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GREELEY AND THE VOTE OF THE SOUTH.

WASHINGTON, May 29, 1872. The Ku Klux Bill Again Choked Off—Prolongation of the Session to Pass It—The President and Repressive Legislation at the South.

Notwithstanding the failure of the efforts to carry through the House the Ku Klux and Civil Rights bills, the extreme radical republicans, under the leadership of General Butler, attempted a similar feat to-day, which met with such an unexpected opposition as to frighten the majority into a sudden change of tactics, and, in fact, a virtual abandonment of the field. The democrats, having a foreknowledge of Butler's design to take up the Ammendatory Enforcement Act, as passed by the Senate, held an informal consultation, and, prompted by the suggestions of Fernando Wood, resolved to oppose all attempts of the majority to force action on matters of a purely political character. They agreed not to interpose the slightest opposition to the Tariff or Appropriation bill, and, as soon as Butler took the floor, were in readiness to carry out their programme. Under Mr. Wood's leadership, they began making dilatory motions to prevent even the reading of the bill. The customary scenes of confusion followed, augmented by the determination of both sides to carry their points. Mr. Eldridge was particularly prominent with questions of a parliamentary character, and repeatedly took issue with the Chair. The Speaker, in a very decisive and emphatic manner, ruled him off the floor, when the determination of the democrats to fight it out on that line, even if it took all night, became apparent. In fact, the prospect of an all-night session was imminent, and would doubtless have been realized, but for a break in the discipline of the majority occurred at this juncture, of which Mr. Wood took advantage, and a motion to adjourn was carried. Mr. Dawes was responsible for this break, and was doubtless induced to take the lead in it by a conviction that the minority was sufficiently well organized to execute its programme. He foresaw the peril in which the Tariff bill would be placed by prolonging the struggle, and, no doubt, admitting the doubtful propriety of hasty action even at this late day in the session on bills of such great political importance, changed his vote from the negative to the affirmative in favor of adjournment. A sufficient number of republicans followed his example to carry the motion. Probably no one was more astonished or disgusted at this result than General Butler, who is said to have threatened Mr. Dawes with all sorts of political punishment for what he terms "his great treachery."

The truth is that the republicans were divided in opinion regarding the policy of enlarging the provisions of the Enforcement bill, so as to embrace the rural as well as the city districts of the South, as they had previously been divided in opinion regarding the Ku Klux bill. Many of them had been led to believe, by printed statements and through other channels, that the President desired the passage of all these measures, when, in fact, he has carefully avoided all allusion to subject which in any way be construed to imply a desire to influence Congress either one way or the other.

At the very time the fight was progressing in the House he was receiving visits from administration Senators in the room assigned to his special use in the Senate wing of the Capitol, during which visits, all statements to the contrary notwithstanding, he studiously avoided all efforts to betray him into an expression of his personal desires in the premises. He declares that, inasmuch as the Ku Klux bill vests in him most responsible authority, the exercise of which at any time, and particularly pending an election contest in which he may be a candidate, would be a matter of grave concern, he cannot, consistently with his own ideas of propriety, make any suggestion in the premises. He prefers to leave the entire subject of political legislation to the unbiased judgment of Congress. He was accompanied by Messrs. Fish, Delano, Helknap and Creswell, of the Cabinet, or rather met them there, evidently by prearrangement.

The consultations that ensued related chiefly to current legislative business in which the government is particularly interested, such as the appropriation bills, &c. Incidentally the subject of an extra session of the Senate for executive business was mentioned, when the President stated that, if such a session is necessary, it is hardly probable that it will last longer than a week or ten days. It is understood to-night, after consultation between leading republican members of both houses, an agreement has been reached to extend the time of adjournment until the 15th proximo. A resolution to this effect has been prepared, and will, it is doubtless be offered to-morrow or next day. The object of this move is to ensure the passage of the Ku Klux Ammendatory Enforcement and Civil Rights bills. It remains to be seen whether this programme can be carried out in opposition to the well-known determination of the democrats to do everything and almost anything to defeat these bills. The resolution is not, as stated, the result of any suggestion made by the President, but follows from the belief of leading republicans that the passage of these important political measures is necessary, not only to preserve the lives and property of Union or republican citizens, as well as to give them protection in their right to vote as they please during the coming canvass.

The Senate and the Tariff. General Sawyer offered the House Labor Commission bill as an amendment to the Internal Revenue part of the Tariff bill in the Senate to-night, when it was made the subject of sufficient argument to insure its defeat unless it is withdrawn and put upon its passage as an independent measure.

The Senate, contrary to all expectation, did not conclude its consideration of the Tariff bill to-night. In fact, the bill is not yet out of the Committee of the Whole, and it is not probable that it will pass the Senate until Friday.

The Japanese Indemnity. After a failure to virtually adjourn over Thursday by ordering the session on that date for debate only, there was quite a spirited discussion in the House over the bill relating to the Japanese Indemnity Fund, reported by Mr. Banks from the Committee on Foreign Affairs. It provides that the Japanese government be released from any further payment of the sum exacted from it under the convention of October, 1864. Mr. Dawes gave an interesting account of the means

employed to put up jobs to be paid out of this fund, and advocated the release of Japan from any further payment of it. Mr. Butler, of Massachusetts, opposed letting the Japanese off on such easy terms, and could see no good reason for it. Mr. Banks championed the measure with his usual ability, giving many good reasons why it should be passed. He reviewed the advancement of the Japanese in the good will and comity existing between that great Power and the United States, and earnestly advocated this act of generosity toward her. The bill passed.

Rear Admiral Alden and the Retired Naval Officers. The attempt of Secretary Robeson to keep Rear Admiral Alden in command of the European Squadron, after his compulsory retirement under the first section of the act of December 21, 1861, is meeting with much opposition from army officers of all grades, who denounce it as a glaring act of favoritism, inconsistent with the welfare of the service. The third section of the law just named permits the President to place retired officers in command of ships or squadrons with the consent of the Senate, but the Secretary has distinctly adopted a war measure in time of war, and it is claimed that no attempt has been made to put it in force since the war ended except in the case of Alden, for whose benefit the three preceding commanders of the holiday squadron were hurried on the retired list, after but a few months' service apiece. Both the second and third sections of the act of 1861 have given so much discontent to the department and the navy at large through the crowding of supernumerated officers into all the posts of duty that existed, or could be made for them, that a bill has passed the House prohibiting the employment of retired officers of the navy.

This bill was supported by the Navy Department, but before passing the Senate it seems to be the Secretary's design to take Alden out of its reach, and keep all the rear admirals who expected to exercise a brief command of the European fleet, before their turn for retirement came, out of the covered honor.

Before the law prohibiting the assignment of retired army officers to active duty was passed it was a common device of military officers to get themselves retired with increased rank, and then be assigned to "light duty," with double their former pay. This was one of the illustrations used in passing the Naval Prohibition bill through the House. It is openly asserted in naval circles that Admiral Alden's service record, if called for by the Senate, would not be beneficial to the present device.

The President's Summer Quarters. The present determination of the President regarding his course after the adjournment of Congress is to go to Long Branch, about the 16th proximo, for the purpose of establishing permanent summer quarters there. His cottage is now almost in readiness to receive him, and every necessary arrangement has been made here to move into it during the first week in June. He may find it convenient or necessary to change this programme, but unless something now unexpected occurs it will be strictly adhered to, and with the exception of fortnightly trips to Washington the President will spend the most of his time at his favorite seaside resort.

Mr. Greeley and the Southern Vote. The belief is prevalent in administration circles that the nomination of Mr. Greeley will result in drawing off many white votes from the republican ticket in the South, unless the democrats make a regular nomination at Baltimore, in which event it is considered certain that a sufficient pressure will be brought to bear on Mr. Greeley to compel him to withdraw. Accurate information received from a number of the Southern States through private sources confirms this belief, and explains that it is based upon the fact that nearly all of the federal office-holders in that section who were appointed as republicans are now on the fence. The so-called carpet-bag element, however, is unequivocally committed to the result of the Philadelphia Convention, and the blacks are almost certain to follow their lead in a body.

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referred to have been applied to the purchase of clothing for officers and commissary stores for surveying expeditions, private soldiers and Indians. It has heretofore been a very great convenience for the parties named to be allowed to purchase clothing and horses direct from the government, and in case of surveying expeditions it is hard to see how they will be able to carry on their work in the Far West, remote from markets and cities, without the privilege of obtaining their supplies from the army.

Supplemental Apportionment. The Supplementary Apportionment bill as passed, giving an additional representative to New York and eight other States, requires a reapportionment in those States next year.

Jeff Davis and the Captured Specie. Several Virginia banks have a claim before the Senate Committee on Claims for about \$100,000 in specie which was captured with Jeff Davis and was turned over to the Treasury Department in 1865. In 1866 President Johnson ordered the money to be paid to the claimants, but on consultation with Secretary Stanton, General Spinler, the United States Treasurer, refused to obey the order on the ground that the money captured was the property not of banks, but of the Confederate government. In response to a letter of inquiry by the Secretary of the Treasury, General Spinler wrote a letter to-day adverting proof to show that the money was the property of the Confederate government, and that the claimants have no right title to it. The letters will be submitted to the Senate Claims Committee for consideration.

The New York Public Stores. Proposals for furnishing labor at the public stores at New York will soon be invited by the Treasury Department.

The Quartermaster's Promotions. Mr. Stoughton, of Michigan, slipped through the House to-day, during the absence or inattention of his opponents, the bill to promote a number of officers in the Quartermaster's Department, with an amendment that carries them back to the Senate. The other officers who have been heretofore opposing this bill have ceased their efforts for its defeat; but its passage in the Senate, as amended, or in any form, is regarded as doubtful, the Military Committee being apprehensive that it involves a mischievous principle affecting the whole service, and are disposed to let it go over for more careful examination.

The Young Men's Continental Union League. The Young Men's Continental Union League have concluded their convention in Washington. W. B. Woodwood, of New York, was elected President. Nearly all the States were represented. They nominated Grant and Colfax.

Presidential Approval. The President has approved the Indian Appropriation bill. Sudden Death. Dr. Alexander McDonald Davis died suddenly to-day, it is believed of apoplexy.

New Orleans Correspondence. The President's letter to Collector Casey, requesting him to resign that office, was dated the 12th of May. Casey's resignation was written on the 17th inst., to take place on the appointment of his successor. It appears there is some difficulty in securing one likely to be acceptable to those concerned.

The Brooklyn Yacht Club. The Regular Monthly Meeting—Another Change in the Time-Allowance Rules. The members of the Brooklyn Yacht Club held their regular monthly meeting last evening in their club rooms, on Court street. Mr. R. W. Ostrander was in the chair. Commodore VOORHIS, Vice Commodore BICKERSON, Rear Commodore DILON and a number of other prominent members were present.

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LOUISIANA REPUBLICANS.

The Pinchback-Warmoth-Custom House Assembly.

Pinchback Takes the Mixed Convention by Storm—He is Determined to Give the White Race a "Show"—The Compact with Warmoth—Supported by the Platform and Resolutions—The Governor Triumphs—Philadelphia Favored.

NEW ORLEANS, May 29, 1872. The Pinchback Custom House Convention met pursuant to adjournment this morning at eleven o'clock, with a crowded lobby. It was soon apparent that the Warmoth programme was not to be perfected without a struggle, the Grant element appearing both strong and combative. The business first in order was permanent organization. For President the Warmothites put General Campbell on nomination; the opposition named Judge Dibble. Campbell was elected by a vote of 108 to 88. Twenty-five Vice Presidents were appointed, together with the usual committees, &c.

GENERAL CAMPBELL FOR UNITY. On taking the chair Campbell made a speech, in which he pronounced this the only "Simon pure" radical Convention. He regretted the division which had arisen in the party, making the Custom House wing the only one that remained. He urged a union of both upon the question of State politics, otherwise the State would be lost. This was only to be brought about by the republicans making allowances for all diversity of individual opinion that might exist in regard to national politics. One great paramount question was the restoration of the Union, and the principles of public policy and principles in the State of Louisiana. His speech was apparently well received, and he was warmly applauded.

During the debate Pinchback rose to a question of privilege, and made a speech. In it he pronounced the Compact with Warmoth a disgrace, and announced his withdrawal as a gubernatorial candidate before the Convention, in deference to the feelings of the white race. He said the blacks merely claimed a fair representation in the government; that the question of good State government was not a question of race, and that he was willing to form a coalition with any party to secure this, if they fairly acknowledged the claims and rights of the colored race. The Convention adjourned to meet this evening at seven o'clock.

The Evening Session—Warmoth Triumphs—A Smart Political Convention Dodge—The Governor Considered Safe for Another Term—The Platform and Resolutions. NEW ORLEANS, May 29—Midnight. The Convention resumed at half-past seven o'clock, and on being called to order the Committee on Platform and Resolutions, through its chairman, General McMillan, made a long report.

THE PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS. The resolutions reported are as follows: Resolved, That we, the undersigned party of Louisiana in full sympathy with the national republican party, that we endorse the platform of principles laid down in the Declaration of Sentiments, and that we pledge ourselves and our party to the maintenance of the Union, and the restoration of good relations between the citizens of the Southern States and between that of the Union and the North.

Resolved, That we insist upon the enforcement of the constitutional and legal guarantees of the civil and