

Chamberlain's wisest act was his last.

Beast Butler is opposed to President Hayes and his Southern policy.

We venture the prediction that Hayes will be a Democrat in less than four years.

Now is a good time for Justice Willard to remand the Convassing Board back to jail. Bond would scarcely dare to interfere again.

Governor Hampton's proclamation convening the Legislature was attested by "R. M. Sims, Secretary of State." By Saint-George, the work goes bravely on!

General Fitzhugh Lee, General Malbone, Colonel Holliday and State Senator Daniel are prominent candidates for governor of Virginia, with the chances favoring General Lee.

The News and Courier nominates Hon. W. D. Porter as Chief Justice of the Supreme bench. No man in the State is better fitted for the office or more highly esteemed by the people of the whole State.

The Republican candidate for governor of Rhode Island was elected last week by a majority of only five hundred votes. The normal Radical majority has heretofore been five thousand, while Hayes carried the State in November by four thousand. The last election was a great surprise.

It is said that President Hayes received a letter from a private soldier of the State House garrison pleading for a removal of the troops on the ground that the vermin and filth abounding in that building were insupportable. Fitting accompaniments to Chamberlain's two-legged vermin that also infested it.

That was a peculiarly pious and edifying letter written by Elliott, Hayne, Cardozo, Dunn and Kennedy to Chamberlain, advising him to refrain from further opposition to the dictum of fate. What moved these sweet scented worthies to indulge in such patriotic counsel is a profound mystery, unless it be that they desired thus to propitiate the people and thereby to obtain the positions to which they respectively lay claim. Such hopes are vain. They were all in the same boat with Chamberlain, and him they cannot survive. They are, moreover, as a batch, the most corrupt politicians in the State, even more dangerous than Chamberlain; for without the action of a majority of them as State Convassers he could not have set up his impudent pretensions for a day. These gentlemen must go. Will they step down and out quietly, or will they wait to be kicked out?

A Nut for Radical Legislators to Crack.

The proclamation issued on Wednesday by Governor Hampton, convening the Legislature in extra session, was not unexpected, as he some time since announced his determination to call it together at an early date in order to put the whole of his government in regular motion. There is nevertheless a certain class of individuals in the State who will experience an uncomfortable feeling on perusing this proclamation. These are the Whittemores, Nashes, Swailses, Mackeys, Tafts and Minorts with their rag-tag-and-bobtail followers composing the Radical wing of the Senate and the Mackey mob, all of whom have acted in contempt of the will of the people and the decisions of the courts, thus adding greatly to the difficulties and dangers of the situation.

But one alternative is offered to them now. They must obey the governor's call, visit Columbia and

knock humbly at the State House doors for admittance, or else lose their seats. Their position is ludicrously embarrassing, with no possible means of extrication visible. It is to be hoped that they will evince a certain amount of stubbornness, so as to create vacancies and permit new elections without opposition in the heretofore Radical counties.

Even should they surrender and apply for recognition from the constitutional Legislature, a grave question arises whether they should be received. Morally, they have, by their contumacious conduct, forfeited all claims to their seats, and it is by no means certain that the law is not also against them. The recalcitrant members of the House forming the Mackey mob, should not be permitted, therefore, to enter the constitutional House in any event without giving strong guarantees of future good behavior, while some should be excluded altogether on the broad ground of moral and moral obliquity.

The wisest course for the Radical members of the Legislature who disgraced themselves and their constituents last winter, is to get into the background as speedily as possible and make way for better men. Their seats, if they be suffered to retain them, will be of no benefit to them. The day for amassing wealth by corrupt legislative jobs is over, and the duration of the session will be so short hereafter that the per diem will barely pay for a suit of decent clothes and for board. Their patronage will be nothing and in enacting laws they will be mere ciphers. Why any should desire to cling to their offices, and, by being conspicuous, to draw upon them the gaze of scorn, with no practical benefits to counterbalance, is a cause for wonder. The part of wisdom for these modern Cincinnati is to return to their ploughshares and to stick there. They are not needed in Columbia.

South Carolina Free--Ex-Governor Chamberlain's Address.

At noon yesterday, in pursuance of the order of President Hayes, the federal troops were withdrawn from the State House at Columbia. There was no visible excitement or commotion; nothing occurred to disturb the public tranquility or create apprehension; and we are confident that that mis-governed, faction-tossed State, the scene of so much agitation and violence for the last eight years, will henceforward be one of the most orderly and best administered of our American Commonwealths, as it always was previous to the war. Under the regime which has now closed South Carolina has suffered more than any of her sister States. Her Legislature has been the most ignorant and corrupt, her county officers the most incompetent, her minor judges the most scandalous, her taxes the most exorbitant, her expenditures the most extravagant and wasteful, the increase of her debt the most stupendous in proportion to her resources, and the depreciation in the value of property the most alarming of any oven of the carpet-bag States. The people have been compelled to pay six or eight times as much annually for bad government and for intolerable oppression and swindling as they paid for good government previous to the war. The restoration of local self-control for tokens strict economy, low taxes, business confidence and an immediate and decided enhancement of the value of property. The withdrawal of the federal troops is an auspicious event for which the whole country should thank President Hayes and congratulate Governor Hampton and his fellow citizens.

Ex-Governor Chamberlain acts wisely in making no further resistance. We are sorry that his address announcing this intention is not in better temper; but some allowance must be made for his disappointment and chagrin. A suitor in court who loses his case must be pardoned if he "goes to the tavern and swears," since it is his only resource for relieving his excited feelings. In the course of a month Governor Chamberlain, who is really a man of sense and ability, will probably recover his equanimity. He will then perceive how wildly illogical are the denunciatory parts of his impetuous address. The facts he states, allowing them to be facts, demonstrate how utterly unworthy his supplanted State government ever was of respect or support. By his own confession it disgracefully

failed, even with federal troops to reinforce it, to discharge the first duty of a government—the preservation of order and protection of citizens against violence. Here is what he says to his supporters in taking leave of them: "From authentic evidence it is shown that no less than one hundred of your number were murdered because they were faithful to their principles and exercised rights solemnly guaranteed to them by the nation. You were denied employment, driven from your homes, robbed of the earnings of years of honest industry, hunted for your lives like wild beasts, and your families outraged and scattered for no offence except your peaceful and firm determination to exercise your political rights."

Be it observed, this is Governor Chamberlain's own description of what took place under his government. It was a government that did not govern; even with federal troops to back it it was powerless to preserve order, powerless to repress violence, protect life or punish crime; and a government of which this is a true picture, painted by a friendly hand, passes an irreversible sentence of condemnation upon itself. And when it is added that this condition of anarchy and violence, this government which did not govern, ate up the substance of the people by exorbitant, ruinous taxes, and was a hotbed of reeking corruption, Mr. Chamberlain's protest seems absurd to the degree of being an insult to the common sense and moral feeling of the country. There is every reason to expect that this hideous picture will be reversed under the wise, just, enlightened administration of Governor Hampton.—N. Y. Herald.

Wendell Phillips, Again.

The old reprobate let off a good deal of his venom in a late conversation with a Herald reporter. He said among other things:

I used only one of my arrows against Devens. Every Massachusetts man remembers that in 1862 he was a candidate for governor in that revolt against the Republican party which sought to prevent Andrew's re-election and Sumner's return to the Senate. Hayes seems to have a special liking for men who, like Schurz and Devens, have done their best, in critical moments, to stab the Republican party.

Correspondent—What do you think, sir, of Wade Hampton?

Mr. Phillips—In every sentence he has uttered on his way to Washington I can hear the crack of the old slave-holding whip. Since 1860 I have not heard the crack of that whip until Hampton sent that insolent letter to Grant. If we had to dig a man in the White House Hampton would never be admitted there after such insolence. If I read the signs correctly the people have more self-respect than Hayes has, and he will soon hear a warning growl along the ground tier.

Correspondent—Why not wait, sir, and let the administration have time to try its experiment?

Mr. Phillips—For two reasons. The President's friends have sold us out. It is no experiment; but a treacherous bargain, and, besides, the steps they are going to take are very perilous, and once taken are irrevocable. There is no doubt of the bargain that sold us out. The Republican papers very properly held Tilden responsible for his nephew's (Pelton's) acts, though Tilden never knew each detail. So I hold Hayes responsible for his friends when they sold him out to the white South. The bargain is plain. On the one side the Democrats were to stop filibustering and let Hayes be counted in. On his side his friends agreed to withdraw the troops; second, to recognize Nicholls and Hampton as governors; third, to charter the Southern Pacific Railway, giving away millions of national acres and millions of national bonds. (Let working men take notice.) This last item won Jay Gould and his pocket-piece, the Tribune. We shall see the bargain carried out soon. This delay and Commission are only to let us down easily and accustom the public mind to the descent. The troops once withdrawn, blood and starvation will rule the South. There will be no Republican State south of the Potomac. Of course no Democratic governor or Legislature will ever call for the national troops, and hence no soldier can cross the sacred boundary line of a State. Henry Wilson confessed to me that our great mistake was in lifting those territories, after the war, into States. Then there will be a "solid South"—the old slave power under a new name. The next Congress and the next President will be Democratic unless the North becomes a volcano. Then you will see millions added to the national debt in the shape of pensions to Confederate soldiers, loans to Southern States and railways, payment of half the State debts, &c.

When that hell opens you will see Hill and Lamar put off their company clothes and their disguise of good behavior. They will appear in their own proper persons. You will not see Lamar, the actor, performing rhetoric over Sumner's dead body. But you will hear Lamar, the Southern white, shamelessly proclaiming in excuse for that eulogy of Sumner—"You understand. I saw the carcass and used it to hoodwink the Yankees."

ONE LIFE, ONE AIM.—A wife said to her husband, who was scolding her, "However cross you may be, there is not a couple who live in greater unanimity than you and I; for we always desire the same thing—you want to be master, and so do I."

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