

COMMISSION

Letter from Governor Packard to President Hayes.

That the instructions be amended so that the Right May be Ascertained.

AND PERTINENT POINTS

Governor Packard has addressed the following letter to the President:

STATE OF LOUISIANA, Executive Department, New Orleans, April 6, 1877.

President Hayes, Washington.

Permit me respectfully to call your attention to the fact that the instructions to the commission, delegated by you to this State and report upon the situation, either exclude or do not exclude these essential points:

1. The legal government entitled to the legal judiciary.

2. The demand for violence and insurrection within the limits of the Constitution of the United States.

3. The demand for the restoration of the Constitution of the United States.

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APRIL FOOL.

Sunday all the papers united in giving accounts of a prospective exhibition of the "telephone" by Professor Bell, at Grunwald Hall. No doubt more were "sold" on this because of the unanimity of the publication than if it had only appeared in one. Few people were alarmed by the earthquake prophesied at the lake by John Rugby, of the bark Ajax, in his communication to the *Pionier*, and hardly as many went to Grunwald's to see the new ornaments in Aethon as tried to pick up the pocket book nailed in front of the Postoffice.

These are harmless jests, but in serious sober earnest the people of New Orleans have been daily fooled for three months by the special correspondents in Washington. It would require a dozen columns to set forth all the contradictions that have appeared in that time, the most extravagant as well as the most plausible flouting their believers. A few from each paper have been selected, and are here presented in abbreviated form. Generally the exact words have been preserved, but in a few instances the sentiment has been condensed. They have been arranged in order of date of dispatch from Washington, the initials only of the respective papers being given, viz: "A.," Associated Press; "P.," *Pionier*; "T.," *Times*; "D.," *Democrat*; "R.," *Rhurricane*.

JANUARY.

1. A—No Cabinet action will be taken as to Louisiana. T—The President will not take any action in Louisiana affairs.

2. P—The President is anxious to arrange for the restoration of the Constitution of the United States.

3. D—The President proposes to reverse the precedent of Buchanan's administration by removing warlike stores from the South to the North.

4. T—The Senate will insist on the count being in its Chamber. No action on Louisiana will be taken till the committee report.

5. A—Democrats are confident of inaugurating Tilden, anyhow.

6. A—The President wants Casey and Beck with for Senators. T—The President's man for Senator is not on the regular slate.

7. P—The President is not in favor of an augmentation, but will keep the peace.

8. T—Everything now tends to collision, and there is no prospect of an agreement.

9. P—The President remains firm in determination not to interfere in Louisiana.

10. T—He will not interfere with the Nicholas government. He wants Casey for Senator.

11. D—The President is in favor of Louisiana in thirty days. D—He will recognize whichever Legislature that may select Casey to succeed West.

12. A—He is fearful of public sentiment if he interposes in Louisiana. T—No trouble is apprehended in New Orleans. D—Ben Hill is ripe for revolt. R—Senator Sherman contended that the action of the Reconstruction Board was in accordance with law and equity; all Louisiana needed was the protection obtained by enforcement of the law.

13. A—The President will not recognize either Governor. P—He said he was not going to interpose except to keep the peace.

14. T—He will not interpose. D—Packard has requested a meeting in New Orleans, but the committee of the leading Republicans are against it.

15. T—The most sagacious Democrats here contend it would be a decisive stroke to elect Casey. D—The Republicans are frightened at the prospect of a row with Grant.

16. D—The electoral bill can not pass the House.

17. T—The Supreme Court set up by Mr. Nicholas can receive no more recognition than any other equal number of lawyers convened at the call of Nicholas in the Court of Louisiana in thirty days. D—He will recognize whichever Legislature that may select Casey to succeed West.

18. P—The President said he would do nothing till Casey arrived.

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20. P—It is difficult to understand Grant's sudden squarrel of yesterday. It is possible when Casey returns the mischief of Sunday's speech may be repaired. R—The President thinks the present state throughout the State maintained until the congressional returns come in Louisiana returns.

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LOUISIANA FOR HAYES.

Democrats are confident the five judges will decide for Tilden.

1. P—Democrats believe the commission will give Florida to Tilden.

2. D—Well demonstrated is that of a thoroughly despairing man, who does not care what the future may have in store for him.

3. P—Republicans fear Wells intends to speak out. The Democratic case is absolutely solid. D—You may set Packard down as dead as a door nail. The tribunal will probably examine first into all the questions that affect the case of Florida, and take evidence thereon.

4. D—Wells has not yet determined what course he will take. The indications are the commission will decide by ten to five that it has the right to consider any action the State has taken, and probably hold it is proper to go behind the certificates submitted to say whom the people should receive certificates.

5. P—The Florida decision will be in favor of Tilden. D—The commission will deny the power of returning boards to throw out votes.

6. A—Justice Clifford acts heartily, and was cheerful over his breakfast. Favored his case for Tilden. P—Democrats hope for a righteous decision. Wells will admit all evidence and stand 9 to 1 for Florida 8 to 7. Casey votes whisky pardons. D—If justice cradly votes to throw out the vote of Louisiana together the Democrats will vote with him.

7. A—Mr. O'Connor has the question where he wants it. P—The ablest Democrats regard Louisiana as their citadel. T—How it