

The Oregon Argus.

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The State Elections. The result of the October elections in Pennsylvania and Indiana has disappointed all parties. No intelligent man, we believe, who was well posted as to the condition of things in these States, had scarcely a hope that the sham democrats would carry Pennsylvania by the smallest majority, or that the chance was much better for them in Indiana.

Our duty for the future is plain. Let no man be discouraged by a defeat, if such a disaster has happened to us this time. We must double our diligence and work while the day lasts. We need documents. Every man ought to do what he can in getting proper reading matter before the people.

Several other communications are on hand, which we shall look over soon. A week's absence from home has placed us behindhand.

Yamhill Election. The Governor has issued a writ ordering the election of a representative in Yamhill, to take place on the 8th of December, only a week after the Legislature meets.

The report of the Republican meeting in Yamhill was not received in time for last week's issue. Our friends on the other side of the river are not probably aware that mail matter reaching Portland on Wednesday night does not reach this city till Saturday night.

Thomas H. Benton's "Thirty Years' View," is now for sale at McCormick's Book Store in Portland.

Mr. Milwain has just received a very heavy lot of stoves and hardware, which he is selling off rapidly.

Old party lines and political divisions have become obsolete, and the new issues and new measures of public policy which divided the organization known as republicans, perfected at Philadelphia, in June last, from those who oppose them, comprise all those which are of extensive interest at the present time to the American people, and as we believe those issues and measures are of vital interest to us, and as we also approved of the principles laid down by that party at that time, we do therefore

duty of its citizens to espouse the party of the nation which openly takes ground in favor of the "greatest project of the age," by not only inserting a plank in its platform approving it, but in selecting as a candidate for the presidency a man better qualified by travel and experience to know its necessity, and who is personally identified with its complexion more fully than any other man living.

Resolved, That we are for free territories and free states, for free farms and free labor, free society and free schools, free thought and free discussion, free speech and free press, free religion and free votes—for freemen, Fremont, and freedom.

A meeting of the citizens of Washington county was held at Hillsboro Oct. 22nd, 1856, in pursuance of a public call, the meeting was organized by appointing Z. S. Bryant, chairman, and H. H. Hicklin secretary.

The object of the meeting being to take into consideration the propriety of organizing the Republicans in said county, the Philadelphia platform was called for, read, and postponed for the present.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to correspond with similar organizations of other counties. E. D. Shattuck, Lawrence Hall, and H. H. Hicklin, committee.

News from the Atlantic States.

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION.—The returns show that Pennsylvania has gone for the democrats by about five thousand majority, in a vote of between four and five hundred thousand. The democrats claim to have elected fifteen out of twenty-five members of Congress. Grow, Republican, is re-elected by eight thousand majority.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 17.—P. M. It is ascertained that 6000 American votes were cast for the democratic ticket in this city and county. The most unblushing roguery has been shown in Philadelphia, and the vote will be contested.

OHIO ELECTION.—The Republicans have carried the State by a majority over the democrats ranging from 30,000 to 40,000. The American vote was about 20,000. The democrats claim to have gained eight Congressmen. Lewis D. Campbell is re-elected by a trifling majority, and Sam. Gallo-way in the Columbus district is defeated by S. S. Cox, dem.

INDIANA ELECTION.—The Buchaneers claim to have carried Indiana by from five to seven thousand majority. They have probably gained four Congressmen, and elected Willard Governor over Morton (Republican) by a small majority.

Hon. John M. Botts Refuses to Fight a Duel.—The note written by Hon. John M. Botts in reply to a challenge to mortal combat by Roger A. Pryor, editor of the Richmond Enquirer, is brave, manly and sensible. He says the disparity in their ages and social disposition would preclude him from accepting the challenge, and he nobly adds that if he had done Mr. Pryor such wrong as could not be otherwise atoned for, he would not permit a false pride to prevent him from making an acknowledgment.

A Richmond, Va., correspondent of the New Orleans Delta says that since Hon. John M. Botts delivered his celebrated speech, "it is no uncommon thing to hear men in this city stand up boldly and avow themselves in favor of Fremont. They make no secret of their preference for him over Buchanan."

At a meeting of the Baltimore Presbytery, held in Washington recently, it was voted, on motion of Rev. Mr. Atchison, of Georgetown, that an overture be sent to the synod of Baltimore, which meets in Winchester next week, that they set apart the third day of November next, (the day preceding the Presidential election,) to be observed throughout the bounds of the synod as a day of fasting and prayer, in view of the alarming state of things growing out of the alienation and hostility of feelings between the different sections of the country.

George W. Johnson, one of the largest sugar planters on the Mississippi, below New Orleans, who died recently has left an estate valued at not less than \$700,000. He has by his will manumitted all his slaves 200 in number. They are all to be sent to Liberia in four years after his death, and each one is to be furnished with \$50.

mont an abolitionist. Neither is he to be so regarded, because he is supported by a portion of them. Some of them support Buchanan, and their votes elected Polk; but this does not make him an abolitionist.

"I am out of public life, and wish to remain so; but my opinions I will not conceal; I shall never be afraid or ashamed to express them. I have expressed the same opinions in North Carolina among my old friends; and you may rely on it, there are thousands who agree with me."

INTERESTING DISCOVERY.—The burial place of the ancient Scythian kings has been discovered by the director of the museum at Kertch, in Southern Russia, near the frontiers of the Crimea. Many curious articles of gold, silver and earthenware were discovered within the tomb, which are to be transferred to Kertch, to enrich the museum there.

MINNESOTA.—It is estimated that at the present time the territory of Minnesota contains a population of one hundred and forty thousand souls. This is probably an underestimate, as last winter an official reckoning made the total one hundred and twenty thousand. It is calculated, however, that by the close of the emigration season of the year 1857, the aggregate will be three hundred thousand. If this be so, Minnesota will enter the circle of States with three members of the lower house of Congress. She is now entitled to two.