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PHILADELPHIA. The Political Situation—Growing Interest in the Election—The Republicans Gaining Enthusiasm—Riotous Proceedings of the Democratic Roughs—The Registry—The Election Cases—Estimates—The Freshet.

Philadelphia, October 4, 1899. East of the mountains the campaign is daily growing more animated. A corps of efficient speakers, of whom Senators Wilson and Thayer and Gen. Billy Williams, of Indiana, are the leaders, from abroad, have been constantly expounding the Republican doctrines to large and appreciative audiences wherever they have spoken.

The Democratic game of working quietly does not appear to be attended with the large results expected, and there is an evident growing apathy on their side in regard to the results. The Republicans never were in better spirits. There is every indication that the full, or very nearly so, vote will be brought out, and no cases have come up showing disaffection or coldness.

The Democrats of Philadelphia are evidently getting demoralized over the tendency of affairs against them, and are turning their attention to that peculiar logic which, during many years of their party existence, they have resorted to on occasions of a desperate condition of things. The party is making no public demonstrations in the pending canvass for several very decided reasons.

Although the Democrats are making no public demonstration in a legitimate sense, during the past week, their representatives have been publicly exhibiting themselves on occasions of Republican meetings. Last Monday night, at the great meeting on Broad street, a detachment appeared on the outskirts of the crowd, and commenced a series of disturbances, which fortunately were quelled by the presence of the Invincibles, who charged down the streets under a shower of bricks and stones.

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The Judges certainly have been trifling long enough. The rival candidates for Governor this week have been circulating, pretty freely among the people, a number of leaflets, one by one from one point to another making speeches and urging the voters to come to the polls.

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THE Provident Institution for Savings, of Boston, has been supplied with a seven-ton "welded-steel and iron" burglar proof safe.

A COLORED WOMAN found a pocket book containing nearly \$300 belonging to ex-Mayor James W. Zanesville, Ohio, and on restoring it to the owner received \$500 as a reward for her honesty.

JAMES HENDERSON, one of the building committee superintending the erection of the Presbyterian Church at Cadiz, Ohio, fell from a scaffolding, a distance of thirty feet, on Saturday last, receiving injuries of a serious character.

DURING the week ending on the 2d, 167 males and 628 females applied for employment at the Free Labor and Intelligence Bureau, in New York. Situations were offered to 118 males and 829 females, and situations procured for 102 males and 540 females.

RECENTLY a Mrs. Medley, residing near St. Mary's, Ky., while spinning, was poisoned by grease from wool coming in contact with a cut in one of her fingers. The hand and arm became inflamed, erysipelas set in, and death ensued.

A Long Bridge, which connects Virginia and the District of Columbia at Washington, having been permanently repaired, travelers can now go from Jersey City to Memphis, St. Louis, St. Paul, and all points in Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida and Texas, via Alexandria and Lynchburg, by continuous rail.

On the first day of September, 1899; two astronomers, one at Oxford, the other at London, were at the same time watching the spots on the disc of the sun, and both at the same moment saw certain strange bright patches of light break out in front of the cluster.

At the very same time that this was taking place, magnetic storms swept instantaneously across the entire surface of our globe. At Washington and Philadelphia the signal men in the telegraphic office received sharp electric shocks; the tracing pen used in the telegraph office was followed by a flame; and in Norway telegraph machinery was set on fire.

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