

Bradford Opinion

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OUR latest dispatches indicate that Gov. Hayes will take the oath of office and assume the position of President on Sunday March 4th. There are a few foolish Democrats, confined mostly to those whom their constituents have refused to re-elect, who are trying to impede the count so as to carry a decision by the 4th of March, in which case a new election would be necessary, but there are not enough of these hot-heads to carry out their revolutionary scheme, and there is but little doubt that by Friday afternoon or Saturday morning Hayes will be declared elected. It is now understood that there will be no inauguration pageantry.

GENERAL MILES has gained important advantages over the Indians in Montana. He has gone back on the established policy, and is fighting them instead of feeding them so that they may be in a good fighting condition in the spring. He has followed them up through the snows, driven them from their camps, and actually forced them to retreat. This shows that well-directed energy is all that is wanted to put the Indians where they will do the most good. Mr. Sitting Bull was something of a terror, but Mr. Running Bull, with a detachment of infantry at his heels, is neither an impressive nor picturesque spectacle.

Why Southern Democrats Favor the Choice of Hayes for President. Inquiry is made why the Southern Democrats are opposing filibustering and voting with the Republicans to carry out the provisions of the Electoral bill against the reported injunctions of Tilden and their Northern party friends. The reasons are numerous, and the most important are briefly these:

- 1. Men like Lamer, Hill, Hancock, John Young, Brown, Erastus Wells, and others who have been leading believe they cannot oppose the spirit and purpose of the bill without being guilty of bad faith.
2. They have too much sense to believe that any advantage could be obtained from filibustering.
3. They believe that Hayes is an honest man and will make an honest President, while, on the other hand, they have not so much confidence in Tilden, on account of his record and proverbial trickiness, especially since the Oregon despatches have been brought to light.
4. They know that Tilden is opposed to internal improvements, which they desire, and Hayes is not. All the encouragement they ever get in this way must come from Republicans.
5. They are annoyed at Tilden's persistent opposition to the Texas Pacific Railroad bill, which is their pet hobby, and they know that if that bill ever passes the House they must be aided by Republican votes.
These are a few of the many reasons which induce them to stand up in good faith.

The correspondent of the Philadelphia Times gives this sketch of the electoral tribunal: It is curious to watch this court or "tribunal," as some of the more accurate lawyers call the fifteen men when addressing them. Judge Clifford talks the most, as he presides as a sort of moderator, but he is evidently very shy about assuming any prerogatives which have not been expressly given him. Yesterday, however, he did not shrink from the office of Senator Thurman's toes by telling Mr. Everts it was "hardly necessary" to answer a question put to him by Thurman. The old man, who has been accustomed to rule his party in the Senate for so many years with such an iron rod that the younger men are beginning to chafe, looked at the justice with astonishment and finally broke out in a scolding tone, with but little interjection in it: "But may not Mr. Everts answer my question?" The Supreme Court justice retreated under an excuse about "saving time." Thurman has a good deal to say in the way of suggestion which always has a covert squint toward the Democratic side of the question, and reminds one of the sobriquet under which he is quietly known in a Senate, "the fox." One day he suggested that there were many facts in the case which might be agreed upon by both sides; yesterday his suggestion was that the facts might all be let in, subject to all objections of either side at a later stage in the proceedings. He evidently wants to get the bulk of the Democratic facts before the country as being admitted in the case. Bayard, who sits next to him, says nothing, but quietly takes notes. Frothingham has spoken only once, Strong every now and then comes out with a definite question or proposition, but in his own clear language, or with an anticipatory smile shows that he anticipates Stanley Matthews' likening of the grand commission to the Holy Ghost in the Senate Consistorial. "The Holy Ghost pervadeth all their counsels, but the spirit redieth with the

odd man." Edmunds, when he opens his mouth, never does so uselessly; everything he says has force and carries its way. Mr. Hoar writes out resolutions and offers them, while Bradley, the "odd man," makes a few suggestions and even they come in a weak voice up to the correspondent's gallery. Miller is the sledge hammer man of the bench.

Lawyer's Extortionate Fees.

What a time some of the newspapers are making about lawyers! After allowing the lawyers to make the laws for a whole century; after looking upon lawyers as a kind of demigods, far too wise and good for ordinary comprehension; after running to lawyers with thousands of foolish complaints that three grains of common sense might have settled in three minutes; after paying lawyers thousands where other professional men asking tens would have been kicked out of doors; after enacting statutes drawn always by lawyers that make it impossible for any except lawyers to fill the more important offices; after submitting to taxes and fees until a man instinctively puts his hand in his pocket when he meets a lawyer on the street; after accepting the doctrine that no business man is a man unless he has retained a private lawyer; after self-abnegation so complete that one dare not make a bargain or draft a will without consulting a lawyer, the trodden worm of a layman has risen in his wrath and begins to use hard words about lawyers! He even has the astounding presumption to ask why a lawyer should have a thousand dollars for a day's work, when a doctor with seven ounces more brains than one, who can beat the lawyer out of eight in dog Latin, is satisfied with ten dollars a day. It is a count-down too deep for us, and so we give it up.—Evening Mail.

The first effect of the Louisiana decision has been, it is said, to call forth the long delayed resignation of Judge Smalley. Some two years ago a special law was passed enabling him to retire with an annuity, but the elections of 1874 seemed to indicate the possibility of a Democratic President and so his resignation was withheld that a Democrat might take the place. That hope gone, his resignation goes into effect, so that President Grant may fill the vacancy if he sees fit. Judge Smalley has made an excellent judge and the bar will miss him with regret, while the whole State will regret that his continued impaired health necessitates his retirement.

At a recent temperance meeting in Pittsburg, Pa., a reformed drunkard, with a remarkably bulbous and crimson-hued nose, arose to make a few remarks. "I have been a hard drinker," said he, "as you might infer from a glance at my nose"—here the audience began to titter, whereupon the speaker, feeling tenderly of his nose, remarked: "But I assure you, ladies and gentlemen, although it may strike you as being very funny, it is no laughing matter. To bring my nose to this state of blooming perfection has cost me, at the least calculation, \$10,000." A general laugh greeted the brief effort, and the speaker gave place to another.

The Centennial Presidential struggle in America has apparently sealed the Royal Family of England more firmly on its throne. There has been no Republican gathering for six months, and it is generally conceded that the recent agitations in this country could not have occurred in England without political earthquakes. The English people are apparently coming to the conclusion that it is better to bear the ills they have than to fly to others which are no longer unknown.

The Senate passed the Naval Appropriation bill Feb. 23rd and a bill regulating the Hot Springs in Arkansas. The session was prolonged until the Commission returned from Judge Thurman's, as some thought that the Judge might desire to resign on account of his health, in which case the vacancy would have been filled at once. The Senate means business.

This Mr. Chandler is a very bad man. Mr. David Dudley Field's Committee have had his bank account for six weeks past, and have been so dumfounded at the appalling corruption disclosed therein that so far they haven't been able to make out a report. And Mr. David Dudley Field isn't a man who scares easily at corruption either.—N. Y. Tribune.

The American Institute of Instruction will hold its forty-eighth annual meeting at Montpellier, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 10, 11 and 12. The leading railroads of New England will furnish free return tickets to members of the Institute, and excursions will be planned to the mountains, the lakes, and the St. Lawrence.

On Monday of last week the locomotive engineers on the Boston and Maine railroad struck at four o'clock, when the engineers along the road stopped their engines wherever they were. It occasioned considerable inconvenience to the traveling public for some days, but the trains are now mostly running on time. The strike was by order of the society known as the Brotherhood of Engineers.

Judge Davis expresses openly his astonishment at the Democratic attacks upon Judge Bradley. A more upright man, he says, never sat on the bench.

Mr. Morrison, leader of the Democratic House, has expressed his belief that the Commission, seeing how it has decided the other cases, is not likely to give the Democrats Oregon, "a State to which we have no claim." Very good for Mr. Morrison.

Oysters at C. H. Curtis' only 30 cents a quart.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

There has been no building in New York to speak of for three years; because there is now on the island more houses than there are families, and more stores than there are merchants. Real estate is the poorest property a man can have in this city, for there is no such thing as dodging taxes on it, and rents are nothing. But as bad as the outlook is for rents, there will be a very large amount of building this season. The average New Yorker is foolish enough to believe in the final triumph of the city over the adverse circumstances it finds itself in, and that within a year or two there will be a demand for property; and he is going to build this summer, because he will be able to build cheaper than he ever will again. For instance, common laborers are getting only 90 cents a day, hodcarriers, \$1; and bricklayers, \$2. The latter used to command from \$5 to \$7. Carpenters, painters, plasterers, in short all the trades that enter into building, are reduced in the same proportion. And there is almost as great a difference in building material. Brick and stone are down to hard pan, and there must be an improvement in them next year. The owner of improvable real estate reasons that if he can build this summer at half what it will cost him two years hence, he can well afford to let the building stand idle for the time. Consequently, there will be a great many buildings erected this year which will stand empty. But it will be a good thing, for it will give the poor employment, and will help to bridge over what otherwise would be a terrible year.

There is no change in the political situation. The Democracy are chagrined beyond telling at the turn things have taken in Washington, but the business men in the party insist that the decision of the Commission shall be respected. That eminent reformer, Mr. John Morrissey, is indignant at their apathy. Mr. Morrissey put up a great deal of money to aid in making his friend and associate, Mr. Tilden, President, under the promise that he was to control the appointments in New York. He wants Tilden to make him good, but the astute Samuel declines to do anything of the sort, claiming, and properly, that Mr. Morrissey went into the speculation as a speculation, and that if he has lost it is the same as though he had bet it on any other game. Morrissey swears that there is no honor among politicians, and he is going back to regular gambling. He says the worst skin game in New York has more honor in it than he has found among the Democratic politicians. He is disgusted, and has made his last appearance in national politics. He will confine himself hereafter to plundering the city and State, and his far banks. I think, myself, he will do better. There isn't a gambler in New York who is up to the tricks of Tilden and his gang. They can lay such men as Morrissey out every time.

Water is getting to be very scarce here and many people have to go to neighboring towns to get their milking done, and cattle in many places have to be driven some distance to water. Charles Finney, who lives near Mt. Cube, was very seriously injured while getting lumber from the mountain on Wednesday forenoon. He was run over by a loaded sled drawn by a yoke of oxen and a horse. Edwin Ford of this town started last Monday on the cattle train for Boston with a car load of sheep, and while going through the bridge at Pompa, standing on the top of a car looking backwards, he was struck on the back of his head by the bridge and knocked senseless, but was caught by the conductor which prevented his falling off the train. Hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The exhibition given by the scholars of district No. 2, on Friday evening was an affair of which they, and their teacher, Miss Nelson, may well be proud. The exercises, which consisted of what usually goes to make up an entertainment of the kind, were listened to with pleasure, by a large and attentive audience. Music was furnished by Miss Arrabelle Nelson. Although some little difficulty was experienced by Miss Nelson in regard to the hall in which to hold her exhibition, yet she persevered and came off with flying colors. The equal of the Republican Headquarters, occasioned by the Janitor resigning his position, has blown over, and quiet reigns again. The report, that the B. C. & M. Railroad Station at this place was broken into some time since by some base minded persons, of this vicinity, we are happy to say is without foundation.

Mr. T. N. Doughty and wife have been among us for some days and in nearly every case a large and enthusiastic audience greeted them. His style of speaking and reading is peculiar; but of that kind which is calculated to interest and win over those among whom he is supposed to labor. Mrs. D. is a very entertaining and pretty singer.

The meetings of the Chelsea Lyceum continue to be well attended, and are very interesting and instructive to those who participate in them. The discussions enlist some of the best debating talent in town. The winter terms of the district schools was taught as follows: Dist. No. 2, upper department, Charles E. Lord. Lower department, Edna J. Bicknell; No. 3, Willie A. Bond; No. 4, Miss Simonds; No. 5, Eugene Thorne; No. 6, Mr. Robinson; No. 7, Clara M. Bennett; No. 8, Emogene Hyde; No. 9, Ella Latham; No. 10, Geo. P. Rider; No. 11, Miss Smith; No. 12, Lucia C. Hemiway; No. 13, Fanny G. Huntington; No. 15, Clara J. Dickerman; No. 16, Lucy D. Humphrey; No. 17, Miss A. A. Clement; No. 18, Ella F. Titus.

Rev. C. F. Morse delivered a lecture on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21st at the Congregational vestry, on the war in Turkey. A large audience was present. Mr. Morse has spent thirteen years in Bulgaria, Turkey as a protestant missionary, and of course was prepared to present his subject in a true and interesting manner. He is at the present time pastor of the Congregational Church, Thetford. Miss Abba Hale, who recently died in this village, disposed of her estate by a will. She gave one-fourth of it to her sister, the wife of One-fifth to her brother, Rev. C. Gardner Hale of Chester, one-fourth to her sister, the wife of Rev. E.

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THE records in the town clerks' office show that there were 20 births and 38 deaths in this town during the year 1876. The ratio of deaths was one in every 40 inhabitants in the town. The number of males that died was 23, and females 15. The oldest person was 88. Twelve deaths occurred in school district No. 2. Of those who died, 5 were over 80 years old. Ten were between 70 and 80. Five were between 60 and 70. One between 50 and 60. One between 40 and 50. Three were between 30 and 40. One between 20 and 30. And 12 were under 10 years. These figures present a few suggestive facts. Three fifths, or 60 per cent, were males, though there are probably more females in town than males. More than one-half were over 60 years old. Nearly one-third were less than 10. One fourth were between 70 and 80, while 5, or only about one-eighth were between 10 and 60 years. A notable decrease in the native population, sufficient to depopulate the town, at an equal annual decrease of its present population, in seventy-nine years.

Mr. Worthen, in the absence of her husband, entertained the congregation at the chapel in the forenoon on Sunday, the 11th inst., by reading a very excellent sermon, very much to the satisfaction of the hearers. Hon. B. Martin of this town has been appointed a member of the Vermont Centennial Commission, under the by-laws of the "Bennington Battle Monument Association."

In the death of Miss Abba Hale week before last, aged 59 years, the name of a once large and highly influential family, who formerly resided here, became extinct, in this town. A very few grand-children, and great-grand-children of Harry Hale remain here, but no one bears the family name. Several children yet survive, but all live in other and distant sections of the country.

Mr. H. N. Luce of this town was quite severely injured on Friday the 9th inst., by being thrown from a sleigh near M. O. Gates'; caused by the sleigh sliding around. It appears that one young man at the late ball at the Washington Hotel, indulged in some poisonous beverages so that he became quite devoid of reason, and manifested a depravity seldom seen. He became noisy, turbulent, wanting to fight, and tried to fight, by attempting to stab another young man, but fortunately failed in his designs, only cutting a hole in the garment, and marking the skin a little. We learn that he was a resident of Washington.

Considerable complaint has been made that the granite walls of the jail make the room not only cold, but damp and of course unhealthy for the prisoners. The Associate Judges of the court have taken the matter in hand, and are making arrangements for lining the wall with a layer of brick, which will not only make the jail warm, but prevent dampness, and render the jail more comfortable and healthy.

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