

Hon. Wayne Griswold, well-known throughout the State as a Democratic politician, died at Circleville on last Sunday night.

The Republic of Spain is making fine headway against its enemies of all kinds, and the prospect is most flattering that on an early day it will be so firmly established that no throne-seeking pretender will be so foolhardy as to attempt to raise his standard on Spanish soil.

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Whether the balloon reached the other side of the ocean has not yet been ascertained.

France is on the eve of another revolution. The monarchists in the Assembly are strong in numbers, and have determined to make an effort to re-establish the Monarchy. The Republicans in all shades are uniting to prevent the success of the monarchial party, but it is generally believed that they will not triumph in their efforts to maintain a republican form of government for the first time in its history.

Proposition to Abolish the Electoral College.

Senators Morton, of Indiana, Carpenter, of Wisconsin, Anthony, of Rhode Island, and Bayard of Delaware, members of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate of the United States, closed their conferences on the 8th inst., which have been held in New York from day to day during the past week, in reference to a mode of electing President.

Second—That the President and Vice President be elected by the people directly for the candidates.

By the adoption of the district system of voting by the people directly for the candidates, with two Presidential votes in the States at large and the plurality rule for determining the result, the election is brought as nearly home to the people as can be, not to make it an election by the Nation as one community, and it still recognizes the States as such, while it enables the people of each district in the State to express their will, so that hereafter a State need not cast a solid vote, as under the present system.

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Mr. Joseph Arch seems to be the man suitable to the hour. He was a day laborer on a farm, yet found time to obtain a little reading—he is almost self-taught. The London Daily News describes him as "not much superior to his class, not greatly enlightened by culture, but with a keen, restless, inquiring mind."

Other questions are considered in connection with the votes in States and districts, and providing for the exigency of death or resignation of the President after election and before inauguration.

YELLOW FEVER.

The Distress at Memphis—No Abatement of the Fever.

Special telegram to the Commercial Messenger, October 7.—The epidemic sickness rages with unabated violence, and harrowing tales of distress are reported by the Howard Association, who have divided the city in beats and given each of their number a route to mete out relief and search out the needy.

He has been compared to Richard Cobden, and there is a strong National resemblance in their characters. Both are sincere and devoted men, absorbed each in his one aim. But Cobden sought to free the British masses from high priced food only, and without inducing the workman to leave either shop or field, he succeeded in bringing to his home cheaper food from abroad, which in return gave him also better wages.

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Scio County Defalcation—Over \$400,000 Treasury Funds Missing.

PORTSMOUTH, O., October 3.—It was discovered last Wednesday, by the Auditor that the tax duplicates of Scio County had been tampered with by somebody. The footings of valuation had been decreased over 200,000.

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PERSONALITIES.

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POTTERY.

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