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Thursday Morning, November 8, 1883.

A PARTY of twelve men are about to leave this country for Jerusalem, to assist in rebuilding the Temple of Solomon.

THE Cincinnati people are not excited over the gold mine in Clermont county. They have undoubtedly heard of "Salted mines," and do not enthrone over Ohio's gold mines worth a cent.

BOB INGERSOLL, having disposed of "Hades," and banished all fear of that institution to his satisfaction, is now lecturing against the Supreme Court of the United States on the enormity of its decision on the civil service law.

A FATAL cyclone visited Springfield, Missouri, on Monday last, in which five persons were killed and thirty wounded. Great damage was done to buildings and other property. Many houses, and among them the Catholic church, a brick structure just erected, were entirely demolished, and all in the track of the tornado more or less injured.

It is reported that Judge Folger, the Secretary of the Treasurer, is to be appointed a judge of the Court of Claims, to supply the vacancy made by the resignation of J. C. Bancroft Davis. Kenneth Rayner, Solicitor of the Treasury, is also said to be a claimant for the office, in virtue of a promise made by the late fraud President for the first vacancy in this Court. How far Arthur may feel bound to honor the contracts of Hayes is yet to be seen.

JUDGE BUTLER, of the United States District Court gives a warning to postal writers in a recent sentence imposed upon Patrick S. Clark, of Honesdale, Pa., who was found guilty of sending through the mails an insulting postal card contrary to law. The card was written to a man who the prisoner believed had blighted his prospects. The law imposes a penalty, in the discretion of the court, to one year in prison, or a fine. The Judge chose the latter, and fined the offender \$100.

It is said General Steedman, the brave old soldier who died at Toledo, Ohio, some days ago, was a poor man, and that active measures are being taken to provide relief for his family, as well as the erection of a monument to his memory. The friends of the grand old hero of "Chicamagua" should see that his family are first liberally provided for. No concern about the monument need be apprehended. That will be sure to come. Neither his neighbors nor his country could afford to fail in that.

In the absence of Congress, Washington is always in condition to have something to cover the dull season. Recently it was the star-route swindle, now it is Kilborn's suit to recover damages for alleged false imprisonment, by order of the House of Representatives. He was a contumacious witness, or rather refused to produce the books to uncover alleged frauds being investigated before Congress, and was placed in custody of Mr. Thompson, the Sergeant-at-arms, by the authority of Congress, who confined him in the capitol for some days. For this indignity he claims \$350,000 damage as the lowest sum that would compensate and heal his wounded honor. We believe Mr. Kilborn does not claim this nice little sum as an addition to his private fortune merely, but to vindicate a principle in law, that a man's private papers and business are sacred, but however that may be he brought suit against Mr. Thompson, the officer of the House.

The Chances in 'Eighty-Four.

The election returns of 1882 and 1883 do not of themselves furnish an infallible basis on which to predicate the result of the Presidential election of 1884; but couple these with the fact that no perceptible reaction has since taken place, and that the changes of political sentiment thereby indicated have evidently not reached their culmination, and they become sufficiently authoritative to enable a reasonable forecast.

We have only to satisfy ourselves as to the direction which the popular current is taking—the depth and force and meaning of it, and the chances of its diversion in some other direction—in order to foot up the probable majority of this or that candidate in the next electoral college.

It will appear, not only to the Democratic mind, but to the average intelligent mind, whatever its political inclination, that this current is setting towards a revolution; that the feeling of the country is becoming riper every day for a change, and that the cry coming up in many quarters to "turn the rascals out," however much the grotesqueness and extravagance of the expression may be scouted at, will prove to be in reality the abibboleth and inspiration of the people.

There is everything in the attitude of the Democratic party to indicate harmony of action and success of achievement, in the coming Presidential year. There is little to warrant the belief that the Republican party in its next nominating convention will conjure any spell potent enough to heal its rankling sores, to conciliate its factious resentments or to exorcise the spectre of the Second of July.

The Republican party has more than fulfilled its mission. It has overlapped and overdone it. To raise a sectional issue with its own Supreme court on the Civil Rights decision seems to be its only alternative.

The tendency of things is toward a new deal.

Even an untoward result this week in Virginia or New Jersey or Pennsylvania would not prove it otherwise. An untoward result in New York is so far down among the improbabilities that it does not enter into the calculation.

But what does the figures show? That nineteen States with an electoral vote of 209 may be set down as Democratic beyond a doubt. We include Indiana, California, New Jersey and New York in the list. We concede to the Republicans fourteen states, with an aggregate vote of 118, including Colorado, Massachusetts and Illinois. This leaves five states with an electoral vote of seventy four to be classed as doubtful—Connecticut, Nevada, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. To make it clearer we append a table of states and the electoral vote of each.

DEMOCRATIC STATES.			
Alabama	10	Missouri	16
Arkansas	7	New Jersey	9
California	8	New York	36
Delaware	3	North Carolina	11
Florida	4	South Carolina	9
Georgia	12	Tennessee	12
Indiana	12	Texas	13
Illinois	15	West Virginia	13
Kentucky	13		6
Louisiana	8		
Maryland	8	Total	209
Mississippi	8		
REPUBLICAN STATES.			
Colorado	3	Nevada	3
Illinois	23	New Hampshire	4
Iowa	13	Oregon	3
Kansas	6	Rhode Island	4
Maine	6	Vermont	4
Massachusetts	14	Wisconsin	11
Michigan	13		
Minnesota	7	Total	118
DOUBTFUL STATES.			
Connecticut	6	Virginia	12
Nevada	3		
Ohio	23	Total	74
Pennsylvania	26		

This is giving generously to Republicanism and doubt. It is claiming for the Democracy nothing more than they are sure to win.—Washington Post.

It is said that Peter Baldy, Jr., the leading dry goods merchant in Danville, has failed. His liabilities are said to be \$112,000, and that he has confessed judgment to the amount of \$45,000.

MAKER and Kemble are trump now. They have Livezey and Niles.

Official Returns of Centre County-1883.

DISTRICTS.	Treasurer	Auditor	Platiff	Associate	County
	J. R. Shugert	E. L. Orvis	J. R. Shugert	E. L. Orvis	J. R. Shugert
Bellevue, N. W.	124	179	129	179	129
Bellevue, S. W.	51	85	85	124	124
Bellevue, E. W.	142	123	123	123	123
Bellevue, S. E.	43	67	67	43	43
Bellevue, N. E.	129	22	22	30	30
Bellevue, S. E.	9	27	27	30	30
Bellevue, N. E.	49	24	24	47	47
Bellevue, S. E.	100	105	105	100	100
Bellevue, N. E.	20	35	35	41	41
Bellevue, S. E.	46	41	41	29	29
Bellevue, N. E.	109	45	45	104	104
Bellevue, S. E.	71	43	43	32	32
Bellevue, N. E.	145	133	133	144	144
Bellevue, S. E.	41	29	29	47	47
Bellevue, N. E.	81	143	143	144	144
Bellevue, S. E.	156	44	44	146	146
Bellevue, N. E.	55	72	72	70	70
Bellevue, S. E.	66	1	1	66	66
Bellevue, N. E.	220	55	55	217	217
Bellevue, S. E.	61	36	36	61	61
Bellevue, N. E.	42	76	76	41	41
Bellevue, S. E.	111	24	24	88	88
Bellevue, N. E.	111	111	111	109	109
Bellevue, S. E.	43	67	67	47	47
Bellevue, N. E.	128	57	57	121	121
Bellevue, S. E.	46	88	88	46	46
Bellevue, N. E.	239	45	45	239	239
Bellevue, S. E.	49	85	85	49	49
Bellevue, N. E.	143	8	8	142	142
Bellevue, S. E.	136	43	43	141	141
Bellevue, N. E.	127	44	44	126	126
Bellevue, S. E.	74	48	48	74	74
Bellevue, N. E.	104	8	8	103	103
Bellevue, S. E.	104	104	104	104	104
Bellevue, N. E.	53	79	79	53	53
Bellevue, S. E.	109	66	66	109	109
Bellevue, N. E.	78	77	77	78	78
Total	2865	2772	2772	2864	2864

Turn the Rascals Out.

The Commissioner of Revenue, Mr. Dudley, has commenced operations on the outside roughs, called Pension Attorneys, who have been preying upon the public revenues, in getting up fraudulent claims for pensions. Much evidence has already been collected showing the methods of these rascals, by their circulars sent out to soldiers, soldiers widows and soldiers children, whose addresses they obtain through postmasters. Hundreds of these circulars are now in the possession of District Attorney Corbitt, and show a design on the part of these agents to commit fraud upon pension claimants or induce them to commit frauds upon the government on promises to aid them. Col. Churchill gives a sample of one case where the Pension Attorney writes:

"You are entitled to a pension for the slightest disability of whatever nature. You would be astonished to know how directly chronic diseases can be traced to diarrhoea or other other slight disorders incurred while in the army. Even heart disease can be traced to diarrhoea, measles, mumps and malaria. A hardship even if endured in the army can easily be shown to be the cause of many broken down constitutions. Such cases are as clearly entitled to pensions as are those who were actually wounded in battle." After drawing their victims into a correspondence by means of these circulars, the District Attorney continued, dishonest agents proceeded to "milk" them, as the expression is. They write to them once or twice and then ask for a dollar or two to defray postage and stationary costs. If they have, as many of them do—20,000 names on their lists, a "milking" of this nature will bring in from \$20,000 to \$30,000. One firm, I am reliably informed, obtained nearly \$50,000 by one operation. In conclusion the District Attorney expresses his confidence in ultimately breaking them up no matter how reputable they may appear to be.

Last Tuesday.

By a struggle to the death Pennsylvania has been saved for Republicanism. The Nation is Democratic. Next year we shall have 40 electoral votes to spare. The result in Pennsylvania means no more than the result in Centre county. It hardly entitles the Grand Old Party to the name of party. Without Pennsylvania the radical leaders could not have made a fight for the Presidency. Democrats, the victory is ours. New York, New Jersey, Mississippi, Maryland, Virginia in November and Ohio in October, proves that the people want a new man in the White House, and that man a Democrat.

ELECTION NEWS.

Our Bird Crows Proudly!

New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Mississippi Have Planted their Banners on the Democratic Ramparts.

Butler is whipped in Massachusetts. Latest dispatches place Virginia in the Democratic fold. If so, Billy Mahone has gone to meet Benny Butler. Massachusetts and Virginia can clasp hands over the graves of Billy and Ben.

Pennsylvania is Republican by about 12,000. S. Davis Page, Democrat, is defeated in Philadelphia for Controller by 1,700. Hendrix is elected Mayor of Brooklyn. McLane's majority in Maryland will reach 10,000 to 12,000.

Huntingdon county elects a Democratic Sheriff.

The returns are so meagre and scattering that majorities are only estimated, but the indications point to the success of the Democratic states mentioned.

The vote was very light in the rural districts of our state and the Republican vote of the cities and towns well out. Looking beyond our own state, which, through the colored vote, is naturally Republican, we find securely anchored in the Democratic harbor the states of New York, New Jersey, Maryland and probably Virginia, states which the Republicans were loudly claiming. These are grand results. While every Democrat and true Pennsylvanian wished the result in this state might have been different, he has no fears of the future so far as the election of 1884 is concerned. There will be a Democratic president elected, and he will take his seat. The result of Tuesday's election places that beyond a doubt. As long as Robert E. Pattison is Governor of Pennsylvania, no man need fear for the proper administration of the affairs of his state.

NEW YORK.

20,000 Democratic Majority.

NEW JERSEY.

8,000 Democratic Majority.

MARYLAND.

12,000 Democratic Majority.

VIRGINIA.

15,000 Democratic Majority. Legislature by 23.

UNDER the teachings of Billy Mahone and the vile demagogues who follow his political banner the negro is progressing backward grandly. Of course Billy Mahone and his white allies pocket the spoils and the poor negro bandages up his battered head and binds up his wounds and shouts for the gallant little leader who has arrayed the two races in a struggle which can only have one result, and that result detrimental to the colored people. The one man entirely responsible for the riot at Danville, Va., is Billy Mahone who misrepresents the grand old commonwealth of Virginia in the U. S. Senate. When will the colored man cease to be the cat's paw of such blatant demagogues as Mahone and Riddleberger?

THE Nitro-Glycerine Brigade is again heard from in England, and London is greatly excited over explosions in an underground railway, a few days ago. It, of course, is ascribed to the bloody Fenians in England, under inspiration of the Fenians in this country. Some color is given to this suspicion by the brag and blustering of O'Donovan Rossa, of New York, the fool impracticable, who proposes to represent the Fenian Brotherhood, acknowledging complicity in the outrage. But he is a mere pretentious braggart, and little, if any confidence can be placed to his statement.

All Sorts.

Mount Adams in Washington territory is about double the height of Mount Washington in New Hampshire—12,650 feet—and was recently ascended by a large party of tourists.

A package which betrayed itself by a mysterious ticking within, was overhauled in the New York foreign mail on Wednesday and found to contain two fine gold watches. Rather ticklish business, this.

The new machine which has just been tested in Sumter county, S. C., will pick cotton at one seventh the cost of picking it by hand—a difference amounting to over \$10,000,000 in the whole crop of the country.

The electric light tower, which is shortly to be erected at Hell Gate, New York, will be 250 feet high, and the light equivalent to that of 5,000 candles.

Dr. Stecker, of Orange, N. J., has great faith in the efficacy of inoculation with equine virus for the prevention of scarlet fever. His experiments thus far have proved eminently satisfactory.

Mr. Moses Wasserman, the head storekeeper of the Panama Canal company, was in San Francisco the other day and reports 8,000 men at work on the canal. He has entire confidence that it will be completed in 1889.

A triple wedding, three sisters married at the same church, by the same person, and all united by the same ceremony, is the latest novelty in weddings from Chattanooga, Tenn.

Senator Vance, of North Carolina, in speaking of his career in Washington, said recently: "I was mighty nigh dead to get here, but I'll be hanged if I am not nigher dead to get away."

The Atlanta Constitution says: "Many anxious Republicans have written to Gov. Hoadly, inquiring how to success fully acquire mastery in the heat of a political canvass. The Governor, however, very properly regards the matter as a Democratic campaign secret."

The New York ice men are buying up all loose lots they can find in anticipation of an open winter. They say that the sun crossed the line when the wind was in the south and that a sign of mild weather which never fails.

The Syrian government is to be represented at the New Orleans cotton exposition by a number of merchants from Damascus—a city long celebrated for its cotton goods, silks, broadcloths, saddlery, confectionery and soap.

The first consignment of cotton in bales ever received from Honduras arrived at New Orleans last Monday. It consisted of nine bales, weighing about 400 pounds each, and about two-thirds of the product of five acres of land.

Capt. Patterson has invented an air ship, to be completed next August, which will cross the Atlantic in three days, and the inventor assures the world that with it "mankind can completely discover the North and the South poles of our globe entire." The prospect is ethereal enough; the realization of it may be just as thin and airy.

A Russian writer has just returned from Siberia, after being exiled since 1862. His name is Schernischewski. The cause of his being permitted to resume his position in the world is the difficulty experienced by the people of Siberia in pronouncing his name.

They think that they have the champion stay-at-home man in Dool county, Georgia. He is seventy six years old, and has never in the whole course of his life spent but one night from under the roof of the house in which he was born, and on that occasion he didn't sleep a wink.

A Philadelphia lawyer, too proud to allow his friends to suppose that he practices "Misfit marriages a specialty."

Each curl on the head of the statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World," destined for New York harbor, is three times bigger than a man's body.

Some Florida orange trees are blooming for the third time this season. The Winnebago Indians on the Government pay rolls in Wisconsin have dwindled to 1,174, of whom 624 are females.

The National Capital, according to a Washington correspondent, has cost over \$100,000,000 since its incorporation, and the expenses of running the District Government ranged from \$200,000 annually in early years to seven or eight millions in 1873-1875.

The Immigration association of California announces that there are still open to settlement in that state nearly 45,000,000 acres of land.