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77-Our absence from home to-day of going to press, has prevented us giving much attention to the editorial columns of to-day's paper.

THE CONTINENTALS.—The highly successful quartette of Vocalists, who for the last ten years have been giving concerts throughout the country under the name of the Continentals, will give one of their entertainments at Rheem's Hall, on Monday evening, December 3. These celebrated warblers have always been favorites of the lovers of music in Carlisle, and were highly successful in all their visits here.

THANKSGIVING DAY.—To-day is the day that has been selected in Pennsylvania and in many of the States of our Union, as a day of Thanksgiving—a day to thank the Giver of all good for the many blessings vouchsafed to us as a people. It is meet and right that such a day should be observed by us.

A GOOD SUCCESSION.—While the people of this highly-favored and prosperous Commonwealth are about to celebrate our annual Thanksgiving, a cry of distress comes to us from the far off plains of Kansas—our western colony—where thousands are in a famishing condition, and must starve unless speedy relief reaches them.

THE PULPIT AND THE CHURCH.—We see announcements, says the Ledger, in the Northern and Southern papers, that clergymen will address their congregations on the crisis. If the clergymen who usually mingle politics with religion will only tell the country how it is to get out of its present difficulty, they will then under a great deal of the mischief they have caused, and which has brought the country to the verge of revolution by their political harangues.

THE HARRISBURG DAILY UNION in speaking of the fruits of the Republican Triumph, says—"Yesterday the Harrisburg Bank suspended—as a measure of self-defence, of course—and before this reaches our readers, nearly all of the banks in the Union will also have suspended. This, then, is the beginning of the glorious times promised us as soon as honest Old Abe was elected!

THE LEGISLATURE OF 1861.—The approaching session of the State Legislature, will be one of more than ordinary interest. The session will commence on the first Tuesday (the 1st) of January.

ANOTHER CONTESTED SEAT.—Hon. H. C. Longnecker, late candidate for Congress in the Bucks and Lehigh District, has notified Hon. Thomas B. Cooper of his intention to contest his seat in the next Congress.

RESOURCES OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—The Charley (S. C.) Gazette says that the real and personal estate, capital employed in manufacturing, banking, railroads, &c., amount to \$342,526,378.

THE DUTY OF DEMOCRATS.

Before the Presidential election, says the Democratic Union, the Democratic party warned the people that the success of the Republican party upon its sectional basis would be disastrous to the material interests of the country, and dangerous to the stability of the Union.

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If the present difficulty should be happily quieted—which God grant—it is apparent that the domination of the Republican party must be of short continuance. One term of Republican rule will satisfy the people, and the Union will never again be subjected to another such trial.

It is also necessary that the Democratic party should place itself in a position to take advantage of the mistakes and blunders of the Republicans. By this we mean that we must cease quarreling among ourselves if we expect to make any impression upon the enemy.

There will be some unscrupulous agitators in our ranks constantly raking up the ashes of old controversies, and if we heed them the party will be kept constantly in hot water. We should regard the late bitter fight concerning Presidential candidates as fought, exhausted, terminated; and every man as an enemy who thrusts it upon us for mischievous and factious purposes.

WHO WILL BE SPEAKER?—There is much speculation among the Republican politicians in regard to the Speakership of the next House of Representatives. The following gentlemen are prominent candidates: John J. Patterson, of Juniata. Elisha J. Ball, of Erie. Gideon W. Davis, of Yennango. Isaac G. Gordon, of Jefferson. Isaac A. Sheppard, of Philadelphia. Jacob E. Ridgway, of Dr. J. H. Seltzer, of

Who are to blame?

How ready are those who have brought evil upon themselves or a community, to charge the cause of that evil upon others, rather than to lay it at their own doors, where it rightfully belongs. This is very fully illustrated by the Republicans at the present time, who are endeavoring to throw all the responsibility of the sad and alarming state of things at the South, upon those conservative papers which have, in season and out of season, endeavored to counteract the baneful influence of the John Brownism, inflammatory speeches and unjust legislation of the Republican party, and which have, by earnest appeals to the patriotism of the people, striven to prevent the result which is causing so much anxiety in every part of the land.

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SUSPENSION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS BY THE PHILADELPHIA BANKS.—The Banks of Philadelphia on Thursday last, says the Ledger, resolved to suspend specie payments. The political troubles of the country have precipitated this measure upon them and other banks of the Union, at a time when the prospects of the country otherwise were favorable.

The suspension, though it has come suddenly upon the community, seems to be generally regarded as necessary in the present condition of affairs. How long it will depend probably upon the action of the Legislature, which meets in January next.

A VIRGINIA PERSONAL LIBERTY LAW.—It is a little remarkable that Virginia has a personal liberty law. It enacts that any person, conceiving himself to be unlawfully detained as a slave, is authorized to sue for his freedom. Such person, during the pendency of the suit, must be kept in custody at the expense of the person claiming to be the owner.

KANSAS.—The telegraph announces a reign of terror in Kansas. Montgomery and his band had commenced operations in Kansas by "hanging and killing their opponents." Montgomery, who is engaged in this work of "hanging and killing," has a force of five hundred men, and contemplates the despatch of a war on the bordering States of Arkansas and Missouri.

A THICK SKIN.—During an exhibition of Dan Rice's Circus, at Memphis, Tenn., on the 10th inst., it was proposed to show that the hide of the rhinoceros was ball-proof. Capt. Travis, the celebrated pistol shot, then fired a bullet at the animal, which fell flattened to the floor, not breaking the skin, nor even causing the animal to wince.

Important Land Suit in Michigan.

The Detroit Free Press states that an important suit, involving the title to a large amount of property, is to come before the United States District Court in Detroit, at the next term. The case arises from one of the old French grants, upon which Congress has made an appropriation, and includes the cession of between fifty and a hundred thousand acres of land lying on the Michigan side of the Saint Marie, a tract which contains the Saut coveau, the village of St. Marie, the Saut railroad, and numerous improvements in the way of farming, building, &c.

GROWING WEALTH OF THE SOUTH.—As the official returns of the population and wealth of the different parishes of Louisiana have been made public, it has been a matter of pride to note the flourishing condition in which they present this State. No single county of any other State, with all the aids of commerce and a highly improved system of agriculture, has presented so cheering an evidence of public prosperity, or more reliable means for future progress.

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The Oil Interests.

Franklin, Venango county, is now the great disturbing centre, at present, of the oil interest, says the Pittsburg Post. Here you find representatives of the great cities of the East, and South, operating in the fluid, speculating in lands, leasing sites, selling engines, contracting for barrels, and driving tract generally, with great tact and enterprise. Pittsburg and vicinity is well represented, and has much capital invested, not only in lands and wells, but in trade, which is giving to this beautiful town quite a home air.

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TWO LAWYERS KILLED.—Henry R. Riddick and Adrian Snider, both lawyers, of Coffeyville, Miss., had a street fight, a few days ago, when Riddick was instantly killed. A brother of the deceased thereupon seized a pistol and shot Snider dead.

Bank Suspensions.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 23.—The Banks of this city, with the exception of the old bank of Pittsburg, suspended specie payments to-day. The Bank of Pittsburg pays specie on all its liabilities as it did during the suspension of 1857.

Later from California by Pony Express. Election Returns—Lincoln Still Ahead. St. JOSEPH, Nov. 23.—The California advices to Nov 10th, by pony express, were, by some mistake, brought past Fort Kearney, and arrived here this evening.

THE TENNESSEE BANKS SUSPENDED.—A despatch from Louisville, dated Nov. 20, says that the Nashville, Planters', Union and State Banks of Tennessee have suspended, at the request of the community.

Hon. C. L. Vallandigham, of Ohio, publishes in the Cincinnati Enquirer of the 10th inst., a very able letter, in which he takes strong grounds in favor of the right of a State to secede. He says that he will never vote for an appropriation to force a State to remain in the Union against her will; and concludes by hoping "if Abraham Lincoln will not remember secession of the Ten Tribes, that he will remember the secession of the Thirteen Colonies."

GROWTH OF INDIANA AND WISCONSIN.—The census of Indiana, just completed, shows a good increase of population since 1850. The present population is 1,347,000. In 1850 it was 900,258. Increase 356,742, or about 36 per cent. The census of Wisconsin, just completed, shows a most gratifying increase in the population of that industrious, prosperous, and wealthy prairie State. Her total population now is 777,777, in round numbers, and numbers which are remarkable for being all sevens.

METHODISTS TURNING TO EPISCOPALIANISM.—On the 29th ultimo the Independent Methodist Society of Schon Chapel, in Louisville, Kentucky, came in a body into the Episcopal Church, transferring to that church all the property previously held by the congregation. That property consists of a very handsome church building, capable of holding four or five hundred persons, with school rooms, situated in the heart of the city, and worth not less than \$24,000.

MILITARY IN CHARLESTON.—A letter from Charleston says: Men of all classes and conditions belong to the military hero; gentlemen in the ranks as privates were pointed out to me as the owners of hundreds of negroes, with lands to correspond, whose commissioned officers were men who earned their daily bread by the sweat of their brow.

ITALY UNITED.—Italy, which lost her independence when she lost her unity, has, after long years of separation into States hostile to each other, again achieved her redemption, and is now once more a united government under Victor Emmanuel. The only provinces not included are those held by the Pope and Venetia. The united government is now composed of Sardinia, Lombardy, Naples, Sicily, Nuscany, Nordena and Parma, having about 100,000 square miles and 20,000,000 of inhabitants.

APPLES COMING EAST.—The Syracuse (N. Y.) Journal says that, at one time, on the 20th inst., there were in view from the weigh lock in that city, no less than thirteen canal boats loaded with apples in barrels, destined for the Eastern market.

The Presidential Election.

Table with columns: Counties, Lin'n, Fus'n, Doug, Bell. Lists election results for various counties in Pennsylvania, including Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Butler, Cambria, Carbon, Centre, Chester, Clarion, Clearfield, Clinton, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Elk, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Forest, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Juniata, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, M'Kean, Mercer, Monroe, Montgomery, Mifflin, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Somerset, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming, York.

Total, 268,030 178,871 60,677 12,890. Lincoln over all, 89,661. Total vote of the State, 476,337.

FORGERY AND SUICIDE AT ST. PAUL, MINN.—A prominent real estate broker of St. Paul, Minnesota, named Gray, committed suicide on Saturday week, under peculiar circumstances. He had lately become peculiarly embarrassed, and having borrowed what he could do so no longer, he obtained several blank county bonds and filled them up.

AIR AND WATER.—Set a pitcher of water in a room, and in a few hours it will have absorbed nearly all the respired and perspired gases in the room, the air of which will have become purer, but the water utterly filthy. The colder the water is, the greater its capacity to contain these gases.

DESERTS.—The lady who has charge of the Housekeeper's Department of the Germantown Telegraph, says of deserts, that these are the agents which cause a vast amount of human suffering, inasmuch as they tempt the appetite and bribe nature to transgression, which never fails of being punished sooner or later.

A CHILD'S DEATH-BED.—Marion Bitter, a little boy four years old, was so badly scalded in Philadelphia on Saturday last, by falling into a large kettle of boiling water, that he lived but a few hours. He was comparatively easy after his wounds were dressed, and during the last hour of his existence, he lay in bed, sang the hymns taught him in the infant school—the last being the beautiful one commencing with the words, "My Father in the Promised Land."

A LARGE FAMILY.—Mrs. Mary Haller, who died recently, in Wythe county, Va., was 70 years of age, had been married 67 years, had 12 children, 62 grand children, 124 great grand children, and 3 great great grand children.