



RIGHT OR WRONG.

WHEN RIGHT, TO BE KEPT RIGHT, WHEN WRONG, TO BE PUT RIGHT.

ESSENBURG:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15.

The President's Message.

Immediately on its promulgation, which was after the regular edition of The Alleghanian had been pressed off last week, we issued an "extra" containing the President's Message, which we distributed to a majority of our readers.

The brevity of the Message will commend it to the general reader, while the frank and unostentatious manner with which it discusses the various topics within the range of its notice cannot fail to render it comprehensible to every one who gives it his perusal.

The Harrisburg Telegraph makes reference to the Message in terms so infinitely more appropriate than we are capable of, that we herewith transfer its remarks to our columns, accepting them as our own:—In the opening of his Message, the President assures the country that our foreign relations are reasonably satisfactory.

The financial affairs of the nation are justly described as occupying a basis of good security. The great fact that our debt is an indebtedness which we owe ourselves will prevent it from ever becoming a burden.

Our military and naval affairs are next briefly adverted to, and shown to be in a

most cheering condition. Every line occupied by our armies since the last annual Message has been extended, the enemy driven from his securest positions, and important territory wrested from his grasp, until he is now confined within limits where his complete subjugation is reduced to a mere matter of time.

In conclusion, Mr. Lincoln reiterates the resolution which distinguished the policy of his administration during the past four years in reference to rebellion. The slaveholders' rebellion is to be put down, regardless of the cost or the hazards involved in the effort.

The Vote for President—Pennsylvania Official.

The following is the official vote cast for Presidential Electors by the several counties of this Commonwealth, on the 8th November, the figures given constituting the vote received by the leading Elector on each ticket:—

Table with 3 columns: Counties, Union, Dem. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding vote counts.

An order has been issued from the War Department authorizing the organization of a new 1st Army Corps, to be composed of officers and men who have been in the military service not less than two years, giving to each man a government bounty of \$300, and allowing him the privilege of crediting himself to any sub-district in the district where he may be domiciled, and to serve one year.

The Campaign.

[From the New York Tribune of Monday.] Perhaps no week since the war began has witnessed a greater degree of activity than the one just passed; yet we are without intelligence of its actual results.

The special dispatch which we print this morning seems to indicate clearly the hitherto uncertain direction and purpose of Gen. Warren's movement. That officer, with Griffin's and Crawford's divisions of the 5th Army Corps, Mott's division of the 2d Corps, and with Gregg's cavalry—altogether a very formidable force—broke camp on Wednesday morning, and marching by two roads on either side of, and parallel to, the Weldon Railroad, reached Stony Creek on Thursday.

But on Thursday night a reconnaissance was sent out—apparently as much to get news from Warren as for any other purpose. It was ascertained then from stragglers that Warren was off in search of a fight. It was further discovered that the Rebel lines in his direction were surprisingly weak, and the reconnaissance was pushed with vigor toward the road which Warren probably took.

From Gen. Sherman there is no other intelligence than such as can be gathered from the account brought by a transport from Charleston. When that steamer left, on the 7th, heavy firing was heard in the direction of Savannah, or on the Charleston and Savannah Railroad.

The New Chief Justice.

Five years ago, says the New York Tribune, had any one suggested Salmon P. Chase as the probable successor of Roger B. Taney, in the most responsible and eminent position of Chief Justice of the United States, he would have been regarded as in need of a straight jacket.

The unanimity and heartiness wherewith Gov. Chase's appointment has been welcomed, argue a general appreciation of the changed attitude of our country—far more general than had been previously realized.

ception that Gov. Chase is the very man for Chief Justice. For more than twenty years he has not only believed but also proclaimed that Liberty in our Union is the general and permanent rule, Slavery the local and transitory exception.

The position of Chief Justice has been filled, since it was created by the Federal Constitution, by four persons, namely, 1. John Jay, of New York; 2. Oliver Ellsworth, of Connecticut; 3. John Marshall, of Virginia; 4. Roger B. Taney, of Maryland.

When shall the War Cease? And What of Slavery?

The President has spoken in the most unequivocal manner as to the time when the Government of the United States will cease hostilities, namely: "Whenever war shall have ceased on the part of those who began it."

Hence there was no excuse on that basis for Jeff. Davis leading the Southern States into rebellion, and none for their following him. The rebels made war, not against certain Northern States, not against Abolitionists, not against the Republican party, but against the Government, and whatever may have been their purpose in making war against us, we have simply to do with the fact that they have violated the laws, set the authority of the Government at defiance and took forcible possession of the common property of the United States.

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The Electoral College.

The Electoral College of this State met in the Senate Chamber, at Harrisburg, on Wednesday, 7th inst. The Hon. Morton M'Michael was called upon to preside, and made a short address relating to the circumstances under which they, the electors, were assembled.

"At this very hour, gentlemen, in all the parts of this immense republic, except in those which are excluded by the folly and wickedness of their own inhabitants—at this very hour, by the shores of the far-off Pacific; on the Western slopes of the Rocky Mountains, beside the waters of the magnificent Mississippi, and the scarcely less magnificent Missouri; along the margins of our illimitable lakes; in the very heart of our boundless prairies, and the clearings of our late unbroken forests, and near the sounding Atlantic where its never-ceasing surges sweep from Chesapeake to Passamaquoddy—at this very hour are assembled, as we are here assembled, representatives of the men whose enterprise and energy and diligence have built up and developed this superb empire with its cities rivaling in numbers and in wealth, and all the appliances of art and luxury, the most famous capitals of Europe, its mountains teeming with all the precious metals and all useful minerals, and its valleys swelling with varied and exhaustless richness—sembled to register the irrevocable decree of this stupendous constituency.

Geo. W. Hamersly, Esq., was elected Clerk of the college.

John A. Small and W. W. Hays, Esqrs., were elected Assistant Secretaries.

On motion, Wm J. Stees was appointed Messenger, Jacob Styers, Doorkeeper and W. Hooper Messenger.

The Rev. John Walker Jackson opened the meeting with prayer.

A committee, consisting of three, was appointed to wait upon the Governor and inform him that the Electoral College was in session and ready to receive his communication.

After a short interval the Secretary of the Commonwealth was introduced, and presented a message of the Governor, declaring the gentlemen, whose names have already been before the people, duly elected electors.

All the Electors except John Wister having answered to their names, the College went into an election to supply the vacancy, and the Hon. John P. Clark, of Perry county, was chosen to supply the same.

The College then proceeded to vote by ballot, for President and Vice President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson receiving respectively, 26 votes.

John A. Heistand, Esq., was appointed as bearer of one of the packages of votes and certificates, directed to the President of the United States Senate.

Elias W. Hale, Esq., was appointed the bearer of packages directed to John Caldwell, Judge of the District Court of the United States, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Charles H. Shriner, Esq., was appointed to deliver the certificates directed to the President of the Senate of the United States, Washington, D. C., to the Postmaster of the seat of Government of this State.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the presiding officer of the college, to which he responded in a few well timed parting remarks.

On motion of Mr. Patton, it was unanimously resolved that the pay received by the Electors and Messengers to Washington, Philadelphia and Harrisburg, be appropriated to the Sanitary Commission.

After signing the necessary certificates, the College adjourned sine die.

Hon. James Speed, a leading lawyer and earnest emancipationist of Kentucky, has been assigned to President Lincoln's Cabinet as Attorney General, in stead of Hon. Edward Bates, resigned.

Government pays \$75 apiece for artificial limbs furnished to maimed soldiers.

Eighteen clergymen were elected to the Legislature at the late election in Vermont.

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PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE, 17TH DISTRICT, PA., Hollidaysburg, Dec. 5, 1864.

In order to secure the assistance and cooperation of the people in the endeavor to keep the enrollment list continually correct, the Enrolling Board has been directed to have copies of said list kept open to the examination of the public at all proper times, and shall give public notice that any person may appear before the Board and have any name stricken off the list, if he can show, to the satisfaction of the Board, that the person named is not properly enrolled, on account of—

- 1. Alienage; 2. Non-residence; 3. Over age; 4. Permanent physical disability, of such degree as to render the person not a proper subject for enrollment under the law and Regulations; 5. Having served in the military or naval service two years during the present war, and been honorably discharged.

Especially civil officers, clergymen, and all prominent citizens are invited to appear at all times before the Board to point out errors in the lists, and to give such information in their possession as may aid in the correction and revision thereof.

They should understand that it is plainly for the interest of each sub-district to have stricken from the lists all names improperly enrolled, because an excess of names increases the quota called for from each sub-district; and that it is equally for the interest of each person enrolled in a given sub-district, to place upon the lists all persons in the sub-district liable to do military duty, because the greater the number to be drawn from, the less the chance that any particular individual will be drawn. It is the personal interest of every enrolled man that the quota in which he is concerned shall not be made too large, and that his own chance of draft shall not be unjustly increased; both these objects will be attained if all parties will aid in striking out the wrong names and putting in the right ones.

By order of Maj. R. I. Dodge, A. P. M. G. ALEX. M. LLOYD, Capt. & Pro. Marshal, M. S. HARR, Commissioner, A. ROTHROCK, Surgeon of Board.

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