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FREELAND, DECEMBER 22, 1892.

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.

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 actions of some organizations of old soldiers in condemning the plea for a revision of the pension list will not have much weight against the movement.

The Democratic leaders are wrangling among themselves much sooner than most people expected.

An Old Christmas Hymn. 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.

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.

Immigration and Land Speculation.

Those who are advocating the restriction of immigration seem as much divided upon their reasons for such action as they are upon what classes to restrict.

There is another faction of the restrictionists, also, who are laboring vigorously for not only restriction, but total exclusion of all immigrants.

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 millions of acres of good land yet in the West—and lots of it in the East.

This is owned by railroad companies, syndicates and speculators, and no person dare put their foot upon this land without the consent of the so-called owners.

How this could be done without infringing upon the "sacred rights" of the owners is easily explained. It is no 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.

At Christ's Birthplace. 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.

Down through the valley of Gihon, 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.

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COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

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 conceived 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.

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 denominations, designs and colors of the stamps are as follows: 1-cent stamp: Columbus on Ship Board, in Sight of Land; color, medium shade of blue.

5-cent stamp: Columbus Appealing to Queen Isabella for Aid; color, chocolate brown. 6-cent stamp: Columbus Entering Barcelona in Triumph; color, royal purple.

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.

20-cent stamp: Columbus in Chains; color, Toned mineral red. 25-cent stamp: Columbus describing his third voyage; color, light yellow green.

50-cent stamp: The Recall of Columbus by Isabella, after the rejection of his proposition; color, Carbon blue.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BETHEL BAPTIST. Ridge and Walnut Streets. Rev. C. A. Spaulding, Pastor. Sunday School.....10:00 A M

HEAVENLY RECRUITS. Centre Street, above Chestnut. Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor. Morning Service.....10:00 A M

JEDDO METHODIST EPISCOPAL. In charge of Rev. E. M. Chilcoat. Preaching.....10:00 A M

ST. ANN'S ROMAN CATHOLIC. Rev. M. J. Fallinck, Pastor; Rev. F. P. McNally, Curate. Low Mass.....8:00 A M

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL. South and Washington Streets. Rev. A. J. Kuehn, Pastor. Sunday School.....1:30 P M

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED. Ridge and Washington Streets. Rev. H. A. Benner, Pastor. Sunday School.....9:00 A M

ST. KASIMER'S POLISH CATHOLIC. Ridge Street, above Carbon. Rev. Joseph Mazolus, Pastor. Mass.....11:00 A M

ST. LUKE'S GERMAN LUTHERAN. Main and Washington Streets. Rev. A. Beimuller, Pastor. Sunday School.....9:00 A M

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL. Birkbeck Street, South Heberton. Rev. E. M. Chilcoat, Pastor. Sunday School.....2:00 P M

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