

STAR OF THE NORTH.

Bloomington, Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1856.

THE CONTEST IS ON; But only for a time. The elements of discontent and fanaticism are not destroyed but only shattered and scattered.

But no matter what the issue, or who the antagonist—Democracy will have its enemy to vanquish again. Wisdom will teach our party that the present victory is only a respite in the great long fray where Truth and Error will till the millennium.

Though this is no time to do justice to the incumbent President, the cool mind finds even now with pleasure that there are many things of honor and glory in the past four years of the republic.

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SCIENTIFIC LECTURES.—Prof. Wyman will deliver three lectures on Pneumatic Chemistry in the Court-house on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.—In looking over the list of members to the next House of Representatives no one strikes as better suited by capacity and temperament to be speaker than J. Lawrence Fitz of Berkeley.

SCHOOLS IN BLOOMINGTON.—The public schools of this district are now all open with a far prospect of affording full means of instruction, and as general satisfaction as it is possible to render.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On the evening of the Presidential election at Mr. Benjamin Hayman, of Orange township, was returning home from Orangeville on horseback he fell from his animal, and was so injured by the fall that he died next morning.

Teacher's Association of Columbia Co.

The teachers of Columbia county met in the Bloomsburg Academy on last Wednesday, at 10 o'clock A. M., the President, Mr. Weaver, in the chair.

Some discussion took place upon the subject of a uniformity of school books, and it came out that directors had not so generally made a decision on this subject nor so firmly enforced it when made as is desirable for the best interest of the schools.

In the afternoon a small class of teachers was publicly examined for certificates by the County Superintendent, and passed a creditable examination.

Mr. Lewis Appleman, upon request made some pertinent explanations as to the best manner of teaching Grammar, combining with definitions and the book the more general use of the blackboard and oral instruction.

On Wednesday evening a meeting of the directors, teachers, and citizens favorable to the cause of education was held at the Court House, and was organized by appointing the following gentlemen as officers:

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A good class of teachers was examined at Bloomsburg on last Friday, and the citizens were present to add to the interest of the occasion, as they should always be.

Among the best—if not the very best—scholarship shown by any teacher at the county examinations was that of Miss Kate A. Betz, of Mt. Pleasant, on last Saturday.

COLUMBIA COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS: OFFICIAL.

Table with columns for Townships (Bloom, Beaver, Benton, Briar Creek, Catawissa, Conyngham, Centre, Fishing Creek, Franklin, Greenwood, Hemlock, Jackson, Locust, Madison, Pine, Roaring Creek, Scott, Sugarloaf) and rows for Buchanan, Fremont, Fillmore, and Total.

Buchanan's majority, 1403. There were Fillmore (straight) votes as follows: Bloom, 1; Briar Creek, 2; Conyngham, 1; Locust 4; and Roaring Creek, 1.

Table titled 'THE VOTE BY STATES.' with columns for Buchanan, Fremont, Fillmore and rows for various states including New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Illinois, Kentucky, Maine, Virginia, Connecticut, North Carolina, Maryland, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, New Hampshire, Alabama, Vermont, Mississippi, Wisconsin, South Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Iowa, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Delaware, Florida.

At the peace of 1783, the north of Mason and Dixon's line had 1,831 square miles; those south of it, 921 square miles. Virginia ceded the north-west territory, and thereby the territory of Free States was increased to 425,761, and southern territory was reduced to 384,521 square miles.

From 1783, when the South had 647,202 square miles, she has added but 235,043, and now has only 882,246 square miles, while the North, which began with but 164,081, now equals 1,903,204 square miles.

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From the N. Y. Journal of Commerce. A Comparison.

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Buchanan over Fremont in a nation at large; or, as it is reported, half a million. The joint vote of Buchanan and Fillmore—that is to say, the conservative vote of the country—is about 2,600,000, against 1,250,000 for Fremont; or in the proportion of two to one.

On approaching Wheatland the visitor is struck by the air of comfort and trimness that pervades the place. The mansion is a plain brick one, without any pretension to architectural beauty, but the site on which it is built commands some picturesque views, and is shaded by fine old trees.

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THE "WHEELBARROW" BET.

Major Ben Perley Poore, of Newbury, Mass., early in the Presidential campaign, made a bet with Colonel Burbank, of Boston, of a barrel of apples, the loser to propel the apples in a wheelbarrow from his own residence to that of the winner, a distance of about 30 miles.

Mr. Poore and the Barrel of Apples.—Major Ben Perley Poore, the late Fillmore candidate for Congress in the Sixth District, Mass., arrived in Boston, yesterday afternoon, with his wheelbarrow and barrel of apples—which he had wheeled all the way from West Newbury, a distance of thirty-two miles, in two and a half days.

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MR. BUCHANAN'S POLICY.

The opposition papers are already busy with speculations in regard to the probable policy of Mr. Buchanan. Those who are curious in regard to this matter will probably find as much reliable information in his letter of acceptance of the Democratic nomination as they can obtain from any other source.

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THE MUSTANG QUESTION.

Looking Pleased.—Mr. Buchanan was in Lancaster City, on Wednesday, and the Inland Daily says he "looked pleased." We should think his affections could be pretty well born at the present time, but by the 4th of March next, he will have sufficient time to feel a little worried, from the attentions of his friends, who may wish to serve the public.

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LAND WARRANTS.

SEVERAL 120 Acre Land Warrants can be purchased by application at this Office.

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