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MONTROSE, PA. Thursday, November 5, 1857.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher will deliver a Lecture on "The Christian Commonwealth," in the Baptist Church in Montrose, on Thursday evening, November 5th.

We are convinced that in no other way can so much be done for the Republic as by the general dissemination of information among the people, by means of Republican papers and books.

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We suspect that a young friend of ours must have made some marvellous good trades at Guttenberg, Rosenbaum, & Co.'s new store, at Susquehanna Depot; for he assures us that ladies and gentlemen can there find whatever they need to case themselves in, and that he never saw elsewhere so extensive a lot of shawls and other ladies' fashions.

Gen. Valentine Best, long known in the political affairs of Pennsylvania as an active Democrat, having been editor of the Danville Intelligencer for twenty five years, and a member of the State Senate in 1848, '49, '50, died at Danville, October 29th, in the 57th year of his age.

The States, a Washington organ of the Southern ultras, says that it is highly probable that the Kansas Constitutional Convention will send their State Constitution direct to Congress, without submitting it to the people, and that "this question is therefore likely to be the subject of agitation in Congress for the ensuing session."

Since it is a fact that in many parts of this State the Republican party comprises almost all of the old Whig party as well as a large part of what was once the Democracy, the question arises: How are the Shams Democracy enabled to carry the State? A comparison of the vote of certain counties in 1857 with their vote in former times, will help us to solve the question, by showing that a considerable portion of the old Whigs, in some counties, united with the pro-Slavery party.

For instance, Lancaster county, which in 1848 gave 8810 Whig majority, this Fall gives only 1218 Republican majority; Dauphin, which in 1848 gave 938 Whig majority, this Fall gives Packer 453 majority over Wilmont; Philadelphia city, which then gave 2304 Whig majority, is now largely Shamocratic; Huntingdon, which then gave 371 Whig majority, this Fall gives Packer a majority, and similar results are observable in several other counties in the Southern portion of the State where such a thing as cotton Whiggery existed.

Therefore, those professed Free Soil men who adhere to the Democratic party notwithstanding it has become a slavery-extending party, because they are afraid of acting with men who were formerly Whigs, can see that they are now acting with the worst part of the old Whig party, namely, the cotton or pro-Slavery Whigs. Let them soberly consider this question: Is it better to sustain our Free-Soil principles by acting with the Free-Soil branch of the old Whig party now united with the Republicans, or to oppose the principles you profess, by acting with the pro-Slavery Whigs who have become united with the modern Democracy?

Republican Pyramid. Here is the record of Free States that have gone Republican in 1857. Look at it!

OHIO. MAINE. KANSAS. VERMONT. MINESSOTA. NEW HAMPSHIRE.

And here so the Buchanan Northern States! For cogent reasons they can't be piled up much!

Fair of the Jackson Agricultural Society.

The propriety and profitable benefit of forming a Township Agricultural Society, has been the subject of conversation occasionally, among the farmers in this vicinity, for the last year; and during the last winter it was decided to organize such a society, and a meeting was called for that purpose, but the inclemency of the weather and the obstruction of the roads by snow made it impossible for most of the inhabitants to attend.

The number of neat cattle exhibited was not far from one hundred and twenty, including calves, yearlings, steers, oxen, bulks, and cows, most of them of good quality, and some very good, indicating a spirit of improvement and enterprise in the owners.

There were but few horses exhibited, although a good show of colts from one to three years old. Of sheep but few were exhibited, but those were of good quality and indicated good care and breeding.

The conditions of exhibition were, that all persons wishing to make use of any of the yards, pens, stands, &c., for the exhibition of any articles, were at liberty to do so by paying the sum of twenty-five cents to the treasurer of the society, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the fair.

In conclusion I would say, that in view of the success attending their first efforts, under discouraging circumstances, the society feel encouraged and stimulated to greater efforts for improvement, and hope to make their next fair every way more interesting and useful than the first, and would suggest to all other townships the propriety of forming similar societies, for the purpose of encouraging improvement, enterprise, and intelligence, in every laudable branch of industry.

From Kansas. At a Democratic meeting held at Leocompton, Kas., on the 20th inst., resolutions were adopted stringently condemning the action of Messrs. Walker and Stanton, in rejecting the returns of Oxford precinct of Johnston county.

RECAPITULATION. Senate. House. Dem. Rep. Ind.

REPUBLICAN GAINS IN CALIFORNIA. In 1850, the vote in California stood: Buchanan, 61,925; Fremont, 20,353. The vote for Governor this year, stood: Weller, Democrat, 40,000; Stanley, Republican, 27,000.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

The following Senators hold over from every county of the State, and subject the office for Governor's fall:

Following new Senators were elected this Fall: 1st District, Philadelphia—S. J. Randall, D.; (to fill a vacancy) I. N. Marsell, D.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Adams—Charles Will. Allegheny—Daniel Negley, Jas. B. Backhouse, Nicholas Veitch, J. Heron Foster, John M. Irwin.

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Pennsylvania Election—Official.

W. W. F. H. G. received the official returns from every county of the State, and subject the office for Governor's fall:

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From the Pittsburgh Gazette.

In Iowa, where Fillmore had 9180 votes, the American organization has been virtually abandoned and those members which had not previously joined the Republicans have gone over openly to the locofocoes.

The same fusion had previously been effected in Indiana and Illinois, and has also, this fall, been accomplished in Wisconsin.

The Fillmore organ in Milwaukee is now supporting the locofocoe ticket. In all these States (and we may add Michigan to the list), there are now but two parties—the Republican and locofocoe.

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A Hard-Money Currency.

We find that numerous Democratic papers are now advocating an exclusive "hard-money" currency. The Richmond Whig, in alluding to the subject, says:

"The Democracy have the power to carry out all their projects. They have possession of the Federal Government and nearly all the State Governments. Why, then, do they not quit talking, and proceed to work? Let us have their 'hard-money' currency. Let us have it forthwith. For one, we shall hold them to their theory, and demand that they redress to practice. They have been talking about a 'hard-money' currency for scores of years; and the country is not yet blessed with it, although they have the power to do whatever they please."

We repeat, let them quit talking and clamoring, and give us hard money, nothing else, and plenty of it. We suggest that our approaching Democratic Legislature should lead off in the glorious revolution. It is the boast of the Virginia Democracy that their policy invariably becomes the policy of the Democracy throughout the Union.

It is fitting, then, that our Virginia Solons should take the lead in this hard-money matter, and it is their bounden duty, notwithstanding the fact that the candidate on it for Secretary of State was a German Catholic. Of the 23,120 votes given to Fillmore, Van Trump has received but about 5000 now; the rest has been divided between Chase and Payne, the bulk of it going to Payne. Fremont's majority in Ohio last fall, over Buchanan, was 16,623. Chase has now about 2,100, the combination of the Fillmore and Buchanan vote having produced this reduction. Here, however, as in Iowa, the fusion was unsuccessful; but it has none the less served to destroy the American party and bind its remaining members with the locofocoes.

The Press, Col. Forney's paper, anticipates the same result in Pennsylvania. It says: "We need not take into consideration the vote thrown for Mr. Hazlehurst, because it is manifest that if the Democratic party is true to itself, all this vote will hereafter be enrolled under our banner. Every citizen who voted for Mr. Hazlehurst had more or less confidence in the Democratic party. Those who still call themselves Americans must be sure that Americanism has become an absolute idea."

It is presumable that Col. Forney knows something of the nature of this vote, for it is generally understood that he had the entire "side door" last fall, and has not lost the knowledge he then acquired. We have no doubt that the organization has run its course in this State, and that many, perhaps all of its members will seek a place in the locofocoe party; but there are large numbers of honest men in its ranks who will not be so transferred, at the will of their leaders, but will seek more congenial associations elsewhere.

The fact, however, remains indisputable, that the general tendency of the Fillmore party in the North is toward locofocoeism. Those who are great admirers of Pope, who were most terrible far as "foreign influence," whose watch-words was "put none but natives on guard," have gravitated naturally to the party of Pope, and become political bedfellows of the foreigners whom they affected most to dread.

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The Administration and Gov. Walker.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31, 1857.—I. P. M. The Government has no official information from Governor Walker relative to his pending appeal from the Oxford precinct, and until this can be received, there can be no definite action by the Administration.

It was certainly a violation of his instructions which will not be permitted to go unnoted; and the Executive disapprobation will be expressed, there is reason to believe, in a manner which may at least lead to the resignation of both Gov. Walker and Secretary Stanton.

It is now ascertained, on a specific inquiry, that the report of last night, which was prevalent in usually reliable and well-informed circles, of the intention on the part of the Administration to remove Governor Walker and Secretary Stanton, is without the least foundation; nor is there any reason to believe that either intends to resign. The last dates from either have only come down to the 10th of October.

One of the American races which Mr. Ten Broeck carried with him to England has at last come out victorious in a great race, the Censarewitch; which is not only a great feat, but a great prize, and, in some sort, a real victory, since in English sporting phrase the Censarewitch is one of the "great events" of the racing year, and always brings together a number of the best and most prominent horses in all England. This race was cleverly won by Priores under circumstances which entitle her to be considered a good, stout, and honest mare, she having run, first, a dead heat with two other horses; out of thirty-four starters, she was second, El Hakim and Queen Bess, coming out so exactly even that the Judge was unable to decide on the winner. In the second race—for it cannot properly be called a heat—Priores won cleverly by a clear length and a half, El Hakim beating Queen Bess, for the second place, by a head only.

The American horse Leconte died from an attack of cholera. Pryor has been stricken out of all his engagements for the present year. THE GREAT CONFERENCE.—At the meeting of the next Congress new States will be in readiness for admission into the Union—Minnesota and Oregon. The progress made thus far fully warrants the expectation. The constitution of Minnesota prohibits slavery. What position Oregon will take on the same subject is as yet uncertain. In effect, however, Oregon is and will continue to be a free State. These will increase the members of the confederacy to thirty-three, without counting the members of the new shape now seems imminent. The Constitutional Convention of Kansas will meet again in a few days, resume and conclude its labors, and the constitution thus framed will either be submitted to a popular vote or sent to Congress without such endorsement. At the approaching session of Congress, therefore, the Union will be materially increased in numbers. Steps will also, no doubt, be taken to organize the new territories of Arizona, Dacotha and Carson, thus raising the number of territories to the same total as at present.

Gov. Walker having thrown out the fraudulent returns from Johnston County, the Slave power has turned to an older friend for aid and comfort. Judge Cat's issued a writ, commanding the Governor and Secretary to give certificates to the members elected, or show cause why they will not or cannot do so. With that happy discrimination which invariably attends Judge Cat's proceedings, he dispatched the paper by an officer who was *functus officio*, the sheriff under whom he had been deputy having been superseded and his successor sworn in on the previous day. Gov. Walker therefore, publicly laughed in the messenger's face. The law of "honor" has thus been evaded. Ex-Sheriff Jones has challenged Secretary Stanton. These items of news come to us through a Pro-Slavery journal, the St. Louis Republican, the correspondent of which also communicates the details of the frauds in McGehee County.—N. Y. Tribune.

THE REPUBLICANS HAVE CARRIED THE GOVERNOR and both branches of the Legislature in Iowa, and will give them two United States Senators.

Some one asked Judge Douglas "how he ever expected to beat the Republicans in western Illinois?" "Diside them," was the reply. The Hartford Current says that Col. is receiving money from his pistols that he can fill. The insurance in India is the cause of the increased demand. Upwards of twenty Lake vessels are reported to have gone ashore of foundered during the late heavy gale. A large number of lives were lost. Mr. D. H. Barrows left San Francisco by the last steamer with a barrel of Los Angeles wine for President Buchanan, together with samples of oranges, citrons, almonds, lemons, grapes, &c. Since 1849 we have exported specie and bullion to the amount of \$319,708,029, and imported the same to the amount of \$47,076,213, making the difference against us of \$272,632,732 in gold. Still they come! Every day witnesses additions to our population. Families in wagons, single men, and explorers with carpet-bags, are now seen in all parts of the Territory.—Kansas Herald of Freedom. Mrs. Sarah E. Shaw, who lost her husband and got injured herself, in a railroad accident on the Boston and Worcester Railroad a few years ago, has recently recovered a verdict for \$15,000 therefore against the company. The German laborers of Philadelphia had a meeting called by a handbill signed "Many Workmen." It called them to "act—not speak." Let us strike while we can the fighting manfully. That sounds very foolish to American ears. The New York Herald publishes a list of ready-made clothing establishments in this city, with the number of men, women and children usually employed, and those at present employed, and lately discharged. According to this statement, these establishments usually employed 39,455 persons, but have recently discharged 25,063, and now only employ 6,168. There were 23,824,243 gallons of whiskey distilled in Cincinnati and vicinity last year, being an increase of 4,674,240 over the previous year. In the distillation of this there were consumed seven million nine hundred and seventy-eight thousand and ninety-five bushels of corn and other grain. The Philadelphia Ledger publishes a list of fifty-eight manufacturing establishments in that city, which have reduced their force of men, or discharged their hands altogether. The total number employed in these concerns is nearly 9,000.