

THE COURIER

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DEFEATED, PARTIALLY, BUT NOT SUBJUGATED.—The late election in Yamhill county resulted in the partial defeat of the Democracy by a very small majority, which might have been overcome easily enough had a proper effort been made to do so. The Democracy will not doff its armor, however, for it is but a short time until another election rolls round, and there is scarcely any one silly enough to suppose that there will be a ghost of a show for success for the radicals in another fight. No person will be willing to ally himself with the fortunes of a party which is so obviously played out, as is the present bundle of inconsistencies claiming to be the "Union" party. Had the election been a month later we would have carried the State by from 1500 to 2000 majority, so rapidly were men deserting the cause of radical disunionism. When we from time to time asserted in the columns of the COURIER, that the Democracy was being materially reinforced in this county from the ranks of the enemy, some, who ought to have been better posted, scouted at the idea. We knew whereof we wrote, however, and the result of the election vindicated our judgment in the premises. From 162 of a majority, we reduced them in the short space of two years to absolutely nothing. They will not seriously contest another election. Mark that.

QUIET AND ORDERLY ELECTION.—The election on the fourth passed off quite orderly at Lafayette. With the exception of a trifling "fray" between Mr. Bland and E. C. Bradshaw, Esq., which took place early in the day, and for the part he acted in which the former named gentleman carries a receipt "all right." This affair was the result of Mr. Bland challenging Mr. Bradshaw's vote just for the fun of the thing. This put a period to further malignant interference at the polls with those who were obviously entitled to vote.

SOME VICTORY.—While the blacks carried the county by a scratch, the Democracy elected most of the Justices and Constables throughout the county. In Lafayette we elected Messrs. J. T. Hembree and H. W. Allen by handsome majorities. Great surprise was manifested among the radicals over this result, for they had confidently counted on from twenty to thirty majority in this precinct. But, alas for human calculations! They "slipped up on it," slightly. Col. Kelly led Woods in this precinct three votes. The remainder of the candidates varied from a tie all the way up to two majority, except the Justices, one of whom, Mr. Hembree, got five majority.

WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC GAIN.—Washington county has done nobly in the late election. She has reduced the usual enormous black majority up there more than half. The Democracy of that county have everything to cheer them. Another election, and they will distance all opposition. We say to them, persevere, press on. It is a noble work in which they are engaged, and they have only to wait two short years to see their labors in behalf of law and order—of civilization, crowned with complete success. There is a grand prize to be won, which will be worth the effort to win it.

THE VOTE OF YAMHILL COUNTY.—We will furnish our readers next week with a tabular statement of the vote of this county by precincts. It will be valuable for reference.

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As many have predicted (the wish doubtless being father to the thought) that our paper would, having fulfilled its mission, when the election was over, be discontinued, we deem it in place to say a few words on this point. It was never our remotest intention to discontinue the publication of the COURIER. What means we possess are invested in our office; we could not, consistently with our interests, let our paper stop if we were ever so desirous of getting out of the business. We, however, have no desire to change our business, and the COURIER, commanding a support commensurate with its necessities, we shall continue its publication indefinitely, so far as depends on our ability and inclinations in the premises. The election being passed, our columns will be devoted in the future, more to the local interests of our people, the news, and miscellaneous subjects, than to the discussion of political subjects. We have thus far received a tolerably liberal support, though there is abundant room for improvement in this particular. The voting population of Yamhill county now numbers over eleven hundred, while a majority of our people are well to do in respect to property and resources. This being the fact, we see no reason why a paper should not be reasonably sustained at this point. We shall, ere long, enlarge the COURIER to a twenty-four column sheet, and inaugurate other improvements. Meanwhile we hope our friends, and all friends of the progress and development of the various interests of our community, will make an effort to extend our circulation.

To those who have smiled on our enterprise, and lent us encouragement, we extend our warmest greetings; while to those who have availed themselves of every opportunity to level a thrust at us, we will say, that we disregard their pretensions. The Courier will go on.

PROSCRIPTIVE TENDENCIES OF THE RADICALS.—"Rev. W. Ferguson, delegate from the Zanesville, O., Presbytery, was expelled from the Old School General Assembly at St. Louis, recently, for the authorship of a letter published in the Columbus (Ohio) Statesman, denouncing the radical majority in the Assembly."

The above we print as a specimen brick of radical religious intolerance. It has been but a short time since a minister of high standing and great ability, was expelled in Pennsylvania for a like offence. Tell us that the indications do not point to an attempt to establish a religion by law. These same radical proscriptionists would, were they a little stronger numerically, shackle the minds and tongues of all who do not exactly agree with them on what they miscall the sacred church. They already proscribe and ostracise all who do not think and act politically up to their standard. Think of this, Americans!

PRESIDENT JOHNSON has ordered the arrest of all the Yankee speculators down South. The radicals are howling most agonizingly against military "usurpation." It is all right with them when a white man is arrested by some irresponsible satrap, but Yankees must not be disturbed.

WHAT WE WOULD HAVE DONE.—If each county in the State had produced Democratic gains proportionately with Yamhill, we would have beaten the treason shriekers over two thousand votes.

WILL BE CONTESTED.—The seat of "Catalogue" Laughlin, and possibly that of Lampson, will be contested; the former on the ground of ineligibility, and the latter on the ground of illegal votes. Laughlin's case is a plain one, and as for Lampson, it would only require the curtailment of his vote eight to retire him to the shades of private life.

PETTY PROSCRIPTION.—Some days since, Mr. Hammack purchased the interest of Mr. Bodyfelt in the meat market of this place, the latter named gentleman expressing a desire to retire from the business and engage in something else. Hammack is regarded by all who know him as being a good citizen and very worthy man—a member of the Christian church, he is a gentleman of exemplary morals. In the eyes of a few radicals he is guilty of one great offense—that of being a Democrat. No sooner had these radicals been informed of the change which had taken place in the proprietorship of the aforesaid market, than they set about starting an opposition establishment. It seems that they have prevailed upon Mr. Bodyfelt, who, by the way, is a very worthy man, to re-engage in the business, in order, as they say, to "freeze" the old gentleman, Hammack, out. We regret exceedingly to see such proscription manifested in our village, and especially are we sorry to see men engaged in the enterprise whom the community had looked upon as being above such an exhibition of intolerance.

The right of any one to embark in the business of furnishing meats for our people is not questioned, but the spirit of meanness evinced by a few of the radicals in this instance, is particularly reprehensible.

A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE.—The Negro-Union persists in setting down Wood's majority in this county at 25. George L. Woods, the man who procured the trailing of the American flag, got only thirteen majority in Yamhill county. But for the rigorous party discipline enforced on election day, he would have run a hundred more behind his ticket. This is the county in which the devilment was done—here is where the people know who did it.

POLK COUNTY.—Our neighbor county, Polk, though she did not come up to the standard of the general expectation in the late election, she nevertheless rendered a fair account of herself. She elected two Representatives and most of her county ticket, and gave Col. Kelly a majority.

We issued and distributed our last paper on Saturday, three days in advance of publication day, and it is probable that some of our subscribers did not receive their papers as we were compelled to send our packages to the different points in the county by private hands.

DR. M'BRIDE, who has been expected home from HONOLULULU, has not yet returned. The last seen of him, he was sounding along the coast in search of the ford at which he crossed, to reach the Islands three years since. He was leading his mar, Blaze, and was complaining of the "misketur." He had been compelled to abandon his kit of "medasens."

The stream has probably been swollen by the late rains so that the Doc. will be unable to cross for some time to come.

WILLAMETTE PRECINCT, which two or three years since, only cast five Democratic votes, came thundering in on the evening of election day with fourteen Democratic majority. Truly, time works wonders. Mr. Mark Sawyer was in Lafayette before night with the result.

TWO YEARS since, in all Yamhill county, the Democrats only elected one Justice of the Peace, Mr. Ayres, in West Chehalem. On Monday, one week ago, they elected in the county, if we are not mistaken, NINE. Truth goes marching on.

GLEANINGS.

An effort is being made to pass the Colorado bill over the President's veto. The radicals want to be reinforced by two Senators from that State. (?)

The Democratic State Convention of Ohio, which met on the 24th ult., at Columbus, endorse Johnson's reconstruction policy, but claim nothing at his hands for their support of his measures. Vallandigham and Pendleton made speeches.

The trial of Jeff. Davis is likely to be postponed until August or September. His wife is now allowed to visit and remain with him. Great gnashing of teeth among the radicals in consequence.

Judge Thomas, of the Circuit Court of Virginia, at Alexandria, refused to admit negro testimony in a case where a white man is on trial before him, declaring that Congress cannot decide that persons or classes of persons may testify in Virginia courts.

Geo. H. Williams, of the "Committee of Fifteen," has lately received a reply from Gen. Phil. Sheridan, to a list of questions some time since propounded by him in relation to the status of society and the negro in the South, and touching the necessity for the continuance of military force in the Southern States. Were it not for the promptings of selfishness, the General in his answers to the several interrogatories of Williams, would have abundantly vindicated the policy pursued by Johnson and the Democracy.

Without giving any good reason why, the idea most prominent with Sheridan is, that it is to some extent necessary to maintain a military force at the South. This was to be expected, as there are very few disinterested enough in these days of corruption and venality, to voluntarily proclaim that there is no further use for their particular trades. The General says that as a whole, the negroes in his department are as ignorant as it is possible for any race of beings to be.

Two convicts escaped from the Penitentiary at Salem lately. A reward is offered for their apprehension.

The ex-privateer Tallahassee has been surrendered by the English Government to the United States. The Negro-Union is particularly wrathful in the premises. It says:

"About a year ago our Government pompously demanded indemnity for the ravages of these rebel cruisers, but now contents itself with merely claiming the vessels—appearing in the character of a sort of residuary legate of the Southern Confederacy. This 'letting down' in our foreign policy is fitly paralleled by the achievements of that wonderful statesmanship which has made treason odious by making traitors honorable.

We publish important telegraphic news of the Fenian invasion of Canada. A bloody time may be expected.

The majority for Woods in Multnomah county, as officially reported, is only 180. A decided falling off since the last election, when the blacks had near 500 majority in the county.

The candidate for State Printer on the Democratic ticket seem to have run far behind so far as heard from.

SICKNESS.—There seems to be just now an unusual amount of sickness through the country, mostly confined to children. Its cause is probably traceable to the protracted rainy season, and the consequent humidity of the atmosphere, with cold nights. Drs. White and Westfield have been kept on the go pretty constantly for a number of weeks. When the weather clears up, we may look for an abatement of sickness.

THE YAMHILL keeps up surprisingly the present season. The UNION reaches the warehouse without difficulty.

Telegraphic

TORONTO, June 2.—Early this morning troops left Fort Colborne under command of Col. Booker, of the 13th Regiment, "The Queen's Own," and three miles from Ridgeway Station, the Fenians were found encamped in the bushes. The column at once attacked them, the volunteers driving the Fenians. A number were killed on both sides. The volunteers behaved splendidly, rushing at the retreating Fenians with the utmost gallantry. It is thought the volunteers will at least hold their own until the arrival of British regulars and artillery. Later, 12:00 M.—The battle is still going on. "The Queen's Own" and regulars from Toronto were two hours behind time in leaving. The forces engaged previous to their arrival were about equally opposed, about 2,000 strong. Later, 1:30 P. M.—Dispatches have just been received stating that "The Queen's Own" were driven back with the loss of some 15 killed and 40 wounded, but rallying again drove the Fenians back again with considerable loss.

BUFFALO, June the 21, 2:40 P. M.—Latest reports say the troops at Ridgeway were being hard pressed by the Fenians. 4 P. M.—The Fenians are reported beaten. The Canadian loss was twenty killed and a number wounded. The Fenian loss is supposed to be heavier, many being taken prisoners. 5:30 P. M.—The steam tug Robb arrived at Fort Erie with 40 Fenians, who were taken prisoners at Ridgeway. She was lying at dock, when 200 Fenians came over the hill and fired into her. The tug backed into the stream and fired two shots while floating down. The Fenians then attacked the company of volunteer artillery posted in the town, and after a brief resistance the Canadians wavered and finally gave way retreating down the bank, rallying at times. The tug backed down until it came abreast of the Canadians. The firing finally ceased and the Canadians surrendered. The affair lasted about 20 minutes. The Fenians did not recapture any of their men. The fight was witnessed by a large number of persons on this side.

BUFFALO, June 21, 6 P. M.—Accounts from the battle of Ridgeway are so conflicting that it is almost impossible to get the truth. Some still assert the Fenians drove and whipped the Canadians, and others the contrary. Col. Starr, commanding the Fenians, gave orders to scatter and save themselves.

The affair at Fort Erie this afternoon was brief but severe. The Canadian captain was wounded and a Fenian captain killed. The British forces consisted of the Fourteenth, Sixteenth and Tenth regulars. Artillery, besides Canadian volunteers, are now en route to Fort Erie. One hundred and fifty are expected there to-night.

NEW YORK, June 2.—The Fenians are momentarily expected to start news from the St. Lawrence. General Sweeney was expected to cross the river some where below Rouse's Point to-day. Gen. Sweeney left New York last night in citizen's clothing followed and preceded by 5,000 men from the First, Fourth and Sixth wards, desperate cases ready for anything. To-day the streets are filled with Union officers and soldiers and naval men, asking for Sweeney's headquarters. They say they have had four years of service, and want more.

A St. Albans (VT) dispatch says the Fenians are moving in that direction, commanded by Maj. Spear, late of the regular army. St. Arnaud is said to be their rendezvous. St. Albans is quiet this morning. Toronto dispatches say there are at least 4,000 troops within a few hours' march of the Fenians, and plenty more reserves.

CHICAGO, June 1.—The Fenian invasion at Fort Erie has terminated disastrously. From the mass of dispatches it appears that reinforcements attempted to cross the Niagara river on Saturday night, June 2, and were driven back by the United States patrol boats. The situation on the Canadian side being perilous from the close proximity to 3,000 British regulars, under Col. Gordon, Col. O'Neil, commanding the Fenian invaders, attempted to retreat across the river under cover of the darkness, on Sunday morning, June 3, when the Colonel, staff and from 300 to 500 were picked up by the patrol boats. They are now on raft anchored in the river a few miles below Buffalo under guard of the United States steamer Michigan, it being thought unsafe to bring them ashore, lest a rescue might be attempted by several hundred Irishmen who swarm the American shore.

BUFFALO, June 2.—8 P. M. Parties here who have the best of information say the Fenian movement from this direction is only a faint and Pottsdam is to be the base of supplies, and the real point of attack is Prescott; surprise however is expressed that no news has been received from others of any demonstration. Somebody has evidently failed to come to time.

BUFFALO, June 4.—All quiet on the Niagara. General Meade and United States District Attorney Bent, have gone to Pottsdam and will take a survey.

The British troops now guarding the Niagara frontier are picking up Fenian stragglers, of whom it is estimated 200 or 300 remained after the evacuation. The Fenian loss will not exceed 25 killed. The entire invading force did not exceed 1,000.