THE STATE AT LARGE.

PETERSBURG AND VICINITY.

A Snuff Factory Burned—Loss and Insurance—Political Notes—Meeting of Creditors.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., October 13, 1884.

Between 11 and 12 o'clock on Saturday night the snuff factory belonging to Messrs. A. J. Campbell & Co., located in Dinwiddie county about one mile west of the city, was set fire to by some unknown person, and was totally destroyed, with all of its contents. The first intimation the watchman had of the fire was the sight of the building in flames. The Messrs. Campbell are young Englishmen, who have been residing here only a few years. They had recently enlarged their factory, and introduced new and improved machinery. Their loss on stock is as follows: 75,000 pounds leaf tobacco, valued at $3,750; 30,000 pounds of ground snuff, worth $2,700; 40,000 pounds of stems, $200; 12,000 pounds flavorings, $300; total on stock, $7,050, on which there is no insurance. The building and machinery were valued at $6,800. On these there is an insurance of $750 on the building in the Phœnix Company, of London, and $1,200 on the machinery in the Commercial Union, of London. Within the past few months the amount of insurance on the property had been reduced. The loss above insurance is $11,550. The factory employed twenty hands. It will be rebuilt at once.

Several very excellent tracts of land in Dinwiddie county, more or less distant from Petersburg, were offered at auction on Saturday, but the prices bid were not satisfactory and they were withdrawn.

The Republicans of the Brady faction are making efforts, by personal canvass and otherwise, to secure a big audience for Senator Plumb and Mr. Schoonmaker on Wednesday night. They are holding meetings in one or another of the wards nearly every night, with the view of keeping alive the interest in the canvass. The Evans men are doing the same thing, and an evening or two ago, with very little notice, they had a meeting of one thousand voters to hear their speakers.

Within the last two or three days a number of Republican politicians have been in this city. The object of their assembling here is not known.

A call has been published for a meeting of the creditors of the broken Planters and Mechanics Bank and of citizens interested in the matter, to be held to-night at the court-house to decide whether or not counsel shall be employed to assist the Commonwealth's attorney in the prosecution of the officials of the bank who have been presented by the grand jury, as well as to assist in other matters which involve the interests of the creditors. The matter has caused considerable comment on the street. The Hustings Court will meet on Thursday of this week, and all the cases, both criminal and civil, connected with the bank are expected to come up at this term. All the officials who have been presented have employed counsel to defend them in court, and each and every one at them, it is said, feels confident of an acquittal. Probably no cases in the criminal annals of our city will excite more interest in the community than these. On account of the publicity that has been given them it is thought there may be some difficulty in obtaining juries in the city. One of the first and most important of the civil cases in connection with the suits against the bank to be decided is the question raised by the State and other corporations, which are large creditors, of the validity of the deed of trust made by the directors. This deed will be fought on the ground that the directors, without the authority and sanction of the stockholders, had no legal right to make the assignment. In this connection the full details will be brought out.

The steamer Gem, lately bought by some of our merchants and run for passenger and freight purposes between Petersburg and the counties of the lower James, is to be sold at auction at City Point on the 23d instant under a mortgage. This is one of the exigencies of the bank failure.

There have been several deaths among children recently from diphtheria of a malignant type, and there are a number of cases of illness now caused by the same disease.

The grand jury at the approaching term of the Hustings Court will be composed of nine citizens, of whom three are colored.

ROBIN ADAIR.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., October 13, 1884.

Henry Jones was killed by his brother Thomas, in Mecklenburg county, in this State. The parties were playing with a shot-gun, when Thomas levelled it at Henry, remarking at the time, "Look out; I am going to shoot." The words had hardly been uttered before the weapon was discharged, and Henry fell a corpse at his brother's feet, with his brains blown out. An inquest was held, and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental shooting.

THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE VIRGINIA AND CAROLINA RAILROAD.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., October 13, 1884.

In the Council to-night an ordinance was introduced by the Finance Committee authorizing under act of Assembly the issue of $150,000 of 6 per cent. bonds, to run thirty years, to aid in the construction of the Virginia and Carolina railroad. Fifty thousand of this amount is to be donated for the purchase of the right of way through the city and the building of a depot, and $100,000 to be exchanged for a like amount of bonds of the company to be paid out after the contract is let for the first twenty miles of road south from Petersburg. There were only seventeen of the twenty-four members of the Council present, and it requires sixteen votes to pass the ordinance. In view of the small attendance, and of the fact that several members were not prepared to vote at this meeting, though it was argued that the city would only be carrying out a contract of its own making, it was deemed best after two recesses for consultation to adjourn until to-morrow night. The matter has been under discussion in the Council for twelve months and the city is now asked by the railroad company to carry out its own proposition. The meeting of the creditors of the Planters and Mechanics Bank held to-night to consider the matter of employing counsel to assist the Commonwealth's attorney in prosecuting the officials charged with criminal conduct was slimly attended, and adjourned without action.

GORDONSVILLE.

Dedication of Catholic Church—The Drought.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

OCTOBER 12, 1884.

The new Catholic church here, corner Main and Church streets, having been recently finished, dedication services were held to-day. A large crowd of country people attracted by the event was present, in addition to the congregation furnished by the town. Bishop Keane, assisted by Father Donohue, of Warrenton, who will have charge of the parish, conducted the ceremonies, which were, as usual, interesting and impressive. The house was designed and built by Richmond men, and is an extremely pretty edifice, thoroughly furnished with all that is proper to the interior of a Catholic church. The congregation has been worshipping for some years at irregular intervals in the town hall, and it is a matter of congratulation that it is now established, and so pleasantly, in a house of its own.

We need rain very sadly. The pastures are bare, and streams and wells which have been counted unfailing are dry. Many farmers are determined to wait for a "season" before sowing wheat, and not to sow without one; others are already putting their seed in the ground and trusting to future rains.

H.

NANSEMOND.

The Canvass—Goode and Marshall Address a Large Meeting.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

SUFFOLK, VA., October 13, 1884.

The largest and most enthusiastic assemblage of Democrats ever held in Suffolk greeted ex-Senator R. E. Withers, Hon. John Goode, and R. C. Marshall, candidate for Congress, to-day, and a grand day it was for the Democracy of Nansemond. Although numerous posters had been circulated that General Mahone, Brown Allen, and other Republican speakers would speak to-day, General Mahone and Allen addressed a crowd of only three hundred negroes and less than fifty whites. The Democrats of Nansemond are aroused.

WILLIAMSBURG.

Major Baker P. Lee Addresses an Enthusiastic Democratic Meeting.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

OCTOBER 13, 1884.

This morning Major Baker P. Lee spoke an hour and a half to as large and enthusiastic an audience of Democrats as ever gathered in this place. A large number of country people were present, and a handsome Democratic flag was flung to the breeze.

Major Lee is well known in this section, and is extremely popular with our people. His speech received the closest attention, and several leading Democrats were heard to say, "It will do a great deal of good." We needed a man like Lee to stir our people up. Every mention of Cleveland's name was greeted with prolonged applause. Major Lee devoted much of his time in urging upon the people the importance of voting, and said that our past defeat was caused by our people remaining at home. It only remained for the Democrats to vote, and Virginia would be safe.

Another grand rally will be held to-night under the auspices of the Cleveland and Hendricks Club.

THE LIBERTY FIRE.

Half the Business Portion of the Town Destroyed—Losses and Insurance.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

LIBERTY, October 13, 1884.

This town was visited by a disastrous conflagration at an early hour yesterday morning, which destroyed about one half of the business portion of the place.

The fire, which was of incendiary origin, was started in a frame storehouse on Bridge street, occupied by J. N. Early, about 3 A. M., and swept away fourteen business-houses and badly damaged others before it was stopped by the blowing up of a house with powder.

The following is a list of losses and insurance as far as can be obtained:

James M. Carder & Son, cabinet-makers and residence. Loss, $3,000; no insurance.

Buford Brothers, general merchandise. Loss, $6,000 or $7,000. Insured in the New York Underwriters' Agency for $1,000, Niagara for $1,000, Virginia State for $1,000, Imperial of London for $1,000, Hamburg-Bremen for $1,500.

J. N. Early, general merchandise. Loss about $6,000; insured in Scottish Union and National for $500, Portsmouth for $750, Fire Association of Philadelphia for $2,000, Virginia Fire and Marine for $1,250, and the British America for $1,000.

A. W. Robertson & Co., general merchandise. Loss about $2,000; about $1,500 worth of stock saved; insured in the Liverpool and London and Globe for $1,500.

Jake Oppenheim, bar-room. Loss, $700; insured in Fire Insurance Association of England for $500.

Mercer H. Gray and Mrs. Bush, insured in the Rochester German for $1,500.

E. G. Abbott, general merchandise. Loss on stock and building about $6,000 or $7,000; insured in the New York Underwriters' Agency for $700; Portsmouth for $300; with R. Pollard & Co., agency of Lynchburg, $1,500.

E. Oppenheim, saloon. Loss, $2,500; insured in the Scottish Union and National for $1,500.

R. D. Buford, small vacant store. Loss about $600.

R. B. Claytor & Co., general merchandise. Loss on stock and building from $12,000 to $20,000; insured in the New York Underwriters' Agency for $2,500, Germania for $2,500, Virginia Fire and Marine for $1,500, Connecticut for $1,250, Virginia State for $1,250, Washington Fire and Marine for $1,000.

Shanklin, Campbell & Co., general merchandise. Loss from $8,000 to $10,000; insured in the Liverpool and London and Globe for $1,250, Portsmouth for $500, Fire Association of Philadelphia for $500, Virginia Home for $1,000, Virginia State for $1,500, Virginia Fire and Marine for $1,000, Imperial of London for $2,000.

John R. Thurman, framed building. Loss $1,000; no insurance.

J. B. McCormick, bar-room, loss $800 or $900; no insurance.

M. Wolf, clothier, $3,000 to $5,000; insured in New York Underwriters for $2,000; Westchester for $100.

W. J. Jennings, general merchandise, loss $1,000 to $1,500; no insurance.

Building owned by Captain William S. Myler, loss about $2,000; well insured.

S. Hirsh, clothier, loss $6,000; insured in Imperial of London for $1,500, and other companies for $4,000.

Dr. H. C. Hopkins, druggist, loss from $6,000 to $8,000; insured in the Germania for $2,500, probably $1,000 more.

William Kelly, general merchandise; loss on stock and building, $6,500; partially insured.

T. J. Matthews, framed store; loss, $2,500. Insured in the New York Underwriters' Agency for $500, Virginia Fire and Marine for $1,250.

Bolling & Matthews's framed storehouse. Loss, $1,000. Insured in the Hamburg and Bremen for $750; other insurance not ascertained.

Old Presbyterian parsonage. Loss, $900. Insured.

Dr. C. A. Board, dentist, and Dr. T. M. Bowyer, physician—offices in above building. Losses small. Insured, the former in the Virginia State for $200 and the latter in the Westchester for $375.

W. T. Fitzpatrick, framed building. Loss, $2,000; insured in the British American for $500, Connecticut for $500, Virginia State for $250.

P. B. Burks, framed storehouse. Loss, $5,000; insured.

William H. McGhee, brick building. Loss, $1,000; insured.

Steel & Marsh, *Bedford Sentinel*. Loss, $2,500; insured for $2,000.

D. W. Garret, unoccupied store. Loss, $1,000; insured in the Portsmouth for $400.

Rev. John R. Tizer's library. Loss small; insured in the Portsmouth for $142.

Walker Brothers, butchers. Loss small.

J. B. Pollard, framed storehouse. Loss small; insured.

Several of the above named have secured houses, and will resume business at once. Among them are S. Hirsh, A. W. Robertson & Co., R. B. Claytor & Co., Shanklin, Campbell & Co., W. J. Jennings, and J. N. Early.

APPOMATTOX COUNTY.

The People Thoroughly Aroused—Mr. Tucker's Canvass.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

PAMPLIN CITY, VA., October 11, 1884.

The Democracy of old Appomattox has been thoroughly aroused from their slumbers this week. On last Thursday (court-day) the Hon. J. Ran. Tucker, William M. Cabell, Esq., and Captain Camm Patteson, presidential elector, addressed a large and attentive audience at the court-house. Mr. J. P. L. Fleshman, acting county chairman, in a neat and graceful speech introduced Captain Patteson, who spoke for an hour and a half in his usual bold and forcible style. At the conclusion of his speech the Hon. William M. Cabell, of Buckingham, was introduced, and in a short and pointed speech showed to the good people of Appomattox, in a manner peculiar to Buckingham's gifted son, how the white people of the South had been down-trodden by the Republican party, with J. G. Blaine, the bloody-shirter, as its leader.

Hon. J. Ran. Tucker was introduced by the Hon. T. S. Bocock. He held the audience spell-bound for nearly two and a half hours. Cheer after cheer went up as "Ran." poured hot shot into the political record of the Plumed Knight of Maine. While he was speaking in the court-house Mr. Yost, his opponent, and Captain Frank Blair, were addressing a crowd of Republicans in the basement, (a proposition to divide time having been declined by the Democrats.) When I say a crowd of *Virginia* Republicans your readers know full well what I mean—viz., revenue officials and other officers, office-seekers, &c., &c., &c. It may be well to say that none of these offices are held by the poor down-trodden colored men of this county.

On yesterday Mr. Tucker spoke for three hours at this place to a crowd of four hundred people. There were a few white Republicans and a few colored people present, but, judging from the nervousness and restlessness exhibited by them, they felt altogether unpleasant. One could not fail to observe the contrast between the crowd on this occasion and the crowd that assembled to hear Mr. John S. Wise at this place on the 24th of September—the latter crowd, about one hundred all told, including some Democrats who went for mere curiosity, having heard so much about Mr. Wise in the Danville riot case. You may count on old Appomattox doing her full duty on the 4th of November.

Q.

BOTETOURT COUNTY.

Death of the Mayor of Fincastle—House Burned Down.

[Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

FINCASTLE, OCTOBER 13, 1884.

Mr. R. C. Figgatt, who, as was reported in the *Dispatch* several days ago, fell from an upper window in his house on the 4th instant and received serious injuries, died yesterday morning. Mr. Figgatt had been for quite a number of years a prominent member of the Botetourt bar, and at the time of his death was mayor of Fincastle.

The dwelling-house of a man named Grim, living about seven miles west of here, was destroyed by fire one day last week. The fire is supposed to have been purely accidental. The family were in the house at the time and barely escaped. No furniture was saved, and the property was not insured.

Fire has been raging in the mountains west of Fincastle for several days. The people of the surrounding community have been fighting the flames, and it is hoped that no great damage, except to timber, will be done.

THORNDYKE.

BIG FIRE IN PETERSBURG.

Burning of Jackson's Factory—Loss $175,000. Other Buildings Destroyed.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, October 14, 1884.

The large tobacco-factory of Messrs. C. A. Jackson & Co., one of the largest and most complete in the South, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The alarm was sounded about half-past 10 o'clock, and although the fire originated in a remote part of the building, and was a small affair at first, yet the flames spread so rapidly that all efforts to save the factory were were without avail. The factory had been enlarged in the past several years, and it was in the new building, in the "stemmery-room," that the fire started. The factory was situated on High street in the midst of a closely-populated section of the town, and at the time so brisk a breeze was prevailing that fears were entertained of a general conflagration. The steeple of Grace Episcopal church took fire, but very little damage was done. A frame residence adjoining the factory was destroyed. In the rear is a large row of shanties, in which about twenty negro families live.

At this writing (1 A. M.) the fire had gotten among them, and the probability is that all will be destroyed. Messrs. C. A. Jackson & Co. had on hand in their building about 150,000 pounds of leaf tobacco and a very large amount of manufactured tobacco—exactly how much, however, cannot now be ascertained. The factory was supplied with the most improved machinery and was finely equipped. The loss will be very nearly $175,000. The firm had insurance to the amount of $150,000, which is held in nearly every company represented here. The line of companies represented here by the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company are among the chief losers. The destruction of the factory will be severely felt here among the working population. Business had opened well, and employment was given to a very large number of hands. Owing to the drought the water supply here is very scarce, and it is largely due to this cause that the factory fell such an easy prey to the flames. When a stream was gotten on the burning building it was obtained from the canal.

NORTH CAROLINA.

A Talk With the Democratic Candidate for Lieutenant-Governor.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, October 13, 1884.

I had a chat yesterday with Major Charles M. Stedman, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant-Governor on the North Carolina ticket, and he gave a most encouraging report of the political situation in that State. He says that there is no sort of doubt that North Carolina will give a handsome Democratic majority, and laughs at recent efforts to the contrary.

"Why, honest Republicans do not pretend to claim the State," said the Major. The Major has stumped the State from "Cherokee to Currituck," and has no hesitation in saying that the Democrats will carry every district in the State except the First. York's magnetism was another subject of amusement for the Major, for he says the Republican doctor candidate has utterly failed to make any sort of favorable impression on the white people of the State, while General Scales has been arousing his audiences wherever he has been. That gentleman is now recovered from his accident and is in the field again. The Major was indignant that the Republicans should talk of sending money into the State, and said a half million dollars would not change the result. "The white people of Carolina are not for sale," he said, indignantly; "we could carry the State without any organization at all, "but our party is well organized." Vance and Ransom and all the rest of them are in the field. I was a little curious to know the line of argument followed by the Republican speakers. "Well," said the Major, "they say the Republican party is the party of finances and the friend of the black man and public schools, and try to produce the impression that the Democrats are opposed to the free-school system. The Democrats talk principally of State issues, show up the Republican record, and point to the present county government system, inaugurated by the Democrats, and which the readers of the *Dispatch* know was the salvation of the eastern counties.

C.

A BOMBSHELL FIRED INTO THE REPUBLICAN CAMP—THE EXPOSITION.

[Special telegraph to the Dispatch.]

RALEIGH, N. C., October 13.—To-day Sol Haas, general freight- and passenger-agent of the Associated Railways, reduced the rate to the Exposition from all points in North Carolina one cent per mile each way. This will have an immediate affect in increasing the attendance.

The letter of Dr. Eugene Grissom repudiating Dr. York, Republican candidate for Governor, is the greatest bombshell that has yet been fired into the Radical camp. Grissom is superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, and the letter proves an effective campaign document.

General Scales's work in the eastern counties is accomplishing great good. The Democrats are making votes in every county. All reports are of a gratifying character.

To-morrow night the State Exposition opens, illuminated by the electric light.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of North Carolina will assemble here Wednesday, and there will be a grand Templar parade.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee Confident of Five Thousand Democratic Majority.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WHEELING, W. VA., October 13.—If any one had for a moment doubted the absorbing interest in the West Virginia election, a glance at the streets to-day would have dissipated all such thoughts. From one end of the city to another groups of men have all day long earnestly and in some instances pugnaciously discussed the situation.

The various speakers who have been in the State are gathering here and all bring good reports irrespective of party. In fact, both political organizations have had extraordinary meetings. There has been a disposition to hear both sides. A Republican parade of 4,000 uniformed men is marching the streets to-night, and the enthusiasm is unbounded, but through it all the Democrats maintain their confidence and say they are safe, and there is no attempt made to deny that the result will be close. The most sanguine Democrat is content with the hope of electing his ticket by 5,000, while the majority say 3,000 will be the maximum. The *Intelligencer* (Republican) will say in the morning: "The labor put upon the State by the party and the returns received justifies the claim that a Republican victory will be won. If a fair count is had such will be the result. Opinions telegraphed to this city from a score of country editors are all to the effect that no accurate predictions can be made, with chances slightly in favor of the Republicans. So far as can be foretold to-night, that view is correct. A tremendous vote will be cast. It is hoped that the result will be known by midnight to-morrow." The chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee telegraphs as follows from headquarters at Parkersburg:

"We will carry the State by 10,000 majority, and have a good working majority in both branches of the Legislature.

[Signed] "D. B. LEONARD,
"Chairman Democratic Executive Committee."

The *Register* predicts the election of the entire Democratic State ticket, except Supreme judges, by from six to eight thousand majority.

W. J. W. Cowden, chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee, says: "We have a fighting chance, and I believe we will win."

The Drought in the South.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHATTANOOGA, October 13.—Since July the 9th the drought has prevailed in lower East Tennessee, North Georgia, and North Alabama, the region of which Chattanooga is the centre. Specials to the *Times* indicate that all the farming interests are seriously imperilled, and unless there is rain soon the result will be disastrous. Grazing lands are burned up, and the creeks are dry. The Tennessee river at this point is within three inches of the lowest point ever known.

Washington Items.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 13.—The Marine Hospital Bureau is informed that the bark William Fisher, from Aspinwall, is in quarantine at Ship Island, and that one of her crew is sick in the hospital there with yellow-fever.

The International Prime Meridian Conference to-day adopted the meridian of Greenwich. The representatives of France and Brazil did not vote, and the representative of San Domingo voted against it.

Coughs, colds, and sore-throat yield readily to B. H. Douglass & Sons' Capsicum Cough Drops.

LATEST FROM OHIO.

THE EVE OF A GREAT BATTLE.

Talk in Columbus—Figures Given Out Yesterday—Both Parties Claiming the State by a Small Majority.

George W. Adams, proprietor of the Washington *Star*, telegraphs to his paper from Columbus, under date of yesterday, as follows:

The last day of the campaign develops some changes, though each party still claims to have organized victory. The respective committees give out to-day some data as to estimated majorities, and, while claiming as a rule that figures don't lie, are willing to admit that they are sometimes misplaced. The Democratic Committee foot up a majority of 9,224. The Republican Committee are not quite so exact, but adhere to the general claim of 8,000 to 10,000 majority. This committee have deemed it unwise to make public their real estimate, but the fact is their actual figures make a total of over 18,000 majority, and all over 10,000 they expect to furnish in the way of what they call "the Maine surprise" over again. They have endeavored to keep this very quiet, but it is the estimate they have sent to Mr. Blaine, and which they will stand by, and which they claim will be verified before the sun sets to-morrow.

GROUNDS FOR REPUBLICAN CONFIDENCE.

These figures were all made on Saturday, but since then the committee has received information which gives them greater confidence in their estimate. One of the reasons for this is a revision of the wool-growers' vote, which gives the Republicans the benefit of a more decided change than had been anticipated. In a letter received from a prominent wool-grower, he says: "We punished the Republicans for reducing the duty on wool, and now we are going to punish the Democrats for not rejoicing at it." Another reason for their restored confidence is advices from the Western Reserve that the full Republican vote is going to the polls, while advices received this morning are quite encouraging in some quarters as to the German vote. These facts have certainly given the Republicans much more confidence than they had on Saturday. They declare that nothing but money and fraud can defeat them.

AN ALLEGED CORRUPTION FUND.

A telegram from the National Democratic Committee that a fund of $150,000 has been sent from New York since Saturday for distribution in Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati to aid the Republicans is pronounced a falsehood by Chairman Oglevie. The Democratic chairman, however, has advised the Democratic managers in those cities to look out for such a corruption fund.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS CONFIDENT OF CARRYING OHIO, INDIANA, AND NEW YORK.

Outside of the Democratic Committee the leaders of the party here are confident beyond question of a triumph in Ohio, Indiana, and New York.

Governor Hendricks left this morning for Parkersburg, West Virginia, where he makes his last speech in the October campaign. In conversation he said that he was confident that the Democrats would carry Ohio. Of Indiana he had no doubt whatever, and the result in November, he predicted, would be the election of the Democratic ticket. He was not, however, so confident of Ohio as of Indiana. Even if Ohio did go Republican now, as it did in 1876, he added that New York would go for Cleveland in November, just as it did for Tilden in 1876. He was not enthusiastic, but quiet and earnest in his predictions. He says this is the greatest and hardest campaign he ever was in, but that it has improved his health very much. His speech in Parkersburg to-night is to be a joint one with General Woodford, of New York.

COOPERATION OF BOTH PARTIES IN DETECTING FRAUD.

This afternoon there was a meeting of citizens designated by the Republican State Committee with a committee appointed by the Cleveland and Hendricks club to cooperate in detecting fraud at the polls to-morrow. The Republican Committee appeal to the business-men of the entire State to close their places of business to-morrow and to devote the day to organization in the interest of the purity of the ballot-box.

THERE NEVER WAS SUCH A CRY OF FRAUD in the history of politics in this State, and whichever party is defeated is going to run to cover under it. Tissue ballots, combination tickets, fraudulent votes and voters are all named in frightful array. One of the charges brought into the Republican Committee to-day was that twenty-six Democratic newspaper-men now here were to be voted. When the latter heard of it they were very much amused.

POLITICAL MEETINGS IN THE CHURCHES.

The interest in the close of the campaign is shown in the fact that some of the churches are thrown open for political meetings. General King, of Baltimore, addressed the Republicans from the pulpit of a Baptist church in London, Ohio, on Saturday evening. He says there was a banner in front of the church inscribed: "London, England, is for Grover Cleveland; London, Ohio, is for James G. Blaine." A large mass-meeting was held in the Rev. Mr. Poindexter's church here last evening. Professor R. T. Greener, of Washington, was among the speakers. He said that 10,000 colored voters in Ohio were all in line of battle, and declared that instead of inquiring how the colored men were going to vote the Republicans ought to send 10,000 colored missionaries into the white congregations to preach the salvation of the nation. The meeting closed by the choir singing, "Surely the Captain May Depend on Me."

Of the white churches the *Journal* this morning says: "The leading prayers in the churches yesterday were *pro forma* non-partisan, if one may speak so of them, but as a matter of fact the Republican brethren found it exceedingly easy to respond with earnest amens to the spirit of the petitions."

PICTURESQUE FEATURES OF THE CAMPAIGN—WOMEN AND CHILDREN MINGLE IN THE FRAY.

One of the interesting features of the mass-meetings of Saturday afternoon last was the appearance of ladies on horseback. At one place there were 200 of them, with flags, streamlets, and banners, in single columns, front face, between which the speakers of the day were escorted. Thirty-eight little children were dressed to represent the States, while two young ladies as the goddesses of liberty supported the speakers' stands—as "Ohio on one side and Maine on the other." This is but one of many of the picturesque parts of this most remarkable campaign.

A LARGE VOTE EXPECTED.

Both committees now agree that the vote will be almost as full as the presidential election. The Democratic committee estimate a vote of 795,000, while the Republicans place it in round numbers at 800,000. Large as the vote is, and small as the margin of results promises to be either way when compared with this immense total, complete arrangements have been made to receive the full returns here. Two large halls have been fitted up with telegraphic instruments, and every return will be received and compared with the vote of two years ago and then immediately announced to the country.

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE TWO STATE COMMITTEES

were quite deserted this afternoon. Mr. Filley was alone at Republican headquarters. He said the mail and telegrams received since morning were of the most reassuring character, but that the work of the campaign was over and that there was nothing left but to vote and watch repeaters. He added that the Democrats had control of fifty-four of the eighty-eight counties of the State and might count their ticket in.

At the Democratic Committee they declared that all they had new was fresh advices from Hamilton county promising an increase of the estimated Democratic majority; and Chairman Bargar added: "As goes Hamilton county so goes Ohio." No United States marshals have been appointed here and none will be, as the election promises to be a peaceful one. There will be a suspension of all business in most of the cities in the State to-morrow.

Two Men Fall Through a Hatchway and are Killed.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CINCINNATI, October 13.—William T. Thomas, an attendant in the Cincinnati Hospital, while drawing a truck containing Chris. Tudhorst, a patient, upon an elevator to take him to the amphitheatre for a clinical lecture, fell through the hatchway, pulling the truck after him, and both were killed. The elevator had been taken up without his knowledge.

Fatal Collision on the Pennsylvania Road.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CAMDEN, N. J., October 13.—A collision occurred here between two Pennsylvania railroad trains this morning. Joseph Carman, engineer of one train, was killed, and the fireman of the other train fatally injured, having both legs cut off. Several passengers were hurt. Both engines were smashed. The West Jersey railroad train was going over the cross-switch at Third street just as the morning train from Burlington was about to pass. Before the switchman had time to warn either train the crash came. Engineer Carman, who lives at Burlington, was dragged out from the ruins of his engine dead and his body terribly mangled. His fireman was also badly hurt. The fireman of the other train had both legs broken and was badly scalded, and it is thought he cannot live. Several passengers were hurt by being thrown from their seats and by broken glass, but so far as is known none were seriously injured.

Hendricks Cheered Within Blaine's Hearing.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

COLUMBUS, October 13.—Mr. Blaine left Lancaster at a little after 9 o'clock for Toledo via Columbus. Just as he started the train going down on the Hocking-Valley railroad carrying Mr. Hendricks, the Democratic candidate for Vice-President, arrived at Lancaster. The crowd at the depôt cheered Mr. Hendricks when he appeared on the rear platform of the train, and he returned thanks in a very brief speech, in the course of which he said: "If Ohio to-morrow shall support the Democratic cause, the fight is over; but if Ohio to-morrow shall not do that, then in Indiana and in Ohio the State's fight is unto death." At Columbus ex-Governor Foster and Chairman Oglevie, of the Republican State Committee, and Commissioner Dudley, boarded Mr. Blaine's car. There was a stop here of over an hour, but the car was left on the outskirts of the city, and did not go into the depôt at all.

Brighton-Beach Races.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 13.—At Brighton Beach to-day the first race was for a purse of $250, three quarters of a mile. Cordelia won; Emmet second. Time, 2:20.

Second race—same prize, one mile and an eighth—Harriet won; Clarence second. Time, 1:59.

Third race—purse $400, handicap, one mile—King Fan won by a length; Montauk second. Time, 1:45.

Fourth race—purse $250, seven eighths of a mile—R. Monee won; Henry B. second. Time, 1:33.

Fifth race—same prizes, for Brighton maiden, seven eighths of a mile—Freida won; Nital second. Time, 1:31.

The Government Machinery at Work—Arrest of Spotters.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CINCINNATI, October 13.—Detective Rathbone, of the United States Secret Service, to-night arrested twelve men on the charge of conspiring to use frauds at election. The men are all white. They say that they came here under the direction of the chief of police of Lexington, Ky., to "spot" colored repeaters from that place. Their railroad tickets were provided by the mayor of Lexington, and were good to return until Wednesday morning. Their board bill was also paid up to that time. More arrests are expected to-night, and United States Commissioner Harper will probably remain up all night to hear the cases.

The Beecher-Joy Controversy.

[New York Herald.]

Ex-Assemblyman W. S. Andrews told a *Herald* reporter yesterday that Mr. Elijah Smith, president of the Oregon and Transcontinental Transportation Company, fully confirmed the statements made by the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher as to the latter's conversation with Mr. James F. Joy respecting an offer on the part of Mr. Blaine to make an appointment on a congressional committee in the interest of a railroad in which Mr. Joy was concerned, provided Mr. Joy took off Mr. Blaine's hands certain depreciated railroad bonds. Mr. Andrews added that Mr. Smith was present at this conversation and remembered perfectly its purport.

Reward for Information.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

QUEBEC, October 13.—The Government has increased the reward offered for information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the authors of Saturday's outrage to $4,000, to which Charlebois, the contractor, adds $500. All the offices in the departmental buildings were open to-day and the clerks were at their desks. It is thought that the infernal machine was placed in the buildings Friday night. Four men were seen hanging around in that vicinity on that night acting in a suspicious manner.

Murder in Henry County.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

DANVILLE, VA., October 13, 1884.

A day or two ago Fred. Hairston (colored), employed by a man named Moore (also colored) to care barn-tobacco in Henry county, became enraged because Moore complained of his manner of doing it and knocked him down with a stick. As Moore was in the act of getting on his feet again Hairston struck him another blow and killed him. Hairston has been arrested and lodged in jail at Henry Courthouse.

Reception to Mesweeney, the Suspect.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 13.—A number of Irish-American citizens met at the New York Hotel to-night and appointed Friday evening and the Academy of Music as the time and place for a public reception to Daniel Mesweeney, the Irish suspect, who arrived in New York yesterday.

Bank Officers to be Tried for Felony.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PITTSBURGH, October 13.—The grand jury to-day found true bills against President Riddle and Cashier Reber, of the defunct Penn Bank for conspiracy and the embezzlement of $1,200,000, and against T. J. Watson, oil broker, for conspiracy to defraud the Penn Bank depositors.

Made an Assignment.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., October 13.—Eugene Hammel, dealer in ladies' and gentlemen's furnishing goods, has made an assignment. His liabilities are $12,000 and his assets $10,000. The assignment was made to obtain an extension of time, and he will reôpen.

Secret-Society Funds in Danger.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

CINCINNATI, October 13.—S. S. Davis & Co., private bankers, made an assignment to-day to T. C. Campbell. Their liabilities are estimated at $60,000; assets, $50,000. Among the liabilities are a number of trust funds of benevolent- and secret-society organizations.

Congressional Nominations.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, October 13.—Congressional nominations: Democrats Tenth Pennsylvania, William H. Sowden; Democrats Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania, John M. Stockdale; Republicans Eighth Missouri, William M. Eccles.

Beecher to Speak.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, October 13.—It is said that Henry Ward Beecher has consented to deliver a Cleveland-and-Hendricks speech in the Brooklyn Academy of Music. The date is not yet announced.

NOWHERE.

MIND YOU, WE SAY IT DELIBERATELY—

IS THERE ANYWHERE NEAR AS MUCH NEW STOCK IN CHILDREN'S SUITS TO SELECT FROM AS HERE. WE SAY NEW STOCK FOR THE REASON THAT "THE HOLD-ON-FOR-EVER-FOR-A-PROFIT" MAXIM THAT MANY HOUSES HAVE ADOPTED ACCUMULATES LOTS OF OLD STOCK, TO WHICH THEY ADD A FEW NEW ONES, PRESENTING APPARENTLY A LARGE STOCK. HERE, AT HEADQUARTERS, THE STOCK IS ALL NEW. OUT OF THOUSANDS OF SUITS NOT A CARRIED SUIT TO SHOW, AS WE SOLD ALL WE HAD CARRIED TO DEALERS, WHO WERE ANXIOUS FOR THEM, AT A CONCESSION IN PRICE. WHENEVER YOU ARE READY TO LOOK, WE ARE ANXIOUS TO SHOW.

FOR THE LARGER FOLKS WE HAVE EVERYTHING IN THE WAY OF CLOTHES. THIS WEATHER REMINDS ONE OF THE NECESSITY OF HAVING A FALL OVERCOAT. WE HAVE THEM IN SIZES FROM 32 TO 52-INCH BREAST MEASURES, AND FROM $10 TO $40. SURELY A GOOD RANGE TO SELECT FROM.

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LEADERS IN CLOTHING, ETC.
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(OPPOSITE POST-OFFICE).
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Base-Ball Yesterday.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

Buffalo: Buffalo, 2; Boston, 2. Ten innings; game called on account of darkness.

St. Louis: St. Louis (Unions), 14; St. Paul, 1.

New York: Metropolitan, 3; Indianapolis, 1. Six innings; darkness.

Cincinnati: Cincinnati (Unions), 15; Boston (Unions), 11.

Brooklyn: Cincinnati, 5; Brooklyn, 2.

Baltimore: St. Louis, 5; Baltimore, 4. Seven innings; darkness.

Philadelphia: Columbus, 3; Athletics, 2.

Pittsburgh: Providence, 9; Allegheny, 0. Exhibition game.

Detroit: Detroit, 3; New York, 4.

A Shut Down.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

PITTSBURGH, PA., October 13.—The Standard Nut Company closed down its works to-day because the employés refused to accept a reduction of 20 per cent. in wages. The works are controlled by Oliver Brothers & Phillips.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.]

ATLANTA, GA., October 13.—A saw-mill boiler exploded in Haralson county to-day, killing J. C. Rogers, the proprietor, James B. Ezon, and Bud Pardon, and injuring several others.

Late Weather Report.

[Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, October 14—1:39 *A. M.*—For the Middle Atlantic States, decidedly cooler, northeasterly winds, fair weather, except on the coast, increasing cloudiness and probable light local rains, higher barometer:

For the South Atlantic States, fair weather, northeasterly winds, slight fall in temperature in northern portion, stationary temperature in southern portion.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY was clear and warm.

THERMOMETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 64; 9 A. M., 74; noon, 87; 3 P. M., 87; 6 P. M., 81; midnight, 80