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FROM the Lincoln Journal we clip the following report of the counting of the electorial votes for the president and vice-president of the United States:

An hour before the meeting of the House, and two hours before the time appointed for the counting ofthe electoral votes for President and Vice President, the galleries of the House were filled with spectators, the majority of whom were ladies. On the floor a few wooden seats were sandwiched in between the seats of the members for the accommodation of Senators, but otherwise there was no indication that any save the usual routine of business of the House was to be transacted. The indifference shown by the members, who seemed anxious to obtain seats for their friends in the galleries was in marked contrast with the excitement which prevailed during the electoral count four years ago.

After reading yesterday's journal the morning hour was dispensed with, and the house went into committe of the whole on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

The committe without concluding the bill, rose, and Mr. Singleton offered resolution according the privaleges of the floor to the ladies who have not been able to obtain seats in the galleries. The resolution being adopted a large number of ladies entered the chamber and obtained seats.

Singleton's resolution being adopted, a large number of ladies entered the chamber and obtained seats, and at a a few minutes past 12 o'clock the doorkeeper announced the arrival of the Vice-President and the Senate, who then filed into the chamber. Vice-President Wheeler took his seat on the right hand of Speaker Randall, and Senators were accommodated with chairs in front of the rows of desks.

The Vice-President called the assembly to order and said: "The two Houses being assembled in pursuance of constitution that the votes may be counted and decalred for President and Vice-President on the fourth day of March 1881, it being my duty under the constitution, as President of the Senate, to open the certificates of election of the several states of the union in the presence of the two Houses, and I will now proceed to the discharge of that duty."

The tellers, Thurman and Hamlin on the part of the Senate, and House and Crowley on the part of the House, having taken their places at the clerk's desk, the Vice-President said: "I open a package purporting to contain the certificate of electors of the state of Alabama, and hand the certificate to be reported by the certifying tellers."

Having been read very slowly by Senator Hamlin, and having shown that the electors of the state of Alabama had cast the ten votes of the state for Winfield S. Hancock for President, and ten votes for Wm. H English for Vice- President. the Vice-President said, "The vote of the state of Alabama having been recorded, I now open and hand to them the certificate of the election of the state of Arkansas."

The six votes of the state of Arkansas having been recorded for W. S. Hancock for President and W. H. English for Vice-President, on motion of Mr. Regan the reading of the merely formal portions of the certificate was dispensed with.

The certificate from California showed five of the six votes of that state to have been cast for Hancock and English, and one for Garfield and Arthur.

The three votes of Colorado were recorded for Garfield and Arthur.

The votes of Deleware were recorded for Hancock and English.

The next certificate handed the tellers was from Georgia, and it was read by Crowley, the reading in full being demanded by Springer. The certificate shows that on the eighth of December 1880, the eleven votes of Georgia were cast for Hancock and English. The Vice-President then said: It appearing from the certificate just read that the vote of Georgia was cast on a day other than that fixed for the casting of such vote by an act of Congress in pursuance of the constitution of the United States, the result of this certificate will not be recorded until, in the language of the con-current resolution under which this count proceeds, it will appear whether the counting or the omitting to count such votes will change the result of the election."

The twenty-one votes of Illinois were then recorded for Garfield and Arthur, and the votes of all the other states disposed of in the same manner down to Wisconsin, the last state on the list.

The tellers then proceeded to foot up the votes cast for President and Vice-President.

Senator Thurman then said: "The report of the whole number of electors appointed to vote for President and Vice-President of the United States was 369, out of which a majority is 185. Were the votes of the electors for the state of Georgia, cast the Wednesday in December, 1880, being the eighth day of said month, to be counted, the result would be—for Jas. A. Garfield of Ohio, for President of the United States, 214 votes, and for Winfield S. Hancock, for President of the United States, 155 votes. If not counted, the result would be—for James A. Garfield for President of the United States, 216 votes, and for W. S. Hancock for President of the United States, 144 votes. In either event, Jas. A. Garfield has received the majority of the votes of the whole number of electors appointed."

Senator Thurman made a similar statement relative to the vote for Vice-President: "Therefore," then said Vice-President Wheeler, "I do declare Jas. A. Garfield, of the state of Ohio, having received a majority of the votes of the whole number of electors appointed, duly elected President of the United States for four years, commencing the 4th day of March, 1881, and I do further declare Chester Arthur, of the state of New York, having received a majority of all the votes of the whole number of electors appointed, duly elected Vice-President of the United States for four years, commencing the 4th day of March, 1881." [Loud applause.]

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON D. C.,
February 12, 1881.

MR. EDITOR:—Henceforward let there be no doubt as the position of the United States of Ohio. The deluge of federal appointees under the Hayes' gilt-edged, civil service has recast the old democratic watchword "to the victors belong the spoils," and it now reads, "the offices belong to Ohians."

The investigation of the alleged abuse of the franking privilege has been carried far enough to show that it is six of one and just half a dozen of the other. Both congregressional committees violated the law and acted on the theory of anything being fair in politics. The testimony taken shows that the democratic committee used congregational franks freely, and that the republican committee did likewise going so far as to stamp instead of writing the names. As both political parties have become involved it is now proposed to drop the matter and let it die as quietly as possible and allow these iniquities to be buried without any ostentatious display. A poor benighted heathen who violates the law in the improper use of a single frank or a postage stamp would have been distinguished and branded and punished as a notorious criminal.—"O consistency thou art a jewel."

The country can breathe easier now that the democrats have had the good sense not to disturb or interfere with the Presidential count. They have exhausted all their ingenuity to invent some grand, back-action movement by which they could make a show of resistance to the lawfully expressed will of the American people. With cheek enough to do most anything, they have not exactly forgotten 1861 and the awful consequences of their rebellion against the vox populi.

The cabinet makers are still floundering about in great doubts as to the morale of President Garfield's advisers. This and only this is settled that Jas. A. Blaine is to take the portifolio of Secretary of State. His premiership will satisfy the most stalwart and will be welcomed by all who admire the qualities which have drawn around him so large a portion of the earnest and radical element of the party. Whether the Treasury is to be given to an eastern or western man is as yet an unsolved problem. Of one thing the country can be assured that the President elect will not encourage mischief makers by placing himself in antagonism with any section of country or with the representative men of the party. The friction of the last four years has been sufficient to last the present generation.

President Hayes is bound to make the most of his dying opportunities to be revenged on New York republicans. His appointment of Forster as U. S. Attorney in place of Stewart L. Woodford is a fresh outrage. The man is a chronic snarl, always troubled with the political colic. The country may not appreciate the grandeur of Mr. Forster's character, but President Hayes discovers the true gold beneath the churlishness of this exemplary "kicker." The noble principles which have controlled the distribution of the Federal patronage in New York during the past four years did not fail the President in the supreme moment when he had this place to fill, and he is in danger of swamping all his new appointees by his determination of rewarding the men who have kicked over the party traces. He may be merely tantilizing his friends by nominating them in such wholesale disregard of the properties as to insure the defeat of their confirmation. Let us be surprised at nothing.

The Capital is all astir upon the subject of the Inauguration,—Churches, schoolhouses, public halls and buildings are being sought for to accommodate the thousands who cannot be otherwise made comfortable during their visit. Let none make the mistake of coming without knowing before hand where they are to be quartered, as Veimor is running things and it may be too cold to take lodgings in the public parks.

PHAKS.

News Items From all over the State.

The R. & M. water tank at Hubbell will cost about $4,000.

The Railroad improvments at Hardy will aggregate $5,000.

Gage county papers are agitating the question of procuring a poor farm.

Wolves are numerous in Franklin county, occasionally raiding hen roosts.

Fifteen spans of the bridge over the Platte at North Bend are completed.

A wildcat weighing 42 pounds was shot by Chas. Sennett of Genoa, last week.

Tecumseh is talking of extending aid to a machine shop and foundry project.

The Blue river has been bridged by ice sufficiently strong for teams to cross for 110 days.

Several new brick blocks will be built in Wilbur during the coming spring and summer.

The Congregational church at Bradshaw, York county, is fast approaching completion.

Lincoln has secured the next meeting of the G. A. R. which will be held September 5th.

W. B. Newton, of Tekamah, has sold his horse "Black Dan," to Chicago parties, for $1,000.

Several suits against saloon-keepers for selling liquor to minors have been begun in Alexandria.

The storms have widely scattered the cattle about Culbertson causing great trouble to their owners.

The Riverside hotel at Running water was destroyed by fire last week. Loss, $5,000; insurance, $2,500.

An attempt was made last week by John Shafer, of Buffalo county, to shoot county treasurer Hein.

Joseph W. Foster of Alma, raised 800 bushels of corn last year which averaged 80 bushels to the acre.

A fiveyear old cow, weighing 1760 pounds, was slaughtered, last week, by a Howard county farmer.

Wild deer in the vicinity of settlements all over the state are taking to the cornfields for their "daily bread."

Two boys named Shinke last week, at West Point, found guilty of violating the game law by killing a deer.

George Northaft, a German, who resided in the North part of of Stanton county, was frozen to death last week.

The heavy snow in the north of the state have practically quarantined all towns and seriously effected business.

The corner stone of the new Congregational academy at Franklin will be laid on Tuesday with appropriate ceremonies.

Four students of the state univertity have been suspended for issuing the "Student" in defiance of the faculty's orders.

The Russian cheese factory in Gage consumes 6,000 pounds of milk a day and manufactures $500 worth of cheese a week.

An inventitive genus at Indianola has made a combined billiard marker and game keeper in which he thinks there is a fortune.

G. T. Cartwright of Colfax county, in boring a well, cut through a log of wood at the depth of thirty-three feet.

A Plum creek wool grower sold last week 1,521 pounds of wood of last season clip, receiving 23 cents a pound for the lot.

A Butler county farmer boasts of a cow five years old which has had six calves in four years, including two sets of twins.

The residence of Hudson Murdock, in monroe precinct, Platte county, was destroyed by fire last week. Loss, $450.

The accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of a son of Mr. Chalpa of Wahoo, wounded two of his brothers, one perhaps fatally.

The ice in the Platte river is said to be frozen to the bed of the river, and therefore will be a long time in breaking up.

Fifty dollars reward is offered by the S. C. & P. railroad company for information as to parties who placed obstructions on the track.

The Indians encamped in the vicinity of West Point gave a war dance last week the proceeds of which went to buy hay for their starving horses.

Last week a revolver falling from the pocket of Eugene Abbott at Table Rock, struck the floor, exploded the cartridge and severely wounded M. F. Beishline, who was in the room at that time.

W. E. Weckerly, of West Butler, will plant forty-five acres of flax, sixty of corn, and about twenty acres in wheat and oats. He anticipates an immense crop this year.

Charles Young, of Nemaha, attempted to assault Burt Buchanan, the deputy marshal, last week, with an open knife, when Burt shot him twice and brought him to the station house.

Adams county has over $12,000 in the sinking fund which cannot be used. The county commissioners have asked Representative Jones to secure the passage of a bill allowing it to be transferred to the genetal fund, and used to purchase outstanding warrants.

John Little, a cow-boy from one of the ranches above O,Neil City, came to Keya Paha last week, and, entering the store of C. S. Blanchard, threatened to shoot the merchant whereupon Mr. Blanchard drew a revolver and fired two shots at his assailant; the first entering the neck and the second the heart of Little. General opinion applauds Mr. Blanchard's action.

The sweeping tide of prosperity is shown by the immense increase of business in the Patent Office, General Land Office, Pension Office, and other Departments of the Government. Patent cases, Pension claims, Contested Land entries, or other business placed in the hands of Prescott & Greene, Attorneys, 522 7th st., Washington D. C., will have immediate attention.

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