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#### NEW BLOOMFIELD, PENN'A. Tuesday, October 17, 1871.

#### Recent Elections.

The elections held on Tuesday last in this State resulted in a Republican victory on the the State ticket of about 15,000 and a gain of one, and possibly two sen-

In Ohio the Republican majority is expected to reach 20,000 and in Iowa the Republicans claim a majority of 30,000.

At the recent election in Texas the Democrats carried the state by about 25,000 electing a full Democratic Congressional delegation.

In this "Judicial District" the county majorities are as follows:

Perry County for Junkin, Juniata " " Graham 293 Cumberland " 300.

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Junkin's Official Majority,

By either an intended fraud or an error in copying the returns from the 'Tally list' of the Shippensburg district, Mr. Junkin was defrauded out of one hundred votes so that he actually had a majority in Cumberland of 92 votes, which makes Mr. Junkin's majority in the district 110. The "tally list" and the copy sent to the Prothopotary's office had the number of votes east in the Shippensburg district as 507, while the return judges reported only 407. This error the judges declined to correct.

#### THE CHICAGO FIRE. We devote considerable space this week

to the terrible fire which has visited Chicago. It is the most appalling disaster on record; even exceeding in mag nitude the great fire which visited London in 1666. The loss of life which accompanied the destruction of property, adds additional horror to the calamity, which is still further intensified by the suffering which must now be endured by the homeless thousands. The season is so far advanced that the exposure must cause much sickness among the many delieate women and children who are suddenly removed from the comforts of life. From all parts of the country donations of cash and provisions are being freely sent, and even England and Germany are contributing to the relief of the sufferers, with promptness and liberality. The loss of property is estimated to be nearly two hundred millions of dollars. The loss of life will probably never be known for a certainty, but it is thought to be at least five hundred and fifty. Nearly 300 bodies have already been found. The government authorities have forwarded tents enough to accomodate 75,000 persons, and have also issued a large number of army rations. It is feared that the county land records have been burned and if such is the case it will be impossible to escape much future litigation over titles to real estate in the city. A large portion of Chicago was once included in the military reservation, which was, some thirty years ago laid out and sold by the War Department. The record of those sales is un-derstood to be no longer in possession of that department, nor can any information be supplied from the General Land Of-

# OUR RULERS.

As the delegate conventions are really the rulers of the country, as long as voters blindly vote the party ticket, the following description of those who recently attended the State Convention may be of interest. We quote the following from the New York

Sun;

"The New York delegates to the Rochester Convention returned yesterday morning, accompanied by about two hundred pickpockets. Mr. Jasper Wiley, of Morrisania, went to the Convention. When he started he had a gold watch and chain, when he returned he had the chain but no watch. He says he was sitting on the inside of a seat in the train, and that a crowd of boys gathered in the aisle. Some one touched him on the back, and he turned around to see who it was, and as he did so his watch was released from the chain. He says that more than fifty men were He says that more than fifty men were robbed in the same manner. So bold were the thieves that they sold stolen watches in the presence of their owners, advising them to be quiet if they did not wish to lose more. He tells of a brakeman who bought more. He tells of a brakeman who bought a stolen watch for \$25, and an hour afterward had it stolen from bim and sold to another brakeman who also lost it. At Avon, a countryman entered the car, and seeing the gang, said that he had been told that pickpockets were on board, but that "they'd have to be all fired sharp to robhim." In less than fifteen minutes they had his watch, his hat, and \$150 in cash. They took the money from his wallet and replaced the wallet in his pocket. At Elmira they cleaned out every restaurant and refused to took the money from his wallet and replaced the wallet in his pocket. At Elmira they cleaned out every restaurant and refused to pay a cent. At Turner's they did the same. They robbed every peanut and apple stand as they passed through the different stations, and if remonstrance was made they smashed things generally. After they left Turner's they amused themselves by smashing every window in the cars and demolishing the furniture. Deputy Sheriffs Fonl md Johnson of White Plains corroborate the above astonishing story."

#### CHICAGO IN RUINS!

One of the Most Terrible Fires on Record.

The most terrible fire on record visited the city of Chicago, on the nights of the 7th and 8th insts. At 11 o'clock on Saturday night, the 7th Inst., a fire started in a planing-mill on Jackson St. The immediate vicinity is built up mainly with small wooden tenement houses and two-story frame buildings, occupied as groceries, saloons, &c. The inmates of many of these houses, startled from slumber, had barely time to rush out in their seanty night attire, leaving their household goods go to destruction. In several instances children were hastily wrapped in blankets and quilts to break their fall, and thrown from the second-story window to the ground. When the alarm sounded for this fire, another of considerable magnitude was burning on Wells street, near Adams. Several engines were necessarily kept at work upon this fire. The rest of the engines soon arrived upon the ground, but the fire had spread over so large an area and was so rapidly extending that their efforts seemed of little

The scenes in the vicinity of the conflagration were indescribable. Half the population of the city seemed gathered there. The tugs in the river were engaged in towing to places of safety the vessels moored in the neighborhood, while locomotives were hastily pulling out the great number of cars standing on the track in flames .-The glare from the burning buildings lighted the streets half a mile away so that one could see to read.

In an hour the fire had made a clean sweep from Van Buren street north two blocks to Adams, west to Clinton. Three blocks from the river, between Van Buren and Jackson, were burning, and the wood work of the western approach to Adams street bridge was destroyed. A large coal yard, containing thousands of tons of soft coal, and situated between the tracks of the Chicago and Alton and Pittsburg and Fort Wayne Railroads and the river, was burning furiously. The immense grain elevator of Vincent, Nelson & Co., one of the finest in the city, is immediately adjoining, and though intended to be fireproof, it was feared the intense beat would crack the slate with which it is covered. The depot of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago, Alton and St. Louis Railroads is between Canal street and the river.

The space burned over embraces four blocks bounded on the north by Adams street, on the west by Clinton street, on the south by Van Buren street, and on the east by the Chicago river. Some four or five buildings within the limits named remain uninjured; among them Vincent, Nelson & Co.'s grain warehouse, one of the largest in the city, which escaped any serious damage. This is due to the fact that large piles of anthracite coal lay between the burning buildings and the elevator, and by continuous application of large quantities of water to the coal, the warehouse was prevented from being burned .-The space burned over was covered with lumber yards, coal yards, wood yards, a planing-mill, vinegar factory, and a large number of dwelling houses and saloons of the poorer class.

ANOTHER PIRE.

About half-past nine on Sunday evening, the 8th inst., the fire alarm again rang out its fearful peal. At first it was not thought by the fire department that the affair was dangerous, so that but a few of the engines regularly assigned to duty in that vicinity were at first despatched to the scene, the rest, with the exception of a few whose attendants were resting from their exertions, remaining to play upon the still smouldering fire of Saturday night which was liable to again break out its hellish fury .-Probably a half or three quarters of an hour elapsed before the extent of the new eruption became known, when the entire fire brigade was ordered to the rescue.

A half hour sufficed to show that the firedepartment was utterly powerless-in fact no department in the world could have stemmed the irresistible current of flame. In two hours twenty blocks, containing three hundred buildings, were devastated. No description can give an adequate idea of the awful scene. From the south division a dense cloud of smoke could be seen, which gradually crept along borne by the wind, in a northeasterly direction. Through the smoke ascended showers of sparks and burning brands, while an occasional column of livid flame shot upward from the lurid sea below. With frightful velocity the devouring element tore along in its course.

For a time there seemed to be faint hope of averting it from the lumber yards, but this too faded away as the flying cinders fell upon the vast piles of seasoned timber. Almost in a single tlash an immense lumber yard was consumed, when the others

succeeded rapidly. At 1.30 a. m. the depots of the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne, and the Chicago and St. Louis Railroads, which were in the direct course of the fire, were announced to be burning. Brands from the lumber yards were also at this time seen flying across the river from the lumber yards, and dropping in the vicinity of the gas house and the armory, and the frame houses surrounding, soon setting them on fire.

The flames rapidly spread in every direction among the adjoining buildings. At this time the whole population of the city were in the streets, and weeping and wailing could be heard in every direction. The fire raged with unabated fury until six o'clock on Monday evening, although many buildings were blown up, hoping by that means to stop the ravages of the flames .-Dispatches were sent to various cities for engines, and responses were promptly made from Cincinnati and St. Louis, though owing to the searcity of the water, the engines were of little use.

It is impossible now to give even an approximately correct statement of the losses, but a faint idea may be formed, when it is stated that every bank in the city except two small saving institutions, one on Twenty-second street, in South Division, and one on Randolph street, in West division, is destroyed. All wholesale stores, all retail establishments, the post office, the court house, the chamber of commerce, every hotel in South Division except Michigan Avenue hotel, which, standing on the extreme southern limit, escaped, though it is badly scorched; every newspaper office, every theater, the six largest elevators, the immense depots of the Michigan Southern and of the Illinois Central Railroads (both the passenger and freight depots of the latter,) more than a score of churches, and much of the shipping in the river-all are

Full one hundred and fifty thousand people are at this moment homeless and houseless, not knowing where to lay their heads or get anything to satisfy the cravings of hunger. For miles and miles in every direction the sidewalks, lawns, vacant lots, and front yards of dwellings are filled with people who have escaped from burning houses, taking with them only a scanty amount of furniture and clothing. The sight is truly a harrowing one.

Many human beings have perished in the flames-how many no one can tell. Perhaps no one will ever be able to tell, but it is known that some have perished, and there is only a heart-sickening fear that the victims of the fiery monster may be counted by hundreds.

Hundreds of horses and cows have been burned in stables, and on the north side numbers of animals, though released from confinement, were so bewildered and confused by the sea of fire which surrounded them, that they rushed wildly to and fro uttering cries of fright and pain until scorched and killed.

Any attempt to describe the scenes of this appalling calamity would be idle. The fact is that the once great city of Chicago is destroyed. The territory burned over is about four miles in length, and from one to one and a half miles in breadth.

The district burned over in the South Division embraces everything from the main branch of the Chicago river to the lake, and covering about one hundred blocks. This district contained all the leading business houses, the banks, insurance offices, hotels, etc. The Tribune building resisted the fire for several hours, but finally yielded, when McVicker's theater immediately adjoining, which also withstood the raging element finally succumbed. In fact all the buildings in the district which claimed to be fire-proof, shared the fate of those which could make no such claims.

Lieut, General Sheridan, who was present, telegraphed to St. Louis for 100,000 nt rations, and a large number of tents. Two companies of soldiers were also ordered there to stand guard over the property that was saved, and to help to maintain order. The mayor of the city telegraphed to various cities for donations of food, and such assistance as the benevolent were willing to send. The despatch to the mayor of New York was as follows :

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The duty of preserving the peace of the city was by the Mayor, delegated to Gen. Sheridian, and troops were distributed for purpose.

Quite a number of persons caught at-tempting to set fire to buildings were shot or hung, and among the number so dis-posed of, were six well known N.Y. thieves. The many narrow escapes and singular incidents that are told by eye witnesses are very interresting, and to record one fourth of them would occupy our entire paper We have, however, told enough to give our readers a correct idea of the magnitude of this disaster.

Hanged at Play.

Daniel Beardsley and family live in Shavertown, Delaware county, in this State. They have three children. During the absence of their parents last Friday they played "tie up sheep." A small leather string which their father had cut for them a day or two before, was fastened to a nail in the wall, and at the other end a slip noose was made. One of the little ones put the noose around his neck, but he did not play the part well, and the oldest boy. Mack, attempted to show him how it ought to be done. He placed the noose over his head and in his pranks drew it until life was extinct. The body when discovered was inclined forward, resting on the toes, the knees almost touching the floor.

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