

ABSORB FOR FOSTER.

Foraker's Friends Alarmed by a Mysterious Conference in Columbus.

OHIO ELECTION FIGURES.

Republicans Claim McKinley Will Have 20,000 Majority.

DEMOCRATS HALF AS HOPEFUL.

Stark County Right in Line for McKinley, Her Favorite Son.

HOT POLITICS IN THE BUCKEYE STATE.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

COLUMBUS, Oct. 28.—Charles Foster, Secretary of the Treasury, was in the city to-day, on his way from the north part of the State to Buchtel, in the Hooking Valley, where he delivered a speech to-night.

At the Hill House he was met by Congressman Cannon, of Illinois; ex-Congressman Grosvenor and Thompson, Sixth Auditor of the Treasury, with a large number of local adherents, and held a conference which lasted for several hours.

It was the occasion of much speculation and anxiety on the part of the friends of ex-Governor Foraker, the claim being that an effort was being made to pool the issues between Foster and Sherman on the Senatorial question. Foraker's friends were outspoken on the subject, and claimed Sherman was seen to have no chance for the Senate, even should the Republicans carry the Legislature, and that he is willing to do anything to compass the defeat of Foraker.

Foster considered as in line. In many quarters Foster is looked upon as the coming man for the Senate from Ohio. It is urged in his behalf that he had the Senatorship within his grasp at one time, having secured the election of a Legislature for that purpose, but was compelled to step aside by President Garfield and let Sherman have the prize, which he could not have secured under any other circumstances.

Secretary Foster, before leaving for his meeting this evening, said McKinley would be elected by a plurality of about 20,000, and that the Republicans would elect 21 of the 31 Senators, and 71 of the 107 members of the House of Representatives, which would give them a majority of 46 on joint ballot.

Some Figures from Both Sides.

At Republican headquarters they have prepared an estimate, which was revised today and gone over several times, in which they claim a plurality of 30,000 on the State ticket, with 21 members of the Senate and 61 in the House, making a majority on joint ballot of 56.

Chairman Neale of the Democratic Committee claims that the Democracy will carry the State by 10,000, and has confidence they will carry the Senate, though he says the House will be close.

POLITICIANS IN PHILADELPHIA.

Chairman Watres and Kerr Hold Separate but Important Conferences. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 28.—[Special.]—Chairman Watres slipped quietly into Republican headquarters this evening to take hold of campaign matters demanding his imperative attention. No one at the headquarters knew anything about the visit of the Chairman, nor could they guess at the business that calls him here.

There is a bolt in General Gregg's home city of Reading, and it has assumed something like the force of the great Republican proportion. Williams B. Wetherhold, of the city, disappointed in getting the nomination for Prison Inspector, has come out in the last few days as an independent candidate, and this departure will take with it a large following in the Fourth and Eighth wards of that city. It is working first for himself and second for the Democratic State ticket, for that side promises to give him a certain measure of support that may eventually increase his vote.

Candidate Robert E. Wright had an extended conference with Democratic State Chairman Kerr, this morning, and by noon was on his way to the Democratic mass meeting in the city of York this evening.

MCKINLEY POPULAR AS EVER.

Stark County Republicans Confident of Carrying Their Ballot. CANTON, Oct. 28.—[Special.]—The campaign in Stark county is progressing favorably, and unless all signs fail McKinley will carry the county next Tuesday by a good figure. There has never been such a thorough organization of Republicans, and clubs by the score have been formed in the county, and during the past fortnight dozens of meetings have been held in the various towns.

CAMPBELL AS A CROAKER.

HE SAYS HE WILL QUIT THE ROLE AFTER ELECTION.

A Series of Successful Meetings in the Scioto Valley—Larry Neal's Home Treated Him Nicely—Big Meeting at Waverly—Farmers in Plenty.

BOSTON, Oct. 28.—[Special.]—Governor Campbell started his speech-making this morning at Circleville and made a most successful day of it through the Scioto Valley. At Circleville he stopped for an hour and addressed an audience of 3,000 people. The next stop was at Chillicothe, the home of Lawrence T. Neal, who tried to defeat the Governor for re-nomination. He was given a grand reception there, and made a five-minute speech, descriptive of his campaign in part of the State.

The big meeting of the day was at Waverly, the county seat of Pike county. Governor Campbell was thought to be very weak in that county on account of his having commuted the sentence of a murderer to imprisonment for life. To judge by the size of the turnout to-day the murder case will not figure very largely in the campaign. There were about 8,000 people present, three-fourths of them being farmers.

Governor Campbell talked tariff, farm mortgages and calamity in general to them. He referred to the title of "Calamity Croaker" applied to him by the Republican press, and said he preferred to croak up to election and then the Republicans would have to do the kicking and complaining.

At Portsmouth the Governor was given another ovation and was accompanied to this place by a large delegation of Democrats. At that point in his speech he said that he would not be in the State next fall, and that he would retire from politics after the coming year. This was the first time he had said anything of the kind. He said that he would be glad to leave the State if he could, but that he would stay on to see the end of the campaign.

MARKSVILLE, Oct. 28.—[Special.]—The largest crowd that has assembled here for years greeted Speaker Tom Reed to-day.

Early in the day delegations from Lewisburg, Potosi, York, Pymonia and other places, accompanied by bands and from corporate marching in. The Car arrived from Springfield at 10:30, and was met by a delegation of citizens and escorted to the hotel. By noon the main streets were crowded, and it was decided to hold the meeting on the Court House grounds, and to adopt a program of music.

THE ADAMS BOOKS STRAIGHT.

A Step Taken Toward Averting Future Danger of Embezzlement. NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The following official statement has been given out: "A meeting of the Board of Managers of the Adams Express Company was held at its office to-day. The committee, consisting of Messrs. Lovjoy and Dinsmore, heretofore appointed to examine as to the condition of the assets and cash of the company, made a report that they had made a thorough examination of all the securities in the trustee's safe and find them to correspond with the entries on the company's books."

They have also examined the loans in charge of the treasurer and find that they are in accordance with the amount stated on the treasurer's books, and that the securities are also as stated. They further examined the accounts of the cashier and find the cash and other items correspond with the entries on his books.

The board thereupon appointed a committee, consisting of President Sanford, Managers Lovjoy and Seward, with instructions to the board at its next meeting to report on the amount of the treasury, possession and disbursements of the property and current moneys of the association should be more securely and safely guarded for its shareholders, and by which the possibility of theft, peculation, personal appropriation, breaches of trust and appropriations for unauthorized expenditures therefore should hereafter be rendered as absolutely impossible as it could be made."

AN ARMY FIGHTING A FIRE.

Three Incendiary Buzes Quenched and the Militia Called Out.

NEWMAN, Va., Oct. 28.—This city has again been visited by fire. Last night T. W. Howell & Co.'s warehouse with 1,000 bales of cotton, was destroyed. The town was wild for three hours the town seemed to be at the mercy of the elements. All the stores on the west side of the square were denuded of their contents and the Newman Guards were put on duty. About 100 bales of cotton on the platform of the burning building were removed after a fierce fight. Every one that could shoulder a musket went to the rescue.

Nearly 200 bales of cotton were on the outside platform. By hard work the building was saved, but 50 bales of cotton were burned. The work was evidently that of an incendiary. Willy Argo, a desperate character who has a grudge against the city and warehouse, was arrested just after the fire. Argo is very reticent and positive evidence will be hard to get. It is impossible to get a correct estimate of the loss by the three fires that occurred at different places within 24 hours, but the combined loss will probably reach \$200,000.

THE PYRENEAN FRESHETS.

They Are Subsiding in England, but on the Increase in France.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The water of the Thames at Windsor has subsided a foot within the past two days, and it is expected that matters around Windsor, Eton and other submerged by partly submerged districts will soon resume their normal condition. A fund for the relief of the flood sufferers has been started.

A cable dispatch from Paris says: Heavy storms accompanied by lightning have renewed their violence in the southwestern departments of France. Snow has fallen upon the mountains near Mont Louis, in the Pyrenees-Orientales. Many of the mountain slopes have been covered by the snow. Excessive rainfall and the valleys are threatened by disastrous landslides. An enormous amount of damage has been done to farms, live stock and fruit trees throughout the country and about Cerdagne in Pyrenees-Orientales.

A cable dispatch from Madrid says: Heavy rains have prevailed since yesterday in the provinces of Aragon, and the rivers Gallego and Gilboa have swollen to extraordinary heights. The Government, however, refused on the ground that the new service must be of the Teutonic standard to meet the needs of the Imperial route to the East and Astranlia.

No Fast Mail Service for Canada.

LONDON, Oct. 28.—The last under the direct Canadian mail contract leaves Liverpool to-morrow, and the negotiations here for a faster service are practically at a standstill. The Government has been approached by those interested in the Canadian trade with a view of securing the service of ships seaworthier than those of the present. The Government, however, refused on the ground that the new service must be of the Teutonic standard to meet the needs of the Imperial route to the East and Astranlia.

A Decision on the Kaugarou Ticket. COLUMBUS, Oct. 28.—[Special.]—The Supreme Court to-day rendered a decision in mandamus proceedings instituted by Duncanson, the Republican candidate for Commonwealth Judge in the Logan-Union district, who sought to have his name placed on the regular ticket, notwithstanding the fact that his nomination was irregularly made. The application for a writ of mandamus was refused. This action places

HOWARD HAS HIS SAY.

The Retiring Pension Bureau Examiner's Letter Received.

TWO REASONS FOR RESIGNING.

Every Attempt to Get Him to Change His Mind Proves Abortive.

OFFERED ANYTHING HE COULD ASK FOR.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Great concern was manifested to-day, as the Interior Department, upon the receipt of the letter of resignation of Captain Edward Howard, the special examiner of the Pension Bureau who has made serious charges against Commissioner Raum, and which was forested in detail, exclusively, in these telegrams last evening. No sooner was the letter received than messengers were dispatched for Mr. Howard.

Secretary Noble did not appear at his office, and could not be found, but Mr. Howard responded promptly to the summons, and had a long talk with Assistant Secretary Bussey. Every attempt was made to dissuade Mr. Howard from making his resignation final. Assistant Secretary Bussey and Mr. Ryan, Secretary Noble's private secretary, implored him to re-consider his purpose. Mr. Bussey offered him the status of liberty of movement, with pay. He said that if, on account of his affidavits inimical to Commissioner Raum, his life in the bureau was made unpleasant, he could remain away from the office and his position would not be affected. Howard was urged, however, to insist that his resignation be accepted or that he be dismissed. He had had enough of it.

When Bussey remarked that he had been told that Howard would lend assistance to the Democrats in the New York campaign, he described in THE DISPATCH his Washington special last evening. Howard replied, after the manner of Kipling, "That's another story," and refused to go into particulars.

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The letter of resignation, the substance of which was given in THE DISPATCH this morning, is given in the press verbatim this evening, and is as follows:

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27, 1891.

SIR—I have the honor to forward you my resignation as a clerk of the Pension Bureau, for the following reasons: First: Over one month ago, at your suggestion, made certain statements, under the form of affidavits, which I made regarding charges against the administration of the Pension Bureau, and offered positive and official proof of the truth of my charges. I have been patiently ready to produce it any moment—so far, however, I have been refused permission to do so.

Second, since the filing of said charges I have been subjected to a series of petty insults and persecutions. Leave of absence, without pay, has been refused me, though I have been in the office, have been open in their hostility as to impair my health and to render me unable to perform my duty.

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ENGINEER GOODWIN DEAD.

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NOT QUITE HERETICS.

Drs. Milligan and Carson Acquitted by the New York Presbytery.

COVENANTERS CALLED THEM DOWN.

But by a Vote of 12 to 6 They Were Sustained in Their Views.

A RED-HOT, LIVELY TIME AT THE TRIAL.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—The New York Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church held its semi-annual meeting to-day in the Fourth Reformed Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. J. D. Bayles was Moderator and S. G. Shaw was Clerk. The special business to-day was to decide whether Rev. J. C. K. Milligan, formerly Pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of this city, and Rev. J. F. Carson, formerly Pastor of the Willoughby Avenue Reformed Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, should be tried for heresy.

It is charged that Dr. Milligan wrote articles in favor of Covenanters exercising the right of suffrage, and that Dr. Carson allowed them to be published in his newspaper. These two men were also instrumental in forming in August, 1890, in Pittsburg, the "East End Platform," the principles of which were said to be opposed to Reformed Presbyterianism.

THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE'S REPORT. A discipline committee, composed of William Graham, James Kennedy and Lord Torrens, which was appointed by the Presbytery after the meeting of the Synod last June, at Pittsburg, to inquire in the libels preferred against Drs. Milligan and Carson, read the following report:

Two papers were put into the committee's hands. The first was a libel preferred against Rev. J. C. K. Milligan and the second a copy of an address presented by the conduct of Rev. J. C. K. Milligan and J. F. Carson in connection with the so-called "East End Platform."

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THE MATTER TO BE DROPPED. The reporter simply asserts, as his opinion condemns the immorality of the constitution of the church in this land there has been a long and bitter controversy.

A Highly-Recommended Long Island Man in Denver the Gull Party. PATCHOUGE, L. I., Oct. 28.—Three checks for \$1,400, \$800 and \$2,500, drawn upon the Patchogue Bank and signed R. A. Strong, were forwarded here on different dates during the last 14 days by the German American Bank of Denver for collection. All of them bear the indorsement of W. H. Geer, a former resident of this place, though drawn in favor of other parties, whose indorsements are also upon them.

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COMING TO A CRISIS.

French Canadians Excited Over Secretary Chapleau's Withdrawal.

A LOUD CRY FOR INDEPENDENCE.

They Consider This Another Hard Blow Dealt at Their Race.

ANGRY TERMS USED BY THEIR PRESS.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.)

MONTREAL, Oct. 28.—The French-Canadians are greatly excited over the withdrawal of Secretary of State Chapleau from the Dominion Government. Since the retirement of Sir Hector Langevin, Chapleau has been regarded as the French-Canadian leader, and his forced retirement from the Cabinet is resented by many prominent French-Canadians as a blow at the race.

Chapleau still remains in Montreal, in conference with his friends, but has not yet decided upon what line of action to take, should Premier Abbott refuse to accede to his demand. Many of his friends are urging him to withdraw with his following from the Government ranks and form a party of his own. Chapleau has a following of about a dozen French-Canadians, and as the Government majority in Parliament is 25, the defection of so many of the French-Canadian members would place the Government in a very critical position.

CONSERVATIVES WANT A COMPROMISE. The Conservative leaders realize that the situation is very serious, and are therefore endeavoring to effect a compromise. Negotiations to this end were commenced to-day, and it is said that some decision will be reached to-morrow. There is a very bitter feeling amongst the French-Canadians at the action of Ontario in opposing Chapleau's demands and the French-Canadian press is denouncing in very angry terms the interference of Ontario, in Quebec affairs. Chapleau's personal organ in this city, *La Presse*, tonight says: "We have no objection to the Prime Minister choosing in Ontario the colleagues that he pleases; with his guarantee we accept them whoever they may be, but we do not want the Province of Ontario to choose the Ministers from the Province of Quebec. It would be confederation no longer, but legislative union."

Some of the French-Canadian papers go as far as to openly advocate independence. *La National*, one of the organs of the Quebec Government to-night says: "Since we are nothing else but freed people, and have a right to cease to be so, why do we not lift up our heads and ask to become free instead of being slaves as we are? To have a right to the proceeds of our labor, instead of pouring the whole into the purse of the operators of Great Britain, and the Canadian monopolists?"

AN APPEAL FOR LIBERTY.

"Let us, then, be free, once for all. There would be very little to change in the present state of things. Instead of an English Governor we would have a Governor or President of Confederation, elected by the people for a fixed term, and who coming from the people, would have their interest and their dignity at heart. Instead of a despot Governor appointed by a political party, we would have in each province a Lieutenant General named by the people in the first or second degree. Instead of a Senate where all the vanquished and the disgrace of politicians go and dishonor the title of "Honorable" that is conferred upon them, we would have a body composed of superior men, appointed by the different Legislatures, truly representing the people, and not the political degradation. We would have the right to make our own treaties, and would become true citizens, enjoying that liberty to which every citizen is entitled. To obtain this result less effort is needed than is generally believed. Let a few courageous men stand up, and the people will follow them."

Assaulted a Councillor.

Charles Havers was held for court trial by Mayor Wyman yesterday to answer a charge of aggravated assault and battery preferred by George Schud, an Allegheny Councillor. Havers, it is claimed, attempted to force an entry into the house of Mr