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The Result.

At this writing enough is not known to give more than a general statement regarding the result. It is almost certain that the entire Republican state ticket is elected, and in this county the fierce scratching that prevailed made the count so slow that nothing definite can be learned. The result of our local contest is given as fully as possible in our local columns.

The one fact made manifest by last Monday's election in Oregon, is that the independent vote not only holds the balance of power, but that it constitutes of itself a distinct element that may safely be counted on to exercise judgment in casting the ballot, uninfluenced by party machinery and unbiased by strict party ties. It has been a common sneer that Democrats never scratched a ticket, but the returns show that Democrats were as active as Republicans in scratching the names of parties when they believed were not fit for the position for which they aspired. It is a healthful sign to see voters scrutinizing a ticket and selecting from among the candidates the names of those who in their judgment can be trusted with public business. This is the one distinctive feature of the vote and the lesson may prove a salutary one. The result of the election in this place was a foregone conclusion, and is to some more a matter of regret than surprise. As to the state ticket, the election of George was simply a question of majority. The fact that he had made a fair record as a legislator, that he had become acquainted and would therefore be a good man to send again, gravitated in his favor. For the first time in the history of the state, a Congressman has been re-elected, and the commonwealth must certainly be better represented thereafter.

It seems to us that there are a few things needed to make the ballot a surer test of the people's will. There should be more polling places in the city; men should not be allowed to squeeze in close proximity to the poles, and above all there should be a registry law. This, well, to put it mild, indiscriminate style of balloting is not just as conducive to the dignity of the ballot as it might be. No man that is entitled to vote would object; the element that would be prohibited by such safeguard are generally the element that make the stream turbid.

The Tariff Commission. The application for places on the Tariff Commission by letter, by recommendations, and by personal importunity by members of Congress almost exceed belief. Every cross-road politician who has spouted about the tariff on the stump, or who has advocated protection in the country organ, thinks himself particularly qualified for the post.

The President has had a hard time in sifting the qualities of this multitude of office-seekers and in finding the proper persons. The "friends of the administration" regard the commission as so much patronage, to be treated in the usual way, and they clamorously demand places.

The pay is ten dollars a day and all expenses, which are estimated to average ten more, with the generous living which commissioners indulge in when they get a chance at the public treasury. But behind all this extreme attraction, there is another interest which prompts the exceptional demand for a seat on the commission.

It is expected there will be sharp competition among the monopolists for recognition in any bill that may be prepared for Congress next winter, and for favor in the report of the commission. The temptation attracts the

weak and venal, and both classes are urgent for places.

The independent movement in Pennsylvania seems to be similar to the movement in California, some years ago, headed by Booth, seconded by such men as Estee, Swift, Perkins, Miller, Paebeco, Edgerton and scores of others who are still prominent, and backed by an overwhelming majority of the voters. That movement broke a boss system which for years prior had almost undisputed control of the state. There was no way to defeat it except by a revolt, and the experience in Pennsylvania is evidently the same. The Cameron rule and Stalwartism-together, are too much for any intelligent constituency to endure at the same time.

Bonds printed from genuine plates which have been stolen from the government cannot be truly said to be counterfeit. The government will undoubtedly be compelled to pay for the rascality of its agents, and the possible dimensions of the public debt are startling. Were it not for the gigantic stealing, past and prospective, there would be no necessity for the manufacture of evidences of debt or paper currency. We would by this time have returned to the natural currency of the world, and with gold and silver coins the exchanges of the people would be effected in the safest way ever devised by man.

With the arrears of pension swindle and all the other swindles which have been consummated, the revenue of the federal treasury is far in excess of the expenditures. The reduction of the whisky tax is proposed, but the majority in congress are by this time afraid to endorse the policy of exempting the very article which can best stand the burden. The reduction of the tariff is the obvious way of reaching the desired end, but that has been headed off by the eastern people, by securing the appointment of a commission, which will delay matters for a couple of years.

Hostile Indians will not flee across the borders into Mexico, any more. The Mexican troops are made brave by the offer of a reward of three hundred dollars for every scalp taken, and will follow so congenial an occupation with the utmost zeal. It would be wrong for our enlightened government to adopt such a policy, but it is eminently proper to drive the murderous savages across the line, if our troops can do so, and then let the wicked Mexican reap their harvest of scalps and dollars.

Full of years and honors the great Italian patriot, Giuseppe Garibaldi, passed peacefully away at Maddelena, Italy, last Saturday. All Italy is in mourning for her illustrious son, as she mourned in years gone by for his distinguished comrade, Mazzini. Garibaldi reached the height of his fame when General Oudinot took Rome in 1849, and since then has lived in privacy at Caprera.

BORN. In Astoria, May 24, to the wife of J. Cohen, a daughter.

NEW TO-DAY.

FOUND. TWO-DAY, JUNE 6TH, A REEF OF Fort Stevens, about 200 fathoms of Barbour's No. 12, 12 ply, 50 mesh deep. No marks. Apply to John Peterson, Devlin's Cannery.

NET LOST. June 5th, in middle channel, about 60 fathoms of 15-mesh net, 12 ply Barbour's twine; leads marked J. A. D. & Co. Finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to Devlin's Cannery, or giving information that will lead to its recovery. FRANK VIANELLO.

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FOUND. BY F. M. PETERSON, ON A SPIT IN Gray's Harbor, May 29, 1892, the following-described net in two pieces: the two measuring about 100 fathoms, 45 meshes deep, 12-ply thread, no marks or brands. There was one seal lion and some fish in the net when found, but it doesn't appear to be much damaged. The owner of said net can have the same by proving property and paying charges.

NET LOST. ON THE MORNING OF MAY 29TH, SEVEN or eight hundred yards of 12-ply Scotch No. 12, 12-ply, 40 mesh, 100 fathoms of web, 40 fathoms of 45 mesh, and the rest 48 mesh. No marks. Leave information at P. U. P. Cannery.

NET LOST. ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 5TH, A little below Point Alce, 175 fathoms of web, 40 fathoms of 45 mesh and the rest 48 mesh, Scotch No. 12, 12-ply. Cords marked "L. N. P. C. Co." Leave information at P. U. P. Cannery.

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