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PATTERSON SAYS that after standing eight years of political campaigns in South Carolina, it is ridiculous for the Senate to try to bulldoze him.

WHEN A VACANCY first occurred in the Supreme bench of South Carolina our eyes were turned to the Hon. W. D. Porter, of Charleston, as the proper person to fill it. He was our choice for Chief Justice until he was withdrawn; and as he will accept an Associate Justiceship of course he must be our choice for that position. He has grown gray in the service of the State and has reached the highest round in his profession. In him the "lucubratio viginti annorum" of the English law has been fulfilled. It is no disparagement of the claims of others to say that he seems to us to be peculiarly fitted to wear the judicial mantle. We believe that the Supreme Court is one place in which age and venerability possess peculiar merit.

A TELEGRAM received on Saturday announced that General Butler had been admitted into the Senate after a prolonged and heated contest. It is true that our gratification was accompanied with indignation that Kellogg, the Chamberlain of Louisiana, had reaped the fruit of the Returning Board frauds and had also slipped into the Senate from that deeply wronged State. But Louisiana can take care of herself. It is sufficient for us to feel that for the first time since 1861 the Democrats of South Carolina have representation in the upper branch of Congress. Patterson will soon be pulled out, and another Democratic Senator will succeed him. The Senate now stands thirty-nine Republicans, thirty-five Democrats, and Judge Davis, independent Democrat. There is still a vacancy from Louisiana, which the Democrats should have, and this will make the voting pretty close. Sharon, of Nevada, will not attend, thus depriving the Republicans of one vote.

Plain Talk to the Radicals.

During the recent contest in the Senate over the admission of Senator Butler, the debate at different times grew hot; and the Republican Senators heard some plain talk. One of the happiest hits was made by Senator Thurman, in answer to the charge of Edmunds that the Democrats were affiliating with a man (Patterson) against whom most damaging charges had been made. Thurman denied the truth of any alliance, and showed that Patterson, months before there was any mention of an indictment, had promised to vote for admitting Butler, and continued:

"Under these circumstances, that Senator, as was published in all the newspapers, told his own constituents in the capital of his own State that he would vote to seat Butler. Very well. If I am not mistaken, it was also stated in the newspapers two or three months ago that the Senator from Florida would vote to seat Butler. Well, sir, this session met. Was there any attempt to seduce those gentlemen away by honors conferred upon them? How comes it that the chairmanship of one of the principal committees of this body was given by the Republican party to this man under indictment for a penitentiary offense? There he sits, this indicted individual, the chairman of your Committee on Territories, one of the most important committees in this body, and holding it by the gift of the Republican members of the Senate; and here is the seat of the Senator from Florida, also promoted to a chairmanship. Were there any honors held out to these gentlemen to induce them to train in the Republican ranks without any faltering in their steps or wavering whatsoever in their march? I would not charge such a thing; I do not believe it; but how easy would it be to make the charge that there was an inducement held out to these men who had declared a

purpose of voting for Butler, and after that failed, a system of terrorism that we now see is resorted to in its stead?"

This blow received additional force, from the fact that Patterson was under indictment at the time the Senate met; and these honors were heaped upon him by the Republicans with the knowledge of the existence of the indictment.

Patterson made a good speech for himself, showing the logic of his position, that if Huxton is Governor, Butler is Senator. He also revealed that Senator Edmunds had kicked out of party traces in voting against Pinchback, and quoted Edmunds' speech against him. He wound up by remarking that after he had passed through eight years of political campaigns in South Carolina it was rather ridiculous for the Senate to try and bulldoze him. He didn't scare worth a cent.

Conover, of Florida, said: "I understand that the Supreme Court of South Carolina has decided that the Legislature which elected Mr. Butler was the legal Legislature of the State. Can we go back of that decision? I think not. It has been recently decided by a tribunal the like of which never sat on earth, that the Senate and House of Representatives combined could not go behind the decision of a returning board of a State, even in case of actual fraud, to determine who were the duly elected electors of Louisiana, and that this results from the right of a State to regulate her own affairs. How then can we now go behind the decision of the Supreme Court of the State as to which of the two bodies is the rightful Legislature of that State? There may be cunning reasons satisfactory to lawyers, some mysterious logic so deep in the law as to be beyond common comprehension, why, to elect a Republican President, we can hold ourselves concluded by the decision of a State returning board, and at the same time, to prevent a Democratic Senator from taking his seat, we can go behind the decision of the Supreme Court of the State. Such adroitness may be familiar to the profession, but laymen cannot be expected to understand it, nor can plain, honest men be expected to be governed by it. I could not vote to disregard the decision of the Supreme Court of South Carolina without feeling that I was voting against the legitimacy of the President, and I am not willing to cast the slightest shadow upon the title by which President Hayes exercises the functions of the executive office. I have always been a Republican; I am one to day, unless it is impossible for me to vote my convictions on a question we are deciding as judges and suit be a Republican. I believe a man may be both an honest man and a Republican; if not, the former is preferable to the latter."

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

FRIDAY, November 30, 1877.

SENATE.

The Chair announced that Mr. Arthur C. Moore, of Columbia, had been appointed assistant clerk of the Senate, and Mr. Moore came forward and was sworn in.

Mr. Kinsler presented a petition to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors at country stores.

A number of bills were introduced, read by title, and properly referred.

On motion of General Gary, the President of the Senate was authorized and directed to extend the privileges of the floor of the Senate to General Trimble, of Maryland, who was present.

The Senate concurrent resolution to meet in joint assembly on Friday, November 30, to elect Judge Northrop's successor, was amended to read December 5, passed and sent to the House for concurrence. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House received and passed to a second reading a concurrent resolution to extend the time for the sale of delinquent lands.

A number of bills were introduced, read by title, and properly referred.

Mr. McKewen introduced a bill to restore all lands forfeited for taxes to their owners. Read by title and referred to ways and means committee.

Mr. Gaillard, of Fairfield, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad, and to produce conformity between the charters granted the road by the States of North and South Carolina. Read by title and referred to the judiciary committee.

Mr. Gaillard also, introduced a bill to amend the act to prevent extortion in railroads. Read by title and referred.

Mr. Orr, from the committee on privileges and elections, reported a resolution that is T. J. Johnston, of Sumter, a member of the House, had been declared in contempt of the House, and had refused to purge himself, his seat be declared vacant, and a new election ordered immediately. The resolution was laid over under the rules.

Mr. Orr also presented a report from the same committee that Thomas Keitt, of Newberry, a member of the House, was found to be serving a sentence in jail for bigamy, to the great shame of the House. No recommendation accompanied the report, and it was laid over.

The House bill providing the death penalty for rape, arson and burglary, came up, and received its second reading. Wells, of Richland, moved to strike out the enacting clause. Lost.

Mr. Gray moved to indefinitely postpone the bill, and the yeas and nays were called for. The motion to indefinitely postpone was lost by a vote of 80 to 20.

Several bills, of private or local importance only, were then passed. Adjourned.

SATURDAY, December 1, 1877.

SENATE.

A number of petitions from different counties, none of them of general interest, were submitted and properly referred.

A number of bills were introduced, read by title, and properly referred. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A concurrent resolution was received from the Senate that both houses meet at 1 o'clock, Wednesday, December 5, in joint assembly, for the purpose of electing a circuit judge to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of L. G. Northrop, judge of the Third Circuit.

Mr. Butler moved that the resolution be laid upon the table.

Mr. Simpson demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken and resulted as follows: Yeas 44, nays 39.

Mr. Butler then offered the following amendment: "And one assent to justify the vacancy of the Supreme Bench, caused by the resignation of J. J. Wieg at."

The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

A number of bills and resolutions were introduced, read by title, and properly referred.

Mr. Gaillard presented an extract from the presentment of the grand jury of Fairfield county, relating to the school tax.

The report of the committee on privileges and elections on resolution in relation to the facts in the case of Thomas Keitt, also, in connection therewith resolution (of Mr. Blair) to expel Thomas Keitt was next called. The report set forth the fact that the said Keitt had been convicted of bigamy at the late term of the Newberry Court of Sessions, had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment and is now serving out his sentence in the jail of Newberry county. The indictment and other documents connected with the case were read, and the question of the adoption or rejection of the resolution put by the Speaker. The roll was called and the vote was as follows: yeas 98; nays 0. He was therefore unanimously expelled from the House.

Mr. Y. J. Pope asked that he be permitted to refrain from voting on the question, as he had acted as the counsel of Keitt.

Mr. Orr's resolution declaring vacant the seat of T. B. Johnston, of Sumter, was next put.

Mr. Ferriter asked that the consideration of the resolution be postponed until Monday.

Mr. Orr insisted on its immediate consideration. He said that Johnston had not only failed to purge himself of his contempt when he had an opportunity, but had made a very insulting speech, and he thought it would be a disgrace to the House to allow him to retain his seat. The resolution was adopted, and the seat of T. B. Johnson declared vacant. Adjourned.

It costs \$375,000 annually to keep the trees, shrubs, and seats upon the boulevards and in the public squares and gardens of Paris in order. It is estimated that the trees in the avenues and boulevards of Paris number 82,200; those in the cemeteries, 10,400; and those in the squares and court yards of various buildings, 8,300.

At the recent county fair of Barnwell, the militia of the county was inspected by Adjutant-General Morse. Out of near a dozen companies of infantry, only two contested for the prize of \$25 offered for the best drilled company in the county. These two were the Bamberg Guards and the Centennial Guards, of Graham's Station. The prize was borne off by the Bamberg Guards.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

The Abbeville Press and Banner nominates Hon. P. A. Connor for Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dr. Griffin, of Florence, has been appointed superintendent of the lunatic asylum, vice Dr. J. F. Ensor resigned.

Rumors have been prevalent in Columbia that parties had received advices that in case Senator Butler is seated Corbin will be reappointed district attorney. The rumors cannot be traced to a reliable source.

Darlington is infested with a band of black desperadoes, escaped convicts from the penitentiary. The feeling in that county against Superintendent Parmole, for his apparent carelessness, is very strong.

The tax polls in Pickens county this year are 1,973, against 1,438 last year. The aggregate assessed value of property is less than it was last year, simply because people will underestimate their taxable property.

The commission appointed to investigate the bona fide indebtedness of Edgefield county has concluded its labors and made a report, which is highly satisfactory to the taxpayers of the county. The report shows the total amount of claims against the county to be \$55,040.56, claims disallowed \$36,845.36, and claims allowed \$18,195.20. This amount, it is claimed, can easily be paid off by a tax of \$2 1/2 mills for two successive years.

It now appears that the chances of Haskell, Bunham and Porter, for the Supreme Bench, are about equal. It is thought that the fact of General Connor's resignation, and the probable filing of his place by Colonel Youmans, of Columbia, tends to help Porter, the feeling prevailing that the low-country should have some share in the offices. The chances of the three gentlemen named are so nearly equal, and the arguments in their favor are so nearly balanced, that the least thing may turn the scale one way or the other. For the Speakership, Shepard still apparently has the advantage. There is a rumor that Orr may retire in favor of Simonton, but this is hardly credited.

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In the Court of Probate.

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YOU are hereby required to appear at the Court of Probate, to be holden at Fairfield Court House, for Fairfield County, on the twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. 1878, to show cause, if any you can, why the real estate of Lucy Ederington deceased, described in the petition of Mary A. Lyles, filed in my office, should not be divided or sold, doting to each of the heirs-at-law of the said Lucy Ederington, deceased, the share of said real estate to which he or she may be entitled under the laws of said State in such case made and provided.

Given under my hand and seal this ninth day of November, A. D. 1877.

O. R. THOMPSON, Judge of Probate, Fairfield County.

To the defendants, Minnie Lyles, Mattie Smith, William Smith, Davis Lyles, Victoria Lyles, Frank Lyles, William Lyles, Charlotte E. Ederington, Frances H. McKeown, John T. McKeown, Dollie B. Ederington, Eugenia Ederington, Henry M. Ederington, Barilla R. Ederington, Francis H. Ederington, Carolina J. Ederington, May C. Ederington, Precious N. Wall, Joseph B. Wall and Winn Smith.

Take notice that the summons in this action, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Judge of Probate for Fairfield county, at Winnsboro, in the State of South Carolina, on the ninth day of November, A. D. 1877.

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