

Lancaster Intelligencer.

TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 2, 1880.

The Momentous Decision.

A beautiful day we have for our great election, and no excuse remains to any citizen to stay from the polls. Every one will vote, and every one ought to; for it is a great privilege, as it is a great responsibility. It is safe to say that the majority of the voters will not cast an intelligent and dispassionate ballot. In our view, no one of those who will vote for Garfield can do so; while many of those who vote for Hancock will be more strongly moved by prejudice than reason. Possibly it is only an accident which enables us to justify to our judgment and conscience the vote we give to Hancock; possibly and even probably, we would have voted for our party, even though we had known that it presented the worst candidates. Men so readily deceive themselves, and find reasons for following their feeling rather than their judgment, that it would not be safe, for us, who vote for Hancock to-day, knowing that we are right, to say that we would not have voted the Democratic ticket anyway, though fearing that we were wrong; so that we cannot cast stones at our Republican brethren to-day who prefer Garfield to Hancock, notwithstanding there does seem to be no chance whatever of disputing the superior merit of the Democratic nominee.

We write without intent to influence votes now that the election is over, and feeling as calm as a summer morning over the result. We know that the best man will win if it is the order of Providence that this republic shall live and prosper; if that is not the order then we may lay Garfield. If he is elected it will be a sign to all of us Democrats as well as Republicans—for the one is as much interested as the other in the welfare of our country—to set our houses in order and prepared for a decided change in our political institutions. A people that is so unfaithful to its charge and untrue to itself, as to elect to the chief magistracy a man who is under so black suspicion of moral weakness, is in a fit condition to submit to the subversion of its liberty. Certainly we cannot elect such a man as Garfield to the presidency and deserve to be free. Oh! but he is a good man, say his Republican supporters, and you slander him! Those who say this simply prove the lack of their intelligence and the strength of their prejudices; for the record against Mr. Garfield lays him under such gross suspicion of falsehood, perjury and subserviency, that it should harp him from receiving the votes of the people, even as though he had been proved guilty; for we cannot afford to run the risk of such a man. Our common sense tells us that we ought not to give the benefit of a doubt to a candidate for high office, as we do to an accused criminal; we are entitled to take the benefit of this to ourselves; and to require to be assured to a reasonable degree of certainty of the honesty and capacity of those who aspire to be our servants.

Are those who vote for Garfield thus assured? Can they lay their hands upon their hearts and say so? If they can what of their intelligence and what of their conscience? Let the future answer; as it will, in direful tones, should the great calamity of Garfield's election befall us. We consider it a calamity, because of the indication it affords of the fact that the people are controlled absolutely by their prejudices and their passion; as well the intelligent as the ignorant, for if he is elected it must be by the intelligent Republican voter who has thought too much of his party to sacrifice its present success to its future strength and the present good of the nation.

We do not believe that any such trouble is coming upon us, for we do not see why the foundations of the republic should thus be caused to crumble. The fierce rule of party must be broken if it is to be preserved. We must feel that it is possible to wrest the government from the hands of those who, entrenched in power, have abused their trust. If this Republican party, which has once stolen the presidency and put in the presidency a man who received hundreds of thousands less than a majority of the popular vote, by reason of its ability to cheat the party not in power out of the electoral vote of two states; which has during twenty-five years of power committed crime after crime against the people; and which now culminates its audacity by demanding the election of a man whose character is fearfully open to reproach; if the party is retained in control of the government the people can fairly expect to be deprived for the future of some of the rights they show so little vigilance in watching and preserving; elections will become still more but a record of the will of the government's officers; the states will become the creatures of the federal power; the power of money will wield the country and the liberty of the people will be crushed under the heavy weight of corporation monopoly; until the day of revolution comes and the fabric is turned again right side up. From all of which we pray deliverance; but all of which is sure sooner, or later, to come if the people do not display the will and the ability to detect and correct the impositions upon them in their incipency. They have a chance now to clean their house; if they don't take it they may have to burn it down to purify it. We believe they will take it, but if they don't we have the consolation of knowing that we can stand the dance of death they invite as well as any of them.

DEMOCRATS, the advice of to-day's Times from the so-called "debatable" states indicate that Hancock has more than an even chance of carrying New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, California and Indiana. A full poll in Pennsylvania is all that is wanted to carry Hancock's native state. Hunt up the laggards.

DEMOCRATS is pledged to support Pardon Mill Quay for United States senator.

HANCOCK—GETTYSBURG.

On With the New Love.

The young Ulysses has speedily found consolation for the loss of the fair Flood to whom but a little while ago he was engaged to be married, while now already he is married to another. We greatly fear that the young Ulysses shook the fair Flood, who was reported at the time to have sacked him because of his naughtiness. There is no telling just how it was, but it is clear that the young Ulysses either has no heart to speak of, or has one which is very readily repaired, or else that it was never very badly broken. Anyhow he seems to be on a culpably swift young man to be on with a new love to the very jumping off place of matrimony before the old was fairly cold. But there may have been peculiar circumstances which in this case froze up the young man's ardor with unusual speed; or he may have felt that he needed quick consolation for the loss of all those millions. He is a chip of the old block who wants a presidency, but will take the best of the kind he can get. The young Ulysses has done well in finding another only daughter of a silver miner to snuggle upon him, and he was wise to cover her into possession quickly, lest she too might slip away.

Be calm to-night and do not be unduly elated or depressed with the early news, or better still, be content that you have done your part towards defending the right and go to bed. The news will keep till morning; and you won't have the headache.

MR. ENGLISH and Senator McDonald telegraph that we may look for good news from Indiana to-night. They are in splendid heart and confident of victory. GO AND VOTE.

REMEMBER Gettysburg! Hancock fought for the Union and Longstreet fought it! Longstreet has been given a fat office by the Republicans. Elect Hancock and he will be removed.

If the Republicans secure the Pennsylvania Legislature the ring candidate, M. S. Quay, will be elected United States senator. Vote for Elin G. Snyder, and defeat Quay's friend, Harry Demuth.

READER, have you voted? If you have not, go to the polls at once, and cast your ballot for the Hancock electoral ticket and for the full Democratic state, county and judiciary tickets.

REMEMBER: a vote for Harry Demuth is a vote for M. S. Quay, the notorious parson broker for United States senator. Demuth is pledged to vote for him.

VOTE for David McMullen for district attorney and defeat Tom Davis, who is declared by his own party to be dishonest and unfit for the office.

THE Republican game of bluff in the betting is designed to frighten timid Democrats. But it won't win.

REMEMBER Chicanery! Roscerans is for Hancock. Longstreet for Garfield.

VOTE for Hancock and an undivided Union.

If you have not voted, vote for Hancock; and so vote for your country.

VOTE for Hancock and virtue.

VOTE for Hancock and liberty.

VOTE for Hancock and independence.

This country needs to be started straight once more.

We want a genuine house cleaning.

VOTE for Elin G. Snyder.

GET OUT every vote!

MINOR TOPICS.

A bill introduced in the Vermont Legislature forbids running railroad trains or locomotives on Sunday.

Miss VAX, the new prima donna, is described as a graceful and handsome person with a great deal of golden hair, a fair complexion and expressive dark eyes.

A very old man voted three times at Washington, Ind., in the recent state election. On his trial it was convincingly shown that, though sober, he had been so carried away by excitement as to forget that he had already voted.

ELECTIONS have been won and lost by a single vote. This paragraph may reach the eye of some Democrat who has failed to avail himself of his privilege of the franchise. If that is so, go now and vote for Hancock, McMullen, Snyder and the full Democratic ticket.

It is announced that the American Bible revision committee have finished their revision of the English version of the New Testament, and transmitted the result to England. The British committee will meet this month for final action, and it is expected that the Oxford and Cambridge presses will issue the revised New Testament in February next. The Old Testament will not be ready for publication for nearly three years.

The smallest bell of Cologne cathedral received a few months ago serious injury. It was taken down and sent to Gosse's foundry at Dresden to be recast. It had been originally cast in 1418, and had already been recast twice. The court organist says that the tone is now perfect. There are three other bells. One is the great "Kaiserlocke," the chief ingredients of whose metal come from the French canon taken at Sedan. The two others are comparatively old.

On account of the great increase in transatlantic trade, several of the transatlantic steamship companies are adding to the number of their vessels, and two new companies have been already projected.

The Cunard company has entered into contracts for the construction of three new and powerful ships. One of these, to be called the Aurania, is of steel, of 7,000 tons burden, and of 8,500-horse power. The others are to be called the Pavana and Cephalonia, and are to be respectively of 5,000 and 4,500 tons burden. One of the new lines, the Monarch, has already put one ship on the seas, the Assyrian Monarch. It sailed last week from London for New York. Of course there are no American ocean steamers building. Republican rule long ago stopped that, and a few on the ocean are fast disappearing.

MR. and MRS. LANGTRY have given up their house in London. Mrs. Langtry is living in Jersey.

MARIE VANARD, the American singer, has made her reappearance in Paris at the Opera Comique.

Mrs. BERNARD, who shortly will become the wife of Senator McDONALD, of Indiana, is divorced from a former husband, who has since married again.

At the Highland ball at the Prince of Wales' seat, Aberdeirie, the Queen danced a reel with her son, Lord Fife and the Princess Irene of Hesse, the first reel she had danced for years.

Mr. TENNYSON, who has been spending the autumn at his place on the Hampshire Downs, near Haslemere, is to remain in London till he goes to Farringford for the spring and early summer.

One of the oldest Democrats who votes to-day is JOHN BURNETT, of Oconee county, South Carolina. He was born one hundred and five years ago and cast his first vote in Edgefield county, South Carolina, in the year 1800.

Miss JANE SHUK, grand-daughter of Judge Black, and Lieut. EVANS, of the regular army, will be married in Pittsburgh on November 11th, and will start at once for their future home in Arizona. The wedding will take place in St. John's church, and there will be six bridesmaids.

Mrs. FILLMORE, the widow of the late ex-president, is dangerously ill with paralysis at her home in Buffalo. She was attacked a week ago, and one side was rendered powerless, and speech nearly destroyed. She is scarcely expected to recover.

The late E. D. MANSFIELD was buried in Spring Grove cemetery, Cincinnati, on Friday. The head-bearers were Rufus King, Alex. H. McGuffey, Elliot H. Pinetion, John Kemph, Thomas Wrightson, T. J. Perry, Joseph Kinsey, and Richard Smith.

An English journal mentions in a breathless manner that "Miss BERNHARDT, ordered 150 pairs of gloves for her American tour. They are of unpressed kid, of the Mousquetaire style, with three buttons at the wrist, but of a length equivalent to a thirty button glove, and cost \$100 a pair."

Now that the old bitterness against Russia which was rampant in England a couple of years ago, is nearly dead, the Duchess of EXETER, who is one of the most accomplished and highly educated princesses in Europe, has been received with something more than the respectful toleration formerly conceded to her, even by the court.

Colonel JAMES G. FAIR, of Nevada, is of Irish birth and is forty-nine years old. While a boy he lived in Illinois and at eighteen went to California and in time became a superintendent of mines. In addition to his fortune made from the Big Bonanza mines he owns nearly a hundred acres in various parts of San Francisco. He suffers from rheumatism. He is of medium height and heavy, with a large beard streaked with gray.

A Modern Miser.

A case was heard recently in the Suffolk county court (Eng.) in the course of which some extraordinary revelations were made respecting the conduct of a very penniless and wealthy old man named Buxton toward his bride whom he married a short time before his death. The action was brought against Buxton's executors by a Scotch draper named Kevan, to recover £275 for goods supplied. Up to the time of his death Buxton lived in the neighborhood of Sheffield, and died worth £40,000, beside a quantity of freehold property. His wife was formerly his housekeeper, at which time she was receiving from him only £10 per annum. When he made her an offer of marriage he was 66 years of age and she only 30. On their wedding day the husband provided a dinner of beans and bacon. On the marriage day Mrs. Buxton gave her husband between £20 and £30, this being money which she had saved. She subsequently discovered that he went to the savings bank and drew out what money she had there. He only allowed her £6 a week for pin-money, and she was consequently obliged to get articles of clothing for herself and her husband upon credit. His honor, in giving judgment in favor of the claim, said the case was one which ought never to have been brought against the executors, should have paid the money instead of allowing the testator's name to be held up to infamy, as would now be the case. Here was a man who had died worth £40,000, and yet he takes £20 from his housekeeper when he marries her, and afterwards puts into his own pockets her savings which she had placed in the bank. He gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

NEW YORK.

Mr. Herbert Baxter a Majority of 23,000 for Hancock.

Accepting as accurate the most careful Republican estimate of assumed Republican majorities in different parts of the State at the election to-morrow, it remains clear that with the other Democratic majorities to be expected in the interior and with a Democratic majority of 75,000 in New York city and Brooklyn, the state will vote for Hancock by not less than 25,000 votes. There is no indication in either of these cities that either will fail to poll its full Democratic vote, and nothing but such a failure here can give this state to the Republicans.

W. B. HERBERT, World Dem.

John Kelly Says the Republican Claims are a Game of Brags.

New York, November 1.—The Republican claims are simply a game of brags. The city will undoubtedly give from fifty to sixty thousand majority. The big betting is only to frighten voters. It is a weak invention of the enemy.

JOHN KELLY.

THE CHINESE LETTER.

Mr. Hewitt's Reasons for Thinking the Signature is Garfield's.

To the EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: In your issue of to-day you say: "Mr. Hewitt, according to the reports, and mainly on the ground that he persists in his assertion that he believes the Chinese letter attributed to Gen. Garfield to be genuine. Will Mr. Hewitt give a reason for the faith that is in him?" This reason I gave at length in my speech at Irving hall on Thursday night. Your reporter was present and took it down, as I know, because he asked me a question in regard to it; but for some reason, you did not see fit to publish that portion of my remarks. A copy of these remarks was, however, furnished to your reporter last night at Terrace Garden. I now append a third copy, containing the explanation you ask for.

Now, if you have the patience, I will explain to you the exact extent and the nature of my statements in regard to the Chinese letter, and its connection with it. On Wednesday last I was to speak at Chickering hall. In the morning, when I went to the national committee rooms, a copy of a newspaper was handed to me containing a private letter signed James A. Garfield, and addressed to H. L. Morey. I read it, I never heard of it before or saw it before. Nobody connected with the national committee knew anything about it. It came out as any letter may be published to-morrow morning on any subject in any paper. "Some one asked what I thought of it. Well, I read it and said: "It sounds like Mr. Garfield. It is his style, and more than that, it is in full accord with his votes upon the Chinese question. But," said I, "I know nothing of the handwriting, and I am not a calligrapher, and I believe the original letter exists." "Ah," I said, "Show me the original letter; I will look at it." It was brought to me. I examined it. The signature seemed to me that of Gen. Garfield—a signature with which I was perfectly familiar. I thought it was no doubt his. "I think the signature is genuine. As to the body of the letter I do not think it is the handwriting of Gen. Garfield. I think it was written by his clerk or amanuensis." Subsequently, before I had made up my mind, I had received from Gen. Garfield, I have three letters written three days apart, from him, and all a little prior to the date of the Morey letter. I took the letters and compared them with the original letter, and I found that the handwriting of the original letter had been taken away. Now I defy anybody, taking those three signatures and comparing them with the signature of the Morey letter, to come to any other conclusion than that the Morey letter is genuine. I believed it then, I believe it now. I want to recall to you what I said, because the Republican newspapers have taken the trouble to misrepresent the facts, and I want you to see how cautious I was after reading the letter. I said, "Some one may incline to pronounce this letter a forgery. I have seen it; I am familiar with Gen. Garfield's signature; I have compared it with his letters in my possession, and I have no doubt that it is genuine. If it is a forgery, it is the work of an exceptionally clever forger. After examination, there was the slightest doubt of its authenticity. I should not refer to it." I do not think it is a very serious thing for a man to say that, on suspicion, he believes a signature is genuine. On the contrary, if I had not said so, I should have been untrue to my convictions.

The signature, as well as the body of the letter, may be forged, but in passing judgment on a signature, in the absence of any suspicious indication in the body of the letter, I could only be governed by my belief, and belief is not a voluntary act, but the result of evidence, which in this case consisted of the undoubted similarity of the signature to Gen. Garfield's signature in my possession. There was, indeed, one point of difference which only seemed to confirm my belief in the authenticity of the signature. In the three letters in my possession the letter "i" in the last syllable is dotted. In one of the letters it is not dotted at all. In the Morey letter the dot is over the "i" in the first syllable. The reference in my mind was that the dot had been placed there either by accidental dropping of the ink or by a hasty movement of the pen. If it had been a forgery, it seemed to me that the forger would have carefully avoided such an error. The dot was, therefore, confirmatory evidence in forming my judgment.

Now, as to the spelling of the word "companion" in the body of the letter. Having concluded that the body of the letter was in the handwriting of an amanuensis, as were two out of the three letters in my possession, I attached no importance to the spelling. But if I had thought that the handwriting was that of the man who wrote the letter, the error in spelling would not have made any impression to the contrary, because in one of the sentences in Gen. Garfield's letter to me, written in his own hand and not by an amanuensis, he spells "companion" in the same manner as in the Morey letter. I have answered your question more at length than would have been otherwise necessary; first, because I wish you and the public to have the full grounds of my belief in the genuineness of the signature. In other words, he made no progress and no discovery.

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SHORE PROOF.

Allegation of the Man Who Says He Saw the Letter and Several Others.

The text of the affidavit, referred to in yesterday's INTELLIGENCER, to the identity of H. L. Morey and to his receipt of a letter on Chinese check labor from General Garfield, is as follows: "State of Maryland, City of Cumberland. "Robert Lindsay, being first duly sworn on oath, says that he resides in the city of Cumberland aforesaid; that he is personally acquainted with Henry L. Morey, whom he first met in 1874, and since at Lowell and Lynn, in the state of Massachusetts, also in Boston and in Philadelphia; that also Morey has frequently spoken to deponent upon the subject of cheap labor, and that in Boston on or about the fourth of February, 1880, said Morey showed to deponent several letters from prominent individuals relating to the subject of cheap labor; that three of said letters were from James A. Garfield, and deponent further swears that he is personally acquainted with the said James A. Garfield, and that he is the identical Chinese letter which is now a matter of public controversy, or at least the words were the same as expressed in said letter, and that he recognizes the handwriting and photograph of the said letter as being the photograph of the letter shown him by said Morey on the said fourth day of February. That said Morey expressed a determination to go from Boston to New Orleans, and deponent says he has not seen him since."

This affidavit was sent to the Democratic national committee by W. H. Price, chairman of the Democratic central committee of Allegany county, Md., and Mr. Lindsay is on his way to testify in the court.

The following despatch in reference to the signature of the Morey letter was received last evening: "CANTON, O., November 1.—One of the alleged reasons for saying that the signature of General Garfield to the Morey letter is forged, is that the dot is over the 'i' instead of the 'i'. Now, when General Garfield was in attendance at the Soldiers' and Sailors' reunion held at Canton, September 1, a number of young ladies of our city who waited on the tables took some of the women's plates and went around getting the autographs of the distinguished guests present. Among them was a daughter of Mr. Joseph Front, of our city, who procured the signature of General Garfield among others. It is written 'J. A. Garfield' with the dot over the 'i' in the first syllable. The plate has been seen by a number of citizens, who pronounce the signature the same as that attached to the Morey letter. The only difference perceptible is that the 'i' on the plate is sharp at the top, which is caused by pressure being exerted on the rounding of the flange of the plate."

A. McGINN, Editor Democrat.

THE IDENTITY OF MOREY AND THE AUTHENTICITY OF HIS SIGNATURE.

NEW YORK, October 18, 1880.

DEAR SIR: In administering on the effects of the late Henry L. Morey, I found the enclosed letter, which I send to you with the accompanying card which was sent to me by Mr. Linn, by some way in this city—as an answer thereto.

I am of the opinion that there never has been in this country for a hundred years such a thing as "free trade." There is not much danger of it now; we have a greater danger.

I am truly yours, JOHN W. GOODALL, of Lamb, Mass.

PHANTOM ROBBERY.

An extraordinary case of burglary and robbery in a New England village.

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