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Official Directory.

CONGRESSIONAL. U.S. Senator, W. Hitchcock, Omaha. U.S. Senator, Lorenzo G. Burdick, Lincoln. EXECUTIVE. SILAS GARDNER, Governor, Lincoln. J. B. Weston, Lincoln, Auditor. J. M. McKean, Lincoln, Sup. Pub. Instruc.

JUDICIARY. Chief Justice, Geo. B. Lake, Omaha. Associate Jus. Dan Tamm, Nebraska City. Associate Jus. Saml Maxwell, Plattemouth.

WEBSTER COUNTY. County Clerk, J. A. Talley. Treasurer, E. H. Jones. Probate Judge, I. W. Talley. Sheriff, H. C. Hill. School Supt., J. S. Gilman. County Surveyor, G. C. Cook. County Commissioners, W. E. Thorn, G. W. Hill, J. M. Johnson.

Success of the Centennial. The department of admissions of the centennial exhibition has just finished a count of visitors to the grounds on Friday last, closing day, and thus complete the official record of admissions during the six months extending from May 10th to November 10th.

The next House of Representatives will be pretty closely divided between the two parties. The Republicans have gained 89 congressmen by the last election, and New Hampshire is expected to give two more. Even if Tilden should be elected, the country is safe.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE ELECT. The following is the list of members of the Legislature elected in this State according to the best information we have received up to date:

PRESIDENTIAL.

The latest telegrams encourage the hope that Hayes has carried Louisiana, Florida, and South Carolina. These states would give him a majority of one. We apprehend that it will be some time ere the result is definitely known. One thing is well known and that is, that the republican majorities have suffered considerable diminution since 1868. The feeling against Grantism which has obtained to a considerable extent among republicans is undoubtedly very largely responsible for this state of things.

VALLEY NOTES.

The Republican Valley has proved its political significance by giving better republican majorities than any other section of the State. The leading Republican Valley counties show a voting strength as follows: Webster, 636; Franklin, 544; Harlan, 463; Nuckolls, 394.

Notwithstanding the removal of the U.S. Land Office to Bloomington, the valley is not backward strongly. The defeated opponents of Mr. Bush, representative from Franklin, claim that he is ineligible.

STATE AT LARGE.

The Bee figures up the republican strength in the legislature at 77 votes to 41 dependents and 23 Democrats. The Republicans are divided into 51 anti and 24 Hitchcockites with the rest uncommitted.

The Gazette intimates in rather bad taste, that had there been no fraudulent votes polled in Webster county, Mr. Gilman would have been defeated. The Gazette cannot understand why so many votes were polled in this county, and suggests investigation. Investigate, brother? Find out what Webster is. You are mistaken when you state that only 374 votes were polled last election. The records show a vote of 466. Farther than that the records show that only three fourths of our vote was polled at this election. Webster can poll 800 votes without borrowing from Kansas.

Omaha has twenty thousand inhabitants, but not a street lamp. Omaha elected democrats to the legislature. Omaha is the stronghold of the Hitchcock element. Omaha loves darkness, &c., &c.

Lincoln is becoming metropolitan rapidly. Efforts are being made to start a coffee house in that enterprising city. That is good. It will be coffee hereafter that does the mischief, and not whiskey.

The National Grange met at Chicago Wednesday last week, this being their tenth annual meeting. The address was delivered by Worthy Master John F. Jones, of Arkansas.

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