

JNO. R. RYLANDS, Editor.
The Democrats are giving the Louisiana Returning Board a severe roasting before the House Committee in Washington. Not even a grease spot will be left of them. Mr. Hewitt, it is alleged, will testify that he received three offers from the Returning Board not to steal the State from Tilden—for a consideration.

The Electoral Commission, it is thought, will report upon the Election in Florida to-day. If the decision favors Tilden the problem is solved, as he needs but one vote. If Hayes captures Florida despite the decision of the Supreme Court and the admission of Gen. Barlow who was sent down by Grant "to watch the count," the Democrats will make a fight on Louisiana and Oregon. They have accumulated very damaging testimony against the Returning Board.

The incoming United States Senate will be nearly evenly divided between the two parties. Last year there were forty-four Republicans and twenty-nine Democrats. The new Senate will contain thirty-nine Republicans and thirty-five Democrats, with three contested seats, two from Louisiana and one from South Carolina.

The House will be Democratic by from three to eleven majority, it is said. Things are getting too close to be comfortable.

The Gubernatorial Election.

The decision of Judge Mackey, confirming the election and installation of Governor Hampton, is conclusive. The title to the office rests in the election. The declaration by the Speaker is merely the announcement of the result, and it must stand until the defeated aspirant contests the election before the Legislature. The constitution provides that the Speaker of the House shall publish the vote. Then, and not till then, can both houses consider the regularity or irregularity of the returns. A strict compliance with the constitution would have compelled even E. W. M. Mackey to declare Hampton elected, for no authority vested in the Legislature, before the declaration of the vote, to reject any counties. But, having violated the constitution in organizing an illegal house, the conspirators did not hesitate to violate it still further in rejecting the votes of Edgefield and Laurens, before the Speaker announced the result.

Speaker Wallace declared the election of Hampton precisely as the Republicans desired Vice-President Ferry to declare the election of Hayes. The latter were foiled simply because the constitution of the United States differs from ours. The latter provides that the Speaker of the house, in the presence of both houses, shall open and publish the vote. The former provides that the President of the Senate, in the presence of both houses, shall open the certificates and the votes shall then be counted. Mark the difference in the phraseology. It was held by the Republicans, and not denied by the Democrats, that had the provisions of the national constitution been similar to ours, Vice-President Ferry could have opened and published the votes, whether the House attended or not.

The constitution of the United States did not grant him this privilege, but by implication, denied it. And as no provision was made for a subsequent contest, each House claimed the privilege of reviewing the vote during the count. Our constitution is entirely different. The office of the speaker is merely ministerial, and the Legislature could in a regular contest, afterward have criticised the returns. The preliminary declaration did not require the presence of the Senate.

Hampton was engaged in a profitless task in contesting the office. He may rest assured of one fact. Whoever may be governor, he never will. And every day diminishes his prospects.

TWO SENATORS.
Pen Pictures of Bayard and Lamar.

THE CHEVALIER BAYARD.
Thomas Francis Bayard inherited one of the Delaware Senatorships from his father in 1869. The little pocket State is practically an aristocracy, ruled by the Bayards and the Saulsburies. The head of each family goes to the Senate, and the State officers are parceled out among the juniors and the collateral branches. Politically the Bayards have greatly outweighed the Saulsburies for the last two generations. The latter family seems to have run to seed. I remember James A. Bayard, the father of the present Senator—a charming old school gentleman, with manners full of sweet and stately courtesy, and in his prime a man of strong intellect and fine oratorical powers. Thomas F. is the subtlest reasoner on the Democratic side of the Senate. His counterpart on the Republican side is Edmunds. In person he is shaped like his State—long and narrow—and his intellect is built a good deal on the same order. It reaches down to a solid basis of fact and logic, and towers up a long way, but does not broaden out much. He is the tallest man in the Senate, unless his rather slender shape is deceptive and adds apparently to his real height. His face is thin, angular, furrowed with deep lines fully revealed by the absence of beard. A large nose, a firm mouth and heavy projecting brows, shading deep set, gray eyes give him a look of sternness and thoughtfulness. He does not appear like a good natured man, but in this respect his countenance is not a true index, for few of his associates are as uniformly courteous and obliging. His hair is of an iron gray color and reveals no beginning of baldness. In his dress he appears to study plainness even at the expense of taste, wearing a dark, gray suit without even the usual ornament of a gold chain. His style of speaking is direct, clear, forcible and argumentative, and his manner of presenting his ideas is better adapted to a legal tribunal or a small deliberative assembly than to a popular audience. He employs none of the tricks of oratory and seldom departs from the straight path of his theme to gather any flowers of illustration.

THE CLASSICAL LAMAR.
A face that might have come out of one of Vanduyke's pictures, and needs only the setting off of wide-brimmed, plumed hat and velvet doublet to make the vraisemblance complete: strongly emphasized features, a heavy, dark moustache, which would be fierce if it had an upward curl, but sloping downward is gravely romantic; pointed beard on chin, large hazel eyes, straight hair, between brown and black, worn so long that it falls down over the coat collar; a lofty forehead; form of medium height and well-shaped save for the stooping shoulders; a sober suit of brown broadcloth—the care with which the coat is buttoned and its velvet collar revealing a temperate love of dress in its owner. This is Lucius Quintus Curtius Lamar, of Mississippi. Representative, Senator and Senator to be after the 4th of March. He is the finest orator in the House, and yet he very rarely speaks. He is of French ancestry, as one can plainly see, for his face never came to him from English parentage. Intensely Southern in his political instincts, Lamar is nevertheless broad, liberal and national in his views. In all the Southern delegation no one is less a Bourbon—no one is more sensible and progressive. Very few men in Congress are as well educated or as well read in standard and current literature. Finally, he has a good quality that comes with his French blood and is too rarely found in Americans of middle age—he is gallant toward women and fond of their society. Among the tobacco-eating, whiskey-drinking, uncultured, boorish crowd that the South has sent to Congress since the war, Lamar stands conspicuous as one of the few representatives of the now almost extinct class of high-minded Southern gentlemen.

"Have you a suit of clothes here to fit a large body of water?" "No, but we can sell you a needle and thread with which to sew a potato patch on the pants of a tired dog."
A man with a German flute can move into almost any quiet neighborhood and depreciate the value of real estate twenty-five per cent in one week.

A LEGISLATURE DEMORALIZED BY AN ACTRESS.—At Richmond, Va., some days ago, Miss Neilson, the actress, visited the House of Delegates, which was in session. The entrance of the actress at once caused a suspension of the regular business, and for a time she held a perfect levee, the legislative Solons hurrying forward to pay their respects to the tragedy queen. Just as Miss Neilson was leaving the delegate from Surry was speaking, but he looked around to see her before she left, and as his eyes fell upon her he either forgot that he was speaking or was struck dumb by the beauty of the actress. He stopped right in the middle of a sentence, in the midst of the most convincing part of his argument, and in the most eloquent portion of his speech, and seemed utterly lost for speech. The House of Delegates of Virginia fairly shook. It roared. This restored Mr. Clarke, and, like a man who had waked from a dream, he went on with his speech. The Speaker did not say Mr. Clarke was out of order.

MORE THAN BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DREAMED OF.—The facilities for the printing and circulation of newspapers have improved largely within the past few years, and it is now possible to begin printing at 2 a. m. and to distribute between 100,000 and 150,000 copies within two hours. This is done every day by the New York Sun, which has the largest circulation of any newspaper in the Union, and which uses six steam presses to get off its immense edition.—Illustrated Weekly.

The objection to insuring his life made by a veteran gambler, "I don't like to play a game where I've got to die to win," is thus delicately paraphrased by a fastidious writer: "Men instinctively dislike the contemplation of a contract in which death is a necessary incident to give it value to their estate."

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