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Senator Morton proposes to push his amendment to the Constitution to bring the election of President nearer the people. His amendment proposes to let each Congressional District cast its own electoral vote, and two from the State at Large.

Ex-Gov. Palmer of Illinois, who supported Tilden all the way through, thinks Tilden should withdraw from the contest. A man counted in by fraud could not command the respect of the American people.

Before the election one could never get a Tildenite to say, "if Tilden is elected." They always said he "would be elected." Now that he is *not* elected, they say he "is elected." They have been playing a bluff game all the way through, and now they die hard. They knew if Tilden should be elected the hungry set would have a chance to rob the National Treasury, but alas their hopes have faded.

In Missouri one of the Democratic Electors was ineligible on account of having been in the penitentiary for robery, but the Governor didn't commission his Republican opponant as did the Governor of Oregon. Circumstances always alter cases.

Governor Grover of Oregon has by his actions simply showed to the world that he is a thief and a perjurer. He stole one vote of the State, and then swore a lie to get out of it. It is doubtful if he gets his seat in the United States Senate next March. Some of the Senators have already expressed their disgust and intention not to let him take his seat.

The Cincinati Commercial say of the election of Randall as speaker of the House of Congress:

"The efforts of the Tilden crowd has been to secure a pliant tool rather than a presiding officer, and they have been entirely successful.

The Result.

The agony is over at last. Rutherford B. Hayes and William A. Wheeler, are to be the next President and Vice President. Two better or purer men never lived. They are men who have characters that are above reproached.

They carried South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana in spite of the Rifle-Clubs, Bull-dozer and ballot-box stuffers. The attempt to steal a vote in Oregon is a complete fizzle. Truth and right have once more triumphed in this broad land, and two honest men are to hold the reigns of the Government for four years longer.

Our credit is safe, our property is safe, the colored man will be protected in his rights as a citizen; peace is assured over the broad land, and prosperity is before us.

A trial will prove that it is far better, not only for Republicans, but for Democrats, that the election has ended with the triumph of the Republican party. Business will go steadily on; there will be no fluctuation in prices of merchandise or produce; the farmer will know what to depend on; likewise the mechanic, and merchant.

President Grant deserves the gratitude of the American people regardless of politics, for the manner in which he has enforced law and order during the most critical moment of the country. The returning boards of the Southern States also deserve the thanks of the whole country for saving it from ruin by counting only the legal votes of those States.

The Crowning Infamy.

The greatest outrage ever known in the history of the Republic was the act of the Democratic Governor of Oregon. All the Republican electors has been elected, the lowest by 1,100 votes. But one of them a Post Master was ineligible, and the Governor then commission a Democratic elector who appointed two more like scoundrels and cast the vote of the State for Tilden. Such an outrage was never before perpetrated on the American people, as a Governor of a State stealing its votes. A Portland Press dispatch says that in an interview with Watts to-day, he states positively that when Secretary Chadisich slipped the certificates of election through the door into Cronin's hand the other Electoral candidates present asked what the sealed envelope contained. Cronin answered that it contained the certificates of the election. Watts, Cartwright and Odell asked to see the certificates, Cronin declined to allow this. Their request was made three times by the electors named, and each time denied. The electors then demanded that he should produce the certificates. Cronin refused in most emphatic term, at the same time thrusting the envelope in his breast-pocket and buttoning his coat. The Electors aver that no one in the room but Cronin saw what he claimed were the certificates. So far as they had positive or judicial knowledge the envelope contained nothing but blank slips. He claimed that he was Elector and said that he had the certificates and asked permission to act with Cartwright and Odell. These gentlemen did not refuse to recognize him or to act with him. They demanded that he should exhibit his certificate and show what right he had to a seat in the Electoral Board. This he refused to do. Cronin himself withdrew and declared that as the other two gentlemen refused to act, there existed two vacancies in the board, which he proceeded to fill, appointing Miller and Parker, two staunch Democrats, and then cast the so called electoral ballot of the State. The Republican Electors, after casting the electoral ballot, prepared a full and complete statement of what took place in the room and of everything that was said and done, to which each appended his affidavit. This statement has been forwarded, together with the sealed ballot, to the President of the Senate. At the indignation meeting here last night, Gov. Grover was burned in effigy on the public street by a crowd of excited citizens.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Governor Chamberlain's Inaugural.

Gov. Chamberlain, in delivering his inaugural, said he accepted the office to which, by a majority of the people, he had for a second time been called with a full knowledge of its grave responsibilities and difficulties. No consideration but duty impelled him to accept. He regarded the present hour in South Carolina as a crisis at which no patriotic citizen should shrink from any public post to which he has been called. The present struggle is in defense of the foundations of our Government and Constitution. If we fail now, the government of South Carolina will no longer rest on the conduct of the governed, expressed by a free vote majority of the people, If our opponents triumph, under whatever guise of legal froms free government in the State will be overthrown. His chief care will be to contribute his utmost efforts to defend the rights, guard the peace and promote the welfare of all the people of the State. Other pressing duties had prevented his preparing the usual recommendations respecting public affairs. This will be made in time. The pressing duty now is to stand firmly against the aggression of the opponents. The position heretofore has been within law. Only cowardice or teachery can rob the Republicans of victory. If the Republicans yield now, we shall witness the consummation of cruel conspiracy by the Democrats to overcome by brute force the political will of twenty thousand lawful voters. He had mourned over previous public abuses, he had labored for honesty; but he stood appalled at the recent crimes against freedom and good government recently witnessed here. The more so because the North is divided in sympathies and judgment upon such questions. It is written in blood that no Nation safely rest on enforced slavery or degredation of a race. Yet the American people are to day divided on a question of the disfranchisement and depredation of the same race it freed; and what is more astonishing, Republicans have permitted the errors attending the first efforts of this race in self-government to so chill their spmpathies as to stand and practically say that peace and political servitude is better than the abuses newly acquired freedom has brought. He denounced the conduct of the Democratic campaign as a brutal outrage depending on fraud, prostitution, intimidation and murder. Gen. Hampton had said he held not only the peace of the State, but his (Chamberlain's) life in his hands. This he did not doubt. His life could be easily taken, but nothing could make abate his hatred and opposition to the enslavement of the people of South Carolina. All other considerations must yield to the duty to resist the final success of that outrage attempted by the Democrats.

CONGRESSIONAL.

HOUSE.—Among the bills introduced and referred were the following:

By Darrall, authorizing the State of Louisiana to close the mouth of Bayou La Forche where it opens into the Mississipi. Also to apply the proceeds of the sale of public lands to the education of the people.

Banning moved to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution reciting the eulogium passed by J. Madison Wells, of Louisiona Returning Board, in Senator Sherman's report to the President, for copies from the War Department of reports, orders and correspondence in connection with General Sheridan's removal of Wells from the Governorship of Louisiana in 1877. Defeated by a vote of 141 to 80.

MacDougall offered a resolution for the appointment of select committees on election frauds, as follows: Committee of nine for New York, Brooklyn, and Jersey City; of five for Virginia, the second and fourth Congressional districts; of nine for Mississippi; of five for Philadelphia, and of three for Alabama. Ayes 124, nays 88—not two thirds.

Cox offered a resolution for committees on fraudulent registration and fraudulent voting in the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Jersey City. Adopted.

SENATE.—The Senate resumed the consideration of the unfinished business, being the joint resolution of Mr. Edmunds proposing an amendment to the constitution of the United States so as to have the electoral vote for President and Vice President counted by the Supreme Court; and the amendment of the Judiciary Committee authorizing the electors to vote instead of by ballot, was agreed to. Mr. Morton opposed the clause providing that the Court shall, in the discharge of the duty, disregard errors of form, and be governed by the substantiated right of the matter. He argued that this clause would give to the Supreme Court a boundless jurisdiction. It would authorize that body to do almost anything, perhaps, to get and count the votes in the State of Vermont. Such a jurisdiction should not be conferred upon any tribunal as it was dangerous.

Mr. Edmunds the object of the clause was not to authorize the Court to exercise a boundless jurisdiction or go anywhere to count the votes of citizens, but it was to authorize the Court to do exactly what all Courts do in matters which they are called upon to try, and that was to disregard forms and decide the substantiated right of the matter. He then explained at length the provisions of the joint resolution proposing the amendment to the Constitution, and said it was not a device, as some of the newspapers had intimated, to swap horses in crossing a stream. It was introduced by him in the Senate on the 22d of March last, almost a year ago, and reported avorable on by the Judiciary Committee with amendments on the 12th of May following, before either of the Presidential candidates were nominated. He then referred to the proceedings of the convention which framed the Constitution and said he had been unable to find anything in the debates of the convention which threw light upon the clause of the Constitution in regard to the count of the electoral vote in the presence of the House of Congress. The extent of the power of the presiding officer as to the count was not defined. In regard to the last section of the proposed amendment, making it applicable to the present contest if ratified in time Mr. Edmunds said he did not share in what was said by parties who should not have made use of such expressions as there was danger of any civil convulsion. There would not be such trouble unless it was forced by the men who care more for what they can make out of war than they do for the peace of their county. If the two Houses of Congress could not agree in regard to the last election it did not follow that the wise men and patriotic men would think they must fall back on their muskets. He did not think the good sense of this nation with its love for law, was going to allow any dispute as to which of the two men voted for last November should appoint postmasters and sing commissions during the next four years. There would be found somewhere in the Constitution a way to settle it peacably. There was no action taken.

Knowing How to Work.

Men and women may w[illegible] themselves to death and n[illegible] make farming pay unless [illegible] know how to work, and this i[illegible] great key of success in all [illegible] Hundreds of thousands of [illegible] all over the land are [illegible] themselves out, and wearing [illegible] their lands, and still not ma[illegible] farming *pay*, simply by not know[illegible] ing how to work to advantage. [illegible] Hence we must regard the greatest drawback to successful farming is found in not knowing how to farm. It seems to be the prevailing opinion among the majority of farmers that anybody can farm. They think there is nothing to learn in farming, and therefore they do not try to learn anything about it. They *labor* very *hard* and *think* very *little*.

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"He is, eh?"

"Yes, sir; and if he gets it he will get brother Sam appointed Revenue Collector."

"Yes."

"And then Sam will get the old man apointed Postmaster.

"Yes."

"And the old man will get my brother in-law on as a letter-carrier."

"Yes."

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