

**Rashness.**

We have heard numerous threats made lately by imprudent colored men that there is no law, and that they intend to do as they please. Indeed, the conduct in many instances of some of these people would lead one to believe that they are fully impressed with the idea that there is no power to arrest and punish them for crime, and that they have no special objection to a conflict with the whites.

Now we take this method of informing all such evil disposed persons that they are laboring under a grave mistake, and that the sooner they disabuse their minds of it, the better it will be for them in the end.

There is law in South Carolina, and those who defy it now will reap the full penalty of their lawlessness in a day to come. Retribution swift and sure will fall upon every one of them. The utter disregard which Chamberlain has shown of law, decency, and honor, has had the effect of inducing his followers to pursue his footsteps. Let these misguided persons take care that they do not go too far! It is true that the machinery of government is somewhat confused and uncertain, but there remains for all that a correcting power with the people which they will not hesitate to exercise for the purpose of overthrowing lawlessness and for the protection of society. We hope that no such occasion as the one we have reference to will ever arise, but should an issue be forced upon the people, let those on the side of law and order resolve now that they will do their duty in such an emergency. And in crushing the hydra-head of resistance to law, let the ignorant, who may be egged on by their leaders, be spared if possible. The public will catch our meaning. There are some tall poppies who carry very erect heads in time of peace. It is to be hoped if their baleful teachings should bring about an issue, that these men will meet it squarely and not slink to the rear and leave their dupes in the teeth of danger.

**The Situation.**

We have previously said that we disliked the Electoral Bill because Grant gave it out before its passage that he approved heartily of its provisions, and would give it his signature as soon as it got into his hands.

Our opinion was and is that the present ruler of this Country would give his sanction to nothing that would benefit, in the remotest degree, the suffering interests of the South. Grant wants Hayes to succeed him; and to that end he is directing all his energies. If he had not been convinced that his desires would find their consummation in the tripartite tribunal, created by the Compromise Bill, he would have vetoed it along with the act abolishing the Police Board at Washington.

The first decision of any note made by the Commission is a direct thrust at Tilden's prospects, and should prepare us for the reception of more startling and revolutionary intelligence. By a strict party vote the tribunal decided not to go behind the returns, thus smothering the truth in relation to the infamies of the Re-

turning Boards of Florida, Louisiana and South Carolina. The certificates given to the Hayes Electors by these godless boards are to be respected by the Commission as the voice of the people, and the certificates of the Tilden Electors thrown out and disregarded.

We confess frankly that the future is not all sunshine. Unprincipled knaves and devils are at the head of affairs, and they are holding on to the helm of Government with a remorseless grip.

**Columbia.**

The members of the City Council of Columbia recently voted increased salaries to the Mayor, Clerk, Chief of Police, &c., for which act they were justly criticised by the Register. Mayor Agnew loses his temper in consequence, flies into print, and indulges in disgraceful slings at our contemporary. All right thinking citizens will agree with the Register that now is not a good time to raise salaries, and will unite in one voice in condemning the coarse and vulgar attack made upon the Register Publishing Company by the Mayor of Columbia.

**Was Carpenter's Decision Made to Order?**

We dislike to question the honesty of a Judge upon the Bench. Such an officer should be above suspicion, and his every act a living, speaking illustration of honor and truth. But unfortunately for Judge Carpenter his career in South Carolina has not been of such a character as to commend him to the good opinion of our people. Firm in nothing, except in his inordinate love of office, irritable and quick-tempered, he has not achieved for himself a reputation impervious to criticism, or a name above censure or reproach. It is therefore that the people take issue with his recent decision in the *habeas corpus* case of Smith. And they have just cause for it! Who ever heard of a Judge giving out to one side of a case before him what his opinion would be three weeks before the rendering of such decision? We do not lay this charge exactly at Judge Carpenter's door; but we do assert that his opinion was heralded over the country one month ago. What Chamberlain's satellites in this county said it would be, it is, which is suggestive of this pertinent inquiry: If Judge Carpenter did not make his decision to order, how did the nature of it become known to the Republicans a day or two after the hearing of the case? Until an explanation of this mystery is made, we shall entertain, reluctantly however, the opinion that Judge Carpenter's fight against Chamberlain was a mere sham, and that he is as veritable a tool of his quondam Excellency as the humblest member of the State constabulary force.

**Working Land On Shares.**

Working land on shares seems to a poor business for both parties. It is to the interest of the tenant to spend as little for extra labor as possible, because the owner of the land gets half the benefit, without bearing any of the expense. When the country was new and the land rich, a man could, perhaps, afford to give half the products, as he could get fair crops with little labor; but now that the land is more or less run down, and it is necessary to build it up with manure and good culture, it is impossible for a man to expend the necessary labor and give half the produce for rent. It may be done for a year or two on land in high condition; but the farm must inevitably deteriorate under the system. A man might afford to rent a grass farm on shares, but not an arable farm. It is difficult to take one of our ordinary run-down farms and raise enough from it,

for the first few years, to pay the cost of labor and support the teams. It would be cheaper, so far as immediate profit is concerned, to pay twenty-five dollars an acre for a farm in high condition, with good buildings and fences, than to accept as a gift one of these run-down farms. It is time this matter was understood, so that those uneasy mortals who are always expecting to sell, and consequently make no efforts to keep up and improve the land, should be compelled to turn over a new leaf, or else dispose of their farms at a low figure.

**How Each Side Presents Its Case.**

The National Democratic Committee have placed the entire management of Mr. Tilden's case before the commission in the hands of Judge Black, Charles O'Connor, with whom are associated Lyman Trumbull, Matt. H. Carpenter, as assistant counsel, with Judge Campbell, of New Orleans, Ben. Butler, and numerous other distinguished lawyers as advisory counsel. In addition there is a small army of attorneys, who will assist in the preparation of the Florida and Louisiana cases. The Republicans have selected William M. Evarts and Bob Ingersoll as their principal counsel, with Stoughton, of New York, and others less known to fame, as assistant and advisory counsel. There is no difficulty in the way of the Republicans fighting the case on its merits. The law provides that the party objecting to the counting of the vote of a State shall assign the reasons therefore. In this way the Democrats can readily get in all their testimony in regard to Florida and Louisiana, but the Republicans can only come in under the ruling of the commission. They will first combat the power of the commission to go behind the returns. Therefore, the first thing the commission will have to do after organizing is to adopt rules and regulations for its government; then, when the Florida case is reached and the issue presented to the commission, the arguments on the jurisdiction of the body will follow. This question will have to be passed upon before the case proceeds further. The Republicans will, of course, contend that it cannot go behind the returns, and that it is excluded from going further than the regular certificates of the recognized certifying authorities in the different States. If this point is decided against them, they will give up the fight and make only a *pro forma* contest thereafter. Feb. 2nd.

When fruit does harm it is because it is eaten at improper times, in improper quantities, or before it is ripened and fit for the human stomach. A distinguished physician has said that if his patients would make a practice of eating a couple of good oranges before breakfast, from February to June, his practice would be gone. The principal evil is that we do not eat enough of fruit; that we injure its finer qualities with sugar; that we down them in cream. We need the medicinal action of the pure fruit acids in our system, and their cooling, corrective influence.

**Washington News.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The electoral commission met to-day. The Court allowed counsel to file the evidence in question. Reception to be decided hereafter. Two hours allowed discussion, whether the commission shall confine itself to matters laid before it, by the President of Senate in the preliminary struggle. The Republicans argue to confine Democrats to enlarge the scope of investigation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Transfer of troops hence to Fortress Monroe countermanded.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Before the committee on powers and privileges, Daniel W. Dowens, elector from Wisconsin, stated that he did not think Examining Surgeon of Pension office disqualified him; he held that position when elected and when he

voted for Hayes; official fee, two dollars in each case.

Maddox produced a letter addressed to Hon. J. R. West, sealed, and another addressed to himself. They were in an envelope addressed to Maddox by Judge A. Wilder, and had been in custody of Col. Jack Wharton, Adjutant General of Louisiana, under Kellogg.

Committee sent for Senator West, who will open his letter in presence of the committee.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 20, 1876.—To J. H. Maddox, Dear Sir:—Understanding the political condition of matters here from association with both political parties, and as a friend of the President and a Government officer, would it not be considered a part of your duty to go at once to Washington, with as little delay as possible, and place before the President the condition and the pending dangers of the situation. Should you conclude upon prompt action in the premises, allow me to commend you to Senator West, who is my friend, and with whom you will freely communicate. Very Truly,  
J. MADISON WELLS.

Senator West appeared, and at request opened a letter addressed to him, and immediately withdrew.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 21, 1876.—I regret much not seeing you when here. I wanted to say much to you which would be, at least, imprudent to put on paper. I trust, however, to meet you in Washington as soon as the canvass is over, which is now upon us. Our duties as returning officers have augmented the magnitude of the destiny of the two great parties, may I not say the nation. I fully comprehend the situation as well as my duty to the greatest living General, U. S. Grant, and not with my consent, shall this oppressed people be governed by his paroled prisoners, aided by their white-livered cowards of the North. Let me, my esteemed Sir, warn you of the danger. Millions have been sent here and will be used in the interest of Tilden; and unless some counter movement, it will be impossible for me or any other individual to arrest its productive result. The gentleman presenting this letter is fully aware of the move, and if you allow will communicate freely. See our friends and act promptly or the result will be disastrous. "A hint to the wise" strictly private and confidential. Yours very truly,  
J. MADISON WELLS.

To J. R. West, Washington, D. C. WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Col. Henry J. Hunt is ordered to join his regiment at Charleston, South Carolina.

It is alleged that Jacob Don Herder the Republican elector of Michigan, is not a citizen of the United States, has been summoned by the committee of Powers and Privileges.

The vote in House on increasing the President's salary to fifty thousand dollars, was yeas 47, nays 126. Salaries of Senators and Representatives remain unchanged.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Committee on privileges and elections examined T. J. Leister, President Hinds county Board of Registers. Leister had furnished duplicate keys to ballot boxes to fifteen persons; don't know that they were used; supposed the idea was to take out Republican and put in Democratic ballots.

Before Committee on Powers and Privileges—Senator West, on opening the letter, said he had never seen it before; recognized it as Wells' hand writing, and said he recognized Wells all through the letter.

Maddox contended he told Gov. Wells he had not delivered letter to West. Wells jumped up and said he was delighted; that letter had troubled him ever since he wrote it. House Louisiana Committee continued Litfield's cross examination. Nothing elicited beyond elaboration in electoral commission. Merrick, Evarts, O'Connor and Matthews each spoke on admission of evidence when commission adjourned to 10 o'clock Monday, when decision on this point will be reached.

Gov. Wells testified on Monday and Tuesday, contradicting the charges made against him, but his character for veracity is so bad that he will hardly be believed.

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**Hampton's Government**

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**JONES & WANNAMAKER?**

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**E. F. SLATER.**

**Dissolution.**

The co-partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Clark & Walling has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. W. E. Clark & Co., will continue the business and settle all claims against the firm and all indebted will make payment to them.  
St. Matthews So. Ca. 3m.

**Notice of Dismissal.**

Notice is hereby given that I will file my final account with the Judge of Probate for Orangeburg County, on the 4th day of March 1877 and ask for letters of Dismissal as Executor of the last Will and Testament of J. C. Kennerly.  
JOSEPH A. KENNERLY, Admr.

**NOTICE.**

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of South Carolina—In Bankruptcy—In the matter of Thaddeus K. Sasportas, Bankrupt—Ex parte John Fisher, Trustee et al. Creditors holding liens against Estate of Thaddeus K. Sasportas, Bankrupt, are required to present and prove the same before Charles B. Glover Esq, special referee, at Orangeburg S. C. on or before the first day of March next, or be debarred payment.  
By order of the Court Jan'y, 27th 1877.  
P. V. DIBBLE  
Assignee T. K. Sasportas, Bankrupt Feb 3 4t.

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HENRY KOHN.

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