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ELECTIONS next in order are Colorado, Oct. 5; Georgia, October 6, and Indiana, Ohio and West Virginia, October 12. All other State elections this year are on November 2.

THE SENATORIAL Conference held in Patterson on Thursday last, nominated by acclamation, Chas. H. Smiley, Esq., of this place, as the Republican candidate for Senator from this district. Perry county is now sure to have the next Senator, as both parties have taken their candidates from this place.

IT APPEARS that the national census will reach nearly or quite 50,000,000 of inhabitants; that is if we accept the returns from the southern States as correct, of which there is some doubt. At this rate the total increase of population in the last decade is a little over eleven millions. This is not quite up to the mark of the expectations of our people, and shows very clearly that the country suffered quite as much from the six years of terrible commercial revulsion as she did in the preceding decade from the four years of civil war. This is not surprising in view of the paralysis of internal progress, foreign and domestic emigration and the long-continued disastrous stagnation. If the present prosperity shall be uninterrupted for the coming ten years, our aggregate of population in 1890 might possibly reach 65,000,000.

MAINE.

The election in Maine on Monday of last week resulted in the success of the Fusion ticket for governor by a small majority. The Republicans elect three of the five Members of Congress, which leaves the political complexion of the congressional delegation without change. The legislature is also largely Republican, insuring a Republican Senator to succeed Mr. Hamlin. The result was a surprise to both parties, as it was generally conceded that the State would go Republican by one or two thousand, and some set the majority much higher. This proves that a count of the chickens after they are hatched is much more certain to be correct than to count the eggs.

Gen. Plaisted the candidate on the Fusion ticket was a candidate for governor before the Republican Convention of 1878 and came near making the nomination.

LATER.

Since the above was in type later returns put a different appearance on the result of the election. The following despatch from Mr. Blaine gives the latest:

AUGUSTA, Me., Sep. 17.—To Hon. Marshall Jewell, New York: We have complete returns with the exception of a few distant plantations, and I give you a summary of the result. In the election of 1879 the Republicans lacked 1095 votes of a majority. This year we have made gains in 12 counties, held our own in two counties, and in two other counties we have made slight losses. Our net gain in the whole sixteen counties is reckoned at 1,300 as a minimum, with a possible maximum of 1600, making Governor Davis's re-election a certainty not denied by his opponents. His majority over Plaisted will probably not vary much from 400. We have chosen three-fourth of the county officers, more than two-thirds of the State Senate and a large majority of the House of Representatives, giving us complete control of the State government in all its branches.

STILL LATER.

A special despatch received on Monday morning gives the election to Plaisted, Fusion, by 200 majority. It may, however, be several days before the result is definitely known. Last year the election was held on the 9th, and it was not till the 17th that the result was known with certainty.

The Indiana Struggle.

An Indiana special to the *Herald* says: The feeling grows more and more intense every day on both sides, and there is a very great anxiety among the thinking class over the situation of this State. Both sides are suspicious and very determined. The people may well look for-

ward with apprehension. I base my report on conversations with leading men of both parties and on some detective observations of my own. One has but to go from point to point in this peculiar State, keeping his eyes wide open and his mouth shut, to see and hear much that is amazing. I trust my apprehensions are idle but I predict serious trouble here on the day of election.

No one can safely predict anything.—Both sides are confident. Each accuses the other of cheating. Each believes the other means to cheat more yet. Both claim to have unearthed frauds, and each promises "astounding revelations" in a few days.

Car Full of Passengers Demolished.

Late Thursday night, as car 115 Union line, containing a number of passengers, was crossing the track of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore R. R. at Twenty-third street and Washington avenue, it was struck by a locomotive and thrown on top of a flat car. One end of the car caught in some portion of the engine and was pulled along until it again reached the ground, where it was dragged a considerable distance, reducing it almost to kindling wood. The driver, Alex. Long, living at 1209 Clarion street, had one arm broken, his right leg hurt, and sustained internal injuries, from which he is not expected to recover. He was removed to his home. Elizabeth Lane, twenty-three years of age, living at 2442 Ellsworth street, had the fingers of her left hand cut off, and was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital. Eva Merrick, forty-five years of age, 2311 Federal street, was considerably bruised about the body. Annie Grassman, sixty years of age, a resident of Brookline, received severe internal injuries; Mary Dracey, of 2111 Gaul street, Lizzie Carrol, of 1609 south Thirteenth street, Ella Carr, ten years old, of 10 Chelton avenue, Germantown, Bridget Kelley, Ellsworth street, near Twenty-third, and John McGrath, also living on Ellsworth street, were injured and removed to their homes. The horse attached to the car was instantly killed. Nearly all the injured except the driver will probably recover.—*Philadelphia North American*.

Fatal Explosion.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 17.—A terrible explosion occurred this afternoon about ten minutes past four o'clock, in a small wooden building occupied by the Union Metallic Cartridge Company as a fulminating building, and situated some distance west of their main factory. At the time of the explosion five persons were at work in the building, and all are supposed to have been killed, as four bodies have been found and the other man is missing. The following are the names of the persons who were in the building at the time of the explosion: J. Sullivan, aged 15; James Tobin, aged 17; Michael Dempsey, Jr., aged 23, not married; Wm. Therchinger, aged 45, married and leaves a wife and children; Philander Clark, aged 50, also married and leaves a wife and children. The building was completely blown to pieces and the debris scattered a great distance. A small lake some distance from the building, was literally strewn with fragments from the explosion.—Two of the bodies were found in the lake, one with the head and arms gone. The report of the explosion was heard all over the city, nearly every building being shaken, and a number in the vicinity suffered from the effects in broken windows, etc.

The Fruit Market.

There is much anxiety just now among fruit men in regard to the "keeping" qualities of the winter varieties, which form so large a share of the crop everywhere. The prolonged drought, so prevalent throughout the fruit region this season, has induced all varieties to ripen from two to three weeks in advance of the regular season. A large portion of the fall crop has already glutted the market, bringing the price in many cases to 50 and even 25 cents per barrel for good fruit. Winter sorts are already dropping badly, and are so nearly mature that it will be necessary to pick many of them nearly a month earlier than has been the custom. Then unless cold weather also comes prematurely, very much of the winter's supply must necessarily decay before the season arrives at all. Thus it will be seen that in spite of the abundant crop good sound winter apples may yet command high prices late in the season.—Great care in gathering, handling, and cool housing, will therefore be of the utmost importance.

A Death Trap.

FLORENCE, N. J., Sept. 14.—Charles DeLancey, a respectable colored man of Moorestown, Burlington county, took passage on a late train at Camden on Saturday night for his home, intending to get off at Riverton and walk the rest of the way, a distance of five miles. Falling asleep, he awoke at this place,

and started to walk to Burlington, six miles distant. He had not proceeded far however, before his foot caught in a switch and he was unable to extricate it. An eastbound train coming along passed over the foot and ankle. The man was picked up and taken to Burlington, where Dr. Gauntt amputated the limb at the ankle. He cannot recover.

Sudden Death.

The Altoona *Tribune* of the 15th Inst., says: Yesterday morning Arthur C. Devlan, a gentleman employed as inspector in Mr. Stratton's office, died very suddenly while engaged at his work. For a long time he had been a victim to the fell disease consumption, and yesterday while sitting at his desk had a hemorrhage which resulted fatally in less than ten minutes. Mr. Devlan lived with his wife at the corner of Eighth avenue and Twelfth street, and was one of the oldest employees of the railroad company.

A Fine Building Torn Down by a Mob.

MILWAUKEE, September 16.—Last night a mob of several hundred men and boys made an attack upon the rink, one of the largest and finest buildings of its class in the country, and razed it to the ground. The police did not interfere, and it was carted off piecemeal. The city has had trouble in getting the lessee to surrender his lease, in order that an exhibition building might be built on the ground, which is owned by the city.

Gambling for a Life.

There was not much doubt in the minds of the mob at Clinton, Dakota, that Ben Day ought to be hanged. He had committed the capital crime of stealing a horse; but he urged persistently that he had only meant to borrow the beast, and finally said, "If I was guilty I'd want to be hanged; and anyhow, 'tisn't worth while to make much fuss about it. Just toss up a dime, and if it goes agin me, then I won't say a word; but if I win you're to let me go." The proposition was accepted, and Day won.

Attempt to Blow up a Train.

LONDON, September 13.—A parcel containing four pounds of dynamite connected with a tube filled with percussion caps and gun powder, was found under a rail on the London & Northwestern line, sixteen miles from the eastern London terminus this morning. It is supposed the express train to Scotland passed over the mined rail two hours previous to discovery, but the tube was shaken from the rail by the motion of the passing train, otherwise it failed to act. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

Murdered by Convicts.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 14.—News from Mount Sterling, Kentucky, states that yesterday afternoon, Henry Meekaboo, a guard for convicts working on Long's contract, on the Big Sandy railroad, ten miles east of Sterling, was found murdered in the woods, whither he had gone with two convicts to cut poles. They had fallen upon him with their axes and he was literally cut to pieces. The convicts escaped.

Effects of Fusions.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Sept. 14.—The Maine election was celebrated here to-night by the Democrats and Greenbackers.—Speakers of the respective parties claimed the honor of the victory. The result was much ill feeling and great excitement. The speakers of both sides were hissed and cheered alternately, the Democrats finally retiring, and the Greenbackers remaining in possession of the field.

An Elephant Stops a Train.

One of Sells' elephants was being transported over the O. and M., road in a car next to the tender. Becoming thirsty, the brute helped himself to water, and compelled the train to stop for a supply for the locomotive. The engineer remonstrated with a club, when the elephant turned trunk and nearly drowned him.—*Indianapolis News*.

Served Her Right.

The trial of Homer Merry, on a charge of theft, at Berdanville, Mo., resulted in an acquittal, through the testimony of his wife. After his discharge, however, she parted from him, saying that she had sworn falsely to save him from prison, but that she would not live with a thief. She has been indicted for perjury.

Singular Accident.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Sept. 14.—At seven o'clock this evening the front wall of Peter Mann's flouring mill fell outward with a crash, caused by the great weight of wheat in the upper story. Five thousand bushels of wheat were thrown into the street. Three men standing in front of the door at the

time escaped by running back into the building.

A Wife's Surprise.

George Halbeck, an estimable young man of Erie, was found dead on the door-step of his dwelling on Sunday morning. He had been taken with a hemorrhage and was only able to reach his home. His young wife found him when, alarmed at his absence, she started to search for him.

STUFFER who was arrested in Chambersburg, for shooting Robert Allison, whom he caught stealing his potatoes, was tried last week and acquitted. The verdict seemed to be received with general approval.

Miscellaneous News Items.

At Loganville, Wis., Henry Raetzmann married the girl whom Otto Riggert wanted. Otto went to the wedding with a knife, and when the ceremony was over he stabbed the bridegroom three times.

A Boston happy thought is to turn the abundance of the apple crop to account for the poor people of that city. Bags are sent to farmers who will contribute, and the railroads give transportation free.

A huge mass of the Shawanigan Mountain, near Cook's Ferry, British Columbia, was suddenly precipitated into the channel of the Thompson river, completely changing its course and washing out thousands of fish.

Mr. James C. Hoe, a leading New Yorker, has died from a peculiar cause.—Last June he became lame in consequence of a misfitting shoe, and gangrene set in. The poison entered his blood and killed him.

A wealthy man of Detroit, whose wife and children were on the steamer Marine City when it burned in Lake Huron, and escaped with their lives, has given \$1,000 worth of gold and silver watches to the officers and crew.

Mr. Edward Hern, superintendent of the plug department of Lorillard's tobacco factory, mourns the loss of an exceptionally fine and valuable dog which died in the factory last week. The animal was of the berg-hound species of Mont St. Bernard dogs, which are very rare in this country.

A remarkable woman, Mrs. Mary Ann Dean, died lately in St. Louis. She was 37 years old, and had been married 20 years. She was the mother of twenty-one children, of whom there were three pairs of twins, two sets of triplets, and four were born at one birth. Ten of her children are living.

The lynching of the brothers Grier, at Laurens, S. C., was conducted by the brothers Workman, whose sister they had maltreated. A mob of about fifty persons took the Griers from their home, and tied them to two trees. Then the Workmans stepped forward with pistols and deliberately killed the offenders.

A shooting match for a beef was being held at the farm-house of a Mr. Meridias, at Maxville, Greene county, Ind., when a young man by the name of Newton shot a little girl who passed in front of his aim, a rifle ball penetrated her bowels, killing her almost instantly. Young Newton is almost crazed over the mishap.

The evidence is conclusive that some brother uttered a profane oath in a meeting of the Universalist church at Reading, Pa., but it is not clear who he was. There was a great deal of confusion a charge of falsely counting the vote on the resignation of the pastor having been made, and the highly objectionable words were among the many ejaculations. An investigation is to be held.

Jonathan Holt, proprietor of a nickel-plating works in Reading, had been missing ever since Saturday. His wife and children were on a visit at Lancaster, and on Monday morning a young man examined the premises, and on going through the upper chambers he detected a terrible stench. He searched for the cause, and in the attic he found the dead body of Holt hanging to the rafters.

The Rev. Father Krude and Zoe Alford simultaneously disappeared from Brown County, Wisconsin. He was a respected Roman Catholic pastor, and she was an accomplished, lovable girl. They were traced to Covington, Ky., where they were found keeping house in a pretty little cottage. They had told the neighbors that they were married, but to their friends from Wisconsin the priest declared that he had simply taken Miss Zoe away from home for religious instruction.

A Berlin, Wisconsin, youth attending the State turnfest got "mashed" on an Oshkosh girl and invited her to a ride. The fare would be six dollars which the Berliner did not have; and after enjoying the ride for awhile the hack was ordered to stop for cigars, when the simple youth disappeared through a back door and made a straight out for home. The rage of the hackman and the chagrin and embarrassment of the girl were too much to be described.

An appalling act of cruelty is reported from Pontremoli, Italy. A female lay-servant in the employ of the Carmelite

nuns was found stealing some bread belonging to the sisterhood, and was sentenced by a tribunal composed of the abbess and two nuns "to undergo the torments of purgatory." Having conveyed her to a cell in which was an iron stove heated red hot, they tied her hands tightly together behind her back, held her face down for several minutes close to the surface of the glowing metal until her scorched eyes had lost their sight forever and her whole face was converted into one huge blister. So profound was the horror generated throughout the sisterhood that its perpetrators, despite conventual discipline, were denounced by several members of the community to the local authorities, who, after instituting a searching inquiry into the circumstances of the case, have consigned the abbess and her confederate tormenters to prison, where they are now awaiting their trial.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 15, 1880.

It is now held by Republicans here, who have got over the shock of defeat in Maine, that the apparent victory there is only a repetition of the result of last year, and that the issues involved were substantially the same as last year—not National, but State. They therefore claim the same majority for November next as they had in November, 1878, or, rather, they say the election of Monday was not an indication of any change in November. Democrats here do not accept this view, but are rejoicing freely. The later returns show almost identically the same proportion of votes throughout the State for the Republican party and the opposition, as last year, and the same geographical distribution of the votes, and the increase of votes is about equally divided.

If any one has ever had confidence in what is known as the "National Committee of the National Greenback Labor Party," with headquarters in this city, he should at once revise his convictions. The Committee has issued an address, referring to the results in Maine, which indicate almost inconceivable idleness. If its length did not forbid, I would incorporate it in this letter as a curiosity. From it the reader is to infer that in November the Republican and Democratic parties are to disappear, and the triumphant Greenbackers to enter upon a thousand years of rule in this country. If the Greenbackers have a man of common sense in their party he should be sent here to take charge of "head quarters."

There was a Cabinet meeting yesterday—a small one. My own opinion is that the Republican party would lose no votes if all its officials, including such able men as Evarts and Sherman, should remain strictly at their posts during the campaign. However much their participation in the canvass may be sanctioned by precedent, I don't believe the practice is profitable to any party, or will ever be. Under this administration, whose head has certainly implied disapproval of interference in political contests, the course of high officials is, I think, peculiarly unfortunate. Perhaps something of the Maine disaster is due to public reprobation of the administration's course.

In the different departments to-day there was dissatisfaction among the clerks about what Maine did yesterday. They looked blue, and said they felt blue. Nearly all, however, held out for the full returns. They did not believe that the State of Maine had gone against the Republican party, and asserted loudly that they would not until the official figures were before their eyes. Notwithstanding this statement on their part, it was evident that they were hoping against hope. A rumor got abroad in the Treasury yesterday afternoon that a despatch had been received at Republican head quarters, or by Secretary Sherman stating positively that Davis, Republican, had been elected Governor by 1,200 majority. Many clerks got hold of this report and believed it, and refused to be told anything else. Inquiry at Republican head quarters and with the Secretary himself brought out the fact that no such despatch had been received. But the clerks won't believe it.

OLIVE.

Eighty-Five Dollars Lost.

"You do not tell me that your husband is up and about again, and entirely cured by so simple a medicine as Parker's Ginger Tonic?" "Yes, indeed, I do," said Mrs. Benjamin to her enquiring neighbor, "and that too when we had foolishly paid eighty-five dollars in doctor's bills and prescriptions, and after he had been given up by his physicians to die. Now my husband feels as well as ever, entirely cured by this excellent Tonic." And many a sick man might be well in a week if they would only try it. 37 Im

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