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Republican Majorities.

In Pennsylvania, as in most other States, the distribution of Republican majorities is much more uniform than is the distribution of Democratic ones. Like the plague and most other infections, the domination of the latter party is always confined to certain districts, where it has full supremacy. In this State the heaviest Democratic counties are generally those with the smallest population, and which under an apportionment bill must necessarily have a small representation. On the other hand, the Republican majority is distributed over a large number of counties and embraces a much greater area of territory. This fact is shown in the city of Philadelphia, where only nine of the twenty-nine wards, on a fair division, can be carried by the Democrats. It is exactly the same all over the State. No apportionment can be devised to give the Democracy the representation they claim without emasculating the State and splitting its map into hopeless divisions. There is a natural disproportion between the vote of the two parties, which can be overcome only by a system of cumulative voting.—[Forney's Press.

NEWS.

DOMESTIC.

Gold closed in New York, last Monday, at 111¼.

Richmond, Virginia, has sixty-three tobacco factories.

The total population of the United States is 38,547,534.

Horses are selling at $13 a head in Los Angelos County, Cal.

Several earthquakes have recently taken place on the South Pacific Coast.

A clergyman in Connecticut boasts the title of the Rev. Hezekiah Fiddle, D. D.

The heathen Chinee are making whisky in California by fermenting old rice and rubber shoes.

Two mail coaches were recently destroyed by Indians in Arizona, and several persons murdered.

Hon. Humphry Marshall, of Kentucky, now weighs 400 pounds, is about 75 years old, enjoys good health, and works hard every day.

General Spinner, during the ten years he has been the Treasurer of the United States, has handled the large sum of $50,000,000,000.

In Michigan the House of Representatives has passed a bill compelling the attendance at school of children between the ages of eight and fourteen years.

Postage stamps of the denomination of seven cents have been issued by the Government. They are designed especially to pre-pay letters to Germany.

Jasper Morgan, of Middletown Conn., never called in a doctor until he was in his eighty-eighth year. Then he called one, and is now gathered to his fathers.

Mobile is becoming an important market for importations from the West Indies. Of coffee alone, the imports this year will probably reach some 70,000 bags.

Me-no-see-how, an Indian woman, aged one hundred and eleven years, died in Eldridge township, Oceana Co., Mich. She, with three sons, was at the famous battle of Tippecanoe.

Samuel Thatcher, born at Cambridge, Mass., July 1, 1776, at present residing in Maine, is said to be the oldest surviving graduate of Harvard college, and the oldest ex-member of Congress now living.

Louisiana sugar planters are disappointed at the price of sugar, and have wisely determined on an entire change in the system of planting. They will hereafter raise their own provisions and go to as little expense as possible in producing sugar for market.

Governor Scott, of South Carolina, says that the entire bonded debt of South Carolina, is less that $8,000,000, with about $1,000,000 floating debt, which last will be paid immediately with funds now in the Treasury, and with the incoming taxes.

Stephen Girard has an imitator in the late Robert Barnes, of Evansville, Indiana, who left $500,000 to build and endow a college of that State, enjoining that no missionary of any sect whatsoever shall ever hold office in the institution, or even be allowed to visit the premises.

Mrs. Sarah Hand, whose death at the advanced age of 93 at Cape May was recorded in the obituary column of the Philadelphia *Ledger* last week, was the last survivor of the company of young ladies who strewed flowers in Washington's path during his triumphal passage through Trenton in 1789.

New Orleans, April 28.—The City Surveyor reports the river falling and the levees all safe along the front of the city. Bonnet Carre Crevasse is now 1,200 feet wide. Otherwise there is no material change in the situation there. The water is within half a mile north of Kennerville. It has also made its appearance on the low ground east and south.

San Francisco, April 29.—Advices from Tucson, Arizona, April 19, state that Capt. Moore, with a detachment of troops, killed 34 Indians in two engagements. The troops have "corralled" 150 Apaches in the Dragoon Mountains, and have hopes of killing the entire band. The valley, for 30 miles, is nearly depopulated, the settlers fleeing to Tucson to avoid the Apaches.

Ex-Senator Jas. M. Mason, whose capture by Commodore Wilkes during his voyage on a rebel embassy to England, in November, 1861, threatened to embroil this country in a war with England, died at his residence near Alexandria, Va., on Friday night, in the 73d year of his age. Mr. Mason has been in ailing health for a long time, and has lived in retirement since the close of the rebellion, of which he was one of the prominent promoters.

The Internal Revenue Supervisor for the District of Georgia and Florida reports the total destruction of property in his raids on illicit distilleries in that district, up to April 1, 1871, as follows: Eighty-three still-worms, complete and in position; 122,240 gallons of beer mash, 1,794 gallons low wines, 390 gallons corn whisky, 700 gallons peach and apple brandy, 595 bushels corn meal, 879 bushels of malt, also, 60 illicit distilleries suppressed; a large number of mules, horses, and wagons were seized, and 62 distilleres arrested and turned over to the Deputy United States Marshals.

FOREIGN.

London, April 28, 1871.—The special correspondent of the *Tribune* at Versailles telegraphed yesterday evening as follows:

Thiers interrupted the debate in the Assembly to-day by the announcement that the troops had occupied the most advantageous strategical positions; that these happy successes assured the speedy termination of the civil war. Both the regular army and the insurgents have suffered heavy losses. He was moved to tears, and declared that he was greatly disposed to clemency, except to the murderers of Gens. Thomas and Lecompte. He expressed unbounded confidence in Marshal MacMahon. The capture of Les Moulineaux is of great importance to the Government, as the musketry reaches from there to the center of Fort D'Issy.

The Prussians have summoned the insurgents to abandon St. Ouen. Bordone has been arrested at Marseilles.

Paris, April 30—Evening.—There was a sharp engagement on Saturday night at LesMoulineaux, in which the Versaillists were repulsed with a loss of 20 men made prisoners. But in the mean while a column of the enemy advanced on the Clamart Railway station, and occupied the houses 200 yards from the intrenchments of Issy. The fort was a wreck; the casements broken in, the embrasures demolished, 30 of its 60 guns are dismounted, and the ammunition for the mitrailleuse exhausted. The garrison became panic-stricken, the gunners mutinied, and spiked half their remaining guns; and this morning, before daylight, the entire garrison abandoned the fort. Its commandant, Gen. Negey, has arrived in the city.

Gen. Cluseret, who went to the front at the first news of the rout of the troops, returned at noon to-day, having failed to stop the panic. He has sent out fresh troops, among them the "Avengers of Paris," to re-occupy the works; and a desperate fight is now in progress in that quarter. At the Maillot Gate and around Asnieres all is quiet.

Chinese Calculation.

A correspondent of the London *Anthenæum* says: The inference of Professor de Morgan to the employment of the fingers for the purpose of notation induces me to speak of the very ingenious application, in China, of this living abacus to arithmetical calculation, of the faculty it gives for the settlement of accounts, and the easy solution of all sums, whether of addition, substraction, multiplication, division, from one to a hundred thousand. Every finger on the left hand represents nine figures, the little finger the units, the ring finger the tens, the middle finger the hundreds, the forefinger the thousands, the thumb the tens of thousands. The three inner joints represent from 1 to 3, the three outer 4 to 6, the right side 7 to 9. The forefinger on the right hand is employed for pointing to the figure to be called into use; thus, 1,234 would at once be denoted by just touching the inside of the upper joint of the forefinger, representing 1,000; then the inside of the second, or middle joint of the middle finger, representing 200; thirdly, the inside of the lower joint of the ring finger, representing 30, and lastly, the upper joint of the little finger touched on the outside, representing 4. Or, again, 9,999 would be represented by touching the side of the lower joint of the thumb (9,000), and the lower side of the joint of the fore, middle; and the little fingers, representing respectively 9,000, 900, 90, 9. The universal correctness of the accountancy of China, where there is no purpose of fraud, and the rapidity with which all trading and commercial accounts are calculated, are acts of notoriety to all who have any acquaintance with purchases or sales made in that country.

Davy Crockett used to tell how he was once treed by a herd of prarie wolves, and how he rid himself of their unwelcome company: "I shot away all my ammunition, and threw away my gun and knife among them, but it was no use. Finally, I thought I would try the effect of music, and began to sing 'Old Hundred.' Before I finished the first verse, every wolf put his fore paws to his ears and galloped off."

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" " " Ridgway	1.56 p. m.
" " arrive at Erie	7.40 p. m.
Erie Exp leaves Philadelphia	12.20 p. m
" " " Ridgway	2.20 a. m.
" " arrive at Erie	7.40 a. m.
Accomodation, leaves Renova	6.55 a. m.
" " Ridgway	5.01 p. m.
" arr at Kane	8.00 p. m.

EASTWARD.

Mail Train leaves Erie	9.00 a. m.
" " " Ridgway	3.00 p. m.
" " arrive at Phila'a	6.50 a. m.
Erie Express leaves Erie	9.00 p. m.
" " " Ridgway	2.20 a. m.
" " arr at Philadelphia	5.30 p. m.
Accomodation, leaves Kane	7.30 a. m.
" " Ridgway	10.49 a. m.
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