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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 State ticket of about 15,000 and a gain of one, and possibly two senators.

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, 310. Juniata " " Graham 292. Cumberland " " 8 300.

Junkin's Official Majority, 10

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 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 magnitude the great fire which visited London in 1666.

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.

"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.

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 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.

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.

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.

ANOTHER FIRE.

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 dispatched to the scene.

A half hour sufficed to show that the fire department was utterly powerless—in fact no department in the world could have stemmed the irresistible current of flame.

For a time there seemed to be faint hopes of averting it from the lumber yards, but this too faded away as the flying cinders fell upon the vast piles of seasoned timber.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Lieut. General Sheridan, who was present, telegraphed to St. Louis for 100,000 government 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.

Quite a number of persons caught attempting to set fire to buildings were shot or hung, and among the number so disposed of, were six well known N.Y. thieves.

Daniel Beardley and family live in Shavertown, Delaware county, in this State. They have three children. During the absence of their parents last Friday they played "tip up sheep."

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