

The Columbian.



THANKSGIVING DAY.

PRESIDENT HARRISON ISSUES A PROCLAMATION.

The following proclamation has been issued.
 "The gift of God to our people during the past year have been so abundant and so special that the spirit of devout thanksgiving awaits not a call but only the appointment of a day when it may have a common expression. He has stayed the pestilence at our door; He has given us more love for the free civil institutions, in the creation of which His directing providence was so conspicuous. He has wakened a deeper reverence for law; He has widened our philanthropy by a call to succor the distress in other lands; He has blessed our schools and is bringing forward a patriotic and God-fearing generation to execute His great and benevolent designs for our country; He has given us a great increase in material wealth and wide diffusion of contentment and comfort in the homes of our people; He has given His grace to the sorrowing.

"Wherefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, do call upon all our people to observe as we have been wont, Thursday, the twenty-fourth day of this month of November, as a day of thanksgiving to God for His mercies and of supplication for His continued care and grace.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this fourth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and seventeenth.

"BENJAMIN HARRISON
 "By JOHN W. FOSTER, Secretary of State."

The Plays and Players.

Newton Beers and his excellent company have been holding forth at the opera house this week, and have given a series of first class entertainments. The plays have all been of a high order, and their presentation superb. Mr. Beers is an actor of great ability, and his impersonations of character are true to life. His support is of much more than ordinary ability. They will finish their engagement here Saturday night and should be greeted by a large audience. They are worthy and deserving, and our people who like to witness a first-class show should avail themselves of the opportunity offered them to-night and Saturday night. A matinee will be given Saturday afternoon.—Hutchinson, (Kan.) Times Repub., Oct. 3. Opera House, Saturday Nov. 12.

Will of John Colling.

The will of John Colling, late of Salem Township, Luzerne County was admitted to probate recently.

To his daughter Florence he leaves the house in Beach Haven, which she will possess during her natural life. After her death it she is without issue the house is to be divided between her two brothers, Thomas and Ira. A farm in Briar Creek township, Columbia County, is bequeathed to the two sons, Ira and Thomas. The wife is to enjoy the use of the entire estate. Ira Colling and deceased's wife are appointed executors.



THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

The result of Tuesday's voting was the victorious election of Cleveland and Stevenson. The electoral votes will stand as follows:

FOR CLEVELAND.	
Alabama.....	11
Arkansas.....	8
California.....	9
Connecticut.....	6
Delaware.....	3
Florida.....	4
Georgia.....	13
Illinois.....	24
Indiana.....	15
Kentucky.....	13
Louisiana.....	8
Maryland.....	8
Michigan.....	7
Mississippi.....	9
Missouri.....	17
New Jersey.....	10
New York.....	36
North Carolina.....	11
Ohio.....	23
South Carolina.....	9
Tennessee.....	12
Texas.....	15
Virginia.....	12
West Virginia.....	6
Wisconsin.....	12
Total.....	301
FOR HARRISON.	
Colorado.....	4
Iowa.....	13
Maine.....	6
Massachusetts.....	15
Michigan.....	7
Minnesota.....	5
Nebraska.....	8
New Hampshire.....	4
North Dakota.....	3
Oregon.....	4
Pennsylvania.....	32
Rhode Island.....	4
Vermont.....	4
Washington.....	4
Total.....	113
FOR WEAVER.	
Idaho.....	3
South Dakota.....	4
Kansas.....	10
Minnesota.....	4
Montana.....	3
Nevada.....	1
Wyoming.....	3
Total.....	30
Necessary to a Choice.....	223

Losr.—On Tuesday afternoon, three ten dollar bills were lost on Main or Market streets. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to this office.

Not a single state in the Union gave Harrison as large a vote as he received in 1888. Even his own State of Indiana voted against him, and his own County gave an increased Democratic majority. Montana the home of the Chairman of the Republican national Committee voted for Cleveland.

Aaron Smith of Hemlock township, brought to this office last Saturday a Turnip that weighed 8 1/2 pounds It measured 29 inches around one way and 24 inches the other. He says it is a Bidwell turnip. It seems that it is so rapid a grower for a prohibitionist. However, if any of our Cleveland farmers can surpass it, let them bring around their product.

Capt. A. B. Jemison came up from Washington to cast his ballot on Tuesday.

The Iams Case.

The Iams case could have had no other termination than the acquittal of Colonel Hawkins and Lieutenant Colonel Stretor. The whole case was covered in the charge to the jury when Judge Porter said: "It was the duty of the officers to maintain proper discipline and if any feeling of insubordination arose it was their right and duty to punish such offenders." As to this particular punishment, the court said: "If the officers believed it was necessary so to punish Iams in order to maintain discipline and good order, they were justified in so doing, and they cannot be held accountable in any civil court."

No doubt the court would have been justified in throwing out the prosecution, as was suggested by the counsel for the officers, but it was better to leave the matter to the jury, so that their acquittal should have all the weight of a civil judgment rendered freely by their fellow citizens. The effect of this verdict is to affirm the fact that the military service of the Commonwealth is no holiday affair, but a serious devotion to a serious duty; that members, of the National Guard, when in active service, are subject to military discipline and that insubordination will be punished with the rigor of military law.

It would have been easy for the Court to affirm this principle by dismissing the complaint of Iams against his commanding officers, but such a judgment would not have carried the same weight as is given to it by the unbiased verdict of a civil jury. In a free Commonwealth the military power is always subordinate to the civil authority and subject to its review, but within its own field, when actually engaged in the defense of public order, it will never be interfered with on the complaint of dissatisfied individuals with real or fancied grievances to redress.—Times.

Clifton Knorr was badly burned about the head last Friday evening by the explosion of a torch which he was preparing to carry in the Republican parade. He had emptied the oil from his torch, and was soldering the flash light attachment fast, when some of the red fire mixture ignited from the hot iron, and caused an explosion. It was supposed that he had lost the sight of both eyes, but this fortunately is not the case. He is rapidly improving, and will soon be able to be out.

The pupils in Miss Breece's school room held a mock election on Tuesday.

COUNTY CHAIRMAN MERCER.

The result of the campaign in this county has fully demonstrated the fact that the friends of James H. Mercer made no mistake when they selected him as Chairman of the Democratic Standing Committee. He has been active, earnest, energetic, untiring. He has effected thorough organization, and with the assistance of the other members of the committee, he has conducted the canvass intelligently and thoroughly. Constantly for several weeks past he has given his time almost exclusively to the work before him, and how well he has discharged his duties is shown by the democratic majority of 2586, in this county, a figure which has been exceeded but few times. He and the efficient secretary of the committee, C. B. Robbins, are entitled to the thanks of every democrat, for their unselfish and valuable services to the party.

KILLED ON THE RAILROAD.

Joseph Hinton of Rupert was killed on the B. & S. railroad Monday afternoon. He was a fireman of the rock train of which Mr. Fortune is the conductor. When near Orangeville Mr. Hinton jumped from a car in front of engine, to run a head and turn the switch; after jumping he made several steps when his foot caught and he fell over the track. The car passed over him before the train could be stopped. When picked up life was extinct. Conductor Fortune immediately summoned a physician, but it was of no avail. The body was brought down on the passenger train Monday evening and conveyed over the Philadelphia & Reading road to Rupert. A wife alone survives him, to mourn his sudden death.

Bishop Eulison's Residence.

The designs for a handsome residence of Bishop Eulison, of the Episcopal church, have been completed by Architect Thomas Podmore, of Wilkesbarre; the house which is to be built at South Bethlehem will be of stone and three stories high.

The annual Harvest Home Services will be held in the Lutheran church Sunday morning. The church will be trimmed in the product of nature's fruits and flowers, and the exercises will all be by the children.

An elegant Thanksgiving dinner will be served in the old Presbyterian church by the ladies of the Lutheran church.

Reading Gives Up Jersey Central.

ANSWER FILED AT HARRISBURG TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S BILL OF COMPLAINT.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 5.—A large amount of evidence, documentary and otherwise, was submitted to-day in the hearing before examiners Bergner and McAlarney in the Commonwealth's suit against the Reading and Philadelphia and Jersey Central roads, together with statements as to coal rates from the various anthracite regions before and after the lease of the Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central roads.

Attorney-General Hensel and George Nauman appeared for the Commonwealth and M. E. Olmstead for the defendants.

Mr. Olmstead also filed to-day supplementary answers to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, Central Railroad Company of New Jersey, Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company to the Attorney-General's bill of complaint. These answers show that the lease of the Jersey Central road has been surrendered.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

The President has issued the customary Thanksgiving proclamation. The time fixed is long enough after the election for everybody to determine, from his own point of view, his precise cause of gratitude. What may be called non-partisan grounds of gratitude are sufficiently set forth by the President. The pestilence has been stayed and there is much of "contentment and comfort" as the result of the abundant "gifts of God" through the fruitful yield of the earth. The earth is apt to be right. Trouble comes usually through the people who inhabit the earth. As the prescriptive last Thursday of the month falls this year upon November 24, that day is appointed for Thanksgiving.

The weather was lovely on Tuesday, and some said it was good republican weather, and would bring out a big vote for them. Now, suppose it had rained, which they say is good democratic weather. But why suppose anything about it! Haven't we got the earth, as it is?

The Election in Town.

The first trial of the Baker ballot law has proven quite satisfactory in Bloomsburg. Most everybody is pleased with the system and would like to see it continued, with some few modifications. For instance, as the booths stand now anyone can see how each voter marks his ballot. They should be so located as to prevent this.

Although there was much interest manifested, there was little or no excitement during the day. The very large vote polled here shows the result of the thorough canvass made by both sides. The vote for President was as follows:

Cleveland	181	91	9rd	4th	Total
Harrison	117	102	191	191	601
Bidwell	16	13	8	4	41
Weaver	3	1	1	1	6

Cleveland's plurality was 149, every precinct going Democratic. The vote is larger than in 1888, and the majority is larger by 50. But few votes were not polled and most of those were owing to sickness. One prominent resident in the fourth lost his vote by failure to pay tax in two years. Another in the second lost his by showing his ballot contrary to law.

Democratic headquarters were established at the Opera House, and the Republicans spent a quiet evening at the old Presbyterian Church. All the news from the start favored the Democrats, and there was cheering and hornblowing until after two o'clock when the band came out and the boys paraded. At 1:15 the lights were put out at Republican headquarters, and they silently and sadly sought their coaches. It was all one way and there was no consolation in the reports for them. Large sums of money changed hands on the result.

The Democrats were kept well informed on Tuesday evening by dispatches from William Chrisman Esq. who was in New York, and by Senator Herring who was in Philadelphia, in addition to the general press dispatches. The telephone office was also connected with New York by the long distance wires, and received all that went over them.

The horns purchased by an enthusiastic republican down town, to toot in the parade on Wednesday morning, didn't toot; for just the kind of news that he expected, but they tooted all the same.

It was a campaign of education, and the people seem to have learned their lessons right well.

