

THE HERALD.

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PLATTSMOUTH, DEC. 7, 1876.

We shall publish our new clubbing rates next week, and are ready to receive subscriptions for most of our old list now.

What did Editor Brooks, of the *Republican* find in his arms when he waked up at Lincoln Wednesday Morning? Bull Doze Van.

Judge Savage did not sustain the injunction restraining the Nebraska Electors from casting their vote for Hayes & Wheeler. Good for Savage.

The President's Message has been delivered to Congress and meets with almost universal approval. It will appear in the *HERALD* in full next week.

Some Lincoln's genius is picking grasshoppers as specimens, and sending them East, "two for twenty-five cents." The *Journal* thinks he is a fraud. So do we.

They are trying the "Double Header" business in South Carolina with their Legislature. These chaps ought to come up to Nebraska and take lessons in Double Headers.

But three Democrats appeared—the delegation from Ohio—to answer to the call of the Governor on last Tuesday. This is the way to obey the laws and obtain a fair count.

The second session of the 44th Congress opened Monday, the 4th, and a lively time they had of it. The Democrats in the House objected to the admission of the Colorado member. The Senators from that State were admitted.

The reform economic Democrats of the Dr. Miller stripe in Nebraska, have made the poor tax-payer sweat to the tune of nearly \$10,000 in the endeavor to count Hayes out in this State, by forcing the calling of the Legislature to remedy a mere technicality.

NEBRASKA STATE GRANGE P. OF H.

OFFICE OF CHURCH HOWE, MASTER.

BROWNVILLE, Neb., Dec. 1st, 1876.

To all worthy members, greeting:

You are hereby notified that the State Grange will convene in annual session in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol at Lincoln, Tuesday, Dec. 19th. The number of delegates to the State Grange is restricted by the constitution, but a cordial invitation is extended to Patrons in good standing to be present and assist by their advice and counsel in shaping legislation for the good of the Order.

CHURCH HOWE, Master.

P. E. BEARDSLEY, Secretary.

AT LAST!

The bright and beautiful days of early December brings to us, at last, the news of our future President, and we know the action of the returning boards in the three Southern States which have been so long in doubt.

In South Carolina the Republican electors have received their certificates and will undoubtedly cast the electoral vote for Hayes and Wheeler. Meanwhile two Legislatures are running and both hoping for Federal aid. Gen. Grant will simply preserve the peace. Chamberlain's friends say he will be inaugurated, and Hampton says he will yet be Governor. In Florida we have a clean Republican majority of nearly 2,000, and the Republican electors will receive the certificates. In Louisiana the returning board declare the Hayes electors to have from 3,500 to 4,500 majority and the certificates issued to correspond. In Oregon there is no doubt that the two electors to whom the Governor must issue a certificate can fill the vacancy, if one exists; and in Nebraska, the latest dodge of injunction and disobedience to the request of the Governor has failed.

We may therefore count Hayes & Wheeler elected as President and Vice President of the U. S., as far as the vote of the Electoral College goes. What a Confederate House smarting under defeat may, time alone can tell, but we hope to look to see the Republican candidates peacefully inaugurated next March.

WEATHER REPORT FOR 1876.

FRIEND MAC—Let us step outside of the political cauldron for a moment, and rest from "fraudulent returns," "bull-dozed elections," "You are a—," "You are another," "You did," and "We didn't," &c., &c., and take up another subject, old as time, yet ever new, and on which man never tires, viz: the weather.

I have just finished my Meteorological Record of the year 1876, beginning with Dec. 1st, 1875, and closing Nov. 30th, 1876, with the following results: The mean temperature of the winter months, Dec. 75, Jan. and Feb. 76, was 29.17, of Spring, 47.70, of Summer, 72.89, of Fall, 46.78, and of the whole year, 49.30, about 30° warmer than the average of eleven years past.

We have had 68 storms of rain, and 21 of snow; the total of rain and melted snow was 42.3 inches, of snow 29.6 inches. The rainfall is a little in excess of the average of many years. The winds have been, from the north 5 per cent, N. E. 13, E. 10, S. E. 7, S. 16, S. W. 15, W. 10, and N. W. 24. Altogether about 30 per cent less wind than the average of many years.

We have had no extremes of cold or heat; only six days on which the thermometer fell below zero, the lowest Feb. 1st—12°. The warmest day was July 16th—95°, and on only six days above 90°. Altogether a favorable and pleasant year. Truly yours, A. L. CHILL.

CENTENNIAL COUNTS!!!

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE.

They Count the Electoral & State Vote.

Two Legislatures in One Day—Business in a Minute.

LINCOLN, Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1876.

Generally, few people know or care when the Electoral College meets.—The average voter after casting his vote for the President who suited him, through the regularly nominated electors of his party, went home and never bothered his head about how or when said electors cast that vote. This year it has been very different. Owing to Democratic necessities an attempt was made to gobble the electoral vote of Nebraska for Tilden. The matter was considered of enough importance to warrant the Governor in calling a special session of the legislature, which was done.

Both houses being called to order it was found there were 24 members of the House present and 7 of the Senate, which being a quorum of both houses, they met in joint session to count the vote.

Hon. Church Howe, of Nemaha, entered a protest denying the right of the Governor to call the Legislature. That this was not the legislature contemplated by law to count this vote, and that if so they must also count the vote for Congress and State officers.—The protest was entered on the journals and the convention proceeded with their business. The Governor being informed that they were ready for business his private Secretary, Mr. Cropsey, read the following message:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, Dec. 5, 1876.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

The constitution of the State of Nebraska, authorizes the Governor to convene the legislature upon extraordinary occasions.

You are assembled in compliance with a proclamation of the Governor, convening the legislature at the Capitol of the State, in special session, on this 5th day of December, A. D. 1876, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast for electors of the President and Vice President of the United States.

Section 57 of Chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes of this State provides that the votes for electors cast at any election for Member of Congress shall be opened and published by the President of the Senate in the presence of a majority of the members of both houses of the legislature who shall be for that purpose assembled.

By an act of Congress the electors of the President and Vice President of the several States are required to meet and give their votes on the first Wednesday in December in the year which they are appointed to such places as provided by law. Section 61 of Chapter 20 of the Revised Statutes of this State provides that the electors shall meet at the seat of Government for the purpose of giving their votes for President and Vice President on the same day as that directed by Congress. The day fixed by law is the 3rd inst. The necessity of your immediately proceeding to canvass the vote is apparent. The President of the Senate will certify the result to me, that in obedience to the requirements of the law I may be enabled to issue certificates to the persons entitled to receive them.

SILAS GARNER, Governor.

The returns were brought in by Secretary Tschuck. The clerks prepare the desks and large ruled papers for the canvass. President Barton handles the packages tenderly, slowly and thoughtfully he takes out his knife to cut the magic envelopes, then reads the law under which this body are supposed to act and the canvass commences.

THE VOTE.

Strickland 31,923, Cobb 31,918, Connor 31,909, Calhoun 16,954, Goodrich 17,554, Keith 17,474, Roberts 813, Johnson, 731, Laty 2,330, Fairbank 1,599, and 34 other names receiving from two to 496 votes each.

The President then declared that Silas A. Strickland, Amasa Cobb, and Alexander H. Connor, having received a majority of the votes cast, were duly elected Presidential Electors for the State of Nebraska.

Mr. Cropsey, private secretary of the Governor, appeared and read the following message from the Governor:

By the Governor, convening the State Legislature in special session.

Whereas the constitution of the State of Nebraska provides that the Governor may on extraordinary occasions convene the legislature by proclamation, stating therein the purpose for which they are convened, and the Legislature shall enter upon no business except that for which they were called together, and whereas the question of the eligibility of Amasa Cobb who received a majority of the votes cast for the office of elector at the late election for Presidential electors has been raised.

WHEREAS The constitution and laws of the United States provide that each State shall appoint in such a manner as the legislature may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in Congress. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of the United States, and by virtue of the authority vested in me and in order to save all question of the eligibility of said officer, I, Silas Garner, Governor of the State of Nebraska, do issue this, my proclamation convening the legislature in special session at Lincoln, the Capitol of this State, at the hour of three o'clock p. m., the 5th day of Dec. A. D. 1876, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast for electors of the President and Vice President of the United States, and for the purpose of canvassing the vote of representative in Congress and the State officers. You will take such action in the premises as your honorable body may deem advisable.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State of Nebraska, this 5th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six.

PUBLIC MEETING.

In pursuance of the suggestion over the signature "Zerah" in the *HERALD* the 23rd ultimo, relative to the opening of a "reading room" for the benefit of the young men of our community, where they may spend their leisure evenings in communication with the best minds of the age," the undersigned would join in a call for a public meeting at the Court House to-morrow (Friday) night, to consult as to its character and practicability, and to take such steps as may be necessary to carry the suggestion:

Mrs. G. S. Smith, Mrs. J. N. Wise, L. D. Bennett, Chap. Wright, P. E. Ruffner, F. L. Wise, W. J. White.

C. E. Yates, P. Seidenstricker, W. F. Fleming, W. F. Bennett, W. R. Darrab, J. Mahoney, W. W. McLaughlin, Joseph Fairfield, R. C. Cushing, John Leasley, A. W. White, Wm. Wise, W. Stadelmann, E. H. Sprague, Jos. A. Connor, S. J. Armstrong, Chet. Smith, F. L. Eaton, Wm. B. Shryock, Chas. Marshall, M. Armstrong, Chas. Marshall, R. O. Fellows, Chas. Marshall, James Pettie, J. P. Young, C. F. Davis.

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of the Cass County Agricultural Society at the office of R. B. Windham, on Saturday, December 16th, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. The object of this meeting is to make arrangements for re-issuing the present Fair Grounds, or changing the locality to some more convenient place. Every person holding a family ticket is a member of the Society and can vote—it is expected that all the members will be present. All persons having claims against the Society, or having matters which they wish the Society to act upon, will present them on the occasion, all interest of vital importance will be taken into consideration at this time, so don't fail to come.

ISAAC WILES, President.

R. B. WINDHAM, Secretary.

THE MARKETS.

HOME MARKETS.

REPORTED BY F. A. WHITE.

LATEST NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.

LATEST CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.

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