FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

Certificates Issued to a Republican Majority of Four.

THERE WILL BE MANY CONTESTS.

The Next Committee on Elections Will Have Plenty of Work to Perform—Some Very Small Majorities That Opponents Will Try to Overcome.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Clerk Clark, of the house of representatives, has received the certificates of 250 members-elect to the next house, and has been officially informed that certificates have been issued in all but three congressional districts. Of the certificates issued 163 are to Republicans and 159 to Democrats, and of those districts still in doubt two of them are in West Virginia and one in Tennessee. In all of them the Republican candidates claim majorities on the face of the returns. However, should the Democratic candidates get the certificates their party will not have control, as the Republicans will still have a majority of one and will organize the house. The question is whether it will be one or seven. Several Republicans who are elected to the next house are in uncertain health. Several whose names are often mentioned are regarded as having a very uncertain tenure of life. Every indication of ill health on the part of a member of the next house is regarded with anxiety, and adds another argument to the many advanced in favor of an extra session. This being the case the candidacy for the speakership is becoming more heated every day.

Of the 163 Republicans who have received certificates of elections, it is said that Mr. Cannon has 49 pledged to vote for him; Mr. Reed, 38; Mr. McKinly, 23; Mr. Burrows, 22. There are 16 unpledged southern members. The other 75 members are scattered between prospective candidates. There is no telling for whom they will vote.

Up to this time only one notice of contest has been filed in the office of the clerk of the house. This is the case of Hartsuff against Whiting, the latter being the sitting Democratic member of the Seventh Michigan district. There are twenty-one counts in his indictment, and he charges that votes were cast at wrong places, that aliens voted without restraint, that fraudulent naturalization papers were issued, that illegal registration was common, and that persons were compelled to vote the Democratic ticket under threats of personal injury. Mr. Hartsuff lays particular stress upon what he calls the "corruption fund."

Quite a number of the cases arise out of the narrow majorities received by some of the successful candidates. Such is the foundation of the contest made by Sydney E. Mudd against Representative Barnes Compton, of the Fifth Maryland district, whose majority has been placed as low as 1 vote. In the Fourth New Jersey district, Samuel Fowler (Dem.), was elected by only 72 votes, and N. W. Voorhees will try to overcome this by contest. Congressman Shively (Dem.), of Indiana, was returned by a still smaller majority—less than 40 votes—and William A. Hoyne, his Republican rival, will endeavor to secure the seat. As compared with these efforts to overturn a few votes, the contest of T. B. Eaton, a Republican of Memphis, Tenn., to oust Congressman James Phelan seems quite herculean. Mr. Phelan received 8,000 majority. Charges of fraud will also be made by T. B. Posey, a Republican, who was defeated by William F. Parrett in the First Indiana district. For the first time in many years a contested election case is reported from Connecticut, where, in the Fourth district, Edward R. Seymour (Dem.) will endeavor to unseat Fred R. Miles (Rep.). William Elliott, of Beaufort, S. C., who had a contested case on his hands during this congress, is again to experience the same trouble. Other [illegible] ite interest are against Thomas California dis- defeated "Bill" n succumbed to addill, of Rich- with George D. nting the Third arges fraud and g list of cases does est Virginia districts, certain to be contested.

[illegible] committee on elections will have full, and will be one of the most ortant to be appointed by the successor of Mr. Carlisle.

DEATH OF MRS. GEN. SCHOFIELD.

The wife of Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield, in command of the army of the United States, died yesterday at the Richmond flats in this city. Mrs. Schofield has not been in good health since her arrival in Washington some months ago. The attack of illness which resulted in her death was, however, unexpected. She had been suffering from heart disease, complicated with nervous trouble. Saturday night she had a severe attack, and three of the late Gen. Sheridan's physicians—Dr. Yarrow, Surgeon O'Reilly and Dr. Lincoln—were called in, but they were unable to do anything for the patient.

Mrs. Schofield was the daughter of Professor Bartlett, formerly professor of philosophy at West Point Military academy. She was married at the time that Gen. Schofield, then a subordinate, was detailed as instructor at West Point. The remains of Mrs. Schofield will be taken to West Point.

A Domestic Tragedy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Solomon Joseph, aged 47, a traveling broker in laces and linens, shot and fatally wounded his wife, aged 29, and then shot himself dead in the street in front of their residence, 111 East Ninetieth street, last evening. Joseph was a drinking man, possessed a violent temper and was extremely jealous of his beautiful wife, whom he often abused. After a quarrel with her he went to the bath room, and after taking a bath himself ordered his wife to do the same. She refused, and he tried to force her into the room. She evidently feared some worse violence, and, breaking away, fled to the street. Joseph partly dressed himself, ran down stairs and shot her twice in the breast and arm and then shot himself in the head and dropped dead. Mrs. Joseph was taken to a hospital, where it was not expected that she would survive the night. The neighbors speak highly of her, and place all the blame for domestic unhappiness upon the husband.

Is It Suspended Animation?

EAST SIOUX FALLS, D. T., Dec. 31.—A 3-year old child of L. P. Olson, of East Sioux Falls, died from dropsy, and preparations were made to bury the child on Tuesday last, but as the ground was slippery from the recent sleet storm it was postponed until the next day. That night the body showed evidence of returning life. Color frequently came into different parts of the body and then entirely disappeared. There were also other evidences of life. The funeral was indefinitely postponed, until it was decided whether or not the child is dead. Dozens of doctors have examined the body, but none will authorize the burial.

Drawing Prizes.

At the conclusion of the entertainment given by the Emerald Club on Saturday evening in St. Paul's R. C. school room, Dennis J. Menton drew the gold headed umbrella, and the upright piano was won by the holder of ticket No. 497. The holder of the ticket will receive the piano on applying for it.

Ladies Watches.

An elegant assortment of Ladies' Gold Watches at Millard F. Davis', 9 East Second street. Prices positively the lowest.

LUCY PARSONS' PREDICTION.

Rivers of Blood Will Flow Before Peace Comes to Our Land.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Yesterday about 400 people, or as many as could crowd into Waverly hall, attended a meeting of the Socialistic Labor party called for the transaction of business and the promotion of Socialistic doctrines. Mrs. Lucy Parsons was present and made her speech in the same hall which they closed against her a week ago. Inspector Bonfield's men were in the hall in citizen's dress, but did not interfere with the proceedings. A resolution was adopted unanimously imploring the aid of the press and citizens generally to the end that the humblest citizen, as well as the politician, may enjoy all the rights guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence and the constitution of the United States.

Tommy Morgan, a local leader of the Socialists, made a very conservative speech containing many statements to which Mrs. Parsons took exception. She said she could not sit quietly and hear it stated that those who are dead and silent in their tombs had anything to do with the throwing of the Haymarket bomb, though in the war against tyrants all things are justifiable. She predicted that before peace could be had in a society like in this country, rivers of blood would have to run. When she got to this point the chairman interrupted her and said time was up.

Departed With the Pay Roll.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Thomas W. Vines, assistant timekeeper of the Adams Westlake Manufacturing company, has disappeared with $4,000 in cash, which was entrusted to him to be conveyed to the foremen of the several departments of the company's factories, who were to pay it to the employes as semi-monthly wages. No trace of Vines has been found.

Kohler's Suicidal Attempt.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 31.—Jacob Kohler, a German, in the employ of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad, found a can of nitroglycerine on a stump near this city and attempted to open it with a pick. He was blown high into the air and killed. His clothing was blown off and every limb mangled. He leaves a wife and four children.

A Successful Libel Claim.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—In the suit of Francis S. Hesseltine vs. The Boston Daily Globe, in the Middlesex superior court, for libel concerning the plaintiff in relation to his profession as an attorney at law, the jury has returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $5,450.

A Chief Justice Resigns.

HELENA, M. T., Dec. 31.—N. J. McConnell, chief justice of this territory, forwarded his resignation to President Cleveland, to take effect as soon as his successor can be qualified. Too much work was the cause.

A Sunday Skating Fatality.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 31.—James Machen and Nathan Gilchrist, aged 9 and 14 years, were skating on the Bayou yesterday. The ice broke, precipitating the boys into the water, and both were drowned.

Cremated Himself in His Cell.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—John Hanson, a prisoner in the eastern penitentiary, burned himself to death in his cell. He deliberately set fire to his clothes and lay on the floor until death came.

Charged with Murder.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 31.—R. J. Campbell, formerly of Newberry, was murdered at Walhalla. Two men have been arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the murder.

New York and New Haven Election.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—At the annual meeting of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company the old board of officers was re-elected.

Killed While on Duty.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Policeman O'Neil, who on Saturday was shot by Wm. Manley, whom he was trying to arrest, died at his home yesterday.

Dr. Carver's Big Shoot.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 31.—Dr. Carver finished breaking 60,000 glass balls in six days and also shot off those he had missed during the shoot.

Weather Indications.

For Tuesday, partly cloudy and colder, preceded by rain or snow, and followed by clearing.

CONDENSED NEWS.

John and Wiley Matthews, condemned Bald Knobbers, together with five train robbers, escaped from the jail at Ozark, Mo. They were assisted by friends on the outside. Dave Walker, the Bald Knobber leader, and his son William, also under sentence of death, refused to leave the jail.

The miners of the Wyoming valley are again agitating a reduction in the price of blasting powder.

Thirty-eight men of Hull, Mass., who saved twenty-eight persons from drowning during the storm of Nov. 25, were given a reception in Boston and presented with medals and a purse by the Massachusetts Humane society.

Jake Kilrain has issued a challenge to Jackson, the colored pugilist, which the latter says he will accept.

A dinner in honor of Henry George was given in New York.

W. D. French, who murdered Harry Woodburg, was taken from jail at Greeley, Colo., by a mob and hanged.

Pietro Di Nardi, the Italian who was arrested at Stamford, Conn., for a murder committed in Italy three years ago, signified his willingness to go back and face the charge.

Jacob Dinlowitz was killed and John Dungan fatally injured by a premature blast at Shamokin, Pa.

William G. Hards, a business man of Chicago, was caught in the act of making counterfeit silver dollars.

Mary J. Cowley, of Cookstown, N. J., for assaulting whom two men are under indictment, has mysteriously disappeared.

Mr James G. Blaine left his Agusta home quietly for Washington and the west.

The papal encyclical takes a gloomy view of the present state of religious belief.

The bills for admitting five new states and opening Oklahoma as a territory, are thought to have good chance for passage by the present congress.

The Haytian gunboat Toussaint leveled her guns on the Clyde steamer George W. Clyde in the bay of Manzanilla, off the Dominican coast. A Dominican schooner was seized.

It is estimated to a certainty that 6,000,000 tons of ore will be shipped from the Lake Superior district next season and 3,000,000 of coal arrive there.

Robert Wright and Thomas McMahon have signed articles for a collar and elbow wrestling match for $250 a side. The match will take place at Detroit in February.

Christmas Dinner for Poor Children.

A Christmas dinner was given to a number of poor children last week by the W. C. T. U., No. 2, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Willing, the president. The members of the original W. C. T. U. made contributions to the dinner. Several addresses were made. Dr. L. P. Bush has contributed books and Miss Margaret Hilles have contributed books for the Union's reading room at Sixth and Penn streets. A fair is being held in the colored Masonic Hall at Twelfth and Orange streets by the Band of Hope connected with the W. C. T. U. No. 2.

DEDICATING A HALL.

The Odd Fellows of This City Assists in Dedicating the New Hall of Brandywine Lodge, No. 18.

Odd Fellows' Hall, at the corner of King's Road and Seventeenth street, built by Brandywine Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F. was dedicated on Saturday afternoon by the Grand Lodge officers. Early in the afternoon, the members of Brandywine Lodge headed by Hyatt's military band made a short march through the streets of the West Side.

The Grand Lodge officers reached the building about 3.30 o'clock and half an hour later the marchers arrived. They immediately proceeded to the lodge room on the third floor. The exercises opened at 4.10 o'clock, the grand officers taking their places. Deputy Grand Master Goldsmith C. Nailor was assisted by Acting Grand Chaplain Joseph Pyle, Grand Warden James Carter, Grand Marshal George G Guthrie and Grand Heralds, P. J. Isaacs, Arthur R. Lewis, David Downs and Richard Burton.

The officers of Brandywine Lodge are as follows: Noble grand, John Muir; vice-grand, Joseph Russell; recording secretary, R. G. Fulton; permanent secretary, Samuel Frizzell; treasurer, William H. Oliver; warden, P. Massey; conductor, P. G. Samuel Moore; outer guardian, S. Palmer; inner guardian, Webster Bleakley; right supporter to the noble grand, R. Printer; left supporter to the noble grand, H. Stewart; right supporter to the vice grand, James Black; left supporter to the vice grand, V. Brown; right scene supporter, Adam Young; left scene supporter, John Baird; chaplain, William H. Oliver. The lodge was instituted December 16, 1848. The new lodge room is 35x60 feet.

At the opening of the exercises Deputy Grand Master Goldsmith C. Nailor read a letter of regret from Grand Master E. Marriott Fowler of Smyrna, who was unable to be present on account of sickness in family.

The opening ode "Brethren of Our Friendly Order" was then sung, after which Grand Chaplain Joseph Pyle made a prayer.

The grand warden and heralds then came into the room and began the interesting ceremony of building the alter. The emblem of purity, white, was the foundation stone, on which the rest were placed in the following order: Friendship, pink; love, blue; truth, scarlet; faith, green; hope, brown; charity, royal purple. "My Creator's Praise" was then sung by the choir.

Henry Stewart, chairman of the building committee, came forth and presented the keys of the hall to the presiding officer.

A prayer for Divine blessing on the hall was made by the chaplain. After some scriptural quotations, the deputy grand master said: "By the authority of the Grand Lodge of the State of Delaware I dedicate this hall to the business and purposes of Odd Fellowship, for the dissemination of the principles of purity, friendship, love, truth, faith, hope and charity, and I hereby declare it dedicated."

The ceremony was continued by the wardens and heralds declaring the dedication of the hall. The deputy grand master admonished the lodge not to forget the solemn ceremony, and to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphans. He then presented the keys to Noble Grand Muir. The choir sang, "I have set a watchman on thy walls" in such an admirable manner that it was enthusiastically applauded. Rev. D. H. Corkran of Epworth M. E. Church made a brief address in which he said that an increase in an order like the Odd Fellows was an advance in civilization. All ages have customs peculiar to themselves, but there are institutions that stand, there are principles that lie at the foundation of social order. Odd Fellowship shows man's relationship to man. It is an ally to the Christian church. I believe in the brotherhood of man. This Brandywine Lodge was started in 1848, meeting in the present Mt. Salem Church. It then moved to Toy's tavern, and then during the war had reverses, but has came through them safely and is now securely fixed in its new handsome building." At the close of his remarks he was applauded.

Joseph Pyle was the next speaker. He alluded to the grand past of the order, its small beginning, its brilliant achievements and superior principles. The order was started in this country by Sir Thomas Wylie in Baltimore, Md., in a tavern on Second street at the sign of the Seven Stars, on April 19, 1819. To-day the order is everywhere. By its secret signs, grips and pass words, a member can travel anywhere and be treated in the best manner. He spoke of its beneficent features. Last year in the United States $1,699,044.23 were spent to the relief of members; $151,457.32, for relief of widows, $15,528.02 for educating orphans, $431,309.45 for burying the dead, $119,920 for special relief. Making in all an expenditure of $6,430 every day in the year. The order is the handmaid of religion not a substitute, but an ally.

In his speech Mr. Pyle lauded the choir for its excellent singing and voiced the sentiments of the audience. Adjournment was then made to the second story where four large tables had been prepared by the lady friends of the lodge. About 160 persons sat down to supper. Oysters, turkey, chicken, cold ham, rolls, coffee, cream biscuits, and a great abundance of other good things were served very promptly by the young ladies. The interesting and satisfying performance of doing justice to the viands continued for one hour, after which until lodge time, the visitors were shown over the building and discussed its excellent arrangements. Heat is furnished to all parts by a heater in the cellar. The anti rooms are ample and convenient.

At the meeting of Brandywine Lodge in the evening the first degree was conferred by the staff of Fairfax Lodge, No. 8, compromising the following: Director, G. C. Nailor; L. S. N. G., Frank Kramer; N. G., I. P. Nailor; L. S. V. G., Charles Wilkins; V. G., E. C. Pierce; R.S. V. G., William Bowers; P. G., J. C. Whitehouse; conductor, Daniel Smith.

HIGGINS AND MASSEY.

The Sensible and Patriotic View of a Dover Republican.

The Dover correspondent of the Philadelphia Press yesterday contributed the following:

"The field undoubtedly is narrowing down to Massey and Higgins, with any number of possibilities as contingencies in the event of the unexpected happening. This is the way a conservative Republican puts it:

" 'There are many both in Kent and Sussex who do not care a rap whether the Senator comes from either of these counties or from New Castle. What they are after is the best man. All that is wanted for Senator is a man who can fill the bill and a man who does not stand in with the combines, the trusts, the railroads or any of the corporate monopolies. That is the kind of a man we want. This hubbub about not taking both Senators from New Castle county and Wilmington is all folderol. Look here, do you know how many of the states have deemed it wise to send United States Senators from the same place? Just about one-sixth of all the states have done that, and presumably because they went where they could get the best timber. There is an admitted scarcity of capable Senatorial minds outside of Wilmington and really comparatively few men there who would measure up well. Here are the states who send both their Senators from the same place: California, San Francisco the city; Florida, Jacksonville; Georgia, Atlanta; Louisiana, New Orleans, Oregon, Portland; Rhode Island, Providence. Wilmington is really Delaware, so what is the difference if that city does have both Senators.' "

DOUGHERTY'S LICENSE.

A Saloon-keeper Answers Certain Charges Made by His Neighbors.

Dennis Dougherty, who keeps a saloon at Rising Sun, at the end of the city railway line, takes exception to the article which appeared in these columns one week ago on the 24th instant, in that it maintained that he was an improper person to enjoy the privilege of a license to sell intoxicating liquors. He states, first, that a majority of the people who reside in his neighborhood, say that he should have the license which the court granted last term for one year more. Second, that it is false in every particular, that he keeps or has kept a disorderly house as was charged by two persons before the courts and that his neighbors are ready to testify to this statement. Third, that he is a drunken and disorderly person himself is as far from the truth, Mr. Dougherty declares, as his persecutors are from grace. His neighbors, it is said, are willing to testify that there is not a soberer hotel man in New Castle county, nor one who is more generous, as he is always ready to help the needy. Fourth, the charge that he does not have proper stabling was refuted before the court by two estimable gentlemen who have always led sober lives, and it was to be presumed that the court laid great stress upon their testimony.

In conclusion Mr. Dougherty wishes it understood that the cause of the attack on him in respect to his saloon is of long standing, the outgrowth of an old neighborhood difference, he says. He denies ever having sworn at any ladies.

MEMORIAL SERVICES.

DuPont Post, G. A. R., Pays Tribute to the Memory of Departed Comrades.

Admiral S. F. DuPont Post, No. 2., G. A. R., held a memorial service yesterday afternoon at the post room, Tenth and Market streets. Commander B. F. Bogia presided, and the choir of Wesley M. E. Church, under H. F. Pickel's leadership, rendered the singing. In the front of the room were three chairs draped in commemoration of the three comrades, Colonel Charles E. LaMotte, Dennis Houten and Ross Hollingsworth, of the post who died in the past year. Commander Bogia made an address in eulogy of the deceased comrades. Major S. Rodmond Smith spoke in memory of Colonel LaMotte, with whom he had a personal acquaintance. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. N. Keigwin of West Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Charles A Grice of Brandywine M. E. Church. The service was closed with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Keigwin.

Law Library and Bar Associations.

The Law Library Association held its annual meeting at the Court House on Saturday afternoon. Officers were elected as follows: President, George H. Bates, Esq.; vice-president, Willard Hall Porter, Esq.; secretary, treasurer and librarian, W. S. Hilles, Esq. A committee was appointed to confer with the Bar Association upon the question of uniting the two associations.

The Bar Association of New Castle county also met at the Court House on Saturday afternoon and elected officers as follows: Charles B. Lore, Esq., president; John Biggs, Esq., vice-president; George H. Bates, Esq., secretary and treasurer. Court rules were discussed, also some amendments to general laws, all of which was referred to the Legislative committee. A committee to confer with the Law Library Association, on business before stated was appointed.

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MARRIED.

WOODS—ELIASON.—On December 27, at Middletown, by the Rev. W. C. Alexander, I Janvier Woods of McDonough and Kate C. Eliason of Summit Bridge.

DOWNS—DOLBOW.—In Wilmington, on the 27th instant, by the Rev. W. L. McEwan, John A. Downs of Wilmington and Anna E. Dolbow of Philadelphia.

GRAY—THOMPSON.—At the residence of John C. Thompson, Clayton, Del., on December 19, by the Rev. E. E. White, Joseph M. Gray of Wilmington and Kate C. Thompson of Clayton, Del.

DIED.

CURRAN.—In this city, on December 29, Rosana M., wife of James Curran.

RUF.—In this city, on December 22, 1888, Theresia, infant daughter of Eugene and Jennie V. Ruf.

RAGGAN.—In this city, on December 29, Catharine Raggan.

SIBRE.—In this city, on December 29, Frank Sibre, aged 35 years.