

THE DECISIVE BATTLE.

LATEST RETURNS FROM THE OLD NORTH STATE.

A Candid and Careful Statement of the Proportions of the Victory.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE NEWS.]

WILMINGTON, August 5.

The returns from the remote counties, especially those on the Virginia border and those in the extreme western portion of the State, continue to come in very slowly, and it is still difficult to estimate with any degree of accuracy the size of the Conservative majority in the whole State.

Sixty counties have been heard from officially, and they give a net Conservative majority of 1252. Of the remaining thirty-two counties, twenty-four are Conservative and eight Republican, and those thirty-two counties gave in 1870 a net Democratic majority of 3874, which, added to that of the sixty counties heard from, makes a net Conservative majority in the State of 5126.

It is reported, however, that the Republicans have gained heavily in the First Congressional District, which, in 1870, gave a Democratic majority of 455, and how far these gains may reduce the above estimate it is impossible to say.

It is still considered certain that Judge Merrimon and the whole Conservative State ticket are elected, and the Legislature is certainly overwhelmingly Conservative. The Conservatives have certainly elected four out of the eight Congressmen, and, in all probability, five, in the First District Clinton L. Cobb (Republican) is elected over D. M. Carter (Conservative) by a majority of a few hundred.

In the Second District, which is the Republican stronghold, the figures are in for all but two counties, and Charles R. Thomas (Republican) has a majority of about 7584 over W. H. Kitchin (Conservative).

In the Third District, A. M. Waddell (Conservative) is elected over Nell McKay, Jr., (Republican) by 847 majority—an improvement of 236 over the net Democratic majority in the same counties in 1870.

The Fourth District, in which William A. Smith (Republican) is running against Silas H. Rogers (Conservative), the result is still doubtful. One county remains to be heard from, but the rest give Smith a majority of 6.

In the Fifth District, James M. Leach (Conservative) has defeated Thomas Settle by about 719 majority. The Sixth District is all heard from but one county, and gives Thomas S. Ashe (Conservative) a majority of 2501 over Oliver H. Dockery, Republican.

In the Seventh District the returns are in for only half the counties, but they give W. M. Robbins, Conservative, a majority of 1408 over David M. Furber, Republican, and the remaining counties are strongly Democratic.

The returns from the Eighth District are also meagre, but no doubt is entertained of the election in that district of Z. B. Vance, Conservative, over W. G. Chandler, Republican, by 3000 majority.

NEWS FROM THE OLD WORLD.

London, August 5.

The English government will prosecute twenty-two persons for interference with railway elections, including the Roman Catholic bishop of Clonfert, Captain Nolan, his brother, Mr. Sebastian Nolan, and nineteen Roman Catholic priests.

Madrid, August 5.

King Amadeus has arrived at San Sebastian and met with a warm reception. He was escorted by the prefect of the French department of the Basque Pyrenees, who delivered a letter from President Thiers to the King congratulating him on his recent escape from assassination.

Paris, August 5.

President Thiers will leave Paris to-day for Trouville, a seaside resort, in the department of Calvados.

THINGS IN SUMMER.

The crop prospects—all quiet politically—the Whites for Greeley—Religious Meetings.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

BISHOPVILLE, August 1.

The season continues most favorable. It rained on an average of every other day during the month of July. The corn crop is safe beyond peradventure, and the anxiety of the planter on that score is relieved.

Those who planted with the expectation of making enough—which includes nearly everybody here—will find a sufficiency of the crop to furnish the year's supply. In fact, a total failure last year, is looking very promising in a word, the appearance of the crops in the provision line betokens a plentiful yield.

With regard to cotton, the general prospect continues good. On light sandy soil, although flat lands it has sustained some injury from an excess of rain. There are serious apprehensions of rust, it having already put in an appearance on a few farms. It is too long to make any confident prediction respecting the probable yield. The plant is still subject to many contingencies; August is the most important month for the fruiting.

The only noteworthy drawback to be seen at this time in the cotton crop, is a protracted drought, which, according to the most reliable authority, amounts to very nearly one-third of the crop. While the early stands have matured the bottom and middle crops, the late planting has very few. If any grown bolls—though it is all about equal in point of size—a circumstance well calculated to deceive those who look at the yield.

There is a periodical dearth of political news. The community is remarkably quiet and conservative. There is no agitation of politics at all, even among the freedmen, who have given us no trouble, so far, by deserting the crop for political gatherings.

With but two or three exceptions, prefer Greeley to Grant. The blacks will, of course, not hesitate to obey the behests of their Radical leaders, and will go in mass for Grant.

At the meetings of the Methodist denomination commencing at Providence to-day, it is the first that has been held in this country since the war, and will likely be largely attended. The meetings will be held at the residence of the Rev. J. K. Durham, pastor. Among other officiating ministers the Rev. J. K. Men-nah, an able revivalist of the Baptist denomination, will be in attendance. The gathering promises to be one of much interest. The meeting will probably continue the greater part of next week. The week after a series of religious services will begin in the Methodist Church here, which is under the pastoral care of A. S. Weber.

The weather is extremely hot and sultry—even the nights are oppressively warm. The uniform heat is so relaxing to the system and has such an enervating effect as to render the people, for nothing—almost incapable of exertion.

H. A. J.

SUMNER ON THE WAR PATH.

Senator Blaine Provokes the Classic Senator to Strong Language—A Scathing Indictment of Grant and his Apologists—A Document for Colored Men to Read and Ponder.

WASHINGTON, August 5.

Senator Sumner has addressed the following reply to Speaker Blaine's letter, dated at August, Maine, July 31st, accusing him of treachery to Republicanism in his support of Greeley, and of "turning his back on the millions to whom in past years he had stood as a shield and bulwark of defence."

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 5, 1872. Dear Sir:—I have seen your letter addressed to me by you in the public prints, and I notice especially that while admiring your support of Horace Greeley, you say not one word in vindication of that compound of pretension known as Grant, in connection with the war. I am sure you would insinuate in the government.

We are greatly concerned about the company I keep. To quiet your solicitude, I beg leave to say that in joining the R-Republicans, who brought me to the public notice, I did not miss you until you hastened to report absence, nor had I taken account of you, or now co-operating with me in support of this original abolitionist, except to rejoice that if among former associates some like yourself hesitate, their places should be filled.

You entirely misunderstood me when you introduced an incident of the past and build on it an argument why I should not support Horace Greeley. What has President Grant done for me? I have not heard of him since he left office. I have not heard of him since he left office.

Seven years have passed since we laid aside our arms, but unhappily during all this period, while the rights of colored fellow-citizens have been in perpetual question, seven years mark a natural period of human life; should not the spirit be changed with the body? Can we better be content with the old, or have the courage to assert as within my knowledge that, with the election of Horace Greeley, Congress will be handed over to the control of the party who have positively denied the rights of colored men?

I know no such thing, and you should be sufficiently thoughtful not to assert it. I am entirely satisfied that a canvass like that of Cincinnati are openly accepted on one side and not contested on the other, must result in a larger number of Congressional representatives sincerely devoted to the rights of colored men.

The Democrats will be pledged, as never before, to the ruling principle that all men are equal before the law, and also to the three constitutional amendments, with the clause that the executive power shall be the same by appropriate legislation; but, besides Democrats, there will be Liberal Republicans pledged likewise, and also your associates, who, trust, will not betray the cause.

I am calling themselves Republicans, have been lately in large majority in both houses, but the dual measure of civil rights, to which you refer, though urged by me almost daily, has failed to become a law. I am sure that the Republican majority, chosen at the time, will naturally harmonize with him. So it has been in our history. Now, harmony with peace freely involves with most Democrats, that the executive power will be changed, and, for the first time since the war, the equal rights of all will have a declared representative at the head of the government, whose presence will be a guarantee that no man will be excluded from any right in war, but not only a testimony but a constant motive power.

In this great cause, oppression, whether open hostility or mere subtle treachery, will yield to the steady influence of such a representative. I look also to Congress, which will take its character in a large measure from him. In choosing Horace Greeley, we do the best we can for the whole country, not content with the executive power, but we decline to support nepotism, repayment of personal gifts by official patronage, seizure of the war powers, indignities to the black Republicans, and the various inapplicable and unbecoming acts of the President, which he governs, none of which you can defend.

You know well that the Rings are already condemned by the American people. For myself, I say plainly and without hesitation that I will support no man who will not do all that is possible for the colored people on the Cincinnati platform to President Grant with his pretensions and his Rings, a vote for whom involves the support of all his pretensions with prolonged power.

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BAD FOR THE BONIFACES.

THE FASHIONABLE SUMMER RESORTS IN A SAD FLIGHT.

A Recall Against the High-Price System—Too Much of a Grand Thing—Killing the Goose with the Golden Eggs.

A Saratoga correspondent of the New York Tribune discourses as follows on the effects of the present system of keeping hotels at popular places of resort, especially in the North:

At last the vengeance long predicted by ignorant and outraged tourists has overtaken the hotel-keepers. A reaction against summer travel in this country has set in, which threatens to involve in ruin many enterprising landlords, and to cut short our fashionable resorts. The present season is the poorest ever known to the hotel-keepers. It is now the last week of July, and it is safe to say that fashionable summer hotels will not more than a quarter of the rooms are occupied. Hotels of low celebrity—hotels whose advertisements read so attractively that it seems as if they must be crowded and not half full, are running at a loss. There are even, within a few guests, an absolute necessity for keeping up the standard of the table.

WHAT IT COSTS. Armies of servants have been engaged for the season, and must be paid and fed. Rent must be provided for, and altogether, unless almost changed the whole aspect of affairs, many of our best rural hotels will change hands after this season. During the war and for five years following the hotel-keepers revelled in money. Everybody went to the hotels, and the money was paid in advance. The hotel-keepers, like Jesurun of old, waxed fat and kicked. They saw the public seized of a fever, and the masters were blind. When the rooms were full, and often when they were not, they put up coats in the parlors, and crowded their guests as in barracks, charging for this uncomfortable and insufficient accommodations at a high price. Four to six dollars a day were paid for sleeping on a cot and for a chance to see the waters at the dining-table; and on the public—the most impatient and impatient class of patrons—their insolent and arrogant airs were the most offensive. The hotel-keepers, however, were not content with the high prices they were paying, but they were also paying salaries (the public were humble, silent and crushed. Suddenly the "corner" in hotels broke. The first symptom of weakness showed itself early last season. The papers were filled with notices of "low water mark" and "European prices" became more popular than ever, and the patronage of our summer hotels fell off. There were several bad failures, and among them those of three hotels in the mountains of the Catskills.

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