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The Dispatch,

Official Organ for Monroe County.

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Election Returns from Manatee County.

The election returns from Manatee County have been received and show the following result:

For Congress	Henderson (dem) recd.	249
	Purnan (rep)	77
	Henderson's majority	172
For State Senate	Hendry (dem)	250
	Howe (rep)	67
	Philbrick (rep)	7
	Hendry's majority over Howe	183
For Assemblyman	Hagan (dem)	235
	Green (rep)	84
	Hagan's majority	151

Mr. Howe's majority over Hendry in Monroe County, admitting the votes polled at the Fort Myers precinct, was 62, thus reducing the majority of Mr. Hendry in the district (Monroe and Manatee Counties,) to 122. Mr. Howe received the entire Republican vote of this county and ran 71 ahead of his ticket. In Manatee County he ran 11 behind his ticket. Of those 11 votes, 7 were cast for Mr. Philbrick, while 4 electors failed to vote at all on the Senatorial question. The report which have been quite freely circulated to the effect that Mr. Howe was, or would be defeated by certain Republicans are, therefore maliciously false and without the slightest foundation in fact. If the seven votes cast for Mr. Philbrick would, if cast for Mr. Howe, secured his (Howe's) election, there might then have been some cause for the reports referred to, although Mr. Philbrick was regularly nominated in Manatee County. His name however, was withdrawn some time before the election, and the fact of such withdrawal generally and well known throughout the county; hence, it is safe to assume that the 7 votes cast for Mr. Philbrick would not have been given to Mr. Howe under any circumstances; and even if they had been, he would still have lacked one hundred and fifteen votes to secure his election. The Senate being a tie, Mr. Howe's defeat is to be regretted, although it is believed that if his democratic friends in Manatee County had been as anxious to secure his election as the leaders of the democratic party were in this county, we could to-day have chronicled his success, and a Republican majority in the State Senate.

Civil Service Reform.

The Washington correspondent of the Tallahassee Sentinel, writing under date of the 2nd inst, thus refers to the Civil Service Reform, and its disastrous effects to the Republican party during the recent elections:

In the history of the Government there never was a more blindly insulting mistake than the so-called "Civil Service Reform," and this insult to the intelligent working masses of the country has done more to injure the Republican party than all the rest of its shortcomings together. The idea of making a test examination in scholastic attainments the standard of qualification for the varied business of the Government, was an imbecile attempt at saddling the impoverished and lazy offspring of a played-out aristocracy on the Government for support, and to exclude the poor colored man and the poor white man. It originated in the Democratic party; and Congress, to make it appear how willing it was to adopt any measure looking to reform, adopted it; and it has been the mean of more corruption, more injustice, more down right inefficiency, more heartburns, and more expense to the Government and to the country than would have been engendered in a dozen years under the old rule of allowing integrity, adaptability, loyalty, and party fealty, to be the gauge of an applicant's worthiness. One recommendation which this "Reform" had, was that nearly the same system had been in practice for years in England, and, according to Lord Palmerston, in reply to a letter to him of one of the flunkey clerks who had been placed on the examining board, "it was found that it worked well." Of course such a system was calculated to do just what was intended it should do—exclude every poor boy who could not prove himself to be of aristocratic origin! And the idea of this free, liberal, and enlightened country adopting such a system, and of trying to prove its good because it is a success with aristocratic England! And the idea of a Republican Congress agreeing to consent to such an unjust law, and that, too, in the face of a resolu-

tion unanimously adopted by that body, giving Union soldiers the preference, when as well qualified as any one who had not been a soldier.

But the "Civil Service Reform" has been a boon of comfort to the poor Democracy, who had, as its origin, all of two-thirds of the positions in the Departments at Washington. Every Department had its corps of examiners, consisting of "old clerks," who were born and cradled in Democracy, grew up in Democracy, and never knew, said, or cared to know anything but Democracy, and whose sympathies, of course, were for the Democracy, and especially more particularly the "Last Cause" part of it. It was the custom here for the papers to publish weekly a report of the action of this board, and the following was clipped from a paper of a year ago:

H. T. B., Ill.; J. C., Maryland; A. R., Vt.; O. S., Maryland; W. R. T., Kentucky; M. A. C., Ohio; F. E. B., N. Y.; J. G. C., Delaware; J. P. S., Penn.; D. E. A., N. C.; O. S. B., Maine; W. R. T., S. O.; F. J. B., Ga.

This is an extract of a list of appointments by this board of about one hundred; and seventy-eight of them were from the South, and thirty of these were from Maryland!

The "Civil Service Reform" did good service after the Greeley collapse. The poor whipped renegades of the Republican party found sympathy and nourishment awaiting them with affectionate and open arms at the Departments here, and they vanished from the surface into these holes out of which good Republicans were kicked. And if the Republican party is at a loss or dumbfounded at the sudden growth of the Democracy, let it thank itself for its blindness and stupidity.

The Vice President on the Election.

Vice President Wilson gives the New York Tribune his views on the Republican defeat, and says the result shows the necessity for a liberal and magnanimous policy. With statesmen for Republican leadership, he believes the party will recover itself in two years hence. He believes that the Democrats will, by their blundering policy, contribute to that end. As to the cause of the late defeats, he said thousands of Republicans did not vote, or voted against the party to check some of its tendencies, and if the party adopt a prudent, liberal and lofty course, it will sweep the country again. Among the other causes were the dissatisfaction of the unemployed, who had lost work from the effects of the panic, the burden of the Louisiana matter, (and he don't think either party right in Louisiana,) and the third term question. He does not believe a third term candidate could carry any of the Northern and but few of the Southern States.

Mr. Charles P. Thompson the man who has made himself immortal by defeating Butler, seems to be a most desirable kind of man to have in Congress. He made a speech at a jubilation meeting in Gloucester on Wednesday night, and in it uttered these unmistakably sound ideas: "I stand now as no partisan. I am not a servant of the Democratic party; I am not a servant of the Republican party. I shall advocate those measures and only those measures that I believe to be for the common good. I shall never advocate a principle upon party grounds. I shall be unworthy of the confidence that has been placed in me if I understand what the Democratic party meant when they put me in nomination, which was that I should carry out those principles which I believe to be right—that I should serve my country first, and by serving my country I know I can best serve my party. In this canvass there are some important questions. One of them is the financial questions. I know that my Republican friends who vote for me did so because I was sound upon that question. You ask me if I am in favor of the colored man. I answer, Yes, I am in favor of the white man and the colored man. I believe they are entitled to equal rights under the Constitution. I believe in equality of duties. I would not go for a law that would discriminate in favor of a white man or a black man. I want the same law for all."

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

THE ARKANSAS TROUBLES.

Chicago, November 16.—The Evening Post and Mail has special dispatches from Little Rock, from Gov. Garland and Lieut. Gov. Smith, in which each presents his own side of the contest. Smith says the President will hear the case to-morrow, and thinks he will be recognized. Garland says: "The Legislature is at work under the new constitution, and the people acquiesce and cordially support the government, and I intend to enforce its authority against all in the State who try to overthrow and usurp it to the utmost of my capacity."

THE NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

Raleigh, November 16.—The late Legislature met to-day and organized by the election of Col. R. F. Ormfield, of Iredell, President of the Senate, who is virtually Lieutenant Governor of the State, owing to the recent death of Governor Caldwell, and John S. Robinson, of Macon, Speaker of the House. The House stands eighty-four Democrats, thirty-four Republicans and two independents. The Senate stands three Democrats and twelve Republicans.

ALABAMA NOTES.

Montgomery, November 16.—The Legislature met today. A quorum was present in both bodies. Mr. Anderson, of Mobile, was elected Speaker of the House, Phelan Clerk, and Cooke, Doorkeeper. The Democrats have sixty-four and the Radicals thirty-six. The vote will probably be counted for State officers on Friday.

The Mobile and Montgomery Railroad sold to-day by order of the Chancery Court,

was bought by the first mortgage bondholders for \$3,022,000. This saves the State from all losses.

THE METHODISTS.

New York, November 16.—The Episcopal Methodist Missionary Committee continued the work of making appropriations, among which are the following: Alabama, \$9,000; Arkansas, \$7,000; Baltimore, \$5,000; Central Pennsylvania, \$1,100; Florida, \$4,000; Georgia, \$5,500; Kentucky, \$7,000; Louisiana, \$8,000; Mississippi, \$8,000; North Carolina, \$7,500; Philadelphia, \$1,500; Pittsburgh, \$1,500.

The claim of the widow of Capt. Fry, who was murdered in Cuba by the Spaniards, for \$100, due him at the time he left the U. S. Navy for the confederate service, will have to be decided by Congress, the law of March 2, 1867, being held by the accounting officers to prohibit its payment. The President and Secretary of the Navy both favor the payment of the claim.

Washington, November 16.—Mr. Creswell, one of the Commissioners of the Freedmen's Bureaus, says it will require six hundred thousand dollars to enable the Commissioners to declare a dividend of 20 per cent, and as yet they have collected but seventy thousand. With careful husbandry of the resources Mr. Creswell estimates that the bank will eventually pay forty per cent.

SATANTA.

Washington November 18.—In regard to the second dispatch sent by order of the President to the Governor of Texas, it is stated that without forming or expressing any opinion as to whether or not Santana had violated his parole, the President and Secretary Delano, fearing he might be executed before the evidence could be fully collected, considered it merely just to delay his execution. It is to-day ascertained that during Governor Davis' incumbency the sentence of Santana was commuted from death to imprisonment for life. Under this commutation he has lately been placed in the Texas penitentiary.

STEAMBOAT HORROR.

New Orleans November 18.—Divers on examining the wreck of the Empire this morning, saw wedged in the freight on deck some ten or twelve deck hands. The divers were unable to gain admission into the state rooms on account of obstructions by freight. It is now believed the loss of life will reach between thirty and forty. One body was recovered to-day, that of a deck hand.

New York November 18.—Joseph Stewart banker, was to-day attacked with apoplexy, probably fatally.

The Beecher-Tilton case is finally set for December 8th.

Augusta Ga., November 18.—Hon. Alexander Stephens left for Washington this afternoon. He is in better health than he has been for the past ten years. He weighs eighty pounds.

CONTESTING.

Boston November 18.—Judge Abbott through his attorney, is taking depositions and following up all reports of fraudulent voting with the intent of contesting Mr. Frost's seat in the Forty fourth Congress.

BRITISH VISITORS.

Baltimore November 18.—Rt. Hon. Wm. Edward Forster and Sir T. F. Buxton, members of the British Parliament, visited a number of public schools in this city to-day in company with the city officials, for the purpose of examining the school system of Baltimore.

FOREIGN.

Cuba.

HAVANA, NOV. 18.

Official dispatch report the following incidents of war:

A small band of insurgents entered the village of Cano, on the 9th inst., but was driven out by the garrison, with the loss of one killed and one taken prisoner.

In the central Department the insurgent attacked the encampment at Las Flores and were repulsed.

On the night of November 4 the rebels attempted to pass the Trocha near Town No. 29. A vigorous fire was opened upon them by the neighboring towers, and after a fight of three hours' duration, the assailants retired.

Their loss is unknown.

The village of San Geronimo was attacked at night, on the 28th ult., by a strong force of rebels, who succeeded in burning the place.

In the Cincos Villas jurisdiction the Spanish troops attacked a rebel encampment on the 10th inst. near Manicagua. The enemy lost one killed and two wounded.

The Spanish mail steamer Isle de Cuba arrived here to-day, after having disembarked a force of 1,000 marines at Santiago de Cuba.

England.

London November 18.—The Polar expedition to be fitted out by the British Government will consist of two steamers. Capt. Mark Tam, of the Royal Navy, will command one of them. The expedition will start for the Arctic region next May.

Lord Derby to-day, replying to a deputation, promised that the government would address friendly remonstrances to the Porte in favor of the persecuted Christians in Syria.

The decrease of emigration has rendered the reduction of the fleets of the German Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company unavoidable. The Chairman of the North German Lloyd's Company is now in England seeking to dispose of the superfluous vessels of that line.

The students of St. Andrew's University have rejected a proposal made by some of their number, recommending that Ralph Waldo Emerson be elected Lord Rector.

A meeting of the Roman Catholics was held at Will's Rooms this evening, to consider the questions raised in the controversy between Gladstone and Archbishop Manning. Speeches were made denouncing the imputations and assumptions in the recent pam-

phlet on the Vatican decrees, and a resolution unanimously adopted, declaring that the civil loyalty of Roman Catholics is in no way affected by the decrees of Papal infallibility.

PARIS November 18.—The article in the *Journal des Debats* on Disraeli's disclaimer concludes as follows: It is apparent from the incident of Disraeli's apology that England in turn has been invaded. The Prime Minister can no longer speak without submitting to censure from Berlin.

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES.

The New York Tribune in an able article on the "Dangers of Democracy," says that the leaders of that party will make a woful mistake if they construe this overwhelming success in the fall elections as due to their record, practice or profession. After stating that such recklessness and excesses as would destroy public confidence prove fatal to their hopes in the future, the Tribune says that thousands of persons in the States voted for Democrats as the only fit expression of their disgust for the sins and follies of the Grant Administration. These persons were not by any means Democrats. The Tribune suggests to its Democratic friends that this is a victory which should rather steady them down with a sense of their responsibility than drive them wild with exultation. It is worth remembering that this is only the half-way point to a Presidential election, and that both the Democratic and Republican parties are to be for two years certain on their very best behavior.

The Courier says of the recent election: We can now rest assured that we shall not be ground to death by local taxation; confidence will revive and strengthen, and the whole community will prosper. The fight on Tuesday was a fight for property, and in the interest of property, and property won—not by its own efforts, but by those of the gallant bands of white men and colored men Republicans and Conservatives who organized the co-operation movement, carried it on and made it win. The work of Tuesday is worth a million of dollars to Charleston.

Northern Democrats propose to make Tilden President and then go on for reducing the salary to the old figure of \$25,000 per annum. Gen. Grant is now receiving \$100,000 per annum.

The Washington Chronicle seems to be leaning towards General Sherman for the next candidate for President.

The Washington people have a double yoke shirt made expressly for themselves. Some of its citizen financiers need two yokes of some kind. The freedmen would like to put the collar on some of them.

London is to have a joint stock company for the importation of live Texas cattle.

Nearly the entire business portion of the city of Apalachicola was destroyed by fire on Thursday night the 5th inst.

A new mail route from Clay landing, on the Suwannee river, to Ocala Marion county via Bronson, Stafford's Pond, and No 21, is petitioned for which will be a great convenience to many citizens along the proposed route, who now find it inconvenient to get their mail.

The Live Oak Times, of the 17th inst, says that on last Wednesday morning R. N. Brady, sheriff of Clinch county, Ga. arrived on the train from Savannah at Live Oak, bringing with him Frank Carraway, for whose arrest reward was offered by the authorities of Suwannee county and by Gov. Stearns. Carraway is charged with having attempted to murder his wife, and also resisting an officer. It is reported that he killed his brother, Wesley Carraway.

The Jacksonville Union of the 17th inst, says the lumber business is very dull here, as it is all over the country. We notice that one of the great Western firms, E. B. Washburn & Co., of Minnesota, has failed for half million.

We take the following from the Savannah Advertiser—Jas City November 12. K. S. Walton, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and who by law, was a county canvasser, and F. M. Weeks, his deputy clerk, and who is Johnson's opponent for the Senate, were arrested by a Deputy United States Marshal this morning, and taken to Jacksonville. The Circuit Court is in session without a clerk, and the regular business of the court has been suspended in consequence of said arrests.

Messrs. Waldron and Weeks, in charge of Deputy U. S. Marshal McMurray, arrived in our city on Thursday morning last, Waldron being charged with a refusal to canvass the Columbia county votes. He was taken before U. S. Commissioner A. R. Meek, where he waived an examination and gave bond to appear at the next term of the U. S. District Court.

This proceeding could not have inconvenienced the sitting of the Circuit Court to any great degree, as his removal was immediately telegraphed by the Governor and man by the name of Keene appointed in his stead.

The Floridian says "no true Conservative can look at the vote in this county (Leon) for our candidate for Congress without feeling the deepest mortification."

Speaker Blaine declines being a candidate for U. S. Senator from Maine.

For a wonder Alexander H. Stephens has written a private letter.

No yellow fever in Charleston. All gone with the cold weather.

Sorry to know that the Freedmen's bank is in such poor condition as is reported.

Three murderers were executed in Pennsylvania last Thursday.

The Florida Press says before another issue of this paper the St. John's Railroad will have been completed, with iron rail and steam engines, from Tocoi to the depot. This will be an important event in the modern history of St. Augustine, and, as,

such, should, in our humble opinion, be celebrated in some manner. We therefore take the liberty of proposing to the citizens, and as many of our country friends as choose to participate, that, as soon as the last rail is laid and the connection complete, we have a kind of holiday in honor of the event. A barbecue at the depot, or anywhere else, can be easily gotten up. If this proves acceptable to our citizens, they can put us down for at least "two chances."

The same paper says Governor Dix is coming down here, and perhaps John Morrissey will bring his tiger for the Governor to fight, as the New York Herald states that Dix shot one "on the spot" in New York.

KEY WEST, FLA.,
November 21, 1874.

Editor Dispatch—

Dear Sir,

Knowing the deep interest that all Americans take in the great cause of education; a cause upon which depends in a great measure the future prosperity of our vast country; and at the same time the well being and happiness of individual citizens; for government in a country like ours is the expression of the majority of its citizens, and the individuals chosen to represent this expression will wield an influence for good or evil according to the state of enlightenment or ignorance of the masses that elect them; I therefore, dear Sir, with these views under consideration, avail myself of the columns of your journal to inform the public of our town that I opened on Thursday last in the old school house situated on Bahama street, a school, or rather a Classical or Commercial College, under the name of St. Joseph's College, where the youth of our town may enjoy within their own locality all the benefits of a liberal education irrespective of creed or belief. The institution is under the special patronage of the Rev. J. B. Allard, Pastor of the Catholic Church of Key West. I have at the request of the College, accepted the direction of the College, and have engaged W. J. Cappick, a teacher of long and successful experience in the teaching of the various branches to aid me in the enterprise. To make the undertaking a success will be the duty of all good citizens interested in the welfare of the rising generation.

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why not the proper authorities see that these laws and ordinances are carried out as they should be—to the letter? When we electmen to the various city offices is it merely because we would like to see such and such man honored as being this or that? Emphatically No! We are supposed to place implicit confidence in the officers elected, and we expect them to do their duty.

As to citizens who themselves violate the sanitary regulations, we would say that they not only do themselves, but families a great injury, but also absolute nuisance to those who take a deeper interest in the health of the city. If their cat or dog happens to die, how far is the sea either way from either street? Why not pay a boy a cent or two to throw a dead animal overboard with an out going tide? Our opinion is, that nothing but the mercies of a good God keeps Key West from infectious diseases.

One thing certain is, that the next time we have a dead turkey thrown at our head, we will mention whose yard it comes from.

What is the matter with the Nassau publishers? We send the Dispatch regularly to the Guardian, Herald and Times, but we have to whistle for a Nassau paper! We wonder whether they think the Dispatch unworthy of notice, or are ashamed of their own sheets. Nassau papers you ought to let us on this side of the Gulf know what's going on in your lovely islands.

Since the above has been in type we received by the Dandy a file of the Times, with the Editor's compliments,—for a wonder.

Last Saturday we announced the arrival of Judge Magbee, but this was a mistake. The Margaret came to the wharf just about twilight, and we being a little short sighted, not having on our glasses at the time, mistook some one else for the Judge. However, he is here now, having arrived in the Yally City. We were right in our presumption of the Court being open on Monday after all; for it did open on Monday.

The large building in Thomas St. which had been in course of erection for some time by the colored Masons in this city, is now completed. The upper story is to be used as a Masonic Hall, and the ground floor we understand, will be let for balls, fairs, concerts, lectures, &

