

The Commission Steals the Vote of Louisiana for Hayes.

On Resolution and Eight Substitutes—The Tribunal Decides not to Unearth the Louisiana Frauds—Another Stool for Hayes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—The Commission assembled in session at 10 o'clock this morning, and remained in session until about half past 2 o'clock this afternoon, when they took a recess 15 minutes.

Resolved, That evidence be received to show that so much of the act of Louisiana establishing the Returning Board for that State is unconstitutional, and the acts of that said Returning Board are void.

Resolved, That evidence will be received to show that the Returning Board of Louisiana, at the time of canvassing and compiling the vote of that State, at the last election in that State, was not legally constituted under the law establishing it, in this, that it was composed of four persons of one political party, instead of five persons of different parties.

Resolved, That evidence be received to show that the so-called Returning Board of Louisiana had no jurisdiction to canvass the votes for electors for President and Vice-President in that State, in the specification of counsel for the objections to certificates 1 and 3.

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Resolved, That evidence be received to prove that the votes cast and given at the said election, on the 7th day of November last, as shown by the returns made by the Commissioners of election for the said polls and voting places in said State, have never been canvassed, nor counted, and that the said Returning Board never pretended to canvass or count the returns by said Commissioners of election, but that said Returning Board only pretended to canvass the returns made by the State Supervisors of Registration.

Resolved, That no person holding office of trust or profit under the United States is eligible to be appointed an elector, and that this Commission will receive evidence tending to prove said ineligibility, as offered by counsel for objectors to certificates Nos. 1 and 3.

Resolved, That in the opinion of the Commission, evidence is admissible upon the several matters which the counsel for objectors to certificates numbers one and three offered to prove.

Resolved, That the persons named as electors in certificate No. 1 were the lawful electors of the State of Louisiana, and that their votes are the votes provided by the Constitution of the United States, and should be counted for President and Vice-President.

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The Court.

The February term of Court was opened last Monday, Judge Northrop and the new Solicitor, Col. Ball, promptly at their posts.

The jury was empanelled and the Judge was about to deliver his charge to the Grand Jury, when H. H. D. Byron, Chamberlain's Treasurer for Union County, arose and made objections to the jury, claiming that they had not been drawn in strict accordance with the law.

The Court met on Tuesday morning and Mr. Wallace, as Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Bar was divided upon the matter of the legality of the jury, but suggested, as the objections were only technical, and did not charge fraud or corruption in the drawing, that the Court proceed upon the Sessions Docket, with the understanding that in any case where the parties interested shall object to the legality of the jury, upon the grounds stated, that case shall be continued.

To this arrangement all parties gave assent, and the Court proceeded to business.

The Judge's charge was in every respect appropriate—plain, practical and impressive. He elucidated the duties and powers of the Grand Jury, the different crimes which would likely be brought before them and the law governing them, in a very forcible and comprehensible manner.

The following gentlemen of the Bar of neighboring counties have been in attendance: Lawrence, Lieut.-Governor W. D. Simpson, John W. Ferguson and R. C. Watts.

The latest telegraphic reports state that Congress had reached Oregon in counting the electoral vote. The certificates of the republican electors were presented, and objections made in the case of Watts, one of the electors, upon the grounds, 1st, that he was ineligible.

On Tuesday night the boys of the Union Silver Cornet Band, showed their respect for Lieutenant Gov. W. D. Simpson, Solicitor B. W. Ball and the Hampton Government, by giving those gentlemen a delightful serenade.

The white militia companies of Columbia have been drilling lately for the purpose of having a military parade in honor of Washington's birthday, on the 22d inst.; but the commander of the troops stationed at that city has received orders from the Dept. in the White House at Washington, without assigning any reason, to prevent the parade.

Prof. Aniswell, a highly educated Swedish gentleman, now residing at Laurens C. H., will deliver a very humorous and instructive Lecture in the Hall over Hill & Co's store, upon France and Frenchmen, this (Friday) night.

The Laurensville Herald and Greenville News are publishing an article on the late election in South Carolina.

Bradley, Miller and Davis.

When we look calmly upon the political events which have transpired since the election in November last, and compare them with the decision of the Electoral Commission, we naturally make the practical inquiry, whose fault is it that the will of a majority of the people of this country, expressed through the ballot box, as to who shall be President has not been pronounced?

The answer is at the head of this article—Bradley, Miller and Davis. The other Republicans on the commission, are political bull-dogs, from whom was expected nothing but a persistent hanging-on to the party, right or wrong.

Bradley accepted the high position with his mind fully made up to decide the matter in favor of his favorite candidate and friend, irrespective of the popular vote of the people and in defiance of the infamous frauds so abundantly exposed and substantiated against his party.

Miller accepted the position under similar feelings and influences. Both knew that they were elected Commissioners, not as partisans but as impartial judges, to decide the most important question ever acted upon by any tribunal of this or any other country, and they accepted the position with the willful and deliberate determination to sacrifice the honor of the Supreme Court, their own self respect and the peace of the country upon the altar of a corrupt and infamous party.

Davis' refusal to act because he had been elected a Senator is all trash. He is not a Senator to-day, nor will he be until after the 1st of next month. But he is one of those Union Democrats who are one of those men to whom the Democrats have been pinning their faith for many years, as a compromise candidate, and like all others of that kind, he has sold them out.

Our opinion was, when Grant was gathering the army at Washington, if the people had assembled in every township in the country and determined, after it was ascertained that Tilden had received a majority of the votes, that he should be inaugurated or there would be a fight, all this delay, anxiety and fraud would have been prevented.

A large majority of the bond holders of this country are Republicans. A fight for the Presidency would endanger the whole value of the bonds, and much as they want their own President, they value their bonds more, and would have yielded to the determination of the people rather than risk all in a fight.

The Democratic counsel have nearly completed their preparations of the contest over Oregon. They say they will win there, or utterly disgrace the Commission.

We have no faith in the hoped-for winning, and we don't see how the Democratic counsel can disgrace the Commission more than it has already disgraced itself.

Gen. Kershaw's Position.—In his speech at Lancaster last week Gen. J. B. Kershaw is reported to have said: "Even though the heaviest wish of our hearts is defeated by the failure of Mr. Tilden to be declared President I still have full faith that, with Hayes as President of the United States, justice will be done throughout the whole land, and glory and honor and peace will crown our country through his wise and benign administration of its government; and, as to the question of his title to the Presidency, I shall hold the judgment of the high Electoral Commission as final and authoritative upon all the issues involved in the great and perplexing problem which it has been assembled to solve."

Well, Gen. Kershaw is a Christian gentleman, and we admire his character much, but we can't see any Christianity in encouraging fraud and corruption by submitting to it.

The Immortal Eight Jugglers.

In reference to the all-absorbing topic of the day—the great Presidential swindle by the immortal eight political and judicial jugglers—there is, perhaps, nothing in the whole transaction, that has created more surprise, than that the Democratic lawyers in Congress, numbering as they do, some of the most eminent of the profession in the Union, should have permitted themselves to be hood-winked into the belief that Congress possessed the constitutional authority to create that hybrid political monstrosity called a Commission—the legitimate offspring of a genuine Yankee trick.

In regard to the unfortunate recipient of the fraudulent boon, without laying claim to the gift of prophecy, either by direct gift or inheritance, we nevertheless hazard the prediction that the sentence that will be awarded by an outraged community against the authors of this nefarious fraud, will hardly fail to attach to the recipients of its fruits, that is, a load of obliquity equal to, if not greater, than that which was borne to the grave by Benedict Arnold.

When the decision of the Electoral Commission upon the vote of Louisiana was formally announced to the Senate, Mr. Kernan offered the following as a substitute for the Republican resolution declaring that the decision of the Commission stand as the judgment of the Senate, the objections made thereto to the contrary notwithstanding.

Ordered, That the voter purporting to be the electoral votes for President and Vice-President, and which were given by Wm. P. Kellogg, J. H. Burch, Peter Joseph, L. A. Sheldon, Morris Marks, A. B. Levisse, H. Brewster and Oscar Jefferson, claiming to be electors for the State of Louisiana, be not counted, the decision of the commission to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, said, as a member of the electoral commission, he had given all that he could give of earnest study, patient labor and devotion to secure a just execution of the law under which he had been appointed.

The following action of the Southern Democrats, aided by the true Northern Democrats of Congress, is a disgraceful and disgraceful compromise upon any action yet taken by that body.

The speakers in the caucus to-night ranged themselves as follows: For resistance outright, Randall, Mills, Knott, McMahon, Poppleton, Waiding, and Jones, of Kentucky.

The easiest way for a citizen of a place to kill its prosperity is to purchase all his goods abroad, and the easiest way to make people go abroad is to neglect to advertise at home.

The town of Union is a case in point. We have not two editions of paying advertisements in our columns this week; but if we were to throw them all out we should either have to fill their places with gratuitous advertisements of papers outside the State or incur a cash outlay of \$10 per week to "set up" new matter.

Who is Governor.—On the trial before the Supreme Court, of the case involving the question of who is Governor, the Chief Justice affirmed that the Senate had been notified after the election, and had acted in contempt of this Court in refusing to respond.

Justice, Slow But Sure.—A New York dispatch reports the arrest of three of the seven skilled burglars who stole the Old Bank at Northampton, Mass., on the morning of January 25, 1877, and carried off \$725,000 of funds, more or less, the exact amount taken never having been given to the public.

Summing up, Louisiana.

But suppose that so monstrous a wrong should be attempted as to recognize these persons (the returning board) as having lawful and rightful authority to canvass and count the votes of the Commission will not, the Democrats believe, venture to justify and accept the unlawful and fraudulent acts by which the returning board caused to disappear from the poll lists a majority of ten thousand cast for Mr. Tilden, and to substitute in its place a pretended majority of several thousand for Mr. Hayes.

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