

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.

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.

AGREABLE VISITORS.—The thanks of the editor and editors are due to the Danville Glee Club for their delightful serenade on last Saturday evening.

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.

NEW COMMISSIONER.—On last Friday Mr. Henry Bittenbender, the newly elected County Commissioner, began the course of his official duties.

CHANGE OF TIME.—The morning Express train of Cars now leaves Philadelphia one hour later than heretofore—that is at 6 o'clock; and will therefore pass Rapid station one hour later than last week.

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.

Mr. R. H. Brown explained what he believed to be the best method of teaching Geography.

Mr. John C. Stokes spoke of the manner of teaching Orthography, as did also Mr. Brown. Mr. Weaver then spoke at length to simplify the business of teaching into pleasant and natural mental culture.

Educational Meeting.

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:

JOSEPH SHARPLESS, President. REV. CHARLES NASH, LEWIS APPLEMAN, Vice Presidents.

Rowland Hill Brown, Elias Hicks, Sec'y. HENRY C. HICKOK, Esq., Deputy State Superintendent of Common Schools, having been introduced, delivered an able address, wherein he showed forth the workings of the common school system and the great advantages derived from the County Superintendent.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be, and are hereby given to the State Superintendent, H. C. Hickok, Esq., for the instruction we have received from his able address.

Resolved, That we regard the office of County Superintendent of Common Schools, as a great moral lever that is lifting the common school system out of the dust, and placing the institution in a high, honorable position; gratifying to our State pride, and making it an honor to our Common wealth.

Resolved, That our County Superintendent, R. W. Weaver, Esq., deserves the confidence and aid of the citizens of this county and the thanks of the teachers for the faithful manner in which he has performed the duties of his office.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to Mr. Alexander and class for the delightful music with which they have favored us.

On motion, the meeting adjourned. JOSEPH SHARPLESS, President. ROWLAND HILL BROWN, M. D., ELIAS HICKS, Secretaries.

A good class of teachers was examined at Jerseytown 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.

Mr. ALEXANDER has two classes now under instruction in this place to learn vocal music, and appears to receive good encouragement, as he evidently deserves.

The New Judge. By the telegraphic report from Harrisburg, it will be seen that Hon. Robert T. Conrad has been appointed Judge in place of William D. Kelley, resigned.

COLUMBIA COUNTY ELECTION RETURNS: OFFICIAL.

Table with columns for Townships, Buchanan, Fremont, Fillmore, and Total. Lists results for BLOOM, BEAVER, BENTON, BRIARCREEK, CATAWISSA, CONYNGHAM, CENTRE, FISHINGCREEK, FRANKLIN, GREENWOOD, HEMLOCK, JACKSON, LOCUST, MADISON, MINE, ROARINGCREEK, MIFFLIN, MONTGOMERY, MT. PLEASANT, ORANGE, PINE, ROARINGCREEK, SCOTT, SUGARLOAF.

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

THE VOTE BY STATES.

Table with columns for Buchanan, Fremont, Fillmore. Lists results for 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.

Southern Extension.

At the peace of 1783, the north of Mason and Dixon's line was 178,321 square miles; those south of it, 92,602 square miles. Virginia ceded the northwestern 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. The South has received less than 50 per cent, the North near 1100 per cent. The South commenced with twice as much as the North. The latter has now 2 1/2 times more than the former.

BEGINNING EARLY.—The Young Men's Central Union, in New York city, have adopted resolutions in favor of supporting John C. Fremont and William L. Dayton as the Republican candidates for 1860. The Young Men's Union had better wait while; four years in advance is a long while to foreshadow the future policy of parties in this country.

The Next Congress.—In the ten States which have already elected their Congressmen, the Democrats have carried 42 members and the opposition 41—Democratic majority 2. In the present Congress the same States have 63 opposition and 21 Democrat, an opposition majority of 42, so that the Democrats have gained 44 Congressmen in the late election.

Gen. Cass will in all probability not be returned to the U. S. Senate, as there is a majority against him in the Legislature of his State. It will be difficult for the State to select a successor with the same knowledge, political experience and tried patriotism.

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

The Fremonters have much to say about the large majorities of their candidates in a few of the States, particularly Massachusetts, New York, Maine and Vermont—but suppose we look at the whole field. We shall then find that Fremont is farther behind in the popular than in the electoral vote.

Table with columns for Buchanan, Fremont, Fillmore. Lists results for Buchanan (1,750,000), Fremont (1,250,000), Fillmore (750,000). Total votes: 3,750,000.

Being a gain upon the Presidential vote of 1852, of about 700,000. An approximation to the majorities, in the different States, as between Buchanan and Fremont, is here subjoined:

Table with columns for Buchanan, Fremont, Fillmore. Lists results for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, California, estimated.

Buchanan over Fremont in a nation at large; or, as it is more correctly, half a nation. 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.

Mr. Buchanan at Home.

A letter from Lancaster, Pa., to the New York Herald, dated Nov. 1, says: "On approaching Wheatland the visitor is struck by the air of comfort and trimness that pervades the place."

On entering the house I was shown into the library, where I found Mr. Buchanan with about ten or a dozen gentlemen, who were all unknown to me, but who, I believe, were for the most part leading politicians of the neighborhood.

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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.

"En route from Newburyport for this place, and when about twelve miles distant from Newburyport, on the track, my attention was attracted to a man some distance in advance, who was harnessed to a wheelbarrow, and was diligently climbing the steep hill which rose before him.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Thompson, conductor on the Boston and Maine Railroad, reports to the Bee Office that Major Poore, was at Lynnfield, at 4 o'clock, and would probably arrive in Boston during the afternoon and evening.

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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.

In accepting the nomination, I need scarcely say that I accept in the same spirit, the resolutions constituting the platform of principles erected by the Convention. To this platform I intend to confine myself throughout the canvass, believing that I have no right, as the candidate of the Democratic party, by answering interrogatories, to present new and different issues before the people.

It will not be expected that in this answer, I should specially refer to the subject of each of the resolutions; and I shall therefore confine myself to the two topics now most prominently before the people.

The agitation on the question of domestic Slavery has too long distracted and divided the people of this Union, and alienated their affections from each other.

The Nebraska-Kansas Act does no more than give the force of law to this elementary principle of self-government; declaring it to be "the true intent and meaning of this act not to legislate Slavery into any Territory of State, nor to exclude it therefrom; but to leave the people thereof perfectly free to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States."

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Should I be placed in the Executive Chair, I shall use my best exertions to cultivate peace and friendship with all nations, believing this to be our highest policy, as well as our most imperative duty; but at the same time, I shall never forget that in case the necessity should arise, which I do not now apprehend, our national rights and our national honor must be preserved at all hazards and at any sacrifice.

Yours, very respectfully, JAMES BUCHANAN.

Looking Pleased.—Mr. Buchanan was in Lancaster City, on Wednesday, and the Inland Daily says he "looked pleased."

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