

Father Abraham.

INDEPENDENT AND PROGRESSIVE.



LANCASTER CITY, PA.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1868.

OUR TERMS—IN ADVANCE.

Our friends will bear in mind that our very low price of subscription requires us to adhere strictly to the system of advance payment in all cases.

FATHER ABRAHAM—Vol. II, No. 1.

Today we appear, for the first time, under the popular and very successful title of FATHER ABRAHAM, as a permanently established weekly newspaper.

We go to press this week with the most flattering prospect of success in this enterprise. Clubs, as well as single subscribers, are pouring in upon us even more rapidly than at any time during the late campaign.

"INDEPENDENT AND PROGRESSIVE" is our motto, and we mean to be consistent therewith. Whatever course on our part may be necessary to promote the public welfare, that course shall be pursued.

Our ever-reliable and highly interesting correspondent, "Pit Schwelbrenner," will continue his weekly productions. He has given us the most unqualified pledge that, "sink or swim, survive or perish, live or die," he will give the entire power of his pen to FATHER ABRAHAM.

BACK NUMBERS.

We do not intend to make it a practice to furnish back numbers of FATHER ABRAHAM, but will print, from time to time, only as many copies as may be needed for our regular subscribers.

GET READY FOR BUSINESS.

Now is the time to advertise. House-keepers will be providing for family wants, and merchants buying in stocks of fresh goods to meet all demands of the season.

ALREADY TWO THOUSAND.

We have already within a fraction of two thousand subscribers, and to meet the demand during the coming week we print three thousand copies of this number of FATHER ABRAHAM.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

The electors chosen in each State meet at the Capital of their respective States on the first Wednesday in December. They vote by distinct ballots for President and Vice President, and send the result, carefully sealed, by a special messenger, who will deliver it to Hon. Benj. F. Wade, President of the Senate.

THE REPUBLICANS OF THE DEMOCRATIC COUNTIES.

The infamous system of local legislation at Harrisburg, adopted by the Rings, Brokers and Jobbers during the last three or four sessions, is about to be ventilated by the independent Republican Press of the State.

Under the pernicious system of "local legislation," one-third of all the Republicans of Pennsylvania are entirely forgotten and neglected. The Republicans of the Republican counties only are represented in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

But, let our Republican counties monopolize the offices if they will. That is, after all, a matter of secondary importance. What the Republicans of the minority counties have a clear and unquestionable right to demand, is that their rights and interests be fairly considered and protected by the Republican majority at Harrisburg.

For several years, as is well known, the county of Schuylkill was infested by organized gangs of "Buckshots," "Molly Maguires," and other oath-bound cut-throats and assassins. Superintendents and proprietors of coal mines and other leading public spirited and enterprising citizens, were way-laid and murdered in the open light of day, and in some parts of the county citizens were compelled to leave their homes, too, for personal safety.

The Republicans of Bethlehem—who pay two-thirds of all the taxes of said borough—a few years ago, petitioned the Legislature for the passage of an act creating two wards, and insisted upon such a line of division as would give them a mere representation in the borough council.

characteristic sneer—that as he had the highest regard for Mr. Heister Clymer, he could not vote for or countenance any local bill for Berks county, to which that gentleman (Mr. Clymer) objected!

The following table gives the names of the United States Senators whose terms of office expire on March 4, with the names of their successors so far as chosen:

THE FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

Table listing Senators and their successors for the 41st Congress, including names like John Cassin, James A. Bannard, and others.

The House.

The political complexion of the next U. S. House of Representatives is exhibited in the following table:

Table showing the political complexion of the next U.S. House of Representatives by state, listing Republican and Democratic counts.

Total..... 142 83
Republican majority, 59.

The Senate will stand as follows: Republicans, 57; Democrats, 11—Republican majority, 46.

The foregoing list of members of the House of Representatives does not include Connecticut, now represented by one Republican and three Democrats, or New Hampshire, now represented by three Republicans.

HON. O. J. DICKEY IN WASHINGTON.

The Washington correspondence of the Baltimore Sun, in a report of the meeting and adjournment of Congress on the 10th instant, has the following notice of our new member of Congress.

"Among the gentlemen on the floor to-day was Hon. Oliver J. Dickey, who gave the reason of his being the successor of Thaddeus Stevens. He does not resemble the old leader of the House in any particular physically, nor in many mentally, so much as in his bitter and uncompromising radicalism.

WM. AUG. ATLEE, Esq.

The term of this gentleman, as District Attorney of this county, expired on Monday last. Mr. Atlee has discharged the responsible duties of the office with marked ability, and as he will now be actively engaged in his professional duties, we wish him abundant success.

FRAUDS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The frauds of the Democrats in Philadelphia, though not so great in the aggregate as those of their brethren in New York, were yet even more gross and palpable in many instances, than in that city.

In our next we shall endeavor to point out a remedy for this system of outrage and wrong, to which the attention of our Republican members of the Legislature is respectfully invited.

THE SUFFRAGE QUESTION.

General Grant says that he will favor a constitutional amendment making the suffrage question to be regulated throughout all the States by Congressional enactments, and making it universal—North as well as South.

OLD WARWICK.

As far as we know, Warwick township is still ahead of any other district in the State, having on the 3d instant increased the Republican vote thirty-six over the vote in October, and decreased the Democratic vote twenty-one, making an increase of fifty-seven on the Republican majority—from 220 to 277.

Whether this very large and gratifying gain will or will not entitle the Republicans of Warwick to the State Banner offered by the General Committee of the Boys in Blue, they certainly have good cause to feel proud of their victory.

HOPE FOR MARYLAND.

The late election shows that notwithstanding the Copperheads were aided by the whole power of the Administration and the votes of thousands of returned rebels who were absent when the State voted for Lincoln, there is a healthy growth of Republicanism in Maryland.

KANSAS.

Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, says that so far as heard from, no Democrat is elected to the lower House of the Kansas Legislature, and only one to the Senate, and he by five majority, with the aid of a number of fraudulent votes.

CHEAP.

The New York Tribune says that the cheapest articles in the political market today are the Washington politicians—and the cheapest of the lot are the members of the House of Blair.

CONGRESS.

In accordance with the resolution of adjournment, both Houses of Congress were called to order at noon on Tuesday of last week, by Vice President Wade and Speaker Colfax.

FRAUD.

There are solid grounds for the charge that of the 79 electoral votes received by Gov. Seymour, those of New York and New Jersey, numbering 40, were obtained by fraud and forgery; those of Georgia and Louisiana, amounting to 15, were secured by terrorism and violence; and those of Maryland and Kentucky, numbering 18, were got through the aid of ex-rebels.

THE PRESIDENCY.

For Grant and Colfax.

Table showing electoral and popular votes for Grant and Colfax across various states.

For Seymour and Blair.

Table showing electoral and popular votes for Seymour and Blair across various states.

BEN. BUTLER.

The return of this noble Representative to Congress from Massachusetts, is most gratifying to Radical Republicans all over the country.

COVODE'S DISTRICT.

The Governor's Proclamation announcing the result of the election for Congress in October has been issued. In Covode's District the Governor has thrown the responsibility of saying who is elected upon Congress, because two returns have been made, and he has no means of deciding which is correct.

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION—OFFICIAL.

Grant's Majority 28,898.

Large table showing official Pennsylvania election results by county, including columns for Grant and Seymour votes.

RECAPITULATION.

Summary table of election results showing total votes for Grant and Seymour.

Father Abraham's Chips.

THE Government has supplied 5,961 artificial limbs to soldiers.

BOSTON is happy. A ship load of peanuts has just arrived there.

INDIANAPOLIS expects to slaughter 70,000 hogs this year. The work will begin next week probably.

SCHUYLER COLFAX, the Vice President elect, was married to Miss Nellie Wade, at Aniover, Ohio, on Wednesday last.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, is to have a hospital for "women who have become disgusted with their husbands."

EUROPEAN physicians, it is said, have successfully used electricity to restore persons who have taken an overdose of laudanum or opium.

It is estimated that the wheat crop of Oregon this year will amount to 5,000,000 bushels. One farmer in Yamhill county raised 2,500 bushels on fifty acres.

JOHN DEASE was killed by John Grove, near Pittsburg on last Saturday night. Dease was intoxicated, and was shot while attempting to enter Grove's house.

THE majority for Grant in Connecticut is 3,041—showing a gain of 1,085 since the spring election. The Democracy of New York were kept at home to vote for Hoffman, whose election is all the swindling ring of that city cared much for.

GENERAL GRANT arrived in Washington at eight o'clock on Saturday night, November 7th, and went immediately to his private residence, having declined a public reception tendered him by the several political organizations.

The skeletons of eight human beings were found under the barn floor belonging to a tavern, near Bunker Hill, Illinois. The tavern-keeper is suspected of having been engaged in robbery and murder for years. He has been arrested and committed for trial.

GENERAL GRANT has dropped his old business of tanning, and is soon to start upon Washington at Cabinet-making. He announced to the public recently that he is no claim agent, by the destruction of half a ton of applications sent to him for consideration.

IN West Tennessee pork bids fair to rule at much lower prices this season than for several years past. The great abundance of meat as well as the heavy yield of corn throughout the country, is putting hogs forward very rapidly, and will assure in that section a plentiful supply of pork. Sales have been made at five cents.

TWENTY-FOUR bills of indictment have been found in New York against persons concerned in the manufacture of fraudulent naturalization papers. These indictments are in addition to those returned last week. Reform seems about to be pushed with some meaning.

A COUPLE of gentlemen observing a pretty rough-looking customer leaning against a lamp-post, much under the influence of tarantula, made a bet as to his politics. Approaching him, one of them said: "How do you stand, uncle? You're a Democrat, are you not?" "Democrat be hanged! I admit the symptoms, but, if I know myself, I'm on ozer side."

THE Dayton Ledger objects to the following election-morning talk in the Journal: "Let the law-abiding and honorable old Democrats, if there be any remaining in the party called Democratic, calmly consider for a moment, and then ask themselves these questions: Why is it that burglars, blacklegs, and blackguards work so earnestly for the success of that party?"

THE Rebels of Tennessee made two dastardly attempts last week to assassinate General W. J. Smith, a Republican candidate for Congress. He was assaulted twice in the cars while traveling to meet his appointments by gangs of rowdies, who beat him severely, and would have taken his life had he not been rescued by the conductors of the trains.

A DRUNKEN Democrat was arrested at Lowell, Mass., on complaint of his neighbors, Tuesday night. The officers found him seated at a table, with a large potato in front of him, four or five candles sticking in it, at his right hand a bottle of whiskey, and at his left a tumbler. They asked him what he was about, and he replied in maudling tones, "An 'I'm holdin' a wake over Seymour."

Local News.

THE COURT.—The regular term of the Quarter Sessions of this county, commenced on Monday morning last, Judge Long presiding.

George Brubaker, Esq., the new District Attorney, was sworn in, on motion of his predecessor, Wm. Anz. Allee, Esq. The Court paid a high and deserved compliment to Mr. Allee, for the manner in which he had discharged his duties during his official term.

John R. Diefenbach, Esq., was appointed Foreman of the Grand Jury, which was addressed by Judge Long, defining their duties, and expressed his regret that the number of new cases on the calendar, for trial, is larger than at any previous November term of the court.

The Court fixed the number of names to be placed in the wheel, from which to select jurors for the Courts to be held in this county during the next year, at one thousand. The constables of the different townships made their usual returns and were sworn to them by the Clerk. The Court announced that all defaulting jurors were fined \$15 for failing to be in attendance.

MONDAY AFTERNOON: Joseph Smith pleaded guilty of the stealing of a saddle from Emanuel Tanager, and a horse from Christian Frantz, of East Lampeter, and was sentenced to an imprisonment of three years and six months in the Lancaster County Prison.

Hiram Michael was fined five dollars, and costs, for assault and battery. David Benle was acquitted of the charge of stealing some small articles from Augustus Reinisch, of Manheim township.

Vol procs. were entered in each of the following cases: Lydia Ann Pleasants, J. G. Dottenheffer, Philip Wall, Rudy W. Hahn and Daniel Misher.

In the case of Barbara Witmer, charged with receiving stolen goods, belonging to Dr. J. T. Baker, of this city, "no true bill" was found by the Grand Jury. The case of surety of the peace, against Henry Wickel, for making threats against Mary Garner, was abandoned by the Dis-