The Forest Republican.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOV. 15, 1876.

THE SITUATION.

We have read the papers of both political persuasions, and we have also patiently conned the columns of the so-called "independent press," and up to this time we are unable to form an opinion as to who is to be our next President. If we take the word of the Democratic Press, Mr. Tilden is elected. If the Republican Press is believed Hayes is the man. We clip the following in regard to the question from one of the ablest Republican papers in the State, the Pittsburgh *Gazette:*

We recognize the fact that the most intense anxiety is felt relative to the political situation, and we will do our best to afford such light as the the news, received up to the present, will admit. Both political parties lay claim to three States—Florida, South Carolina and Louisiana. If the Republicans have all three of these States they elect their candidates; if the Democrats have one of them they are successful. Both are struggling with the energy of desperation to control the count, and on the count made the result will undoubtedly depend. The Democracy claim that the ballots shall be counted just as they come in, the returns to be accepted as *prima facie* evidence of the election as it occurred. On the basis of this idea they hope that the count will be in their favor. Whether it will or not is, as yet, an undetermined point. Kellogg appears very confident that even with the ballots as they are, Louisiana is Republican, although he asserts that when undoubted and provable intimidation and fraud are rectified by the Returning Board, our majority will be decisive. In South Carolina, the Democracy are very positive in claiming a majority of from 1,000 to 2,000—on exactly the same principle as they claim Louisiana,—that no notice shall be taken of intimidation and fraud, and the ballots shall be counted exactly as they are. But in that State, the same charges are made by Republicans, of terrorism and fraud, and these are rendered plausible by the known violence that has prevailed in that State since July last. In Florida, the Democracy claim the State by from 250 to 500 majority, with the same conditions attached as in the other two States mentioned. This is the situation on that side.

On the other hand, the Republicans claim Florida by from 3,000 to 5,000 on an honest vote,—or on the vote as cast, a clear majority. They charge that Democrats have thrown a train from the track near Tallahassee, and that they have destroyed or attempted to destroy, the returns from the strongest Republican district in Florida, and one that has regularly, heretofore, overbalanced the largest majority the balance of the State ever gave the Democracy. Of course, the returns will never be made up without including the vote of Tallahassee. This done, and we hold unswervingly to the idea that we have Florida. In South Carolina, these facts are apparent: 1. That wherever there has been an unintimidated vote, the Republicans have gained, as compared with the vote of 1874. 2. That the Republicans have, on a fair expression of popular will, 25,000 majority in South Carolina. 3. That this large majority has not been overcome by honest means, and has not legally been overcome at all. That the colored people, where not intimidated, remained unwerving in their loyalty to the Republican party, is susceptible of the clearst proof. And 4. That the State is consequently Republican, by a majority of from 5,000 to 8,000. Louisiana is confidently and calmly claimed for the Republicans by Governor Kellogg, on the vote as it stands. Yet he submits specific statements of frauds and intimidations that must be investigated as part of the count. For example, it is simply impossible that where there was a large Republican majority in parishes two years ago, there could be no Republican votes now, whatever. Those parishes must be thrown out of the count, though without that he claims the State. Thus the proper Republican authorities claim the three States mentioned.

The grave feature of the situation is, however, in the fact that we are face to face with the question whether violence, fraud, and murder shall dominate, in the election of the President of the United States. This issue is now as clearly defined, in its relation to the States mentioned as though applied to every State in the Union. The desperation of the Democracy negotiates the most positive and earnest spirit on the part of Republicans. We are face to face with a crisis. We would have our friends do nothing that would be in the least unfair, but we would have them stand firm as flints in the emergency. It will be but a misfortune to have war, rather than permit the Democracy to dominate the Presidency by violence, than would to have them destroy the validity and sanctity of the ballot. And this is the precise issue we are called upon to meet. Fairness *must* now be shown. And what that is, fortunately, no room to doubt. It requires not only that the ballots returned shall be honestly counted, and this we would have done before the world, but that frauds and violence shall be sifted, and the districts where they controlled, be thrown out of the count, or the returns purged of wrong. This is the law and it must be applied in the cases refered to. We understand this to be the President's meaning in his command for an honest count; and this he means to have at all hazards. And in this he is right. The salvation of the country depends upon it. If the Democracy gain power through such violence and fraud as it can be shown they have practiced this year, there is absolutely no hope in the future for the Republic. The emergency is upon us. Let prudence, wise counsels and spirit of right and fairness prevail, but let impartial justice fairly decide, and then enforce that decision at all hazards. On this basis we have no fear. We are as certain as that the sun shines by day, and the stars by night, that Hayes and Wheeler will be declared President and Vice President of the United States.

OFFICIAL VOTE OF FOREST COUNTY

POLLED NOVEMBER 7TH, 1876.

DISTRICTS.	Electors	Electors	White	Jenks	Wetter	Corbett	Agnew	Hasler	Irwin	Mercilliott	Coburn
Tionesta Boro.	77	36	76	37	77	36	68	45	83	76	77
Tionesta Tp.	58	36	58	36	58	36	47	45	67	58	58
Hickory	54	42	52	44	54	42	28	56	52	53	53
Harmony	69	65	61	72	67	69	69	66	68	67	67
Howe	25	24	26	23	25	23	23	25	26	21	26
Kingsley	46	42	45	44	46	43	44	43	46	46	48
Green	32	78	84	76	84	76	31	78	42	84	51
Jenks	17	25	14	26	16	25	19	20	15	21	18
Barnett	86	37	88	35	86	36	85	35	85	84	85
Total	464	385	457	393	464	385	409	413	484	465	484
Majorities	79		64		79			4			

Depublicans in Roman; Democrats in *Italics*. White and Jenks for Congress; Wetter and Corbett for State Senate; Agnew and Hasler for Assembly. Irwin for District Attorney, Coburn for Coroner and Mercilliott for Jury Commissioner, had no opposition. Two votes each, for R. Audley Brown and S. W. Tracey, Prohibition candidates for electors, were polled in Harmony township.

Our Washington Letter.

Special to the REPUBLICAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 11, '76

Still in suspense but skies brightening, expresses the situation at the national capital as appears to Republicans; but the golden hue of the political heavens, so radiant with promise to the longing eyes of Democracy on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, when with loud-mouthed profanity and the most offensive insolence they taunted depressed Republicans with their certain defeat, has changed to an impenetrable blackness, shutting them in upon every side, with the bitter memory of the shadow at which they clutched to torture and drive them frantic. Visions of the rich spoils at their finger's end, during their delicious but brief dreams, disappear one by one as each message over the wires lessens the probabilities of Tilden's election. Many an air-castle has incontinuently disappeared from its superual situation above the clouds. Many thousands of dollars, in case of Tilden's defeat, will be lost to the already impoverished adherents of Democracy, as after ten o'clock Tuesday evening up to three o'clock Thursday they were freely offering ten to one, and not a few stubborn opponents promptly accepted the terms. Should it prove that Tilden is defeated, Democratic managers who have aided and abetted this cruel hoax, will be followed by the execrations of the poor dupes. Four years ago a similar disaster happened to Bourbon capitalists here, when the first intelligence from the State election in North Carolina made it appear that the reactionary party of that community had secured a sweeping victory. Bets at fearful odds were made and a noisy salute was fired in the evening to give vent to the exultation which accumulated faster than it could be eliminated by the ordinary channels. But the lapse of forty-eight hours completely changed the aspect of affairs and a few additional hours confirmed a Republican victory.

A large blacksmithing establishment, in plain view from my window, was staked on Tilden's election, with the dwelling house attached. A cigar store and a sample room not far distant, are said to have been similarly hypothecated. It would seem that no man would be such an idiot as to stake his very means of providing those dependent on him for a living, upon the chances of an election; yet it is asserted that there are scores of bets pending in this city, quite as reckless,—even criminal,—as those instanced.

No pen, however fertile, could depict the scenes upon our streets which have occurred at the hotels, theaters, telegraph offices and other places of public resort and even under the roof of private dwellings, since last Tuesday evening. In order to even get a vague conception of them, it must be promised that no community in the country contains such a proportional number of its inhabitants, depending directly or indirectly on the Government for support as does Washington and vicinity; therefore, a change of administration, particularly, when the new one is of opposing politics to its predecessor, involves a complete revolution. The dismay and consternation of officials great and small, and of other employes must be personally witnessed in order to their just appreciation. The first reports were almost uniformly unfavorable to the Republican cause, reducing thousands to the verge of despair, and correspondingly elating the cohorts of Democracy. Old men who retired from the world with the collapse of the beloved Confederacy, and who had become well-nigh forgotten, suddenly reappeared, gray and shriveled, to assist at this resurection of the "lost cause," but the tidal wave receded after a few hours, leaving many stranded, disconsolate and utterly ruined. The Government employe who was more or less completely paralyzed by the force of the first terrible blow, recovered consciousness and speech after the first wave had gone over him, and with the recession of the tide, returned the taunts of tormentors of the day previous with a will. And so we have floundered and fluctuated through three days and nights. It is devoutly hoped that definite intelligence, setting Governor Hayes' election beyond a peradventure, will be received before night-fall.

Indian affairs, Boss Tweed and the threatening situation of European matters have all been crowded aside temporarily by the all-absorbing matter of the Presidential election. But they are each destined to furnish many a sensational rumor, probably, after the city returns to its normal senses.

The Centennial tourist has almost entirely deserted our streets, and we have become so accustomed to their eager manners and their general air of expectancy that we are sorry to be deprived of them. They have given an appearance of life to our city during the hot months, as unusual as it was grateful to permanent residents.

Your correspondent begs to be excused from further remarks at the present time, as in common with many other patriotic citizens, he is shattered and dilapidated to the last point of endurance by the successive defensive and offensive engagements of the past forty-eight hours.

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—It is stated that prominent postoffice officials are of the opinion that the Postoffice Commission now investigating the subject of railway mail transportation will recommend the reestablishment of the fast mail trains, and will support the recommendation by strong evidence of their necessity. The testimony taken in nearly all of the Western States is singularly unanimous in favor of the restoration of this system. It is certain, however, that none of the railroads will restore these fast mails unless increased compensation is given.

A speculative journal has been laboriously at work estimating the cost of Presidential elections, and puts it at $3,000,000—or $1,500,000 for each political party. There is no attainable data on the subject, and so cannot be determined whether the estimate is right or wrong. It makes, however, but little difference to the general public, as the experse is borne by private parties. The burden falls chiefly on wealthy partisans who expect to share in some way the benefits emaning from the election of their candidate. It takes the form of a tax only in the case of office-holders, who are assessed for election expenses by the party in power, a custom that often falls heavily upon department clerks and minor officials. The burden touches the people remotely and indirectly, if at all, while in reality they derive an actual and immediate benefit. The various devices by which their sympathy and support are solicited serve to awaken a more active interest in public affairs, and the masses acquire the rudiments of political education, instead of remaining in apathy and ignorance of the condition of the country and the administration of the government. Great as the cost of our elections may be, they cannot be lamented as an unmitigated burden upon the people. The only objection to the system of expenditure is in its possible influence in promoting official corruption; yet it has not been directly ascertained whether this has resulted in any instance or not.

—The Centennial Exhibition was formally closed on Friday last with appropriate ceremonies. Music by Thomas' orchestra, addresses by the several heads of the Centennial management, and then the formal announcement of the closing by President Grant, constituted the programme. It has proven a success in every particular, and really is the first completely successful International Exhibition ever held. This is the more gratifying because it was thought that so costly an enterprise could only be managed in monarchial countries, where the Government could lend its influence and aid. We have proven the incorrectness of that theory, and that such an enterprise can be made a financial success. Great praise is due the gentlemen having the enterprise in charge for their skill and devotion to their trusts. A little inevitable jarring occurred at intervals, but this was, perhaps, unavoidable. Generally, decisions were wisely made, and right purposes adhered to. The Centennial will be remembered as a grand event in our national history.

—The latest official intelligence from the Yellowstone country would seem to indicate that the Indian question is virtually settled. Immediately after the fight of October 31, some 400 lodges separated from Sitting Bull. General Miles followed them overtaking them at the Yellowstone, opposite the mouth of Cabin Creek, when they declared their wish to surrender. After arrangements were perfected to this end, General Miles returned to the trail of Sitting Bull, who had gone North towards Fort Peck with thirty lodges now his entire force, and was following them at last accounts. Nearly two thousand warriors will be in at the Cheyenne Agency on or before the first of December, where they will be surrendered to the Government.

—Secretary Fish says no negotiations are pending with the Government of Great Britain for the renewal of the Extradition treaty, nor is it the purpose of this Government to take the initiatory steps necessary to revive the old treaty or negotiate a new one. The treaty was abrogated by the act of the British Government, and any proposition for a new extradition must come from that Government.

—Gen. Giles A. Smith, whose brilliant record as an officer in the Department of Tennessee, and with Sherman, in Georgia, and as Second Assistant Postmaster General, is known all over the nation, died at Bloomington, Ill., on Sunday, aged forty-seven, of consumption. He was born in Jefferson county, New York, and lived in Bloomington for many years, being in the dry goods and hotel business.

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W Pen Junc	10:02	3:48	10:50	6:37	4:33	8:55
Kittanning	10:40	4:30	11:35	6:00	12:49	3:53
R. W's Junc	11:23	5:25	12:55	5:15	11:40	3:35
Brady Bend	11:40	5:40	1:20	5:04	11:27	3:15
Parker	12:12	6:15	2:30	4:25	10:44	12:40
Kinlenton	12:28	6:36	2:53	4:03	10:25	12:00
Scrubgrass	1:27	7:40	4:10	3:30	9:42	10:32
Franklin	2:03	8:15	5:25	2:52	9:02	9:30
Oil City	3:30	8:50	6:20	2:20	8:25	8:25
Oleopolis	2:49	.....	8:35	10:31	.....	9:10
Eagle Rock	3:00	.....	8:00	10:20	.....	8:51
Tionesta	3:25	.....	9:55	9:55	.....	5:00
Tidioute	4:11	.....	11:50	9:08	.....	3:20
Irvineton	5:00	.....	1:15	8:20	.....	1:40
Rouseville	2:53	9:16	6:27	1:47	7:50	7:58
Titusville	3:40	10:10	7:35	1:05	7:10	7:10
Corry	4:17	.....	9:13	11:50	.....	5:55
Mayville	6:16	.....	10:51	10:10	.....	4:02
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