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THE VERDICT in the case of ex-Senator Sawyer, charged with defrauding the government in passing a bogus cotton claim was rendered on Monday. He was found guilty, and committed to jail to await sentence.

THE COLUMBIA Register says, "Some not very wholesome papers for certain Democrats have been scared up in the committee room." It is to be hoped that these "certain Democrats" will be held to the same rigid accountability that the people demand for the Radical rogues.

THEY SAY that ex-Judge Sam Melton did not apply for the position of district attorney. Maybe it is lucky for him that he did not. For in a similar position, a short time back, he didn't do so well. There was scarcely ever a more ridiculous failure in official station than was Mr. Attorney-General Samuel W. Melton, of South Carolina.

IT IS THOUGHT that the Hon. W. D. Porter, of Charleston, will be placed on the supreme bench of the United States. No better selection could be made by President Hayes. Mr. Porter is an able jurist, a talented gentleman, and a representative Carolinian. The appointment of such a man to such a position would go further towards genuine reconciliation and reunion than all the political hand-shaking possible.

NEWBERRY ought to have another convention. The delegates to the present convention were elected, it is said, in April, 1876. They have persisted in making all nominations for office, although it is claimed that they do not represent the people. Whether they do or not can be best discovered by having a new election. Every nomination should be made either by primary elections or by delegates fresh from the people.

THE NEW YORK Legislature will not choose a successor to Conkling this year. His term expires in 1878. But the State Senators elected now will participate in the election next year. Hence the Republicans will make a desperate effort to carry the Senate. Another impelling cause is the fact that if the Democrats carry both branches of the Legislature they will redistrict the State according to the last census, as required by the constitution. This would put a final quietus upon Radicalism in the Empire State. The State is now gerrymandered, and the Radical Senate has persistently refused to redistrict, as that would give a Democratic majority.

A Well Timed Protest.

Hon. M. P. O'Connor, in a letter addressed through the columns of *The News and Courier*, to Hon. R. M. Sims, Secretary of State, announces his intention of contesting the seat from the second congressional district of this State, now claimed by R. H. Cain through a certificate granted by Hayne, the bogus Secretary of State. In announcing his purpose, Mr. O'Connor adduces a startling array of figures to show that he received a majority of the legal votes cast in the counties of Charleston, Orangeburg and Clarendon. We reproduce a synopsis of his argument.

According to the statement of the returning board, Daddy Cain received 21,882 votes and Mr. O'Connor 13,115, being a majority for Cain, of 8,267. Of the total vote, 23,841 were cast in Charleston, 7,339 in Orangeburg, and 3,317 in Clarendon. By comparing this return with the Federal census, Mr. O'Connor shows that in Charleston

the excess over the legal vote was 6,069, in Orangeburg, 3,996, and in Clarendon, 510, making the total excess 10,544 votes.

By an unanswerable argument, founded on the complete control of the polls by the Radicals in that district, by the organized terrorism that existed for white and black, and by the free use of Federal bayonets to awe the ignorant negro, Mr. O'Connor shows that this excess was cast for his competitor; and that if this be rejected he (Mr. O'Connor) will be shown to have been elected by a majority of 1,000 votes.

He shows, moreover, that in the case of Mackey vs. Buttz, in the last Congress, that body declared that there had been no legal election, and unseated both aspirants, because the unprecedentedly large vote of 10,409 cast in that election, (1874) in the city of Charleston was such strong evidence of fraud that it was impossible to ascertain the true voice of the people. Now, if 10,409 votes, in 1874, vitiated that election, much more fraudulent was the election of 1876 when the vote in the city numbered 12,517!

Mr. O'Connor made a gallant fight in the last campaign, and he has no idea of permitting the victory he fairly won to be wrested from his grasp by the knavery of the corrupt Radical leaders. He is right. The Charleston district has been continuously misrepresented in Congress since Reconstruction; and Cain is just a little the worst specimen the Radicals have put up yet. Mr. O'Connor goes before Congress with a strong case; and his hand will be strengthened by the inspiration always derived from a championship of right against wrong. It is to be hoped that the majority in Congress will not permit any fear of being accused of partiality to prevent them from according substantial justice in the premises. Mr. O'Connor should be unhesitatingly admitted, while Cain should be kicked unceremoniously to Liberia. Regenerate Carolina can no longer be represented in the National councils by such cattle as he.

THEY HAVE begun to agitate in Louisiana the question of calling a convention to revise the State constitution.

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SINGULAR DISCOVERY.—The Page (Va.) *Courier* relates an account of a saddler in Luray, who four years ago lost a \$10 bill. Last week a farmer in that vicinity was engaged in repairing an old horse collar. In taking out the stuffing he was surprised to find a \$10 bill. Upon investigation he was satisfied it belonged to the saddler from whom he had bought it, and to him it was promptly restored.

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J. A. HINNANT, Chairman
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sept 26-11.

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