

"Father Abraham"

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EDITORIAL NOTES. The Japanese are said to be considering the feasibility of adopting a new language, and to be wavering in a choice between English and German.

The statistian of the Agricultural Bureau reports the corn crop of the present year as one of the largest that has ever been raised. The oats crop is an average one, and the barley crop something better than last year.

So dry had it become in New Jersey that it is said the recent heavy rains have made very little difference as yet in the mountain streams in the upper part of the State, the water disappearing in the dry earth like a sponge.

Antiquarians are again busy in guessing at the origin of Stonehenge. It is conjectured that the monoliths are relics of the glacial period, brought, imbedded in ice, from the far north, and left on dry earth when the ice-sheet melted away.

Mr. James T. Fields, in his recent "Masters of the Situation," expresses the opinion that with fewer books there would be more culture. How is this for an ex-publisher? Do we herein find an explanation of Mr. Fields' retirement from the trade?

The absurdity of post-dating weekly newspapers has exemplification in the New York Ledger, the issue of which bearing date of Saturday, October 28, said its popular contributor Fanny Fern, was extremely ill, when the fact is she had been dead sixteen days when the date of the paper was reached.

In Kansas and Nebraska alone over fifteen thousand entries were made within the year under the homestead law. These entries represent a population of fifteen thousand added to these two States, on lands freely presented them by the government, besides a large number who acquired their homes by purchase.

OUR VICTORY!

The results of Tuesday's battle have not yet been reduced to exact figures. But enough is known to demonstrate that the Republican party has achieved the grandest political triumph in the history of popular government.

1. That a party of principles commands the respect of an intelligent people, in spite of errors of judgment or policy in its representatives.

2. That Americans cannot be seduced into trusting a party that asks for power on the strength of a conversion, or rather tergiversation, in a few months old.

3. That the Bourbon Democracy determined to die, and did die, with their ancient colors flying—repudiating the safe effected by their leaders at Baltimore, by refusing to vote for Greeley.

4. That the statesmanship which brings results, is preferred by the masses to that which flies from one impracticable theory to another.

5. That the workmen of the country know their true interest, and chose the protection plank in our platform rather than the "non-interference" of the white-hatted philosopher?

And finally, and greater and more important than all, it is settled that the march of liberal ideas still will be onward. The old spirit of Conservatism which has endeavored to clog the wheels of national progress for forty years will never be able to rally a party around itself again.

Now that the next four years are provided for, the duty of the hour is to purge the successful party from its abuses, lest its history be that of its predecessors, and it in turn be set aside by a purer organization. We trust this may be done, and that Republicanism may be as true to its great principles in the hour of victory as it has ever been in the day of trial.

VICTORY! FOR GRANT VICTORY!



AND YE ELEPHANT REJOICETH! THE LARGEST POPULAR MAJORITY EVER GIVEN TO ANY PRESIDENT!

UNOFFICIAL. The following are the unofficial majorities reported from the several election districts of Lancaster county.

Table with columns for District, Grant, Seymour, and Greeley. Lists various districts like 1st Ward, 2nd Ward, etc., and their respective vote counts.

Republican majority, 7988. \*Voted in '68 with Washington.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LESSON OF THE FIGURES WILL BE THE FALLING OFF OF THE DEMOCRATIC VOTE WHEN THE FULL COUNT IS PUBLISHED.

PROBABILITIES. From the meagre returns now before us, it would seem as though Grant had carried as many as three hundred electoral votes; and we therefore publish the following

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OUR SPLENDID TRIUMPH! WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT BEATS! THE OLD FLAG STILL FLOATS!



SOME OF OUR LATE DESPATCHES! We have met the enemy, and they are now here. And we didn't meet all of them, either. They were not at the polls. The Democracy didn't relish a crowd fight.

"SWEEPING THE COUNTRY." Grant and Wilson have apparently carried all the Northern, and at least half of the Southern States. How is that for a "tidal wave"?

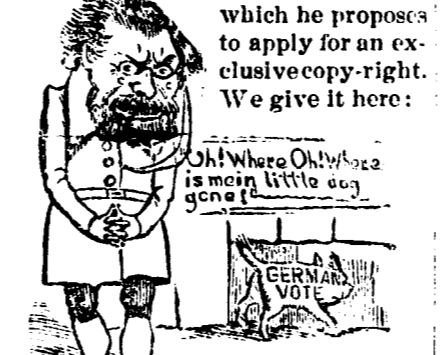
THE BANNER STATE will be Pennsylvania, from the present indications. "There is no telling what the official majority may figure up to, but it will exceed 50,000, and may be 75,000. Is that too high?" Look at

OUR DESPATCHES. We give a few of our specials from distinguished men, illustrated by Nast's wood-cuts, forwarded by telegraph.

GENERAL GRANT'S is brief and to the point; he always is:



Nov. 5, Midnight—All hatched out.—U. S. G. CARLO SCHURZ, being a poet, sends us a line of his favorite little song, for which he proposes to apply for an exclusive copy-right. We give it here:



The "small animal he so touchingly bewails has turned up in the hands of the Chicago police, carrying too much "non-intoxicating" lager.

HEN BUTLER, another poet, sends us the following:



LAST PAPER.

This number completes the series of the campaign FATHER ABRAHAM. We hope and expect that all our campaign subscribers will at once renew their subscription for the year.

PHILADELPHIA WAS ONE OF THE PLACES where the majority did not increase much since the State election. Not so many votes were manufactured for Grant as for Harburt—the National party has not yet come down to the level of Boss Cameron.

A CITY SCANDAL. In the last number of Woodhull & Claflin's Weekly, Mrs. Victoria C. Woodhull publishes a three-page article, carefully and circumstantially written, in which she makes the following charges, and refers by name to the persons mentioned.

She begins by disclaiming hostility to Beecher, and giving as her reason for the publication her own views of marriage, and asserting that he believes the same and practices upon the belief.

Another effort is to be made this winter to have the capital of West Virginia removed from Charleston to more central location. Many towns aspire to the honor of being the seat of the State government, and it looks as if there would be a lively fight on the question.

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The New Orleans papers complain of a scarcity of tonnage in that city. There is now a stock of 125,000 bushels of grain in waiting shipment, and there are no vessels to take it.

The coroner's inquest at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, on the recent Eastern railroad accident, developed a singular case of mistaken identity, three witnesses independently singling out the conductor Smith as the brakeman Dow, though two of the deponents were relatives of the latter, and the two men were as unlike as possible.

NEWS AND OTHER ITEMS.

Three cargoes of leather have been shipped from Boston to Germany within the past month.

At New York, Saturday, the statue of Sir Walter Scott, in Central Park, was dedicated with imposing ceremonies.

A Mr. Linn is lecturing in New York on the "Minerals of Scotland." As a lecturer he is said to cotton to nobility.

Pork packing has already commenced in Kansas City, Missouri, and several hundred hogs are being slaughtered daily.

At San Francisco, Saturday, Thomas Ansburo was fined \$1000 for libeling Miss Edith O'Gorman, the "escaped nun."

Returns of the recent Parliamentary elections in England show conservative gains, indicating a change in the ministry.

Ann Campbell, a dairy-maid of Cornwall, Canada, died at the tender age of one hundred and thirty-one years recently.

The New York World shows how the horse disease afflicts man by telling what it knows about the cow pest. Its zoology is a bit mixed.

Several New Jersey capitalists have recently started business in Texas, and a large gang of mechanics from the same State are about going to Peru on a three years' contract.

It is believed that Mr. Gladstone will oppose the payment of the Alabama awards by special loan, but will favor the payment of the \$15,000,000 in instalments by the issue of exchequer bonds.

The Adams Express Company is seeking an injunction in the Philadelphia courts against the action of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad in taking the express business into its own hands.

Captain Johnson, of the Norwegian Arctic Expedition, has found seas free of ice northward of Spitzbergen, with indications of powerful ocean currents, calculated to keep open the higher polar seas.

Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson appears to have found great favor in the eyes of the people of Colorado as a dramatic reader. She drew large audiences, and won enthusiastic applause wherever she appeared.

Kentucky papers say that Joel T. Hart, the great Florentine sculptor, once built chimneys and fences in Bourbon county. Many of them are still standing, mute testimonials of the origin of a great genius.

People find consolation under the severest trials, as for instance the young Bostonian who said that he was glad of the horse disease for one thing, and that was, his rival could not carry his innominate ride for a week at least.

The redoubtable "Buffalo Bill" is now the "Honorable W. F. Cody," member of the Nebraska Legislature from Lincoln county. He will naturally be made chairman of the Committee of Codification of Laws relating to Indians.

The British people are great meddlers with the bones of the dead. The body of Robert Burns has been dug up twice, at least, and the last time the authorities of Dumfries insisted that they had replaced the skull in a box lined with the softest materials.

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The lake disasters during the recent equinoctial storm were many and serious. Two propellers, one tug, one bark, a brig, twelve schooners, four scows, and six barges were totally lost, valued at over \$250,000.

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The total present property valuation of Chicago, as shown by the Common Council of that city, week ago, is \$283,473,321. On account of the rude late of 1871 there was a valuation of that year, and the present valuation is an increase of about seven hundred millions over that of 1871.

In Boston, recently, a whole family of rich persons was found to be prostrated by typhoid fever with no one left to assist them or even to call in aid. The bottom of the chest was found to be covered to the depth of several inches with slime and filth, out of which the disease had sprung, and well asch destroyed the people who lay in it.

The experiment at Westville, Conn., of a factory for the extraction of oil from cotton waste, has proved a decided success. By this process oily, greasy rags and waste cotton are rendered perfectly pure, odorless and merchantable. The waste of the Connecticut and Massachusetts cotton mills will more than supply the world with material.

A young child, suffering from hydrophobia, was recently put into a Turkish bath at St. Louis and so relieved that she afterward slept soundly for some time, bidding fair to recover, when her mother removed her to the city hospital, where she soon died. The medical attendants are induced to believe that, taken in its early stages, the poison may be steamed out.

The new silver leads, of the discovery of which reports have already been made, are the veins running into Arizona from one of the most famous Sonora mines near the boundary, which, owing to the Apaches, have been for a century only partially worked. It has long been believed that the richest parts of these veins were on the American side of the boundary.

Thirty-six years ago the body of a gentleman was interred in the burial ground of St. John's Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. Last week a disinterment took place, and the body was found in a remarkable state of preservation. The face was full, and eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and limbs all retained the fullness and condition as at the time of burial.

Some fast horses have recently been sold by Mr. Charles Backman, of New York. The last sale was the colt "Prosper," three years old, to Mr. William M. Parks, for \$24,000. This animal trotted a mile in 2:33 1/2 a short time ago, drawing seventy-five pounds overweight. Mr. Backman received \$20,000 each for "Gazelle" and "Spark." Breeding fine stock is certainly profitable.

The first known and authenticated case of the disease now so prevalent among horses being communicated to a human being is reported from Boston. The driver of an omnibus, while attending to his horses, was suddenly taken with the disease, and was conveyed to his home. He had all the symptoms of the disease, coughing and running at the nose and eyes, and general weakness.

Secretary Boutwell deems that the present policy of the Government, in selling gold and buying bonds, thus gradually reducing the debt, will be continued as the only plan to save the Treasury from the inevitable domination of gold gamblers, as well as to promote the export commerce of the country and protect merchants from the evil consequences of heavy exports of specie from this country to Europe.

A secret society without any non-sense in it, has been started at Evansville, Indiana. It is called the Society of Reformed Friends, and the members are sworn to refrain from borrowing money of each other. Let the provisions of the order extend to tobacco and postage stamps, and it will spread all over the United States with amazing rapidity, sapping the very foundation of dead-beatdom.

On Friday a woman with four children, ranging in age from two and a half to eleven years, arrived in Cleveland from Buffalo, having walked the entire distance, the youngest child having been carried in his mother's arms. She is en route to Memphis, where she expects to find a brother, who will give her and her children a home. She is determined to walk to her destination, if the juvenile Westons don't break down on the road.

The number of Americans in Paris is very great. Every hotel in the city is full to overflowing, and the majority of the guests are from the United States. It is the same throughout Europe; wherever the tide of pleasure travel flows, Americans are represented as it scarcely ever was represented before. Although it is generally the season of return from European tours, there appear to be as many Americans arriving abroad as there are leaving.

Paris newspapers complain of a great falling off in the trade in Parisian articles. Not long ago the French commission merchants dispatched to the retail houses abroad, particularly to Italy, nine-tenths of the entire Paris production of toys and such like goods. Germany appeared as a purchaser to the extent of a tenth of the foreign export. Now, however, the French commission merchants do not supply more than fifty per cent. of their orders from Paris.

Mrs. Greeley had some peculiar ideas, which her future biographer will no doubt notice. She believed in Nature, and in letting Nature alone. She used to believe that children ought to be brought up in a state of Nature, untrammelled by clothing. In her religious belief, Mrs. Greeley was a strong Universalist. She believed thoroughly in rewards and punishments as we go along, and that if the wicked escape the penalties of the legal code, that conscience "which doth make cowards of us all," will inflict penalties of a secret atonement. In the end, she believed in the universal salvation of all mankind, but she always thought, with Ben Adhem, that he whose name was writ "as one who loved his fellow-men," would "lead all the rest."

Last year the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Methodist Church dispatched a young lady from New York city as a female missionary teacher to India. The expense of outfit and passage to India for a missionary is one thousand dollars. No sooner, however, had the young lady arrived in the country than she proceeded to accept the attentions of Rev. Mr. —, a missionary sent out under the auspices of the American Board. As a result, they were in a short time married. The Ladies' Missionary Society have accordingly made a formal demand upon the husband for the payment of one thousand dollars, and the young man expended in getting his wife to the country, and she ceasing to be of any use for the service demanded, viz: that of a single female teacher. The reply of the husband has not yet been received. It certainly seems like a rough procedure against him.