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CLEVELAND ELECTED.

Notwithstanding the doubt, expressed below, as to Cleveland's election, the later returns, together with the concessions made by the New York Tribune and Commercial Advertiser, make it appear morally certain that Mr. Cleveland will be the next president.

It is impossible at this hour (3 a. m.) to furnish positive and unequivocal figures on the general election results. The democrats claim New York, Indiana and Illinois, and a majority in the electoral college, but there is yet reason to believe that the first returns are not conclusive, although it is probable that Grover Cleveland will be the next president.

In the state the returns do not indicate with any degree of certainty what the result will be, although, despite the claims of the democrats, the state is believed to be reclaimed from the democrats in all departments.

In the county the returns are so late and the figures so complicated that THE HERALD does not feel justified in making any prediction or estimate.

On the whole it is better to await the later returns, which will be much more satisfactory in establishing the results in nation, state and county.

CRUSH ANARCHY.

In calling attention to the recent hostile demonstration of the anarchists the Chicago Journal significantly says: "The anarchists learn slowly. There came a group of these people to this county, settled in Chicago, declared that affairs here were not properly conducted, and terminated their unlawful acts by the commission of wholesale murder. The American treatment of the anarchists was simple. A number of them were hanged.

"In the hanging of the anarchists was demonstrated plainly what will happen to such persons in the United States when they seek by force to overthrow the institutions established by reasoning people. The illustration was forcible enough, certainly, but the remaining anarchists seemingly learned nothing. They slunk from sight for a time, but are gradually reappearing, are becoming defiant again, and have, seemingly, a real faith in the eventual overthrow of existing forms of government. They have begun the construction of a monument to their 'martyrs.'

It is now reported that a new "revenge" circular has been distributed and that murderous fools of the Spies type are again inciting their dreaming dupes to reckless deeds. There is but one course for the community to pursue under the circumstances. Humanity must protect itself against anarchists as against wolves and other wild beasts. The raving wretches must be prevented from doing any harm, if possible. If at any time they succeed for the moment they must be dealt with as wolves are. It is a practical question, and self-preservation is the first law. Chicago began well and must continue its record if the need arise.

WELCOMED CHANGE.

Yesterday's election in this city passed off so quietly that a stranger within our gates would not have known that it was in progress. There were no scenes of disorder anywhere. Unconsciously, but nevertheless effectively, the solemnity of the great contest was brought home to every man that entered the polling places to deposit his ballot. The change from the former excitement and passionate demonstrations was so marked that the strikers and heeled retired to their homes in disgust after voting. For this change the people are indebted to the Australian system of voting. By this system the evils that once corrupted elections have been removed. There is neither espionage nor intimidation. Every man is at liberty to vote without fear or restraint. Once inside the booth all considerations foreign to a free and unbought ballot are effectually blotted out. The voter stands alone with his conscience and if he will vote an incorruptible ballot there is none to persuade or frighten him to do otherwise.

The most commendable achievement of the new system is the removal of the ward-healer and political straggler. His occupation is gone. He can neither buy votes nor blackmail candidates. Once a terror to both he is now a cringing apopleptic without where to ply his nefarious calling nor with power to bleed the hapless nominee. While it is doubtless true that large sums of money were expended in this city for legitimate election expenses, it is indubitably true that no successful attempt to purchase votes outright

were consummated. The relief to candidates is immeasurable. It is possible now for a comparatively poor man to run for office. Formerly the question was not "Is he capable and honest?" but "has he a pad?" This is therefore a welcome innovation to candidate and voter alike.

ENGLISH LAND REFORM.

Discussing the English demand for land reform the Post of Chicago says: English tenant farmers have begun to clamor loudly for legislative interference in their behalf. They find themselves in a very unenviable plight. A succession of bad harvests has left many of them without means to pay their rent, but the landlords' agents are demanding that they pay up as promptly as before or get out. The English tenant farmers have noticed that the attention of the imperial parliament has been very largely taken up for nearly a quarter of a century with Irish affairs, and that the result has been a very material improvement in the condition of the Irish tenants. They are now demanding that some attention be given them and that some of the relief that has been given their Irish compatriots be extended to them.

First of all they want to be made as secure in their holdings as the Irish farmer now is. If stress of the times compels them to be delinquent they do not want to be turned out the first day in the term. Should disaster continue to attend them, so that it is evident that it will be impossible for them to relieve themselves, they want to be assured of some return for the improvements they or their fathers have put upon the lands they have tilled, and to have the right to sell these improvements to the highest bidder and not have to turn them over to the landlord or his creature at his own valuation.

Now that the battle is fought and the victory earned, THE HERALD returns from the field of politics until another struggle is on "with malice toward none," and extends cordial congratulations to the people that we are assured in the result that no American interest is imperiled. THE HERALD has conscientiously endeavored to support the principles and candidates of the party. Its lukewarmness towards one of the party candidates may seem to have been without justification, but it is sufficient to say that without a serious and solemn provocation no newspaper can, or will, afford to withhold its vigorous support from its party's candidates.

One of the reforms that needs instant attention is the appointment of quick-witted and accurate election clerks and inspectors. The delay in the count in this city last evening is attributable largely to the thick-headedness of men on the returning boards. These men were appointed not because of fitness, but as a political favor. If accurate and alert accountants were put in these positions the returns would all be completed by 12 o'clock. This suggestion is commended to the common council.

Is the whole republican county ticket or a majority of it is elected the credit for the result will belong to the candidates themselves. The county committee through its very efficient secretary and executive committee did noble work, and the individual members in season and out joined with THE HERALD in making a vigorous and uncompromising fight for it. On the whole it was a great day for the county ticket.

Among other amusing features of the campaign was the sudden and unexpected vigor displayed by the Democrats after every possible chance of accomplishing any good for its party had been dissipated. Its conservatism during the campaign made no friends, and possibly no enemies. A newspaper without earnest and energetic enemies is in the secondary stage of journalistic paresis.

You will not hear the familiar "I told you so" from the fellows that knew it all and lost. But deliver us from the fellows that had a "presentiment" and won; also the fellows that "figured the thing out"; also the fellows that went broke and want to borrow "a five for a day or two."

Another the only glory the craven and treacherous Eagle can get out of this campaign is in the re-election of At S. White. Its lukewarm support of the county ticket and the grand success the ticket achieved, makes the old bird look like a singed chicken.

Sheriff McQueen yesterday swore that he was a citizen of the United States and deposited his vote. If Mr. McQueen had made such a declaration a month ago he would have done himself greater credit.

Sheriff McQueen is defeated. His doubted citizenship led him to the slaughter. The Herald was the only newspaper in the city to force the fight on him, and having won, it feels mighty good over it.

At least \$100,000 changed hands in this city on the result. The betting was at no time spirited but no "bluffs" were permitted to go unchallenged to be used as campaign arguments.

From the latest available and reliable figures the election of a congressman in this district is in doubt. The republican presidential elector is elected by a handsome plurality.

Well, if it must be four years more of Grover, there is no help for it. But it's a grand good thing the McKinley bill is out of harm's way.

Without closely scrutinizing the totals it appears that the Duke of Kent succeeds himself.

At the White Elephant pool-room, according to his story, he met Preston, from whom he received many tips. Tues-

BLEW UP TWO MEN

And Wrecked a Paris Police Station.

LATEST WORK OF ANARCHISTS

A Box of Dynamite Found in the Street and Explodes While Being Examined—Paris Terrorized.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—A dispatch to the Reuters Telegram company, from Paris, states that at 11 o'clock this morning the policemen found outside the office of the Carmoux Mining company an iron vessel which had a suspicious appearance. They took the vessel to the police station, where it exploded with terrific effect. Two policemen were instantly killed and another severely wounded. The interior of the station house was a wreck. The woodwork was demolished and the windows shattered, and fragments were blown into the street. The explosion was produced by dynamite. The outrage is believed to have been committed by anarchists who wished to injure officials who are not sympathetic in account of their course during the recent strike.

COMPLAINT BY CANADA.

American Officers Take a Prisoner Through Dominion Territory.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 8.—Correspondence has taken place recently between the dominion authorities, through her majesty's charge d'affaires at Washington and the United States government, with regard to a breach of international law by United States citizens. In May last United States officers conveyed a British subject named Emerson Omar, who had been arrested for bigamy at Houlton, Maine, to Calais, Maine, a journey of ninety miles, the greater portion of which was made through the province of New Brunswick. The permission of the Canadian government to conduct Omar through Canada in the custody of the United States officers was not asked and the facts were duly reported to the authorities at Ottawa. When the attention of the United States government was called to the matter the secretary of state caused inquiries to be made and a reply has just been received from Secretary Foster in which he recognizes the impropriety of an American officer taking a prisoner through any portion of her majesty's dominions without obtaining the previous consent of the authorities, and expressing regret for the occurrence. The opinion prevails here that Omar ought to be liberated by the United States government, his case being much on a par with that of the boy Gae, who was liberated from a Canadian reformatory by the dominion government at the request of the American authorities a short time ago.

CRIMINAL FROM INFANCY.

Thrilling Career of a Danish Murderer Who Meets Justice.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 8.—Hans Nielsen, the notorious murderer, was hanged today. He had a remarkable record. When about eight years old he set fire to a farmhouse. Before he reached his majority he was a murderer. The death sentence passed upon him was commuted to life imprisonment, but he was released after a few years' confinement. Hardly in citizen's clothes again, he committed several burglaries, in the last of which he killed the man he was trying to rob. Again he was sentenced to death and again the sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life. His last crime was the murder of his jailer.

HURLED INTO DEATH.

Unknown Man and His Horse Instantly Killed by a Northwestern Engine.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Passenger train No. 58 on the Chicago & Northwestern road struck and killed an unknown man driving in an open single buggy at the Graceland avenue crossing near Cuyler station at 10:20 o'clock. The man was thrown fully sixty feet from the place where he was struck and was instantly killed. The horse, which was killed, was thrown nearly as high as the top of the car and was driven under a sidewalk twenty feet from the crossing. The buggy was totally demolished and not a strap of harness remained on the dead animal. The train was late and running at a rate of about thirty miles an hour.

NEARLY DEAD WITH GAS.

Thomas B. Witherspoon Has a Narrow Escape from Asphyxiation.

CHICAGO, Nov. 8.—Mrs. William Lewis of No. 2912 Wabash avenue discovered her gas escaping from a room occupied by Thomas B. Witherspoon, a boarder in the house, about 6 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Lewis broke open the door and found Witherspoon lying on the bed unconscious. The apartment was filled with gas, which was escaping from two open jets. Dr. E. C. Miller was called and went to work on the unconscious man. After an hour's work the physician gave it as his opinion that Witherspoon would recover.

PROTEST AGAINST AMNESTY.

Irish Plotters in Chicago and New York Cannot Be Reached.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Times this morning prints a three-column article recounting the dynamite outrages and protesting against the granting of amnesty to the men who were engaged in them. It says: We cannot reach the miscreants who direct and subsidize the plots from Chicago and New York, but by stern enforcement of the law we may hope to dampen the eager "heroism" of their subordinates.

SWINDLED A PRINCE.

Young Russian Nobleman Taken in by a Pool Room Tout.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Prince Alexander Galitzine, a young Russian nobleman at present sojourning in this city, has asked the police to arrest Harry Preston, a pool room "tout," who, he said, had deceived him with \$500 of his money. The prince had been traveling through the country on a pleasure tour for the past three years. Last summer he spent at Hollywood and, according to his own statement, he played the races at Monmouth park a good deal, and was known as a plunger in the pool rooms.

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