

The Great Battle.

The Presidential struggle of 1860—the most memorable in the history of this Government—is over. Last Tuesday, the votes of five millions of American citizens were registered in a way that will tell upon the history of the country for years to come.

In a few days more we shall hear the result of the conflict of 1860. Let the news be what it may, we want no Republican to lay by his armor. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. A clear victory is ours, sooner or later—so let us be up and at them.

Chinese Sugar Cane.

Mr. CYRUS GLEASON, residing near the bridge on Pudding River, brought to our office last week, two stalks of Chinese Sugar Cane, with the seed upon them.

Two facts are proven in this case: the first that the Chinese Cane will mature in this climate, and, second, that the stalk attains a fair size. Another year, its value as a saccharine plant should be tested early in the season—say when the seed commences to ripen and ten days after.

The Chinese Sugar Cane makes a valuable forage plant. For this purpose it may be sown broadcast and cut when four and dried as hay.

We hope Mr. Gleason will make further trials of this plant to test its value both for syrup and fodder. It is fast becoming one of the staples of the North-Western States—yielding large quantities of excellent syrup.

That sterling Republican, Elisha L. Applegate, Esq., of Umpqua, delivered a speech at the Court-room in this city on Friday evening of last week.

LAWTON BLACKBERRY PLANTS.—We have just been written to by Mr. Philip Ritz in regard to his advertisement in our paper of this famous blackberry. Our types made him say that he has raised the plants from the seed, when in fact he means just the contrary.

Look HERE!—If any of our numerous subscribers who are in arrears have any cash they want to rid themselves of, we would just say to them that we would not object to receiving it. We don't wish them to consider this as a 'du,' however.

Delusion and Douthit addressed the unwashed in this city on Monday afternoon. We were not present, but we learn that Delusion came down on us terribly for our insinuations in regard to 'them nigger bed-fellows' of his at Oberlin.

Mrs. Wm. Whitlock, of this city, has our thanks for the gift of a beautiful 'Republican bouquet' on the morning of the election.

Twelve of the Lost Train Found Alive!—The Rest all Dead!—Dreadful Sufferings!

WALLULA, Nov. 2, 1860.

EL ARGUS: The survivors of the immigrant party lately massacred by the Snake Indians were found on the 28th Oct. by Capt. Dent, who had gone in search of them. An express from him arrived here on the 31st.

The survivors, 12 in number, were found on Burnt River, destitute of everything, except life—8 had died of starvation, and the living were subsisting on the bodies of the dead. It seems after the Indians ceased the massacre, they plundered the party of everything, stripping even the clothing from the women and children, and left them to perish and starve in the wilderness without food or clothes.

[The names will be found in the letter from the Advertiser below.]

Everything has been done that could be for their relief. Capt. Smith started 4 wagons supplied with food and clothing, and they will soon arrive in our midst, when they will receive all the attention their wants require.

Yours, &c., LEN.

WALLA WALLA, Nov. 1st, 1860.

ED. ARGUS:—Sad but yet gratifying news I have to communicate to you. An express from Capt. Dent arrived at this place yesterday, with letters from officers in the expedition. I have been permitted to make the following extracts: 'BURNT RIVER, Oct. 28th. We are here with the snow all around us upon the hills, but I have no fears of being hemmed in by it.

Mr. Myers, brother of the rescued Myers, started to meet his brother and family this morning. A supply train and ambulance were immediately sent out from the Fort with blankets, clothing, fresh vegetables, beef, and other necessities which will meet them near the Grand Ronde about the 3d or 4th inst.

The official report giving details will be made out in a few days. The details are of the most heart-rending character. They were in a perfect state of nudity—having been stripped by the Indians and left to perish. For ten days previous to their discovery they had subsisted upon human flesh, the bodies of those who had perished.

On receiving the intelligence at the Fort the sensation felt was such as humanity alone can experience, the conduct of Maj. Stein the officer in command, was prompt, and every comfort of the fort which could be transported was quickly dispatched to the scene of suffering.

More full accounts will be given when the train arrives. Meantime I trust the people of the Valley will suspend their judgment upon the cause both remote and intermediate of this dire calamity.

Yours truly, O. C. HARCUM.

MISTAKEN.—The Oregonian, speaking of the vote of Jo Lane in the U. S. Senate in favor of the laws in New Mexico permitting employers to flog hired white men and women, says that Stout voted against the law while Lane voted with the Southern Democracy. This is a mistake.

THE FARMER.—We notice in passing through the country that many of our farmers are commenting upon the great improvements exhibited in the Oregon Farmer of late. We think Mr. SIMON FRANCIS, the old and popular editor of the Illinois Farmer, has had something to do in getting out our Portland agricultural paper. Mr. Francis has been trained in the right school to make a very successful editor of an agricultural journal.

J. W. SULLIVAN,

Of San Francisco, the indefatigable news agent, is determined that his reputation as a vendor of the latest papers and periodicals shall be maintained. Everything in his line of business can be obtained of him.

For the Argus.

Hooraw! OREGON for Lincoln!!



Friday Night, 10 o'clock.—We have held our paper back for the Stage from the South. It arrived an hour ago, with returns from Jackson and Douglas, which we give below. Lincoln has undoubtedly carried the State by 250 majority! Our feelings will not permit us to write with composure; we therefore refer you to the returns for further information.

ELECTION RETURNS.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY.

Table with 4 columns: Precincts, Lincoln, Breck, Doug. Rows include Oregon City, Linn City, Tualatin, Milwaukie, Rock Creek, Young's, Harding's, Springwater, Beaver Creek, Upper Molalla, Marquam's, Lower Molalla, Curry.

Total, 469 325 173. Bell received 2 votes. Whole number of votes in the county, 407. Lincoln over Breckridge, 84. Dryer ran behind his associates on the Electoral ticket 11 votes in this county.

MARION COUNTY.

Salem, (the two precincts)—Douglas, 268; Lincoln, 239; Breckridge, 84; Bell, 2. Total vote, 693. Doug. a majority over Lincoln, 129; over Breckridge 234; over Bell, 416.

WASCO COUNTY.

Dallas Precinct—a 2 o'clock P. M.—Douglas, 40; Breckridge, 54; Lane, 34. 40; at 9 o'clock P. M., Douglas, 72; Lincoln, 50; Breckridge, 8; Bell, 1. About all in.

LINN COUNTY.

Albany Precinct—Lincoln, 165; Douglas, 48; Breck, 102; Thayer, 117. Total vote, 382. Siskiyou Precinct—Lincoln, 35; Douglas, 8; Breckridge, 31. 2 o'clock, s. m.—Lincoln, 80; Douglas, 34; Breckridge, 55.

BENTON.

Covallis Precinct.—Breckridge 248; Lincoln 133; Douglas 90; Bell 3. Tappan Precinct.—Breckridge 34; Lincoln 8; Douglas 6.

VOTE BY COUNTIES.

Table with 4 columns: Counties, Lincoln, Breck, Doug, Bell. Rows include Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Wasco, Multnomah, Tillamook, Washington, Yamhill, Marion, Polk, Linn, Benton, Lane, Douglas, Umpqua, Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine.

THANKSGIVING.

To His Excellency, Gov. Whitaker: The Seventy-Six Ladies of Oregon City who petitioned you last year to appoint a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, would respectfully request a renewal of the same favor for 1860. Signed, etc.

THANKS.—We are under obligations to Messrs. John Conner, of Albany, J. D. Crawford, of Champoug, J. R. McBride and Dr. Henry, of Lafayette, N. T. Caton, of Salem, and W. C. Johnson, of this city, for their promptness in sending us elections returns. We also acknowledge our indebtedness to the Statesman and the Union for Extras containing the latest returns.

HEAVY FREIGHT.—The Oregon took from this port on her recent trip, six thousand boxes of apples.

ACTUOS.—Read the advertisement of Mr. L. Forest in this week's paper.

The highway over which the Democracy have traveled is lined with the heads of what they call traitors. Twenty-five years ago, Hugh L. White, of Tennessee, ventured to question certain measures of policy that were regarded as essential to the Democratic creed. He was never allowed, though he ever afterwards claimed to be a Democrat, to regain his former standing, to which his talents and his character entitled him. He was a marked man, and was never forgiven.

A more remarkable illustration of the practice of shooting all who hesitate, is to be found in the fate of the Van Buren, Martin and John, both claimed to be as good Democrats as the best. But they have always been marked as traitors, and could never get a decent recognition in the party. Though they have repented in sackcloth and laid their mouths in the dust there has been no forgiveness for them.

The Baltimore correspondent of the World favors us with what he considers reliable information in regard to Mr. Buchanan's opinions of the political canvass. He says:

"I have it from a gentleman who is nearer the presidential chair than any other person, perhaps, in the country, that the President is perfectly satisfied with Mr. Lincoln's election, and treats it as a fait accompli. He is not distressed at the catastrophe that has overtaken the Democratic party, or rather the men who forced him into the Kansas-Leecompton gulf. As to the threats of disunion, he laughs at them as the merest moonshine. He regards the attempts at fusion in your State as the efforts of a blacksmith who should try to weld two pieces of cold iron.

Hon. John J. Crittenden, in his late speech at Independence, Kentucky, was very severe on the disunionists. He said, in apostrophizing them:

"Don't break my country into fragments, and talk of the little Confederations that are to be so happy. You will pull down the great Confederacy—you will pull down the American Constitution upon the heads of the American people—and you offer yourselves to me as the men to build up half a dozen little shanties here, and call them Constitutions. (Applause.) I say to them 'Beware! you poor tricksters!—you miserable, coerced set! You talk about pulling down the work that the hands of Washington laid the cornerstone of; you talk about pulling down the great Government made by the hands of Madison, and Monroe, and Hamilton, and all the great names that figured in our early and virtuous days. You talk about pulling it down and giving us a better Government! (Laughter.) Why, gentlemen, there is no amount of scorn with which that set of fellows do not deserve to be treated.

The wag of the Oswego Commercial Times gives the following 'prescription,' which the doctors say is good in the worst cases of a sudden depression of the 'coliculus indix,' attended with a goneness in the region of the 'cuteroid canibus.'

- Spiritus Neri Otardi, z. i. Spiritus Vinii Juitani, z. Ss. Stizurum Whitum, q. s. Ichm Fin's, q. s. Sliccum Pineappeli, Strawberrii, Shakhstis violenter. Sn-kite dolerit cum strawum.

The Bangor Union gives the following humorous analysis of the term 'squatter sovereignty'; 'Squatter, a fellow that squats. 'Sovereignty,' power, ability. 'Squatter Sovereignty,' the power to squat. It also means a sovereign squatting, as well as a squatter sovereign.

CALIFORNIA EXPORTS.—The clipper ship Meteor is taking in a cargo of wheat in San Francisco for Liverpool. This is the seventh vessel that has taken a cargo of grain for English ports, during the past three months.—Advertiser.

EXPORTS.—The ship Georgia Lee recently sailed from San Francisco for Hong Kong, with 880 barrels, 2,123 quarter sacks of flour; 1000 sacks of oats and 3,902 of wheat.—Advertiser.

OREGON MEATS.—The following are the quotations in the San Francisco market:—Hams 18c.; Sides 17c.; Shoulders 12c. per lb. Sales of 4,000 lbs.

Delusion let off his gas in Portland Monday evening, to a crowd of 45 persons. He would probably have had more to bear him, but Elisha Applegate spoke in town at the same time, and he always draws a full house. Delusion waxed wroth at this interference, and "enssed" a blue streak—as we have been informed.

We received a call from J. M. Kirkpatrick, Esq., of Albany, this week. Mr. Kirkpatrick has been doing most effective service in the Republican cause in this section. He addressed the citizens of Portland on Monday evening preceding the election.

The Rival has been withdrawn from the trade between this city and Portland. The prices of freight and passage have consequently advanced. Freight is now \$2 down, and \$2.50 up—passage \$1 each way.

OREGON BUTTER.—The San Francisco Bulletin of a recent date says: We have recently been in receipt of considerable butter from Oregon, in barrels, packed in brine, but it is not a favorite article, the price ruling from 12 1/2 to 40c. per lb. as the extremes; but at this writing, 25c. per lb. may be considered as an extreme quotation. California dairies are very scarce, and the best commands 60c. per pound.