

THE ELECTIONS. PENNSYLVANIA GOES REPUBLICAN BY A SMALL MAJORITY. OHIO STILL IN DOUBT. BOTH SIDES CLAIM THE VICTORY. MORTAL ILLNESS OF ADMIRAL FARRAGUT. A NEW SECRETARY OF WAR.

Additional returns received this morning from Pennsylvania indicate the probable election of Geary, Republican, over Packer, Democrat, for Governor, by a small majority: say 2000; which would be a Democratic gain since the last Presidential election of 25,000 votes.

The latest returns from Ohio declare that the result for Governor is very close. The Cincinnati radicals telegraph this morning that Hayes, Republican, is probably elected by a small majority; but that the Legislature has gone Democratic, thereby ensuring the defeat of the Fifteenth amendment.

The Democrats claim that Pendleton is certainly elected, and are firing salutes in Columbus and Cincinnati in honor of their victory. The large Pendleton gains in Southern Ohio are almost balanced by the gains of Hayes in the northern part of the State. Hence, it is impossible, as yet, to get at the definite result.

A special dispatch from Nashville says that Governor Scher's message was read to the Legislature yesterday. It advises the adoption of the Fifteenth amendment, and scouts the idea of repeal. It favors a continuation of the present school system, and the sale of delinquent railroads. It says nothing in regard to a Constitutional Convention, but favors a free franchise.

The latest returns from Pennsylvania indicate the election of Geary by a majority of about 4000 votes. Ohio is still in doubt, and both parties claim the election of Governor. The Legislature is undoubtedly Democratic.

The business done here is chiefly in cotton, brought forward from the neighborhood, the merchants supplying in turn the demands of the planters. Rumor hath it that a well known Charleston dry goods firm is about to establish a branch house at this point.

The latest dispatches from Philadelphia give the composition of the Legislature as follows: Senate, 15 Republicans to 15 Democrats; House of Representatives, 39 Republicans to 19 Democrats, giving the Republicans 29 majority on joint ballot.

A THRIVING TOWN. All About Florence—How It Grows—Appearance of the Village—A Batch of Gossip—Hints for the Curious—The Lands, the Laborers and the Crops.

FLORENCE, S. C., October 13. Florence, they say about here, is a city of steam engines, cotton gins and babbles. Embrace in the description pine trees and railroad tracks, and the traveler will not fail to recognize the locality.

The fine hotel, so familiar to our soldiers during the war, is still kept by Mr. J. W. Gamble, assisted by his son. Architecturally it is one of the prettiest structures in the State, and the wayfarer is always sure of a substantial and stomach-satisfying repast.

An old North Carolina farmer, who has made money by producing, buying and shipping twelve hundred bushels of blackberries during last year, is on his way to a locality near Georgetown to purchase with his surplus a phosphate plantation. Another stranger is on his way from Philadelphia to look after kaolin.

The neighboring lands are good for cotton planting, and are appreciating in value. Formerly the planters of this section were wealthy. Many of them are rapidly recovering from losses incidental to the war.

THE CROPS IN THE MOUNTAINS. PENDLETON, S. C., October 11. I have taken some pains to ascertain the following particulars in regard to the crop of this section in comparison to that of last year.

THE OLD DOMINION. RICHMOND, October 13. About ten thousand persons attended the State Fair at Staunton to-day. Professor T. W. Metcalf, of the University of Virginia, delivered an address on the science of farming as a fine art, and how men of science can help the farmer.

A Paris dispatch says that several public relations are announced and disturbances are feared. The government will enforce the law for the suppression of meetings calculated to disturb the peace.

THE CONFEDERATE CONSTITUTION. REASONS FOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IT AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES.

An Unusually Interesting Historical Resume. We find in a late issue of the Memphis Appeal the following letter, written in the spring of 1867, by the Hon. R. B. Rhett, in answer to certain inquiries addressed to him as to the authorship of the various alterations in the Constitution of the Confederate States.

CHARLESTON, S. C., April 15, 1867. My Dear Stuart:—You request me to inform you, whether I was not the author of all the alterations in the Confederate States Constitution, from the Constitution of the United States? I answer you, but I do not do so as a part of them, perhaps the most important part, I will briefly state what clauses in the Confederate States Constitution I am responsible for.

It is not a very long and simple document. It is a copy of the Constitution of the United States, with a few alterations. The alterations are: 1. The executive power is vested in the President of the Confederate States, who holds office for four years.

THE BRAIN AND THE BODY. "Does Brain Work Shorten Life." The Providence Journal discusses this subject in a very able and sensible manner. It gives the following interesting facts to prove that men in our country are not killing themselves with too much brain work.

PERSONAL GOSSIP. -Rev. Michael Farrar, pastor of the Catholic church in Lynchburg, Va., was found dead in his bed at the parsonage in that city on Thursday last.

UP IN A BALLOON. A Woman Gives her Experience. Mrs. Charles Wise, wife of the aeronaut, made a balloon ascension with him the other day, at Lancaster. She writes: "When my husband announced that he would set the yacht on his balloon chariot, I thought it should be a thousand dollars; when he very graciously suggested to me about the pay, he said, 'two cash offers of fifty dollars each.'"

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