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IT IS PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.

After Two Weeks of Anxiety the Question is at Last Settled.

We have at last reached solid, standing ground and can announce to our readers the true result of the election. Cleveland is elected.

Within a very short time after the polls were closed in N.w York the New York independent and Democratic papers had collected the official returns as announced by the judges of election at each voting precinct in the State and it footed up a plurality of 1,280 for Cleveland and Hendricks. This was close work and left little margin to "play upon." It was an unprecedented result in the Empire State. Heretofore her majority one way or the other has reached away up in the thousands and the winning side has always announced the victory and rested easy as to the exact majority which might be brought down by a count before the State board of canvassers. A majority of fifteen or thirty thousand could not be disturbed by "clerical errors" and "informalities" to the extent of a thousand or so ; but, when it came to as close a shave as 1,280, the official count before the board of canvassers meant business. And here is where the Republican wireworkers intended to get in their licks .The Associated Press sent in . its returns which were published by the "Tribune" and other Republican papers, and they gave the State to Blaine by several thousand majority. The Associated Press is owned and controlled by Jay Gould, a wealthy stock gambler who was enthusiastic for Blaine. Gould and some coconspirators had their cooked returns published and prepared to attempt some dirty work with money in the rural districts. They cried out that there was Democratic fraud and that they intended to see that Blaine was seated because he was elected. Blaine himself telegraphed that he was sure he had carried New York State and called upon the Republican committee to claim every thing and see that the vote of that State was counted for him. Jones, chairman of the Republican committee published an address to the country claiming the State and attempting to mould public sentiment in favor of the conspiracy. The people of New York saw through the transparent scheme of Elkins, Jones & Co., and arose in their wrath and gave a sure indication that they would tolerate no '76 frauds in the great State of New York. The Democratic National Committee issued an address, full of spirit, which was re-echoed by the people, declaring that if Cleveland was elected he would be seated peaceably, if possible, by force if "necessary. Before this evident in-. tention of the people the conspirators cowered and faltered in their desperate enterprise. Then the count went calmly forward, watched closely by the people and the lawyers of both parties. "-The Democratic committee had Mr. Conkling employed and the Republicans Mr. Evarts and Geo. Bliss. County after county, assembly district after assembly district was reviewed by the board of canvassers and the result tallied almost exactly with the published plurality for Cleveland of 1,280. Sometimes the majority for Cleveland was lowered one or two and again Blaine would lose. The special telegram to THE TOPIC published last week, giving a - plurality of 1,254, was based upon a review of 30 counties.

cent and almost 2 per cent for 1884 article : Elkins telegraphed his over 1883. friends last night that he conceded New York State to Cleveland by about 1,200 plurality. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15 .-

3 p. m. 1884.-The vote of New York county by the official canvassers was completed today at 2.30 p.

Mr. Geo. Bliss acknowledges that the Uleveland plurality in the county of New York will be 43,100. This insures a plurality for Cleveland, in New York State, of more than 1,200.

On the Verge of Revolution.

The New York "Herald" says that on Thursday night of week before last, when a mob surrounded Jay Gould's house, as described on the outside of THE TOPIC, a revolution, a reign of terror was imminent in New York. The honest, indignant citizens of both parties, Republicans and Democrats alike, had become convinced that Gould was ringleader in a conspiracy to cheat New York out of her true vote. If a row had begun the communists would have elbowed the honest citizens aside and war would have been waged against the rich men. Bloodshed and plunder would have resulted. The conspiracy ceased. Gould wrote his congratulations to Cleveland and so did Vanderbilt.

CALDWELL'S WEALTH.

An Exhibit Showing a Great Increase of Values in Galdwell County in 14 years.

Below we give some interesting statistics consisting of a comparative statement of the taxable property in the county in 1884 and in 1870 and showing what rapid strides have been made in the increase of wealth

It is worthy of remark, also, that while on the general average the increase of values has been large, there has been a decrease in some particulars and the figeres which denote the decrease convey a valuable lesson. We have 28 less cattle than we had 14 years ago, but they

are worth \$5,713 more than the number listed then. This is to be accounted for principally because of the improvement of the stock. Hogs and sheep have decreased both in number and valuation. Cholera may to some extent be responsible for the falling off in number of hogs and dogs and thieves have thinned out the sheep. This is a grazing country and should certainly raise more cattle and sheep every year. We should likewise raise our own meat. Let us draw a lesson from these figures to improve our stock and raise more and better va-

rieties. The most chearing array that states us in the face is the increase in valuation of farming utensils. What we have on hand are worth six times as much as those we owned in 1870! This is progress. The total tax in 1870 was \$10,-

726.96, of which \$3,483.52 went to the State ; \$782.77 to the schools and \$6,350.67 for county purposes. Of this latter, however, \$1,617.77 were special taxes designed to pay off county debts. The totol tax in 1884 is \$7,445.75,

of which \$4,310,71 is for county purposes and \$3,135.04 for public schools.

Take it all in all we have stepped well in front.

Members of Congress.

Of the nine members of Congress in this State, the Democrats have

son, Troy Richardson and one Byers, to go back and search the pasture. They found the horse missing and went toward the bridge ; on the way some camping wagoners said a man had ridden past them in a great hurry. They sent Troy Richardson off of the road some distance after Samuel Phipps while they went on and were to wait at the bridge. They went across the bridge and Woodie returned to the East side to hurry up Troy Rich.rdson and Sam Phipps, leaving Alvin Richardson and Byerson the West side. Phipps and Troy Richardson had just come up when they heard some one ride on the bridge at the other end. He came up within a few feet of them when Woodie said "that is my mare, I will swear to her, and I believe it is Zeb Danner on her." The rider then wheeled when Woodie called to him to halt; he did not halt but ran across at speed. Woodie, Richardson and Phipps followed. At the end of the bridge, according to Woodie, Danner was about to run over Alvin Richardson and Byers when he shot. At the same mement they all shot, except Byers, but only Woodie shot at Danner. The horse wheeled, and threw Danner, who was seen to jump off a steep rock, when Woodie fired again in that direction, but not so as to hit Danner. The deceased was found and brought up on the bridge, still alive, but died in a minute. William Baird swore that Danner

came to his grocery on that night after liquor and got it. The State argued that Danner was shot after he fell from the horse, was carried over the rock, a fire built upon the blood when he first fell, Smith Coffev, who lives at the bridge, then called out and the body moved up on the bridge after he came. There was no evidence introduced to prove this, as the accused were the only witnesses of the homicide. The State held that it was a trap set to to kill the man with whom Woodie and Phipps were at enmity.

The defense held that they were attempting to arrest a fleeing feld and that they shot him because they could not otherwise stop him. There was an array of able coun-sel on both sides. Solicitor Adams was assisted by Greene, S. E. Morphew and Lowe. Linn:y, Todd, Councell and J. F. Morphew appeared for the defense. The speaking began after dinner Tuesday and closed after midnight. The speeches were all first-rate and the young lawyers did well. Mr. Linney was especially complimentary to the speeches of Mr. Councill for the defense and Mr. Morphew for the. State. Mn. Morphew had never before addressed a jury and made a brilliant speech, mastering all the points of law and comprehending every fact upon, which he founded some ingenious arguments. Mr. Linney said of this speech that it was "the best he ever heard from a boy." At 2 o'clock the judge finished his charge and gave the case to the jary, which brought in a verdict of acquittal, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The Judge and lawyers then left for Jefferson and opened court for Ashe county. There were four murder cases on the docket for trial in Ashe. There was quite a good attendance of citizens from the Wa auga river on Monday and Tuesday, but very few from other parts of the county. A Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Mark Gross, of Hickory, preached the Court House on Sunday in morning and on Monday night. Mr. Will Stimson was in Boone taking photographs court week. The election news was eagerly sought aiter. Col. Dave Watson was so delighted over it that he laughed all the time. It is said that David Norris, the Judge and "amicus curiae," might have been seen in Stony Fork township on election day. Cholera in France. The Asiatic Cholera has again broken out in France and is especially severe at Paris, where the death-rate, though much smaller than at Toulon in the summer, is considerable. Somewhat of a panic has arisen at our seaports and a fear entertained that the scourge may cross the water and invade America. The Board of Health write to all the Governors requesting them to ask the State Legislatures to make appropriations for prevention and mitigation in case of its arrival. 1107 THE LOWEST. NEW YORK, Nov. 17 .- Count end-



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