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PRESIDENTIAL.

The Presidential question is still unsettled. The electorial college is divided. It is not determined who are properly members of the electorial college. It is not determined who is to decide who are members of the college. The whole question hinges now on this matter. The republican organs have claimed that the President of the Senate determined this question, the democrats claim that Congress is to decide. In any event grave and serious matters are to be determined, questions of too weighty import to be intrusted to one man. Hayes has received 185 votes, Tilden has received 200 votes, supposing the democratic electors in Louisiana and South Carolina to have voted for him.

The State authorities in Louisiana and South Carolina have certified to the votes of the republican electors in those states, which of course were for Hayes. If the returns from the State governments are to be taken as conclusive the President of the Senate has simply to count those states for Hayes. But if that principle is adopted it will give Tilden the election. For the Governor of Oregon, illegally and unjustly certified to one electoral vote for Tilden in that state, which would give the democrats a majority. To ensure a republican victory, the return as of the state authorities and state endorsement of the state governments must not be taken as conclusive.

If the Oregon returns can be investigated, the door is opened for the investigation of the Louisiana and South Carolina returns. To our mind, then, Tilden is elected, or the whole election must be re-examined in every state where there is a contest. One man should not possess the power of deciding such grave and momentous questions. If he does, and he is a republican, we may hope for the best. If Congress takes the matter in hand we have a democratic House and a republican Senate, and when they might agree is a matter of interesting speculation. The question, who is President, depends largely on certain contingencies, and those contingencies depend on circumstances over which we have unfortunately but limited jurisdiction.

THE Congressional investigating Committee are in Columbia, S. C., looking into matters. The democratic House in that State has instructed the judiciary committee to employ counsel and proceed against the republican governor, Chamberlin for treason.

THE democrats in Congress are trying to rule out Colorado as a State. Colorado's admission was not opposed before the election. It was considered a doubtful State, but having shown her republicanism she is to be counted out by the reform party.

Congressman Le Moyne opposed a resolution in the House, proposing that committees from the House and Senate wait upon the Supreme Court and ask its opinion on all mooted questions concerning the counting of the vote for President.

AND now the democratic House will impeach Grant for sending soldiers down South, and Lord is to introduce the resolution, and Lord is the man who in the last session introduced the resolution calling on the President to secure a peaceful election in the South. But Lord was only pretending, then.

GERMANY is determined to remain neutral, in the event of a collision be- so Sc[illegible] Turkey. became in[illegible]

TILDEN got his one vote from Oregon as follows: Odell, Cartwright, and Watts were elected. Watts was ineligible. Gov. Grover issued certificates of election to Odell, Cartwright and Cronin the democratic candidates. The certificates were given to Cronin. He refused to give Odell and Cartwright theirs. He refused even to permit them to see the certificates, but sneaked off by himself into an electoral college, appointed two democrats to fill the vacancies. Then three voted one for Tilden and the others for Hayes.

Odell and Cartwright organized themselves, appointed a republican to fill Watt's vacancy, and likewise voted but all for Hayes. The people of Oregonburned the Governor in effigy.

NEARLY all the democratic members of the legislature also sneaked themselves from the special session called by the Governor to canvass the vote of the State. Their object was to prevent a quorum and if possible prevent Nebraska from casting her three votes for Hayes. But it didn't "pan."

GOV. GARBER led the State ticket in the last election. By some error it is reported otherwise in some of the papers. The *Journal*, however, corrects the mistake. Garber's majority over England was 1,128.

A considerable number of the members of the legislature elect will have their seats contested at the opening of the legislature. The New Constitution in the minds of defeated candidates involves some questions in doubt and gives them straws to cling to.

BROOKLYN has an excitement this time which attracts the sympathy of the entire community. One of her theatres took fire the other night during a performance, and in the general rush towards the doors, the aisles were so packed up with human beings that egress was impossible. Two hundred and eighty five bodies have been dug from the ruins, and it is supposed that the total number will reach three hundred and fifty.

"On our exchange list is the CHIEF published at Red Cloud, Nebraska. It is a lively, spicy sheet, and those of our readers wishing reliable news from the prosperous growing State of Nebraska can get it by sending for the Red Cloud CHIEF.—London (Iowa) *Independent.*

Thank you, Bro. Such friendly notices by the press of Iowa and other states make us feel that our efforts to make a good paper of the CHIEF are appreciated. If the CHIEF was more generally circulated throughout the eastern states, the effects thereof would be manifested by the increased immigration to this part of Nebraska.

President Grant has delivered his last annual message to Congress. Grant reviews his own conduct briefly, declaring his inexperience in political matters when he assumed the reins of government, and asserting that whatever mistakes he may have made were errors of judgment only. He makes a pretty strong arraignment of the Democratic party for its conduct during the war. He makes one suggestion that is of considerable practical importance. The President is in favor of a law disfranchising after a certain period all who cannot read and write our language. The message is an able document, and well-worthy thoughtful consideration.

THE body of Baron De Palm was successfully cremated last Wednesday at Washington, Pa., in the presence of eminent scientists. Cremation seems to be meeting with a good deal of favor from the press, and there are undoubtedly strong and forcible arguments in its favor, which may at some future time lead to its general adoption. But we confess that we are attached to the old christian burial. It may be a prejudice, a foolish prejudice. It may be a superstition, and a foolish one, but standing by the mound reared over the body of a friend, we can realize more vividly, more forcibly the truth of the Savior's words, "He is not dead but sleepeth."

The tales of horror that are being told before the returning board at New Orleans, if true, is enough to sink a portion of the southern country into everlasting oblivion. Many of the witnesses that have been examined, bear the marks of inhuman brutality all over their bruised and litterly sliced up bodies. The perpetrators of such hellish outrages should be found and justice meted out to them in a manner that would forever put a stop to such cannibalism in that, or any other portion of country belonging to the United States. The deeds of blood-shed and other crimes that have been brought to light, that have been perpetrated in the State of Louisiana, is not only heart-sickening to the law abiding citizens of the entire country, but is an everlasting disgrace upon this free and enlightened government.—London Independent.

VALLEY NOTES.

There is talk of a Literary Society at Bloomington on the table. Prof. Williams is expected to preside.

Business at the Lind Office has not been very brisk during the last month. There have been but 27 homestead entries made. Only twelve final proofs have been made. Dennis the Menace has lost his team. Was in the habit of leaving them hitched to a plow while he went home to eat, and pitching them off under cover of night. Dennis is a good man.

The *Gazette* thinks Bush in all likelihood will be a leader. The people in these parts think he takes far too big a contract in the fact that he has to be in a court of law during the warm of the past year.

The prospect of the people of Franklin county obtaining a railroad is very dim. For B. & M. and the U. P. companies have each surveying parties, locating over the routes from Hastings to various points in that county.—*Gazette.*

GRASSHOPPER NOTES.

The southeast portion of Webster seems to be neglected by our correspondents, and we have no sub-editors there. Yet there are men of energy at work there, whose industry should be rewarded.

S. Cranton, for instance, raised about twenty five hundred bushels of corn this year, and has also a flourishing peach orchard, containing about 2000 young peach trees.

C. C. Bennett has about 200 peach trees in a vigorous and healthy condition. Mr. Bennett is becoming a little alarmed at some strange noises and circumstances about his well. The well is 97 feet deep. The cribbing is all rotting away, which is not the case with any of the other wells in that vicinity. In addition to this, himself and family are frequently startled by underground noises, resembling the rumbling sound of a moving train of cars, sometimes these noises are accompanied with slight shocks. Various explanations of these phenomena have been given, and various theories as to the character of the country, have been propounded. Among others it is asserted that the streams in this valley are fed by underground currents from the Platte. These currents are found at even depths in the sand below the soil, and it is supposed that the sand is equally mobile with the water, and that this motion of the sand causes the sounds. The matter is worthy of some investigation.

Uncle Billy Norris is the most wealthy farmer in this section. He has a fine house, eighty acres broke, and the rest of his claim fenced in with a wire fence. He says that he raised more bushels of grain this year than ever before, and he has farmed all his life in Indiana and Iowa.

This section is beyond all doubt the finest farming land in the county. All the government land is taken but the railroad land is very choice, and should be purchased.

Proceedings of the County Commissioners.

December 4th, 1876.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. Present, G. W. Ball, J. H. Hobart, Commissioners, J. A. Tulleys, Clerk. L. H. Luce was qualified as Commissioner 3d District, and entered at once on his duties.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Settlements made with Supervisors of all road districts except 5 and 10.

The following official bonds approved: C. A. Teel, O. R. Dowes, H. C. Scott, M. C. Williamson, Chas. Buchow, and M. Alexander, Assessors; O. Harvey and B. Kuhn, Constables; Frank Buschow and Jno. C. Wolfe, Justices of the Peace; E. T. Fearn, C. Hunter, Jno. McCoy, E. R. Conrad, J. B. Chapin, Joe Davison, H. A. Kenaston, O. Arnold and Alex. Bailey, Road Supervisors.

Petition of Geo. Zeiss for liquor license presented and laid over till next meeting.

Contract for furnishing county wood let to W. J. Harris at $3.50 per cord.

Adjourned till 9 a. m., Dec. 5th.

J. A. TULLEYS, Clerk. G. W. BALL, Chairman.

Dec. 5th, 1876.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Full Board present.

Lease of ne qr sw qr 36, 2, 11, cancelled at request of lessee.

Application of Jno. W. Bentley and S. O. Alton for lease of se qr se qr Sec. 16, 1, 11, granted.

The following accounts allowed:

Judges of Election	$88.70
Clerks of Election	47.50
J. R. Wilcox, rent of office	6.00
State Journal Co., books and blanks	62.05
J. A. Tulleys, issuing Cert. of Election &c.,	32.00
H. G. Ball, Sheriff's fees	10.66
M. L. Thomas, printing	27.65

Road Dist. No. 3 extended south to south bank of Republican river.

Tuesday January 2, 1877 was set for a hearing in the matter of the application of Morgan W. Bird for a liquor license.

Valuation of land in sections 33 and 34 T. 2, R. 11, on tax list of 1876 reduced to $2.50 per acre.

Board adjourned *sine die.*

J. A. TULLEYS, Clerk. G. W. BALL, Chairman.

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"Your box of Holloway's ointment cured my rheumatism in the hip."

"Your pills have followed me for years, and have saved me much suffering."

"Your pills have followed me for years, and have saved me much suffering. I want one for a special friend."

"I was a cripple, your pills have given me my limbs."

"Your ointment is worth its weight in gold."

"Your pills have saved my life."

"Your ointment has cured my child of the scald head."

"Your pills have cured my headache that was chronic."

"Your ointment has cured my rheumatism."

"Your pills have cured my dyspepsia."

"Your ointment has cured my child of the scald head."

"Your pills have cured my liver complaint