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UNCERTAINTY STILL.

The doubtful states are doubtful still. Louisiana is becoming more certain all the time. South Carolina is certain as far as the Board of Canvassers is concerned. Florida is so close as to make victory either way a matter of less than 20 votes.

Louisiana democrats have at last convinced prominent northern democrats like Gen. Palmer, Judge Trumbull, and Gen. B. Smith of their inhumanity. After hearing the evidence of cruelty and barbarity in one precinct, where four witnesses had been shot because of their politics, Eliza Pinkston told of her husband killed before her eyes, her babe's throat cut in her arms, her own body outraged by two white democrats. When she had finished, Gen. Palmer sprang from his chair and said that the wretches ought to be hang, that he would spend $40,000 to bring them to justice, that Sheridan ought to come back and hold with an iron grip a people who could tolerate such infamy. Louisiana democrats are badly demoralized.

In Florida, the total majorities appearing from the face of the returns are, Rep. 7,460, Dem. 7,418; net Republican majority, 42; Dade county is yet to be heard from. It is supposed that this county will not give a majority of 20 either way.

In South Carolina the Canvassing board as stated last week have issued certificates to the Hayes electors, and its members have been committed to jail by the Supreme Court. There are two organized legislatures in that State. One consisting of 59 republicans, 54 of whom are colored, the other consists of 64 democrats. United States troops are in Columbia acting for the preservation of order under the direction of Gov. Chamberlain.

THE democratic grand sachems who went to Louisiana to witness the canvass of the vote in that State have issued an address stating that the Tilden electors received about 6,000 majority over the Hayes electors.

EUROPE is peaceful yet. Russia, however has been getting her ships out of the way, as it is supposed. The Russian navy is too weak to fight. So the Czar will be obliged to remove it to a place of safety in case of war.

Bull dozing seems not to be confined to the democrats. The home of Wade Hampton the democratic candidate for Governor of South Carolina was burned by incendiaries a few days ago. The Home Missionary field ought to be changed to that State.

AN ingenious method of controlling the ballots of negroes was practiced in Florida. The employers gave the negroes marked tickets and informed them if those tickets were not discovered in the box they would be discharged from their employment.

IN the midst of the voluminous telegrams about Louisiana, S. Carolina, and Florida, there is one short telegram that glitters like a gem among rubbish. It is authentically reported that Col. MacKenzie captured a village of the Cheyenne Indians near the Big Horn Mountains. The village consisted of 175 lodges. 500 ponies were taken. The bodies of twenty-five warriors were discovered. If this election matter were over, we might have the pleasure of inditing the obituary of this whole tribe. We are not blood-thirsty, but we hate Indians. We have charity but not for the devil. If Hayes and Wheeler are not elected, our next choice is this same MacKenzie.

Bro. Huffman is making a first class paper of the Guard. We are glad to see the improvement in that paper.

Mr. Harman, democratic candidate for member of assembly for Kearney and Franklin counties has served a notice on A. H. Bush, the representative elect that he would contest his seat in the legislature, on account of the ineligibility of the latter. If our memory serves us right, Mr. Harman contested the seat of J. F. Zediker in the Constitutional Convention last year. Harman is a lively and combative democrat.

FROM the Lincoln Journal we learn that C. L. Mather, the pioneer editor of the CHIEF had an attack of pleurisy last Saturday.

The good people of Kearney county have voted to remove their county seat from Liswell to the geographical centre, by a vote of 150 to 67.

AMONG all the uncertainties, the uncertainty as to who is President, the uncertainty as to war in Europe the uncertainty as to Nebraska's vote, &c., &c. One thing is certain. Hitchcock is a candidate for re-election to the U. S. Senate and will assuredly win the day, if he can get votes enough. But "confusion now confounded" that is an uncertainty.

CONGRESS has assembled. The democrats have held their caucus to nominate the Speaker of the House. Morrison, Saylor, Cox and Randall were the candidates, from whom Randall was finally chosen by a vote of 73 to 53 for Cox. It is supposed that the democrats are still strong enough to elect their man.

HURRAH for Nebraska. Things are not so unanimous here after all. We are not so thoroughly Republican as to be left out of the fight. True we vote that way, and vote pretty unanimously. But we have some democrats in this State. What they lack in numbers, they make up in shrewdness, in strategy, in boldness. Gen. Cobb, Gen. Strickland, and Gen. Conner, the presidential electors have been enjoined by Judge Savage, from meeting in Lincoln or elsewhere, and casting Nebraska's vote for Hayes and Wheeler. Judge Savage is the only democratic judge in the State. It is a little difficult to perceive what jurisdiction he has over the matter. The grounds of the injunction, we believe is that the votes for electors were canvassed by the State Board of Canvassers, instead of the legislature. Gov. Garber to satisfy the Democrats called a special session of the legislature to meet Tuesday and canvass the votes.

WELLS NOTES.

ED. CHIEF:—Nothing has appeared in the paper lately from this precinct. I take the liberty, therefore, of sending a few notes:

We have had considerable excitement up here the past few days. Richard Smith alias Chauncey Thorne arrived in this neighborhood about four weeks ago from Iowa, and purchased the homestead of Jas. Granstaff, agreeing to pay $1,400 for the same. He paid $500 down, and immediately began to live on the claim. The people were well pleased with him regarding him as a valuable acquisition to the settlement. Mr. Smith or Thorne, as he was known to us, left for a visit to Lincoln last Tuesday. On his way back he stopped in Hastings, where the deputy sheriff and his *posse* were waiting to arrest him. It seems that Smith was formerly a resident of Marion county, Iowa. While there he engaged with another in the robbery of the Treasurer's safe in that county, which was the occasion of his removal to this country. Suspicion had never looked upon him as implicated in the affair, and he felt comparatively secure. But his accomplice was arrested in St. Louis and divulged the whole affair. Smith's whereabouts being discovered. Marshal Hubbel of Hastings, with his posse undertook his arrest. From rumors and reports they obtained the idea that Smith was a desperado. Their extreme cautiousness and care prevented them from laying hands on him. So they got at a safe distance and ordered him to stand and deliver. This order not being obeyed, an indiscriminate fire was resorted to, but Smith escaped, and is now concealed or removed. The money paid to Granstaff was recovered, and a considerable that had been secreted about the farm was discovered. Harmony is still in a *furore* of excitement over the matter.

Harmony had a petty law suit the other day. The parties were Jos. Granstaff and Mrs. Matteson, represented by J. C. Wilson of Adams Co., and Con. Connemery, and Mr. Bullong of Franklin county. Mr. Granstaff obtained judgement for eight dollars.

Mr. Brewer is another of our more recent settlers. He came here in August, is an energetic, industrious and public spirited man, and well appreciated by his neighbors. One of his daughters is already married to Stephen McCoy, son of John McCoy.

Last Friday night the people of this precinct enjoyed themselves heartily at a dance dedicatory of the new house of Frank Coyle, our valiant constable.

The attention of the County Commissioners has been called to the state of the bridges on the Blue in this section. The Commissioners will be up here Thursday of next week to look into the matter. The county constructed two bridges here two years ago, but neither of them is passable.

Yours truly, M. P.

Aside from the benefit which the great show has been to the industries of the land it must have been of estimable value as a means of education and culture. Nothing so effectually teaches a man how relative, small and unimportant a portion of the earth's surface is his own country, or how superlatively small and insignificant a part of the universe he is himself, as extensive foreign travel. But certainly the study of such an International Exposition as that just brought to a close comes next. "Our nation has always been credited with a superabundance of natural vanity and a penchant for boasting. This exhibition has taught us that there was room for improvement in our borders and that we have much yet to learn. On the other hand the people of most foreign countries had little conception of the astonishing energy and inventive genius of Americans, of the boundless resources of our country, or of the wonderful advancement we have made in manufactures and even many branches of the fine arts. Our foreign visitors have doubtless been as much surprised at what we have shown them as we at what they have shown us. There has thus been mutual instruction and mutual profit.—Ex.

Communicated.

STILLWATER, Neb., December 5, 1876.

ED. CHIEF:—We have been looking for items the past few weeks, but nothing of much importance has transpired. The election failed to raise much of an excitement, for a majority felt confident that the right would prevail. Our farmers are very busy now husking corn. We hear some complaint that the corn is much better than they expected.

Two of our prominent farmers and politicians are so taken up with their own prosperity that their impertinence is most unbearable. They are T. J. Ward and Charles Teal, the former has a fine boy and the latter a gay girl. There has been no marriages lately in this neighborhood, but from all appearances their will be a wedding about holidays. Thadis. Arnold has been refitting his house and buying considerable furniture of late.

There has been quite a number of new comers here lately. Among them are William Burnell a practical hedge grower from Illinois. We have rather fell in with his theory of making hedge fencing a success in this country. Mr. Andrew Doe came out here from Plainfield, Illinois, to visit his daughter Mrs. Wm. Arnold, and shoot Jack rabbits; but he could not withstand the beauty of Nebraska, so he purchased a quarter-section of railroad land and calculates to make this his home.

The schools of this precinct are not in as prosperous a condition as is desirable. The people of Liberty Creek had quite a scare about small pox. A family had some kind of a rash and Doctor Clark was called in and gravely pronounced it that horrid disease, which spread like a prairie fire, but it proved to be a mistake, and they say the "man of pills" is not posted in his biz.

We will close for this time, Yours truly, BEGINNER.

OAK CREEK, Webster Co., Neb. Nov. 28th, 1876.

ED. CHIEF:—Winter has again put in its appearance, and the farmers are somewhat behind with their work. The corn is about half gathered and is yielding better than was anticipated. The excitement of election is not yet passed, for all are eager to learn the result. This precinct will have no school this winter, owing to the division of the district.

The population of this precinct has increased about one third the last year, and yet there is one claim left and 3 or 4 for sale. Several claims will be proved up this winter, which will largely increase the taxable property. Wood will be rather scarce this winter, as Nuckolls county will not allow her vast forests to be destroyed. Yet those that have stock have a good substitute for wood, (Buffalo chips) make a good fire and are to be preferred to green elm. A few intend to burn corn, while others are going to "hole up" and wait for the warm rays of a summer's sun. Yours, &c., J. E. H.

STILLWATER, Neb. Nov. 27th, 1876.

ED. CHIEF:—Some changes going on in the northwest part of this precinct; a Mr. Shirley bought a claim with some improvements. Mr. S. is from Illinois, but thinks he can raise corn here. On his road out here this fall he came through a part of Kansas, but although he could have got claims with more improvements or for less money, he likes the looks of Nebraska the best.

Mr. Stiles has a log house on Buffalo Peak up so high he can see all that is going on about him. Mr. Longbotham on Sec. 11, town 3, 9, has taken the first steps toward getting a post office,—the neighbors there need one. That Arnold is fixing around getting ready to keep house. I suppose he will bring her home soon for he hates baching, and says that is the reason he did not vote for Tilden, because the Tilden ticket is an old bach.

Some of the most industrious of our farmers have done husking corn. Mr. Howe who came out here last spring, has the "boss" sod house. I cannot tell here how it is made, at a distance it looks like a shingle-roof; it is thatched in some way, and I think it would compare favorably with some of our eastern houses. In fact his whole place shows signs of industry and thrift. If we had a few more such men in Nebraska we need never fear the hoppers. Mr. Rose, our United Brethren minister has sold out and goes, I think, to Kearney. Mr. Moody has graduated from his dug out, up into a log house. ANIKE.

NOTICE

U. S. LAND OFFICE, Bloomington, Neb., Nov. 1st, 1876.

Complaint having been entered at this Office by James Flett, against Edwin Mosher, for abandoning Homestead Entry, No. 2205, dated May 7th, 1873, upon the North West quarter Section 14, Township 3, North, of Range 10, West, in Webster County, Nebraska. With a view to the cancellation of said entry; the said parties are hereby Summoned to appear at this Office on the 12th day of December, 1876, at 9 O'clock A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

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