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The people of the country, irrespective of their political affiliations, can be thankful that the election of Cleveland was supplemented with a majority that gives him his seat beyond a doubt. Had he only a dozen or even twenty vofest the relation is necessary to elect we would now be going through a turmoil such as was witnessed in 1876. At least fifty of the presidential electors received majorities of less than 2000, and everybedy knows that both parties would resort to the most desperate methods of state-stealing if the result of the contest had not been so decisive as it test had not been so decisive as it was. The electoral college is an un-American institution, and should be abolished by giving the whole people a more direct voice in selecting the president and vice president.

In a table prepared by the Philadelphia Press it shows that the senatorial apportionment, which was made in 1874, is badly in need of revision.

The ratio for representation, according to the census of 1890, is one senator for every 105,160 inhabitants.

The seventeenth district, Lebanon county, is 57,029 short of this number, while the twenty-first, Luzerne and a part of Lackawanna counties, has 200,666 or 104,506 more than Land speculation, which causes men In a table prepared by the Philacounty, is 57,029 short of this number, while the twenty-first, Luzerne and a part of Lackawanna counties, has 209,666, or 104,506 more than necessary to entitle it to a senator. This is the widest range between the deficiency and excess of the ratio, but the entire state is almost as badly mixed up. Even though the governor and legislators do not agree on general politics, there is no reason why they cannot come together and give us a fairer show in the senate.

The actions of some organizations The actions of some organizations of old soldiers in condeming the plea for a revision of the pension list will not have much weight against the movement. In fact, the more opposition that is developed will only make the reformers work harder to attain their ends. Nobody begrudges any deserving veteran all that is fair and its that are one should be more any questions are that is fair and just, and no one should be more anxious to make a roll of honor of the pension list than the men who believe themselves entitled to assistance from the government. There are so many closure from the results provide the standard of the stan glaring frauds connected with the system that a bill was introduced in system that a bill was introduced in congress a few days ago to repeal the act of 1890, which grants pensions to soldiers and sailors and to widows, minor children and dependent parents of soldiers and sailors. The bill also provides that all pensions granted under the act shall be discontinued. This is easily a little too for a term under the act shall be discontinued. This is going a little too far at one step, but it is no less than could be expected if the old soldiers are going to condemn the popular demand for an investigation of the pension records.

THE Democratic leaders are wrang ling among themselves much sooner than most people expected. After giving the common enemy the soundest thrashing any party ever received they find they still have more fighting to do. One faction wants to rest on the lauvale of the recent bettle and they and they still have more ngating to do. One faction wants to rest on the laurels of the recent battle and let well enough alone. This crowd is very small, and is composed principally of office-seekers and those who are protectionists at heart. Then comes the tariff tinkers—those who delight in cutting down the duty a few per cent on one article and adding it to another. The next and strongest wing of the party is known as the radicals—the straightout free tracers—who want direct taxation justed of the present cumbersome method of collecting revenue and taxes. These are led by Johnson, Warner, Maguire, Wilson and other prominent free traders. They intend to make it exceedingly warm in congress for such of their brethren who happen to bear allegiance to the other factions, and there is no dout but that their principles will be accepted. that their principles will be accepted as the doctrine of the Democratic party before the next congressional election. Fogyism must go to the

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.*
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria When she had Children, she gave them Castoria

Those who are advocating the restriction tion of immigration seem as much divided upon their reasons for such action as they are upon what classes to restrict. Restriction, so far as paupers, idiots, anarchists, etc., is concerned, is now provided for by law, and all the flery eloquence and ink that is being wasted on that point could be used for a

better purpose.

There is another faction of the restric tionists, also, who are laboring vigorously for not only restriction, but total exclu-sion of all immigrants. These are the people who claim that America is already overcrowded. If it were not for the earnestness with which this statement is pushed forth the idea would be unworthy

Because a few labor centres, like the coal and iron regions and large cities, are overcrowded, some think the entire United States is taken up, but from government reports recently issued it may be seen that there are hundreds of

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hard matter to ascertain the actual value of any piece of land, and when this is done the government can step in and assess the owner at the figure each acre

or lot would bring in the open market.

If his land is worth nothing to himself or anyone else he should pay nothing for holding it. If it is worth \$100 per acre assess him at that figure. He will

Land speculation, which causes men to crush one another, would be a thing of the past, and the overcrowding of any certain section would be impossible. With the exit of the speculator there is room here for every honest immigrant who is willing and able to earn a living.

At Christ's Birthplace.

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In Bethlehem of Judea there is great gladness today—just such gladness as is felt in every great city and in every quiet hamlet of civilized Europe and America.

This is for Bethlehem the one great season of the year, for was not Christ born in this picturesque Old World eastern town, and will not the thoughts of all believers in Christ be turned thither during the anniversary of his birth? Being honored thus above all other places of the earth, Bethlehem never forgets to do honor to the Christ who has made her famous.

On Christmas eve they will begin. During the evening of that day the believers of Jerusalem will gather together and flock out of the city, with their faces set for the famous Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

Down through the valley of Ghon, the old boundary between Benjamin and Judah, the people of Jerusalem will march. They will see, as they pass, the tree on which the traitor Judas is said to have hanged himself, and the well out of which the wise men drew water after they had left Herod. Within their view will also be the Convent of Elijah, erected on the site where the prophet rested during his flight from Jezebel.

As they come to the end of their six mile march the people of Bethlehem will come out to meet them, and then, preceded by gayly attired wand bearing heralds and followed by an immense throng of men, women and children, the bishop, robed in full vestments, will lead 'the way toward the Church of the Naturity, which is the oldest nonument of Christian architecture in the world. There mass will be celebrated, while armed Turkish soldiers, wearing their full uniform of red fezzes, blue jackets and baggy trousers, stand on guard.—New York Herald.

An Old Christmas Hymn.

An Old Christmas Hyr The following, by Geoffrey Williston Christine, is probably the oldest of these quaint hymns that has been preserved, and dates back to "early English"

times:
Yn a staybel Cryste was borne,
Al ye catel bende theyre knees.
On ye cross his lymbs were torne,
That heaven mayo be reached with eas
Shoute and syng and hayle ye more.
Cryste, our Lorde, ys borne, ys borne.

Peece, good will to al on eyrthe,
Wype from every eye ye tear.
Bye that wundrus, royal byrthe
Mankynde are freed from every fe
Shoute and syng and hayle ye m
Cryste, our Lorde, ys borne, ys b

The Olden Song. Come, sing the olden song once more! The Christmas carol sing; With solemn joy, from shore to shore, Let earth her tribute bring.

And she fulfilled those prophet dreams; That Hebrew vision old; From Bethlehem's stall a glory streams That makes the future gold.

A golden future—health and peace To all beneath the sun; A time when wars and wrongs shall co And heaven and earth be one.

But this our trust, through long delay, With no weak doubts defiled; With no weak doubts defiled; And be in all our hearts today, Newborn, the Eternal Child.

A Description of the New Series to be Issued on January 1.

From the annual report of Postmaster General Wanamaker, a copy of which has just been received, we take the following account of the Columbian stamps: Closely following the authorization by congress to establish the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the idea was concived by the department of issuing a special series of stamps with illustrations to commemorate the discovery of America by Columbus, such stamps to be sold at all the post office in the country, without, however, discontinuing the issue and sale of the stamps in current use. This idea was afterwards frequently suggested to the department both by correspondence and through the public press, and it was in line with a custom connected with national jubilees that seem to be growing among great nations of the world.

The advantages to be gained by such a special series of stamps were so manifest that it was determined to provide for their issue, and the necessary arrangements for manufacturing the stamps were concluded in September last. The subjects selected as the prominent features of the stamps were conspicious events connected with the discovery of America.

As the delineation of these events involved the engraved reproduction of pictures or other works of art somewhat crowded with figures, it was found necessary, in order to do justice to the stamps than that of the series in present use, and of a somewhat different form.

The size adopted was of the same height, and of very near double the length of the present stamp. The work of preparing the new stamps was put immediately in hand, and it is expected that they will be placed on sale on the last of January next.

The denominations, designs and colors of the stamps are as follows.

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1-cent stamp: Columbus on Ship Board, in Sight of Land; color, medium shade of blue.

2-cent stamp: The stamps of the sta

shade of blue,

2-cent stamp: The Landing of Columbus; color, maroon.

3-cent stamp: The "Santa Maria," the Flagship of Columbus; color, medium shade of green.

4-cent stamp: The fleet of Columbus, consisting of the "Santa Maria," the "Nina," and the "Pinta;" color, light blue.

lue. 5-cent stamp: Columbus Appealing to ueen Isabella for Aid; color, chocolate Frown.
6-cent stamp: Columbus Entering
Barcelona in Triumph; color, royal pur-

ple.
10-cent stamp: Columbus Presenting
Natives at the Spanish Court; color,
Vandyke brown.
15-cent stamp: Columbus Reciting
the Story of His Discovery; color, dark
green.

the Story of His Discovery; color, dark green.

30-cent stamp: Columbus at La Rabi-do, demonstrating the theory of his en-terprise; color, Sienna brown.

30-cent stamp: The Recall of Colum-bus by Isabella, after the rejection of h s proposition; color, Carbon blue.

§1-stamp: Isabella piedging her jew-els in support of the project; color, Rose salmon.

\$1.stamp: Isabella pledging her jewels in support of the project; color, Rose
salmon.
\$2.stamp: Columbus in Chains; color,
Toned mineral red.
\$3.stamp: Columbus describing his
third voyage; color, light yellow green.
\$3.stamp: Potraits, in three-quarters
face, of Isabella and Columbus; color,
carmine.
\$5.stamp: Portrait, in profile, of Columbus; color, black.
The portrait of Columbus is the same
as that used on the souvenir coin. It
will be observed that the subjects do
not strictly follow the logical sequence
of events, it having been though better
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