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Table with columns: District, Lincoln, Ticket, Douglas, Bell. Lists election results for various districts including Erie-1st Dist., Erie-2d, Erie-3d, etc.

SECESSION.

Two weeks previous to the election we wrote and published an article depicting the dangers which threatened the peace of the Union in the event of Lincoln's election. Meeting a valued Republican friend a few days after, he half jokingly, half seriously remarked that we must have had an attack of indigestion, or something kindred to it when we wrote that article; but now how stands the case. Two weeks have hardly passed, and we fill our paper twice over with rumors, reports, comments and speculations upon affairs at the South, all growing out of the election of Lincoln, and all going to show that secession and revolution must take place at no distant day. Excitement runs riot from the Maryland line to the Gulf of Mexico; South Carolina is preparing her "ducks" to leave the Union at a moment's warning; Georgia has her knapsack slung; Alabama, Florida, Texas, Mississippi, and the Lord knows how many more, are enquiring anxiously for State rooms in the same boat. As the New York News most truly says, the great difficulty with us at the North is to believe that any State at the South can honestly and seriously mean secession when she threatens it. We see South Carolina on the very brink of bidding us a final adieu, and we smile and shake our heads, declaring she doesn't mean it; she is only trying to frighten us into the offer of some concession; it is but a lover's trick, that ends, before the door closes, in affectionate protestations and a return to warmer embraces than before. These things we say in our self conceit and complacency, because we have never been driven by sectional aggression into a state of unthinking, reckless desperation; because, being victorious in our security, we can stop to talk of reason and remonstrance, calculating the profit and loss of Union, and imagining that quiet property is compensation enough to warrant interminable forbearance and never ceasing submission. But let us change places. Suppose the South had chosen Mr. Yancey, whose avowed creed was the blessing of slavery; the belief that it was the greatest boon that could be extended to every part of the country; the resolve to so extend it by every means in his power. Suppose him elected, with all the prospective prestige of Presidential authority to aid in this extension, from the moment he should be inaugurated. "What would New York wish its forty thousand rattlepitting majorities say then? What should we confidently expect from Massachusetts? Imagine the astonishment and terror of our Republican friends when they realized the possibility of the eloquent Yancey's theories being carried into effect. Would not horrible specters of Samba in shackles surround their couches? Could we have repose in the day for their lamentations over the coming establishment of the calaboose beneath their very noses? Does any one in his senses fancy that they would peacefully lie down and let the dark wave roll over them? Why the big Thruway, and all the little Thruways, would soon be so full of gunpowder as to render them unsafe for freighting. Beecher would turn his pulpit into an arsenal from which to distribute Sharpe's rifles. Every Wide Awake that could shoulder a musket would help to form the nucleus of an army to resist what would be called invasion. Ten to one but instead of gracefully withdrawing from the Union, because there was something in it they didn't like, they would try to drive the South out for differing with them. There is not a sincere Republican who will admit this; who cannot fully realize the proximate rage and resentment that would convulse the North, if the South were to place them in the position they have placed the South by Lincoln's election; and, realizing it, must credit Carolina, Georgia and Alabama at this moment, with honorable fortitude and conscientious resolve, in their endeavors to secede, if they do not do it, they should be induced to wait till the cool reflection we can give safe play to, comes to them, it will be only because they are more generous, more simple hearted than we are; because the impulsive nature that has led them to their present isolated position of chivalrous self-secession (a position that, under similar surrounding pressure, New England would soon recede from) may also lead them to eventually sacrifice their own feelings to the National welfare. We earnestly hope that this may be the case. We trust, when the first fever of excitement has abated, that the conservative element—always sluggish and inert—may be found to persuade ourselves into the certainty that it will. There is no objection but that the Palmetto State has her flag in the lobby and the door handle of the Union in her hand. She has good cause she thinks for separation and divorce; and, if we, who have done her injury, are too proud, or have no love enough for her, to make her such promise and give her such guarantees as will induce her, if not to relent, at least to ease us for the sake of avoiding scandal, we do not see how the catastrophe is to be avoided.

General News.

The Charleston Mercury says the news of Lincoln's election at Charleston was received with long-continued cheering for a Southern confederacy.
—The Wide Awake—what is to become of them, now that the election is over? These tall young men with glass caps and tin lanterns at the end of a stick, ought to be provided for somehow!
—It is said that there are no less than twenty or twenty-five applicants for the Alabama, Pa. Post Office, now filled by a poor crippled widow of a former War member of Congress. Ain't you ashamed, you hungry dog!

Local News.

—The prospect of the immediate establishment of an Oil Refinery in this city is good. We understand that Messrs. Ely & Lyce have contracted for all the necessary machinery, and will proceed with the erection of the building at once. The capacity of the still is to be about thirty barrels per day.
—The Two Americas announces that John R. Govan, the famous Temperance Lecturer, will speak here some time in January.
—The new buildings on Fifth and French streets are drawing towards completion, and in view of this we call the attention of our city authorities to the propriety of taking some action whereby property owners on these streets shall be compelled to provide some sort of a pavement for the accommodation of those whose business calls them in that part of the town. So long as these buildings were in progress every body was willing to submit to inconvenience, but there can be no excuse for compelling pedestrians on Fifth, particularly, to wade in the mud all winter. Gentlemen of the Select and Common Council, cannot something be done?

Late and Important from Springfield.

—The first man who discovered gold in California—it now turns out in consequence of investigations by the San Francisco Society of Pioneers, that the first discoverer was a man named James W. Wicks, of the village of Sacramento, who found gold in the valley of the Sacramento as long ago as 1828. On a second expedition to the gold fields, the following year, the enterprising pioneer, was killed by the Indians.
—Daniel Woods, of Castle Rock, Wisconsin, who about six years ago married his brother's or half brother's widow, left his wife on Monday last, and eloped with the daughter of another half brother. The lady left a letter in her trunk, stating that she had left home and friends forever. Mr. Woods is about thirty-five years old, and the lady about nineteen. They had with them about \$800 in money.
—Governor Curtis, passed Easton on the railroad one day last week, on his way home from the State where white woman marry niggers—Massachusetts. A few of his admirers there—applicants for Whiskey inspectors, we presume—paid to have twelve rounds fired in his honor. In twelve months from to-day Mr. Curtis can pass Easton a dozen times and the cannon will be undisturbed.
—The population of the Territory of Kansas, as ascertained by the United States Census just taken, is 109,401. This does not include the Pike's Peak region, which has a population of 75,000 more people than would entitle her to elect a member of Congress at the present time. There can be no doubt that, as the most stringent provision of the "English" Bill has been complied with, Kansas will be admitted into the Union for the coming winter. No reason now exist for her refusal.
—It is reported that over four hundred Black Republicans are begging and beseeching Mr. Curtis the office of Floor Inspector, of Philadelphia. This is the way they grab for the spoils; what do they care about principles? Their petition is all wrapped up in love and favors, and the illegal perquisites of inspecting four and a half. Oh, the immaculate Republican party!

Special Notices to the P. M.

—There is nothing that contributes more to make home happy, and smooth the path of domestic life, than a cheerful wife. But how can a woman be happy and cheerful if she feels her "backing" for the want of a pure article of Bakerine. To remedy this, buy only that manufactured by Oakes & Cassey, Erie, Pa. It is for sale by all respectable Grocers, and is warranted. Get a paper and try it.
—The Saturday Evening Post, the oldest and best of the weeklies, has issued its prophetic volume for the coming year. In addition to its stories which are always of the highest order, the Post contains weekly, an agricultural department, choice receipts, domestic and foreign news, the market and bank note list, letters from Paris, &c., rendering it invaluable as a family newspaper. The publishers offer this year as a premium, a steel plate engraving of "A Merry Making in the Olden Time." Its book premiums are Lippincott's Pronouncing Dictionary, and Webster's Pictorial Dictionary. The price of the Post is \$2.00 a year, with large inducements to clubbing. The engraving and Post together are \$5.00 which is the regular price of the picture alone. For \$6.00, the price of each of the books alone you obtain either of the books and the Post. The works are furnished as a premium to clubs of not less than five subscribers to the Post. Desoer & Peterson, Philadelphia, are the publishers.
—The following cases are set for trial for the second Monday of December, viz: John Wightman vs C. Coll, Jr. Rogers & Bennett of al Johnson & Bro. Hays & Lott vs Moses Koch et al. Evans, Hildebrand & Pomeroy, exr—Grave Scott & Marshall vs Beall. Dunoon, use Lovry vs Beall et al, garn. & Trustees Edinboro Academy vs Robinson. Fox vs Cook vs Cook et al, garn. & Marshall & Lott vs Brothers. Same vs Irvine. Johnson vs Cochran et al. Elms & Correll vs Fry. Evans vs Co. Wm. Ins Co. Wallace vs Gulliford & Evans. Hinton vs Eric Canal Co. Nicholas vs Williams. Burt vs Kellogg. Eschmayer vs Walker. Erving vs Reed. Gorlich vs Metosh. Wood & Johnson vs Skinner. Eschmayer vs Walker. Bryant vs Burroughs. Ely vs Smith. Grant vs Smith. Rockwell vs Putnam.
—The following are for the third Monday of December, viz: Kennedy vs Kennedy. Baxter vs Oliver. Waugh & Campbell vs Starr & Payne Henderson vs Shannon Brother. Kirtland vs Co. Wm. Ins Co. Halberstam & Mann & Wife. Goran vs Zimmerman. Huber vs Gray. Hurlingham vs Van Dresser. McOmery vs Hayberger. Cam, exr McCord & Smalley et al. Eagle vs Williams. Park vs Gray et al. Hurlingham & Co. vs Caldwell. Fox, use of McGilvy vs Kilpatrick et al. Bowen, McNamee & Co. vs Haverstick et al. Cooper vs Bryant & Wife. Farmers Bank of Milwaukee vs Caldwell. Same vs Bennett. Wood & Bean. Stewart & Gray, use Stewart vs Green. Liddell & Marsh vs Fickinger.
—A friend calls our attention to a fact, which he facetiously calls a "sign of progress," that thirty-three or four years ago our borough fathers gave LATENTLY a public reception at the corner of State and Third streets. The whole country looked, there as it would now to the Public Square on a similar occasion. But the "sign of progress" he says is found in the fact that after thirty-three years of effort of the people living in that vicinity, they have succeeded in securing the sidewalk paved on one side of Third street from State to Peach; and he thinks with thirty-three years more effort they may succeed in getting the other side paved—providing the Union is not dissolved in the meantime!
—The Gazette says it is "worthy of remark that in all the Cabinets thus far formed for Mr. Lincoln, Senator Seward is placed at the head of Secretary of State." Notwithstanding, we venture to predict that Mr. Seward will not be Secretary of State!

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