

THE MUNICIPAL election in Charleston passed off quietly. The regular Democratic ticket was elected by a majority of over three thousand.

PLEVNA HAS FALLEN after a stubborn resistance. It was the key to the Turkish positions and Osman Pasha defended it with the utmost heroism. The Russians had cut off communication with the place, and Osman, finding his army on the brink of starvation, endeavored to cut through to Widdin. In the contest he was seriously wounded, and thereupon surrendered. The Turks are reported to have been perishing from cold and hunger. This virtually terminates the Russo-Turkish war. Turkey gained the first victories, but as was instanced in the case of the Confederacy, she could not indefinitely prolong the struggle against overwhelming numbers and resources. Of course peace will follow this victory. What the terms will be is a matter of speculation. It is expected that Russia will demand only very favorable conditions, and that England will be placed in an awkward dilemma. She will find it difficult.

Patterson at His Old Game.

Since Patterson made his speech in the Senate he appears to have become quite a lion, and to have loomed up prominently and appropriately as the champion of anti-Hayes Radicalism. To such an eminence has he attained that President Hayes requested the honor of an interview with him. Patterson accepted; and during the course of the conversation, uttered as many misstatements as is usual for him to do. We will notice, however only the following, contained in an extract from a report of the interview in the Philadelphia Times:

The President was frankly told that his course toward the South since his inauguration had destroyed the Republican party. Being pressed for his reasons for such a statement, Mr. Patterson referred to the Legislature of South Carolina, which, from a good working majority of Republicans, had been reduced to such an extent that but one Republican remained, and he was about to resign. Mr. Patterson also said that since Wade Hampton had been placed in office by the President, not a Republican meeting had been held in South Carolina, and, further than that, he challenged the President to point to a single Republican meeting that had been held anywhere in the South since he has been President. "If you will point to a single meeting," said he, "I will resign my seat in the Senate." The President said that he had never thought of that before, and did not remember any such meeting.

Patterson also called his attention to the fact that the negroes were very fond of public meetings and elections, but that now, throughout the whole South, not a negro could be induced to go to either, for fear of his life.

To these assertions we answer briefly. The Republican party was dead long before President Hayes was inaugurated. The death knell was sounded when Chamberlain and Elliott walked arm in arm into the Radical convention after damning each other as scoundrels and blackmailers. Grant's bayonets propped up the decaying corpse for a few months. The voluntary contribution of the people to the "Hampton Government" buried Radicalism forever, and South Carolina was free before the Federal bayonets left the State-house.

Patterson knew that he was uttering a falsehood when he asserted that but one Republican remained in the State Legislature. There are eight or nine, in the Senate, and twenty-five or thirty in the House. It is true these are almost exclusively new men, who have no record. The older members, the burning and shining lights of the party, the quondam associates and boon companions of Honest John no longer appear upon the legislative rolls, nor draw their per diem and mileage

from the State treasury. Their absence arises from the fact that they have records, that their records reek with venality and corruption, and that the evidence of their crimes may be found in the public archives. They have resigned from dread of that same omnipotent jury to which Honest John believes distance lends its enchantment.

It has just occurred to us that in this swooping accusation against the retired Radical Solons, we do an honorable member of the party injustice. The ex-Hon. Thomas Keitt is not a corruptionist. He is merely a bigamist. That he languishes in Newberry jail is due to the slight circumstance that bigamy is not considered quite a proper amusement to be indulged in by a member of the Legislature, outside of Utah Territory. We fail to see how Mr. Hayes is responsible for Keitt's bigamy, or how the presence of a Federal garrison in Columbia would have deterred Mr. Keitt from leading two dusky brides to the altar. That small point is submitted to the honorable Senator for elucidation.

Mr. Patterson, to put it mildly, errs also in his assertion that the Republicans have held no meetings and participated in no elections since the withdrawal of the Federal troops from this State, and his error is still greater when he asserts that Republicans fear murder at the hand of the fierce and rebellious ku-klux of South Carolina. In a recent contest for the Legislature in Orangeburg county, the Republican county convention, or the executive committee, met and nominated one D. H. Straker for the position; and fifteen hundred or two thousand Republicans voted for him. In Richland county, about the same time, the Republicans nominated and supported a Republican for the probate judgeship. Shortly after this, in Fairfield county, the Republican Executive Committee met several times to select a new chairman, and subsequently, in a contest for county officers, nominated and supported a full set of candidates at the polls. In any number of other instances the Republicans have held political meetings without suffering the slightest interruption or annoyance from Democrats. No political terrorism exists in South Carolina. It has its being solely in the fevered imagination of such miscreants as Patterson.

President Hayes is much more silly than we take him to be if he is beguiled with any such stuff as Patterson retailed in his interview. And we trust that he will take the trouble to inquire into the truth of Patterson's assertions, so that, finding them to be utterly false, he may demand a fulfillment of the honorable Senator's promise to resign.

As for Patterson, he has a very bad case of political jaundice. His utterances are but the ravings of a man in his deepest chagrin that there are not yet "five more years of good stealing in South Carolina."

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

MONDAY, December 10, 1877.

SENATE.

The Senate met at the usual hour, Mr. Jeter, President pro tem., in the chair.

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

Several committees made reports on bills, which were laid over under the rules.

Mr. Cochran moved that Messrs. Campbell and Gary be appointed in place of Messrs. Whittemore and Swails on the committee appointed at the session of 1876-77 to revise the constitution and devise reforms.

Mr. Gary declined, and nominated the Senator from Lancaster.

The motion was adopted, and Messrs. Wylie and Campbell appointed. Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

A number of bills and resolutions, of local or special interest only, were introduced, read by title, and properly referred.

Mr. Gaillard, of Fairfield, introduced a bill to compel the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Rail-

road to comply with requirements of their charter.

Mr. J. J. Hemphill introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the fence law.

Mr. Simonton introduced a bill to incorporate the South Carolina Immigration Society; also a bill to provide for the organization of the State University.

The usury law was then taken up and discussed till the hour of adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Verner, it was decided to take a vote on the usury bill at 2 o'clock on Tuesday.

Adjourned.

TUESDAY, December 11, 1877.

SENATE.

Mr. T. B. Fraser was admitted and sworn as Senator from Sumter.

Senator Butler presented the petition of certain citizens of Aiken county who have learned with infinite regret that certain other citizens are endeavoring to form a new county. "Your petitioners humbly protest that Aiken county is only four years old, of medium size, thinly settled, and should not be made a Gaul of under any consideration." Wherefore they humbly beg and entreat that the bill to form the new county of Butler be dismissed.

The committee on public printing reported, recommending payment of balance of \$1,300 due the Republican Printing Company on printing of last session, before the money in the treasury be applied to the payment of the claim of Calvo & Patton. The bill was so amended and passed.

The following bills and resolutions were then taken up and passed: To require the secretary of State to report, at the next session, on the operations of the land commission; to incorporate the South Carolina Emigration Association; to incorporate the Walterboro' Railroad and Tramway Co.; to transfer a part of Edgely to Newberry county, and to repeal Section 17, Chapter 88, Title III, Part II, of the General Statutes.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

After the presentation of a number of bills, resolutions and petitions, and the reception of several favorable reports from committees upon sundry measures, the consideration of the usury bill was resumed.

The Speaker announced that it was 12 o'clock, the hour fixed for a vote on the question of striking out the enacting clause.

Mr. Simonton moved to re-consider the vote whereby the House resolved to vote on the question at 12 o'clock.

Andrews, of Sumter, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was agreed to.

The vote was then taken on the motion to strike out the enacting clause, and resulted as follows: Yeas, 17; nays, 70; excused from voting, in consequence of having "paired," 4; not voting, 26.

Mr. Brice, of Fairfield, voted "nay"; Mr. Gaillard voted "aye."

Mr. Yonmans called the previous question upon the passage of the bill, and the call was sustained.

Mr. Ficken called attention to the fact that a large number of members were absent, and appealed to the other side to withdraw their call for the previous question. This appeal was unheeded.

Mr. Memminger demanded that the bill be read by sections under the rules. This demand was acceded to, the Speaker stating, however, that the operation of the previous question debarred the introduction of amendments.

The bill was then read the second time and passed without a division.

The bill to require all able-bodied male prisoners in jail under sentence to labor upon the roads and upon the streets of the cities and towns of this State, was taken up and passed with amendments; also a large number of incorporation bills of merely local interest.

The concurrent resolution to adjourn during the holidays was amended so as to make the adjournment from the 20th of December until the 16th of January. An amendment was offered that members should receive no per diem or mileage during the recess. The resolution, as amended, was then adopted.

The special order, the consideration of a bill to establish a department of agriculture, mining and manufacturing in this State, was taken up and amended so as to make the pay of the commissioner of the department \$1,000, instead of \$1,500. It was then passed.

The bill to utilize convict labor was then taken up.

Mr. Orr moved to amend so that contractors hiring convicts should be required to pay to the State \$300 for each of such convicts allowed to escape.

Mr. Hemphill moved to limit the penalties by making them \$100 for

each year of the escaping convict's time remaining unserved, but the whole not to exceed \$300, and not to be exacted unless two months shall pass without recapture. The amendments were adopted and the bill passed.

Mr. Haskell then called up the bill to reimburse the county of Richland for expenses incurred in the trials of persons tried for crimes committed while such persons were State officials.

Mr. Aldrich moved to amend by inserting a provision that the expenses should only be paid by the State when the persons convicted are now residents of Richland. The amendment was rejected, and the bill passed. Adjourned.

HYGIENEAL.

MARRIED, on the 9th inst., at the residence of the officiating clergyman, by Rev. T. W. Erwin, MR. JOHN L. YONGUE to MISS NANNIE M. BRUCE, both of Fairfield county.

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