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The Democratic electors of Maryland gave their votes to Hendricks, while those of Georgia gave for Grant, Brown, 3 for Greeley and 2 for Charles J. Jenkins.

The Democratic Electors of Tennessee voted for Hendricks. Those of Missouri gave 5 votes to Grant, 1 to Hendricks, and one to David Davis.

The Democratic Electors of Arkansas gave their votes to Hendricks, each claiming to be the popular choice, but the Republicans only being recognized by the Governor, the Republicans cast their votes for Grant and Wilson, and the Democrats their for Grant Brown for President and General Banks for Vice President.

Comptroller Green, of New York, has refused to pay the Aldermen of that city their salaries for November, on the ground that the tax-lawyer increasing their salaries is illegal.

The laborers on the new post office in New York, claim \$750,000 pay under the eight hour law, and threaten to strike if their claim is not allowed.

Samuel N. Pike, formerly of Cincinnati, died of apoplexy in New York on Saturday, aged 50. He was the builder of the Cincinnati Opera House.

A terrible accident occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad, about 50 miles west of Harrisburg, Thursday night of last week.

The second section of the Cincinnati express boat east ran into the rear of the first section and telegraphed Pullman cars. Two persons were killed and a number injured.

Last Friday Henry Rogers was hanged in New York, for the murder of Police-man Donohoe and Barney Woods was hanged, in Washington, for the murder of Samuel A. Chessman.

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