has desolated the principal champagne districts. Military and foraging operations have been largely carried on in the vineyard country. The prices of the foreign wines have already in some instances doubled. The margin of profit is immensely increased in the manufacture of spurious articles, the basis of which is produced by chemical processes. The most innocent of the spurious compounds are California wines, the exercise of all their skill in detecting factitious compounds. The war in France has desolated the principal champagne districts. Military and foraging operations have been largely carried on in the vineyard country. The prices of the foreign wines have already in some instances doubled. The margin of profit is immensely increased in the manufacture of spurious articles, the basis of which is produced by chemical processes. 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