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THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The vote of Ohio for the Fifteenth Amendment, secured by the election of Tuesday last, makes sure the ratification of the amendment by the necessary number of States. It will probably be authoritatively declared part of the Constitution before the first of January. And next fall we will have the Lancaster Intelligencer and kindred sheets, begging and imploring the votes of "our colored fellow-citizens." They will be welcome to all they get.

DEATH OF EX-GOVERNOR RITNER.

This honored citizen of Pennsylvania died at the residence of his son-in-law, at Carlisle, on Saturday last, at the advanced age of ninety. He filled a large place in the esteem of the people of this Commonwealth, over whom he honestly and fearlessly exercised Executive functions during an important era in her history.

We expected to print in this week's issue the likeness of our Mayor elect, Wm. Aug. Atlee, Esq., but the engraver has disappointed us. It will appear next week.

"MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!"

A man once made his fortune by attending strictly to the above admonition. We do not know that Dunglison, of the Philadelphia Sunday Republic, is by position or superior ability, competent to attend to the affairs of his neighbors, in addition to his own.

A BAD INVESTMENT.

Fifty thousand dollars is what the little experiment of Tuesday a week cost Asa Packer. The money was put into the care of trustees, and a good part of it went into the hands of impetuous newspapers, for the printing of German, English and Welsh documents, illuminated posters, and stirring hand bills on the danger of Pennsylvania being Africanized and Celestialized. Asa, from the time he invested his earnings in the wild lands of the Lehigh valley, never made a more indiscreet investment.

PHILADELPHIA.

Well may the Republicans of Philadelphia be proud of the result in the city. To give 4000 majority over all—whisky rings, brewer's unions, gin leagues, and similar democratic institutions—is indeed glorious. And the democracy made a great mistake when they hauled down their city ticket because it was made up principally of blacklegs, keepers of low groceries, bummers and ex-criminals, and substituted a set of "respectable" candidates, for by so doing they entirely ignored the principle element of which their party is made up.

TRUE.

The Albany (New York) Journal is more than satisfied with the result in Pennsylvania. It says: "Pennsylvania has been true to herself, over obstacles apparently the most insurmountable. The enemy was sanguine to the point of confidence, but not of neglect. They fought stubbornly and unscrupulously. They challenged success by their desperate earnestness. They struggled as never before. Money saved from the tax gatherers was scattered like chaff. Their candidate for Governor was nominated avowedly because he would prove an unscrupulous corruptionist. His coffers, not his brains, were in demand. His money, not himself, was running. But honesty has triumphed over fraud, and the Keystone remains firm. All honor to the noble workers of Pennsylvania."

FOOD FOR DEMOCRATIC REFLECTION.

In alluding to the recent glorious victory in Pennsylvania over the "Democratic" party, Forney's Press appropriately and truly says that Packer started with the prestige of great wealth and personal inoffensiveness. He was placarded as the "Pride of the Valley," and his invincibility was not only a matter of general pride among Democrats, but served to build up an assurance of victory which was gratifying to the party and amusing to the opposition. With all this, in the very sections where he was best known, where his best connections were largest, where his political principles or prejudices were best understood, where, according to every speculation, he should have shown his greatest strength, there the Republican gains are most significant.

Inquiry into this phase of the election elicits one or two truths of more than ordinary moment. And the first is the impossibility of public or private individuals separating themselves from their war records. The people are just as willing now as they were in 1861 to regard the rebellion as a stupendous crime against the country and themselves, and those who participated in it, or gave it aid and sympathy, as unworthy of public confidence. The stain of assisting by act or thought to crush liberty, under the union of the States and build up an aristocratic government, whose "corner-stone should be human slavery," cannot be wiped out in this generation.

However much time may soften the asperities of the war, the loyal people of America can never be brought to acknowledge that men who rolled in affluence, and whose influence might have been powerful to save, yet who withheld both, or exerted them for the enemy, are as worthy of public confidence as those who sacrificed comfort, time, wealth and influence, and endangered life, in order to save our institutions. They have told Asa Packer so with an emphasis which must force the unpleasant truth home upon him. His neighbors have told him so—even those whom he and his party supposed would be most forgiving.

POLITICAL TEMPERANCE MEN.

The political temperance men of Philadelphia placed a full county ticket in the field, for the purpose of defeating the Republicans. The following is the result of the vote cast:

Ferguson, for Recorder.....289 Clagburn, for Prothonotary.....328 Petree, for Clerk of Quarter Sessions.....272 Gabel, for Coroner.....257

IOWA.

Returns from this State indicate a larger majority than was first anticipated, being near 35,000. The Legislature will stand 126 Republicans to 14 Democrats.

The Harrisburg Telegraph did yeoman service for the Republican cause during the late campaign, and is entitled to the thanks of the Republican party at large. It has of late been better edited than at any time within our recollection.

SHARP!

The Trenton Sentinel, edited by Charles W. Jay, Esq., is very hard on the "Dimmy-crats." There is more truth than poetry in what he says in his sharp way. We give a few samples:

"In New York city there is an Association of 'respectable' Democrats called the 'Manhattan Club.' Manton Marble, August Belmont, Samuel J. Tilden, Governor Hoffman, and other dignitaries of the party are members of this club. And yet their room is but a disguised gambling den. A short time since one of the members sold a brother for the sum of fourteen hundred dollars which he won of him at the game of 'poker.' There is no use of talking. A Democrat, to be a loafer or a man of means, must naturally be with the vicious and depraved of his kind. You have but to look around you to see this truth."

"The Fourth Ward of New York city, composed of ruffians, murderers and drunkards, showed the following result at the last election:

Democrat.....3,708 Republican.....458

"Now look at it, Christian Copperhead and traitor. It is always so. Wherever vice and vagabondism most abounds, your Democratic vote preponderates ten to one. And now for the Sixth Ward, which is the rival of the Fourth in crime and ruffianism. The following is the record of her last election:

Democrat.....3,858 Republican.....290

"Thieves, murderers, burglars, ruffians, drunkards, are instinctively Democrats. And yet you vote with the scum of humanity—with the villains who send brutal prize-fighters and gamblers to Congress—and you are the political heathen of the totally depraved mankind. You can vote with these villains without compunction, but the man with a dark skin must not come near the ballot-box. Don't you feel that you are a mean and contemptible scoundrel?"

"But New York is not an isolated city in her political infamy. Take any ulcerous sore in the body politic and it is almost solidly Democratic. Even in this quiet city of ours the ignorant and ruffianly localities are heavily Democratic. The man who cannot write his own name is invariably a 'Democrat.' The brute who beats his wife is always of the same party. The keeper of a low rum-hole is most certainly a 'Dimikrat.' The First Ward in this city contains the wealth, the intellect and the refinement of the city. It is heavily Republican. The Fourth, Sixth and Seventh Wards reek with ignorance and brutality. Of course they are intensely Democratic. The Fourth Ward of Philadelphia is the plague spot of that city. Her principal Alderman is a brute of a murderer. Thieves and prostitutes make up the bulk of its population. Its vote is four thousand Democratic to three hundred Republican. And so the country over. There is no community where the shiftless, shirt-tail class are not 'Dimikrats.' Anywhere, in town or country, if every brute or loafer is not a 'Democrat' it is a strange departure from the rule. Violators of the moral or statute law are Democrats, ninety out of every hundred of them. Jes so!"

THE REPUBLICANS OF CARBON.

Looking over the official returns of Carbon county, the real and only home of Asa Packer, we have satisfied ourselves that in no part of the State was the campaign conducted with more vigor and devotion to principle and gratifying success, on the part of our political friends, than in that county. Notwithstanding the millions of money at the disposal of Mr. Packer, and the vigor with which those employed along the line of his Railroads were almost driven to the polls and compelled to vote for him—many against their judgment and inclination—his majority in the County was only 685, being 55 more than they gave for County Auditor, and 69 more than that of Pershing over Williams. In Mauch Chunk Borough the vote stood, Packer 308, and Geary 301, being a majority of 53—a Republican gain since Packer was beaten for Borough Councilman by Mr. Lewis Beckhart a few years ago, of 18. In Mauch Chunk township—Summit Hill district—Packer was beaten 119, being a Republican gain of 103.

For this glorious result in Carbon county, under so many serious difficulties, much credit is due to our worthy successors of the Mauch Chunk Gazette; to Dr. D. K. Shoemaker, Gen. Lilly, Gen. Albright, Capt. Shields, Serg't Wehr, B. F. Walters, J. McMurtrie, N. D. Fowler, T. S. Beck, and many others who entered the fight boldly and with a determination to carry the old flag through in triumph. Such Republicans, in such localities, who fight against such odds, are worth talking about, and deserve to be gratefully remembered.

SETTLING ACCOUNTS.

All over the State the Republicans have taken this year to settle sundry quarrels and adjust old scores; and this they appear to have done and retained the control at the same time. As an "off year," the result in every light is extremely gratifying, especially in the light of an indorsement of the administration of Gen. Grant. Could that question have been submitted separately to the people of Pennsylvania, embarrassed by no local issues or other complications, the majority would have been not less than that by which Gen. Grant carried the State last fall. Indeed, we say with confidence, that it was the favor with which Gen. Grant's administration—more especially its financial management—is regarded by the people of Pennsylvania, that carried the State on Tuesday, and in this light is the result chiefly significant.

The Holmesburg Gazette comes to us this week enlarged and otherwise improved. Success to it.

A WARNING.

The heaviest weights we carried in the campaign just ended were the abominable extravagances and corruptions of the two last Legislatures, and that wretched system of keeping the public moneys which makes opportunity for individuals to corrupt the public servant with the public money, and for themselves to grow rich and great at the expense of the tax-payers of the Commonwealth. We have staggered through to victory under these burdens. They will not be carried long. We say to the members of the General Assembly just elected, reform these abuses, and provide safeguards for the treasury. If the public money can be made to earn anything, let it be for the Commonwealth. At least, put it out of the power of individuals and combinations to corrupt Legislatures, the servants of the people, with the people's own money. Your duty is plain, and neglect or failure will be without excuse. We hope, we trust, that it will be performed. Let not the contemptible subterfuge, that the office of State Treasurer is at the disposal of the Republican party, stay the hand of reform. Do your duty, and you will deserve a continuance of the public confidence which you now have. Fail, and you will be crushed under the avalanche of popular indignation.

A LESSON.

The result of the recent election in the Old Keystone demonstrates more clearly than ever, that the great Republican party is a pure, indestructible organization, whose mission is progress and reform—a party (the only one that ever existed) that can and will reform abuses in its own ranks. Let us add to its strength and glory by keeping its record unsullied. Pennsylvania is no longer a doubtful State. The Republican party needs nothing to perpetuate its power, but honest management and good men in office.

THE BUCKEYES.

The election in OHIO resulted in a majority for Hayes, the Republican candidate for Governor, of about NINE THOUSAND. The same party have a majority in both Houses.

THINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The Result, and the Cause—The Contested Election Case—Decision of the Court—Candidates for Speaker—Will of the late Dr. Rush—Laura Keane's Theatre.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20, 1868. DEAR ABE: The contest is over and a great victory has been won, as was illustrated by FATHER ABE last week, but to Philadelphia belongs the credit, for without our very handsome figures the State would have been nowhere. Now that the excitement has been brought to a close, I trust I shall be able to give you a weekly budget of things in this city of brotherly love.

Immense sums of money have changed hands since Tuesday of last week. Up to Tuesday at twelve o'clock the cops were confident of success, and all bets offered were eagerly gobbled up. One prominent down town politician offered to bet from one hundred to one thousand dollars that the city would give Democratic majority without counting the vote of the celebrated Fourth Ward. Unfortunately for me, I have been connected with the press too long to have such a vast sum of money, otherwise "Warwick" would have covered at once.

The great contested election case, which has occupied the attention of our men of law for the last two months, has at last been brought to a close, and the result is that the court decrees that at the general election held in the city of Philadelphia on the second Tuesday of October, 1868, the following named parties were duly and legally elected:

Mayor—D. M. Fox, D., by 68 majority. District Attorney—Chas. Gibbons, E., by 68 majority. Receiver of Taxes—Richard Peltz, R., by over 1,400 majority. City Controller—S. P. Hancock, R., by over 1,000 majority. City Assessor—Thomas J. Worrell, R., by over 800 majority. Prothonotary—Richard Donegan, R., by over 1,000 majority. City Commissioner—Alex. McCuen, R., by over 800 majority.

So the agony is over, and the court decides that all that Copperhead democracy returned as electors last fall, for the "skin of a lion" titled to the position, and he by the "skin of a lion's teeth."

Mr. Sheppard at the conclusion of the decision, though his attorney, Mr. Sellers, gave notice that his case would be carried to the Supreme Court, and on Tuesday last, all the other members of the bar followed in the wake of the late District Attorney. Mr. Sheppard, just after the decision had been given, resigned his position, and Mr. Gibbons was appointed by Judge Ludlow, as District Attorney pro-tem.

For Speaker of the next House of Representatives I hear of several candidates. From our city, they are Messrs. M. A. and A. at the Twelfth District, and Mr. Miller, of the West Philadelphia District, are both aspirants. Among the knowing ones, General Selfridge, of Northampton, is most prominent for the Chief Clerkship.

You will remember, in the early portion of this correspondence, I mentioned the decease of Dr. Rush, and his magnificent gift of about one million one hundred thousand dollars to the Philadelphia Library Company, with the understanding that from the funds a suitable building should be erected at Broad and Carpenter streets, and that the Company should move there, from their present location to the new quarters provided. At an election held on Tuesday last the Library Company decided to accept the provisions of the will, though singular to tell, by a very small majority.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

We present below the official majorities in the several wards and districts of this county at the October elections of 1868 and 1869:

Table showing official majorities in Lancaster County districts for 1868 and 1869. Columns include Districts, Majority 1868, and Majority 1869.

*Voted with Washington in 1868.

We give below the aggregate vote received by each candidate at the election in this county on the 12th inst. Our limits preclude the publication of the vote in detail.

Table listing candidates for various offices in Lancaster County, including Governor, Judge of Supreme Court, Senate, Assembly, Sheriff, Register, Prothonotary, Clerks of Orphan's Courts, Treasurers, Commissioners, Directors of the Poor, Prison Inspectors, Coroners, and Auditors.

THE RESULT IN THE STATE.

We give below the official returns from the State, excepting five counties. Geary's majority will be in the neighborhood of 4,600.

Table showing the result in the State by counties, comparing Geary's R., Packer's D., and Williams' R. for the year 1868.

Father Abraham's Chips.

MR. AND MRS. A. T. STEWART are getting ready to open their new \$1,500-000 residence on Fifth avenue.

MORRISSEY is said to have bet heavily against Packer—one bet with Sheriff O'Brien being \$10,000, all of which he wins.

A MOTHER in Sioux City, who inhabits a mud cabin, refuses her daughter a piano because "such things are getting to be altogether too common."

The annual session of the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States will be held in Danville, Pa., to commence on Wednesday evening, October 20th, 1869, at 7 o'clock.

As a remedy for "lightness," in the money market a speaker at a religious meeting in New York proposed the hanging of all the Wall street money gamblers on the same tree.

On and after November first important changes in commutation tickets and rates, it is said, will take effect on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. We have not as yet learned particulars as to the advance in rates.

MR. ROBERT LINCOLN, son of the late President, is a law partner in Chicago, and is doing a lucrative business. He is a cautious, industrious, able young man, possessing many of his father's strongest and most valuable traits of character.

The Irish Churchman informs its readers that five Irish Roman Catholic priests have, during the last month, renounced the errors of their faith, and have been received into the Episcopal Church in Dublin.

The Legislature of Virginia on Tuesday elected her United States Senators. For the long term Lieutenant Governor John F. Lewis was chosen; for the short term Judge J. W. Johnson. Both can take the iron-clad oath.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey was built through a section of the State sparsely inhabited. It began to run accommodation trains every forty minutes from New York, and in consequence its track, at the end of ten years, is flanked on both sides by elegant residences.

A LEADING DEMOCRAT, to show his sense of the folly of nominating fossil politicians for high offices, proposes putting up George H. Pendleton for President and Asa Packer for Vice President in 1872. He thinks that will about finish the lesson.

The election for borough and ward officers in Pottsville on Tuesday a week, resulted in a clean sweep for the Republicans. The Republican candidate for chief burgess had 559 majority. The councils and all other officers are Republicans.

PRESIDENT GRANT has appointed as Secretary of War Major General Wm. M. Belknap, of Keokuk, Iowa. He served in the army from the first to the last day of the late war. He is about thirty-eight years of age, in excellent health, and a lawyer by profession.

VICE-PRESIDENT COLFAX recently astonished the Saints of Salt Lake City by making them a speech in which he characterized polygamy as unwise and illegal, and called upon the people to abolish it. Such a speech a few years back would have been rewarded with assassination.

It is said Senator Wilson contemplates introducing a bill at the next session of Congress to stop the operations of gold gamblers in Wall street. He designs to make it a penalty to sell or purchase gold unless the full amount of coin sold is actually delivered.

SPEAKER BLAINE is of opinion that the coming session of Congress will be hitched with unusual ceremony. The chief subject of interest, he thinks, will be the financial question and the funding of the public debt.

HORACE GREELY has been nominated by the Republicans of New York for Comptroller. He accepts the nomination in a characteristic letter, in which he says he did not desire the nomination but does not feel at liberty to shirk the responsibilities it involves.

The latest rumor in New York is to the effect that James Fisk, Jr., has made a large show on other people's money, and that in less than a month, when his liabilities fall due and he will be unable to meet them, iron doors will close upon him for a while.

MR. PACKER'S friends have been sadly disappointed by the returns from the arch-traitor counties. He loses 945 in Schuylkill, and 1,128 in Luzerne, gaining only 47 votes in Carbon, his family's county, 99 in Lycoming county and 128 in Lehigh—a net loss to the Pride of the Valley of about 1,200 votes.

The shouts of victory from Ohio and Iowa come in time to swell and prolong our notes of triumph. The gallant Republicans of those States have battled well and won the great prize they contended for. This contest has settled the principles of the nation. We have now, indeed, a country "great, glorious and free."

GEN. SHERIDAN was called upon for a speech at the Wisconsin State Fair, and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I know you do not expect me to make a speech, and so I will only make my bow." He bowed, but was again called for, and came forward bowing and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I will repeat my little speech, and give way to others."

One of the most ingenious pieces of covert advertising is from the Arkansas Hot Springs Courier: "The habit of convalescing rheumatics and paralytics throwing their cast-off crutches and canes into the street is becoming too common, and is attended with danger to vehicles. One day last week a stranger was broken in front of the Warren House by a crutch thoughtlessly thrown into the street by some one ignorant of the damage it would cause."

COL. GEORGE W. ALEXANDER, of Reading, recently pardoned by President Grant, arrived there on Monday week, and was met at the depot by a large crowd of friends, who escorted him home, preceded by a band of music. This gallant soldier came from the prison cell with no odium attached to him, and his release, if possible, will only increase the disgust for his persecutors.