

The Golden Era.

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BLAINE blustered.

BELVA bellered.

BENJAMIN bucked.

St. JOHN sneaked and snivelled.

BUT Cleveland's club knocked the persimmons.

CLEVELAND and Maud S. are now considered the fastest flyers in the country.

THE moon is now about to the end of her last quarter and so are the fellows who bet on Blaine.

THE President has appointed Gov. Schuyler Crosby, of Montana, first assistant postmaster general.

EVEN poor old Santa Fe is tired of the Ring. Prince got out of the county with only 25 majority over Joseph.

THIS is the year of jubilee for all good democrats, who have kept the faith and held their grip on the ragged edge.

THE count in New York is finished. The child is born, and his name is Grover Cleveland. The majority in the state is 1147. That do settle it. Whoop-la!

MAUD S. has beaten her own time again and made the fastest mile on record. At Lexington, Kentucky, Nov. 11th she trotted her mile without break or skip in 1:09 1/2.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL, in his speech at Raton the 12th, announced it as his intention to make New Mexico his home. Come on Bob, we hope it will be as near Hades as you will ever get.

BEN. BUTLER has been bottled up again, but will manage to poke his head far enough out of the bottle occasionally to cock his eye at the weather gauge to see how the wind is blowing for a political cyclone in 1888.

SOME of the papers are again speculating over the causes of the lurid sunsets. Some lay it to the redness produced by celebrating the election of Cleveland, but to a candid observer it is plain to be seen, the sun is blushing at the lies the papers tell about it.

A LARGE barbecue was held by the stockmen at Springer the 12th. An ox, a pig or two and several other things were roasted and toasted, followed by an address by Col. R. G. Ingersoll and others, and wound up with a grand baile. Bob's barbecue will come later.

THE last heard from the yachting party who started up Salt river they were about two sheets and a Mother Hubbard in the wind and the trio, Blaine, Belva and Ben, were in the act of tossing St. John, the apostle overboard thus giving him to his native element as fool for fishes.

ANTHONY JOSEPH carried nine out of the thirteen counties of the territory. Prince carried three—San Miguel, Santa Fe and Bernalillo. Ryerson carried two—Valencia and Dona Ana, and Joseph got all the rest. His majority, when the corrected returns are all in will be about 2,500.

BELVA Lockwood will probably follow the course of empire and the footsteps of Bob. Ingersoll and come west. The state of Texas gave her five votes for president. Tom Ochiltree is supposed to have cast one of them but where the other four came from is what is agitating the people over there.

THE Kingston Clipper is inspired with hope that times are getting more "flush" from the fact that the boys of that place have gathered enough chips together to start up a poker game once more. That is about as lappy a delusion as it is for us to bet on having chicken pie for dinner when we see the smoke coming out of the kitchen stovepipe.

JAMES G. BLAINE will take up his residence in Washington this winter but will not occupy the White House. His time will be devoted to the completion of his book: "Twenty years in Congress." He will probably add the supplement: "What I don't know about running for President."

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This proves that a newspaper prophet may be a liag even in his own country.

A PAPER published over in Sierra county speaks of a vast amount of precious metal being taken from the bowels of mother earth. There has been a suspicion for a long time that there was something the matter with the old girl, but no one had the remotest idea that she was loaded that way. It is to be hoped that these fellows west of the Rio Grande, now that they have discovered her real disease, will succeed in relieving her digestion of its heavy weight and that she may continue on in her smooth celestial orbit just as if this slight disorder in her internal arrangements and the presidential election, which has slightly affected her complexion, had never occurred.

ELSEWHERE will be found a proclamation, couched in very becoming and subdued language, setting apart Thursday, the 27th day of the present month, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer for such few blessings as we had a right to expect. It will be noticed that the name of the boss Imbecile is conspicuous for its absence, and that his chief huzzoist makes the proclamation. His transitory Eccellency, the Governor, went up to Ohio some time ago to gather in his rutabagas and squashes and the news from the late election has made some repairs about his old ranch absolutely necessary. Hence the issuing of his executive orders by proxy. None but Democrats are expected to observe Thanksgiving day this year.

OLD Inaccuracy, of the Leader, says that "unless it be through some technicality in the returns, Barber has everlastingly beaten Geo. T. Beall for the Council." The Era is sorry to deprive him even of this one opportunity of working off his bile, but Democratic papers have been telling the truth during the campaign to the utter disgruntlement of much larger men than the person in question. This is the way the vote stands on the returns of the three counties; Sierra not voting for Councilman: Lincoln county, Beall, 533; Barber, 255. Dona Ana county, Beall, 143; Barber, 910. Grant county, Beall, 543; Barber, nothing. Beall's majority 54! If the returns from Seven Rivers and Black River precincts, this county, had come in on time it would have increased Beall's majority 66 more.

At last modest merit has its reward. Bond, of the Mesilla News, has been elected as one of the river commissioners of Dona Ana county. We do not know what the duties and responsibilities of the office are, but suppose it is to confine the river within its banks when it gets on a tear, corral the drift wood that might otherwise be taken beyond the limits of the county and rescue the boys and girls who go in swimming beyond their depth. At least it must be some office of importance but little below that of the presidency or Bond would never have consented, after all these years of patient waiting, to have sacrificed himself, and he has the warmest congratulations of his friends over here in Lincoln, and may his paper from this time forth cease to wear that washed-out look it has borne in times past.

STEPHEN F. WILSON, the Pennsylvania lawyer who was sent out to New Mexico to brace up on governmental pap and mountain breezes, has taken the oath of office and is now holding down Judge Bristol's chair at Deming. He is described

as a man sixty years old, tall, with an eagle eye and wears a white beard, a plug hat and a spike tail coat. This is the type of man usually set down as belonging to the fossiliferous period, and was sent out here, no doubt, to ornament the museum, along with the others that have been shelved from time to time. He is said to be a bachelor, without even a Maria Halpin experience to recommend him, but has held similar appointments in his native state. Ah, me! How soon our brightest visions fade. His ad interim will continue to the 4th of March next and then comes a new and better dispensation, and the New Mexico relics will be gathered together and laid away among the mummies of the Republican dynasty.

The majorities for the different candidates, had the poll books of Seven Rivers and Black River regged here in time to have been counted would have stood as follows: Joseph, 274; Beall, 347; Poe, 513; Taliaferro, 406; McDonald, 108; Dolan, 182; Aguayo, 102; Lane, 270.

A FASHION reporter says the latest thing in stockings does away with garters and all kinds of other contrivances by lacing the tops of the stockings under the knee down to the bulge of the calf. When this item was submitted to the live stock editor of this paper for counsel and advice he said he thought the latest thing in stockings was the feet of the wearer, but thought the lacing might be safely recommended provided it was done to strangle the calf who wrote the article in question.

Two years ago attention was called to the manner of numbering the ballot as voted to correspond with the name of the voter on the poll books, as being antagonistic to the American idea of a free ballot. This is often used, not only by officials, but by a prying public to determine how certain men voted, and is often used against the individual freeman by unscrupulous persons to gratify petty spite and personal revenge. This system calls loudly for reform, as it has come down to us from the days of peonage when a few men held the freedom and the franchises of the many in their hands and used them for corrupt purposes. The following from the Raton Independent explains the workings of this abuse:

The system of voting in New Mexico should be changed. There is no secrecy in the ballot as at present managed. The voter has his name registered on the poll list of course. When he deposits his ballot a number is placed on it and the same number opposite his name. On the counting of the votes it is evident the preference of each citizen is easily ascertained. With many it is a matter of no consequence how many know the way a vote is cast. With others it is a matter of much importance. If a man has in his employ several men and expresses his desire to have a certain candidate elected, it is very simple for him to notify his employes that he expects them to vote for his man, and at the same time gives them to understand that should they vote opposite his interests their bread and butter stops. If they have the same preference it is right, but if the opposite is the case—and it generally is—some protection should be afforded them. A change in the present management should be firmly demanded. The system now in vogue worked well enough in the days of peonage, but it won't work now.

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