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THE STRUGGLE ENDED.

The great political struggle of 1864 belongs to history, and few there will be who do not rejoice that its passions and prejudices have fulfilled their mission, or at least exhausted their efforts for evil.

Never before have we struggled through a National contest with such a sense of responsibility, and with such mingled hopes and fears, as in the one just closed. We had no idols to consecrate with power; no shrine of personal devotion that called out a Nation's overflowing love and enthusiasm, such as wept in the train of the staff white plume of Harry Clay.

Passion deepened into prejudice—prejudice into implacable hatred even of a beneficent government; and there were thousands upon thousands who were insensibly led, step by step, until they mourned our country's triumphs and rejoiced at its misfortunes.

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We write without knowledge as to the result of the great contest. We hope to record in these columns the re-election of President Lincoln by a decisive majority, but, improbable as it is, a different result is remotely possible, and we would have all men, of whatever political persuasion, prepare to leave passion and lawlessness on the field so desperately contested, and make common cause for the preservation of the government.

The official majorities of the army vote for Gen. Kooztz in the several counties of the district are as follows:

Adams..... 175
Franklin..... 111
Fulton..... 255
Bedford..... 249
Somerset..... 284

Kooztz's majority on home vote..... 624

The record evidence of the election of Gen. Kooztz fortunately does not depend solely upon the returns to the several counties, where they are accepted or rejected as unscrupulous partisans prefer, but they are of record in the Executive office at Harrisburg, and upon them Gov. Curtin will vindicate the purity of the ballot-box, the sanctity of the soldier franchise, and the undoubted right of Gen. Kooztz to a seat in the next Congress.

As the case now stands both Kooztz and Coffroth have certificates of election. Gen. Kooztz's certificate gives the full vote of the district as follows:

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Kooztz's majority, 68.

Upon the whole we regard Gen. Kooztz as our Congressman elect, and have no fears but that he will take his seat in December, 1865, and serve until the 4th of March, 1867.

It is at all times unwise to conceal the perils that surround us, and especially so in times like the present, when the destinies of society are trembling in the balance, and every care is needed to preserve its order and stability.

tempt to defy the laws and pilfer the empty honors of an illegal certificate of election, hoping to gain a seat for a few months in the next Congress. That he can do so is not probable even with Gen. Coffroth. He may think foolish things and inflate himself with the wildest of chimeras; but he cannot be such a super extra class as to believe that a thoroughly Union Congress would not dispense with his presence as speedily as the rules will allow of it.

In last week's paper we showed that the return judges had no authority to reject any vote unless so defective as "to prevent the issue from being understood." It is not pretended that any part of this vote is not perfectly intelligible—every vote returned is entirely understood, but the difficulty is that the soldiers did not please to vote for Coffroth and, therefore their ballots are rejected.

We borrow no trouble about this foolish attempt to defraud the Union people and the brave soldiers of the 10th district out of the election of Gen. Kooztz. They have now exhausted their villainy and in due time the remedial power of the proper authorities will lay a strong hand on this attempt to usurp a seat in Congress in defiance of the people, and Gen. Coffroth will have only grief for his labors.

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bands of law are broken asunder, then begins the carnival of ruin. It is not difficult to point out the causes of such a state of affairs among us. War, and especially such an one as that in which we are now engaged, naturally gives a license to crime. A thousand evils follow in its train which no discipline can reach and no law prevent. Under the high plea of military necessity, it often over-rides the civil power, and so, in the conflict of authorities the guilty go unpunished.

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justice an "ultimate," not an immediate convention of the States is proposed. And how is this to be brought about? Have the Southern States devised it, or is it at all likely that with the armies of treason in their midst they would consent to such a procedure. And yet without their consent the proposed convention cannot be held.

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thousands of soldiers, who should be in the field, are now necessary at home to enforce the laws and preserve order in such districts as the Spirit's political friends largely predominate, it might have given another good reason for the possible necessity of another draft.

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—Mr. Whiting, Solicitor of the War Department, in a recent speech at Boston, said that there could be no impropriety in stating that on the first day of October we had received under the last call over 120,000 volunteers, and he had been informed by authority to which he gave the highest credit, that the last draft, which was completed, would furnish all the men who would be needed for the war.

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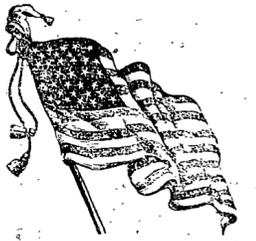
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LATEST NEWS!



THE REPUBLIC LIVES!

PRESIDENT LINCOLN RE-ELECTED!

Lincoln's Vote Nearly Unanimous!

76 MAJORITY IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE!

THE "GREAT FAILURE" OF THE WAR!

The Thunders of the Loyal North!

The election yesterday resulted in the triumphant re-election of President Lincoln. He has all the States but three, and even two of these may be doubtful, and certainly 205 of the 234 electoral votes will be cast for him. This verdict is rendered by the PEOPLE, in the exercise of their holy right, and leaves no room for squabbling traitors to doubt the fidelity of the loyal State to the Republic. New York gives about 36 to our Lincoln; Pennsylvania about 15,000 on home vote, and 25,000 on the whole vote; Connecticut 10,000; Massachusetts 70,000; Maine 10,000; New Hampshire 10,000; Rhode Island 10,000; Ohio 50,000; Indiana 30,000 and the rest of the Western States in about the same proportion. Delaware and Maryland have both voted for Lincoln, and New Jersey is doubtful. The popular majority against McClellan will be the largest ever cast against a Presidential candidate.

Table showing electoral votes for Lincoln and McClellan across various states.

Necessary to a choice, 172. Majority for Lincoln 176.

THE COUNTY.

The following are the majorities given in the districts of this county recorded up to the time of going to press. The county will be about a tie.

Table showing county-level election results for Lincoln and McClellan.

THE STATE.

We have a flood of dispatches giving details of the vote of the State. Allegheny gives 5,600; Philadelphia 9,500; Lancaster 5,500; Dauphin 1,200; Erie 3,000, and steady gains for Lincoln are shown in all the counties reported but Cumberland and Adams, which give slight gains against the war.

The State is for Lincoln by not less than 10,000, and we believe 15,000 on the home vote, which will be increased fully 10,000 by the army vote.

INCIDENTS OF ELECTION NIGHT.

As soon as the polls closed the parties gathered about the REPOSITORY and Spirit offices, the headquarters of the respective parties to await the flashes from the wires which would be bringing tidings of victory or defeat.

The first news received was scattering returns from Cumberland, indicating steady Democratic gains, and jubilant cheers went up from the Spirit office. Soon after a dispatch gave the Union majority in Philadelphia by 6,100, and it was a perfect crisis to the crowd of anxious Unionists at the REPOSITORY office. Next came fragmentary returns from New York City giving immense McClellan majorities, and denouncing such gains broke out from the Spirit office. But soon the tide turned. The coppery truth was early pronounced by a dispatch from old Allegheny giving the Union majority at 5,600; another swelling Philadelphia to 9,200 scattered them in confusion, and as Lancaster rose to 5,500; Dauphin to 1,200, and large gains flooded in from almost every part of the State, the Spirit's bon-fire gradually died out into darkness. The shouts of the early part of the evening were stilled in despair, and nothing was to be seen of the coppery truth but the wriggling tails of the office hissing, venomous, defiant snakes.

On the other hand the Union boys grew jubilant, and their enthusiasm broke out in hearty shouts for Lincoln and the Union. A jolly crowd of them took a tour of the town, cheering for Lincoln at every corner. They stopped at old Staunburg's and cheered him, and he responded in a brief speech, congratulating them and the country on the re-election of Mr. Lincoln. They then gathered before the REPOSITORY office and gave three cheers for the RE-REPUBLICAN and cheered him, and he responded in a brief speech, congratulating them and the country on the re-election of Mr. Lincoln. They then gathered before the RE-REPUBLICAN office and gave three cheers for the RE-REPUBLICAN and cheered him, and he responded in a brief speech, congratulating them and the country on the re-election of Mr. Lincoln.

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