

THE Courier-Journal confidently looks to see the republican party break down in its attempt to govern the country. It is still a war party. It is not for national uses, or for a state of peace. Its animating spark is a malign spirit of domination caught from the dying brands of sectional triumph of which it was the lucky accident. Its cohesive principle is a system of legalized robbery and jobbery, born of the war, which appeals to organized capital, and the pledge of a system of agrarian pillage, given to an army of camp-followers, with whom it proposes to disgrace the American soldier's roll of honor, the pension list. It has no fixed ideas of convictions, but is merely an aggregation of all that is spurious and fanciful in morals, of all that is false and vicious in economies, of all that is time-serving and corrupt in methods. It is, where it is best, a mandarin sentimentalist, and, where it is worst, an adventurer and a sharper, trading upon the passions of such fools as it is able to bamboozle, buy or bully. It can not last. It may wreck the country; but it will surely wreck itself.

THERE is a growing feeling of distrust for the system of electors, since the popular majority is frequently ignored and the minority candidate declared president, but the framers of our Federal constitution were wise and far-seeing men and in providing for the electoral college were governed by three reasons. First, it would give equality and co-equality to the several States. Second, it would insure perpetually such equality and co-equality and preserve State autonomy. Third, it would insure the country a president who was neither a felon who had been guilty of crime after the people had voted for electors, nor demented, if properly carried out. Voting for a president and vice-president direct would be centralizing and in a few years local self-government would be ignored. It would revolutionize our State political machinery and the Federal constitution itself.

Gov. BECKNER'S thanksgiving proclamation is short and to the point. It simply says: "It having become a custom sanctioned by frequent observance for the people of the Commonwealth to devote a particular day to the duty of giving thanks to the Supreme Being for the benefits conferred upon mankind, I hereby designate Thursday, the 20th day of November, to be set apart to be observed in such manner as each individual may deem appropriate as a day of thanksgiving to the Creator of the universe for the blessings we have received at His hands."

THE Rucker-Blackburn business continues to fill the newspapers, which since the election are lured up for items. It turns out that Rucker is far from being the fire-eater described and those who know him say there is no danger of a hostile meeting between him and our junior Senator. He is said to be of a class who "know-it-all" and is given to drawing a long bow and bragging of his intimacy with public men.

THE official vote of New York shows that Harrison received 648,114 votes, Cleveland 634,715 and Fisk 30,692, making Harrison's plurality 13,399, against Cleveland's of 1,147 four years ago. Gov. Hill's majority is 18,123 and there were 6,000 less votes cast in the gubernatorial race than in the presidential. The prohibitionists gain about 5,000 over St. John's vote, which was 25,906.

JOHN C. New, of Indianapolis, who is supposed from his close relations to Gen. Harrison to know what he is talking about, gives the democratic office holders this crumb of comfort: "I do not believe that there will be any great haste in turning out the democrats. There will be no clean sweep. The greater number of changes and those first made will be in the postal service."

THE press boys generally will be glad to know that C. M. Meacham will be one of them again. He has purchased his old love, the Hopkinsville South Kentuckian, from his late partner, W. A. Wilgus, who has conducted the paper in a most creditable manner during Meacham's absence of a year.

COL. W. M. HULL, the light of whose column was obscured much during the election times, has come from under the cloud and now shines forth brighter than ever. It is one good thing that is left in the general shaking up of all our hopes.

THE Louisville Post publishes a letter from Weiser, the man who hung the Dilger jury, which shows the dense stupidity of the creature and calls aloud for a change in our jury system, which places a premium on ignorance.

COL. DAN LAMONT is a "bigger" man than old Cleveland—at least in the eyes of the women. He has just become the parent of a blooming heir, while the latter hasn't even a prospect.

CLEVELAND'S plurality in Connecticut is not as large as a barn door, but it will surely, it is said, Fisk got 4,631, or nearly double St. John's vote.

THE Richmond State says the tariff issue redeemed 6 out of the 8 Virginia districts lost by the democracy two years ago. Then the great issue was concealed and ignored. The democratic vote fell off 50,000. This year tariff was talked unceasingly in the press and on the hustings. It was on the lips of everybody. It excluded nearly everything else. Mahoneism was rarely mentioned. The tariff was the paramount, all-absorbing issue. And Virginia was carried for the democrats, and her democratic representatives in Congress were increased from two to eight. The reason is plain. Virginia is democratic. Her people love great democratic principles. It is by continued democratic teaching, not by desperate and futile attempts to hide the real policy of the democratic party and imitate the republicans, that success for the democracy of Virginia can be made sure.

THE Court of Appeals has rendered a decision affirming the action of the lower court setting aside a fraudulent sale made by the sweet-scented scrub, Dr. Godfrey Hunter, who now misrepresents the 3d district in Congress. It seems that the doctor, who had procured a pension for the widow of a dead soldier, got most of it himself by selling her 13 acres of land for \$800 that were not worth \$150, she relying on his honor and judgment entirely. The decision is pretty severe on Hunter, but that won't hurt him with his party. At least that party has never refused to honor another of its members whose actions were severely criticized by the same court a few years ago.

THE raving fire-eater of the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette is giving himself much concern over the Southern question. There is no Southern question that needs Federal interference and any attempt made by the republicans to open up questions long ago settled there, by resorting to the methods that prevailed after the war, will result disastrously. The Southern people will not permit a return to carpet-bagger rule, even if they have to seek desperate means to prevent it.

NEARLY every little whipper-snapper of a republican who ran for Congress and got gloriously left is trumping up excuses and technicalities upon which to make a contest before Congress. The reason of this is two-fold. The republicans need to increase their majority, which is too slender to be relied on, and the contestant gets big pay for making the claim. The latter is the biggest item to the poverty-stricken scamp.

ONE gallant Kentucky republican, who was crushed by an avalanche of an adverse 7,655 majority, has wisely concluded not to contest for the seat in Congress his constituents have said so plainly he must not occupy. We refer to Col. Arnsstead Miller Swope, the handsomest and cleverest republican in Kentucky, always and ever excepting John W. Yerkes, of Danville.

TALKING about war, here it comes in earnest. Brv. Thomas, of the Monticello Signal, speaks of the editor of the Columbia Herald as "a lying, contemptible, low-bred scoundrel, who does not deserve the respect of a dog." The Blackburn-Rucker business will sink into insignificance when this battle gets on.

THE official returns show that Gov. McCreary's plurality is 1,549, the mountain vote scattering out further for Excell than was reported. None received 612, so McCreary beat both competitors together 457 votes.

IT is sent out from Washington that Phil Thompson has won another suit with a \$10,000 fee, making a score or more of such in a year or such a matter. Our Phil is getting too rich for anything, if reports be true.

HARRISON has appointed Elijah W. Halford, managing editor of the Indianapolis Journal, to be his private secretary. The appointee is a bloody Englishman, with a newspaper experience of 25 years.

BOTH sides continue to claim the governorship and the legislature of West Virginia, but it is about settled that Cleveland gets the electoral vote of the State and that keeps the Solid South in line.

JOE BLACKBURN may be pretty handy with a pistol, but a cowboy is mighty bad medicine. So if he is as wise as a serpent he will continue to shoot with his mouth at long range. It is safer.

IT is said that a messenger bearing a challenge to mortal combat is flying as fast as the cars can take him from Rucker to Blackburn. But there will be no fight. You can gamble on that.

NEWS CONDENSED.

—Senator Colquitt was re-elected Tuesday without opposition.

—Alabama gives Cleveland 60,113 plurality. Fisk's vote is 583.

—Mississippi's official returns give Cleveland 85,474, Harrison 30,096, Fisk 218.

—Carlisle's official plurality is 6,020 and his majority over both his competitors 5,819.

—A K. C. freight struck and instantly killed S. C. Whitford, aged 75 and deaf, at Butler, Monday.

—Dan Thomas, a very bad Nicholasville negro, was stabbed through the heart by another negro.

—Fisk got 61 votes in Casey.

—Cleveland's majority in Virginia is but 1,535, or 4,606 as against four years ago.

—Rhode Island has abolished the property qualification for voting by an amendment to the constitution.

—Two negro brothers were hanged at Wichita, Kansas, Wednesday for the murder of two white brothers.

—It is thought that President Cleveland in his forthcoming message to Congress will make the tariff reduction issue paramount.

—In the vicinity of Staunton, Va., snow fell Monday night to the depth of two inches, followed by sleet and a drenching rain.

—Judge Withers shot and killed a negro in Fleming county for insolence to his family and prowling around his house after dark.

—The Somerset Reporter printed the name of every man in Pulaski that voted the prohibition ticket, and it didn't take much space either.

—Only 7 presidents of the United States have been re-elected. These are Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Lincoln and Grant.

—James T. Alvey, aged 25 years, a track-walker on the L. & N., was killed Monday night, three miles north of New Haven, by a freight train.

—Lord Sackville goes as British Minister to Spain. The Washington mission has been tendered to Lord Vivian, British Minister at Brussels.

—John Pflom shot and killed Kate O. Malesch, a widow, at Freeport, Minn. He was in love with her and she had aroused his jealousy at a ball.

—South Carolina's official vote shows a majority for Cleveland of 52,085, an increase of over 4,000. If Fisk got any votes they fail to appear in the official list.

—W. W. Drummond, once supreme judge of Utah, dropped dead in a Chicago grocery. For several years he had been a drunken pauper. A woman dragged him down.

—Samuel Holmes, a well known planter of Fort Smith, Ark., while drunk attacked his sister-in-law, Mary Thompson, who seized a shot gun and fired at him. Holmes dropped dead.

—The inauguration of President-elect Harrison will surpass all former ones in elaborate preparation and magnitude. The Pension building has been reserved for the inaugural ball.

—In Washington county, a little girl 4 years old, daughter of Richard Cavanaugh, fell into a large kettle of boiling water setting on the kitchen hearth and died almost instantly.

—When F. S. Lucas, of Chicago, set about committing suicide he shot himself in the head, severed the arteries at the wrists, cut his throat and slashed his temples. He succeeded.

—The Whitechapel (London) murderer has gotten in his 9th victim in the person of another prostitute, whom he mutilated in the same manner as described on our first page.

—Oscar Carmichael, a convict, killed Guard Gresham with a stone at the camp near Sunnyside, Ga., and, with other convicts, escaped. The pursuing posse riddled him with bullets.

—Wednesday's bulletin from Jacksonville reads: New cases 3; deaths 2; total cases 4,646; total deaths 465. Of the new cases 1 was white. The weather is cold and a heavy rain storm prevails.

—Near Gilbert's Station, in Albemarle county, Va., Porterfield Brock was shot and killed by his son, who afterward blew out his own brains. The old man was about to marry again and the boy objected.

—William Henry Harrison was defeated for Congress in Louisiana the other day and yesterday in Christian county, Ky., Ben Harrison fell from a wagon and broke his neck. Another Ben Harrison is a little more lucky.

—Official returns from the late election show the total vote in Ohio to be 842,941. The republican plurality for Secretary of State is 21,988, or 10,000 less than in 1884. The total labor vote is 3,452 and the prohibition vote 19,420.

—The latest is that President and Mrs. Cleveland will sail for Europe about May 1, arriving in Paris in time to attend the Exposition. On their return to this country Mr. Cleveland will become president of one of the most prosperous banks in New York.

—J. C. Arnold, the brother of the slayer of Judge Little, who killed a sleeping car porter near Laramie, Wyoming, has been adjudged insane. He was from Jessamine county and is the same man who was sent to jail for a year for trying to kill the commonwealth's attorney during the trial of his brother.

—It is stated that a determined effort will be made on the assembling of the new congress to make a reduction of the tax on whisky, probably reducing it 50 cents on the gallon. The leaders on the republican side see the necessity for an early reduction of the revenues and many are in favor of making a partial reduction in this manner.

—The National Prohibition Committee will meet in Louisville in December. The committee will consist of two delegates from each State and the object of the meeting is to discuss ways and means for the future prohibition campaign throughout the Union. The object in meeting in Louisville, right in the fine whisky-producing center, is to show the whisky men that the workers in the cause are still active and that prohibition sentiment exists even in a Kentucky community.

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