## WBDEESDAY MORN ING, DRC. 19, 1877.

## HE ELECTION CONTEST

 Ttonesta, Pa., Dec. 17, 1877. Enan events all thinga have an end, and one would naturally suppose \& Haslet," having been instituted i legal form, and having passed in view before all the legal tribunals con stituted by law for the settlement ofsuch controversies, and the final de cision baving almost a year ago been had passed into history-and so it has, in fact, and in the minds of all good in all things attend strictly to thei own business. But, by the last issue
of that estimable(?) balf-sheet called "The Forest Press," I notice that my
old time sworn enemies have again joined bands with my late indefatigaa finished issue, and mislead those who are unacquainted with the circumstances of the case, and the bitter per parties toward myself.
them and the scurrilaud made by sheet that does their dirty wurk, are where they and this paper are so well may be placed upon this tramection by those unfamiliar with the "true in wardness" which prompted its reluctantly co
explanations :
Now, in regard to the citizeus of published in the Forest Press as haring made affidavits that they voted for Haslet:-The manaor in which many known and needs no explanation here. That some of them were honestly mis-
taken as to how they voted or vere voted, I know from personal knowledge and from information derived from my friends who prepared some of their
tickets and saw them vote. Sonse of the 45 can neither read nor write, and you may find case withany 45 voters where, are easily influenced, ant, quently, depending upon the super
education, wisdom and judgment others, and necessarily so if they ean
not read, have their ballots made up without examining them themselves or knowing what are in then, and are
frequently the vietims of misplaced confidence. Many other reasons might be enumerated to show why taken, but I simply mention these few and suggest that others might be de
duced, to show that even these affidavits, conclusive of fraud as they ar deemed by my enemies, whose- preju-
dices render them blind to, and devoic of reason, are snsceptible of reconcilis-
tion with honesty and integrity on the part of all those who had possession and control of the ballots and ballotboxes atterwards.
The evidence of
Carson and John C. Wyant, adduced before the Commissioner in the con-
tested case, and published in the Le trsted case, and published in the Leg
islative Record of 1877, shows tha there actually were mistakes made in
the counting of the votes by the Electhe counting of the votes by the Elec
tion Board of Tionesta Township, an
I leave it to the calm judgment of uni leave it to the almadugmont of un-
prejudiced, reasonable men if thei
manner of correcting their mistakes, a shown by their own evidence, did no
have $a$ tendency of rendering "confus ion worse confounded."
I quote part of this testimony as fol

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