

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON D. C., June 22, 1878. Mr. Potter's Committee will accomplish much in showing how desperate were the expedients of Republican leaders in securing a false count of the votes in 1876. It will do as great a service in showing how hollow are the professions of civil service reform on the part of those who shared the plunder. It will show, in addition to all that reformer received and distributed the stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen. We knew, for instance, that Mr. Hayes had given office to nearly all the prominent men who went South in his cause, and had rewarded by peace the more influential Southern men who, after Tilden's election, were conspicuous in their efforts to count Hayes in. But we did not realize the extent of the bargaining that he and his intimate friends among the reformers had with the scabby rogues who did the dirty work in Florida and Louisiana. "Reform" is a word that will hereafter ruin the party speaking it.

The regular business of the Committee for the last few days has not been of an exciting character. To-day Mrs. Jenks will testify. Unknown to most, she has been in the city for several days and in constant intercourse with the attorney of Sec'y. Sherman. The point on which she is to be examined is as to the existence of a letter, said to have been written by Sherman in which he pledges protection and reward to two Louisiana officials who contemplate making false statements in order to give the State to Hayes. If the Committee has permitted Sherman's attorney to prepare replies for Mrs. Jenks it is not likely that her testimony will amount to much, whatever she may know. She is the woman said to have had the letter in her possession.

Two old Senators are anxious to get back to their seats. They are Chandler, of Michigan, who no doubt wishes for a chance to fight the Administration, and Pomeroy of Kansas. The place of Chandler is more acceptably filled than when he occupied it. Judge Christiancy has developed a great deal of the partisan of late, but has ability and character to which Chandler never aspired.

In the other case, if Kansas must have a Republican Senator, the change from Ingalls to Pomeroy will be a relief to those who have occasion to be at the Capitol, and a benefit to the country. I do not mean to praise Pomeroy at all in saying this.

The Senate yesterday by a vote of passed 45 to 15 a bill providing that U. S. notes shall be received the same as coin for 4 per cent bonds, and after October 15th shall be received for Custom dues.

An attempt was also made in the Senate to postpone the day of final adjournment, but a large majority voted against it.

The House for several days past has been engaged on what is known as the Sundry Civil Bill, and passed it last night. This, like the river and harbor bill, is always "inflated" after it gets before the House. Jones accommodates Smith and Robinson by voting for their little amendments, and they in turn favor Jones, and so immense sums are added. Now that the bill goes to the Senate that body will try its hand in the work of swelling the amount.

There are but four days left of the session, and this and the Army Appropriation bill get but hasty consideration.

Some Facts.

The New Orleans Delta furnishes us with some interesting data which tends to transfix Mr. Stubbs, the anti-Constitution apostle from Ouachita, as an "interested" individual. The Delta says: "It is not an unfair inference that Senator Stubbs has a personal and individual interest, like many others in this State, in keeping things as they are. Unless he has shovled them off, he is no doubt drawing annually out of the State Treasury a large sum of money in the shape of State Bonds which the generosity of our law-makers of 1863 and 1872, induced them to donate to Mr. Stubbs, and certain railroad co-speculators of his in Ouachita parish, in return for services rendered to the Radical leaders of that day by his associates and friends, Ludeling and Ray, and indirectly by himself.

When the Democratic press of this State was assailing Chief Justice, Ludeling and Mr. John Ray, for their railroad fraud, and sparing their partners of Democratic proclivities, the former were in the habit, whenever they had an opportunity of asking the question, "Why are we singled out by name for public censure and denunciation, when the names of Mr. Frank P. Stubbs and Mr. Geo. C. Waddell, and other Democrats of North Louisiana, our partners in the business, are carefully excluded?" We have no hesitation in saying that it was unfair and unjust in Democratic papers to refuse to expose to their readers the fact that prominent men of their own political persuasion and connection were parties to that fraud, and also unfair and unjust to abstain from applying to them also the censorious and condemnatory epithets so liberally and so justly employed in characterizing the conduct of Messrs. Ludeling and Ray in the transaction referred to. The record of the suit of Jackson vs. Ludeling, Ray, Stubbs and others, in the United States Circuit Court here, discloses the fact that, if Ludeling was the chief engineer of that fraud, Frank Stubbs was his first assistant and co-equal partner, and received a good share of the "swag" in the shape of travelling expenses to the North and compensation for pretended legal services—for the idea of Ludeling and Ray, themselves able lawyers, requiring such services from Frank Stubbs, is one of those things we cannot "take in."

It can only be compared to those charges sometimes set down in the accounts of the sergeants-at-arms or legislative bodies for "stationary" and other harmless articles, when the expenditure was made really for pocket knives, furniture, clothing and other articles for personal use, including wine bills and bills for similar luxuries to which the modern legislators is said to be entitled and of which he is so fond. Frank Stubbs appears in the accounts of the Ludeling railroad association filed in the United States Court to have received

these sums: Salary as attorney, \$6116.00; traveling expenses, \$1811.42; interest on bonds, \$1000.00; total, \$8027.42. Our object in bringing forward these facts and particulars on this occasion, is to show to our readers what sort of men in this State are opposed to a Constitutional Convention, and why they are so opposed. It is generally believed, as above stated, that Mr. Frank Stubbs is a holder of bonds of the State, floated in their origin, having been issued by authority of acts of the Legislature obtained by him and others upon false statements to the Legislature (Act 108 of 1863 and 97 of 1872). What so natural, then, unless he has turned his slice of the bonds into cash, as that Mr. Stubbs should desire no investigation of the question of validity of these bonds and should oppose the repudiation of them.

The grand issue in a Constitutional Convention would be one between capitalists, bankers and bondholders on the one side, and the tax-payers on the other. It would be this: Shall the process of confederation by taxation go for the benefit of the bondholders, legal or illegal, until the people are turned out of house and home, or shall the latter, who are, as public debtors really insolvent, proceed to throw off the load of debt, legally or illegally created, which is paralyzing their energies and bringing them to a condition of absolute starvation? That is the grand question of the day, and the only question of the people of Louisiana worth a moment's consideration. It has been the question for the last six or eight years, to keep down which it has been the studious effort of the bondholding class and their paid attorneys, in the Legislature and out of the Legislature, in the Courts and out of them.

This is not a question admitting of two methods of treatment. The people are perishing and are, therefore, in no circumstances to discuss the advisability and duty of paying a debt, the carrying of which much longer, will simply be an impossibility. Let them see to it that men like Frank Stubbs do not prevent the adoption of the only remedy for the present evils afflicting the State which the wit of man has been able to devise. We trust the friends of a Convention will not suffer themselves to be disheartened by the action of the people of Ouachita under Frank Stubbs' manipulation and leadership; but will press on all the same, as if his and their fiat had not gone forth. It is not every parish that has a leader like Frank Stubbs, nor is it every Democrat who is actuated by motives that prompt the actions of that aspiring and covetous politician.

Instruct Your Delegates.

[Franklin Enterprise.] The Louisiana Democratic State Convention will meet at Baton Rouge on the first Monday of August next. Then, and not until then, will the plan of the coming political battle be definitely settled upon. Whatever that plan or policy may be, the people must support it, if it is in consonance with popular justice and common right. That plan will be discussed, adopted and worked out by representatives of the people, sent to Baton Rouge for that purpose. They will act for and from the people, and it is our duty to see that they act and agreeably to the expressed will of the people. The recreancy and obstinate denial of that popular will by the majority of the members of the last General Assembly have taught us the wise and salutary lesson, we hope never again to send any one to the Legislature or elsewhere to speak for us unless they be men honorable enough, and firm enough against all temptation, to speak freely our sentiments. We have sent them before trusting to their fair and correct discretion, we must send them now instructed as to the important, serious and vital questions which must be decided by that convention. Let the convention give a full and fair expression of the will of the majority of the people.

Let each parish instruct its delegates, when chosen, as to their action in regard to—first—the amendments, which some are seeking to plaster on our organic law. Second—whether it is the policy of the people to preserve and protect by legislation, powerful monopolies, such as Howard's lottery, etc., which feed off the very substance of the people. Third—whether our political enlightenment demands a new and more equitable Constitution—one not conceived in a party spirit, but one stretching its protecting arms over the whole people, without regard to race, color, previous condition of servitude, or political sentiments. These are the great questions for the Democratic Conservative party to decide; and we say let the people of that party decide them at the very inception of the campaign.

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It is often asserted that the President is carrying out the Cincinnati platform. He is doing nothing of the kind, and he knows it. So does every well informed man. He has, as regards his conduct toward his party, violated every principle of honor as well as Republicanism. Those who talk to the contrary talk both falsehood and nonsense, whether they know it or not.

Two Pennsylvania troops stopped at the house of a lone widow, and one went in to help her. They were taken out with a bloody nose and a first-class black-eye. "Well did you get anything, Jack?" "Yes," growled the sufferer, "I've got the widow's night."

A Boston paper reports this suggestive bit of conversation. "Daddy, you find that it hurts your lawn to let your children play on it?" "Yes," answered a suburban the other day. "Yes," answered the gentleman addressed, "but it doesn't hurt the children."

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