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REPUBLICAN BACKING DOWN.

At the late session of Congress, during the Kansas trouble, the Republican members of Congress, in order to accomplish a party purpose, voted for a bill that seemed to recognize the popular sovereignty principle...

THE VOTE OF 1858.

The official returns of the following States, with their vote in 1856, present the following result:

Table with 4 columns: State, 1856, 1858, 1856, 1858. Lists states like Illinois, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri, etc.

From a glance at the figures it will be seen that the whole vote of 1858 is less by 233,099 than the vote at the Presidential election of 1856.

From these facts and figures it is apparent that, in the five great free States of the North and West, the Democracy are steadily gaining upon the Opposition, and that their united vote may be safely counted upon as certain for the Democratic candidate for the Presidency in 1860.

COMMODORE STEWART.

The Philadelphia Argus learns that this veteran officer has applied to be relieved from the command of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, preliminary to resigning his commission in the U. S. Navy.

COMMODORE STEWART is now, we believe, about 80 years of age, and has done more duty and seen more hard service than any other officer in our Navy; and it is a burning disgrace to the country that owes so much to his bravery, that such a man should, in his old days, be driven from the service.

DEATH OF MR. HARRIS.

Hon. THOMAS L. HARRIS, of Illinois, who was so prominent at the late session of Congress as the leader of the anti-Republican Democrats of the House of Representatives, died, of consumption, on Wednesday last.

EARLY WINTER.

Snow fell at Binghamton, N. Y., on Tuesday and Wednesday last, to the depth of 15 inches!

The Senate of Indiana has, by a vote of 22 to 22, passed a resolution declaring the election of Messrs. Bright and Fitch to the U. S. Senate illegal, unconstitutional and void.

EXPLANATION DEMANDED.

We have a report from Washington, that the Secretary of State has demanded an explanation from the Spanish Minister, in regard to the demonstration now being made by Spain against Mexico.

QUEST.—The editor of the Mt. Holly Herald says he wants money! We congratulate ourselves that we don't want any.

CONGRESS will assemble on Monday next.

THE ACQUISITION OF CUBA.

It is evident from the discussion arising in the public prints, and the feeling manifested in private trading circles, says the New York News, that the question of making the island of Cuba, at no distant period, a portion of these United States, is beginning to agitate the public mind...

Let a few facts be stated, for we are not now upon any elaborate discussion of the question, and we are in a commercial point of view. The United States are visited so heavily with import duties at the ports on the island, that many of our articles of production and transportation are nearly, if not quite, excluded.

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

The following truly patriotic and eloquent letter was sent by President BUCHANAN, to the Daquense Celebration at Pittsburg:

WASHINGTON, 22d November, 1858. Gentlemen—I have had the honor to receive your invitation to be present, on the 25th instant, at the Centennial Anniversary of the capture of Fort Duquesne...

Every patriot must rejoice whilst reflecting upon the unparalleled progress of the Republic since that day. But, what, at its commencement, an obscure Fort, far beyond the western frontier of civilization, has now become the centre of a populous commercial and manufacturing city...

From the standpoint at which we have arrived, the anxious patriot cannot fail, whilst reviewing the past, to cast a glance into the future, and to speculate upon what may be the condition of our country when your posterity shall assemble to celebrate the second Centennial Anniversary of the capture of Fort Duquesne...

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