EXPOUNDING THE LAW.

BRIEFS FROM THE COURT REPORTER'S NOTE-BOOK.

Third Day of the Starr Alimony Suit—Its Lustre Not Yet Dimmed—Petit Thieves Confessing Guilt—A Young Forger Doing Serious Work.

Uttering Forged Car Tickets.

The Capitol, North O Street and South Washington Railroad Company is the latest street car monopoly that has got into operation in the District, and has been running now for more than a year. They map out a line of travel parallel with two other routes, and at the same time so circuitous as to take in localities not adjacent to the other roads, hoping thereby to increase the travel on the new line and make the project a financial success. For some time it grew in favor and was well patronized, the company holding out inducements to its patrons, among them being the selling of six tickets for twenty-five cents. At the last annual meeting the stockholders put in a new set of officers, who soon after abolished these inducements for patronage, and as a consequence the receipts fell off. This decline continued, and the prospects for a dividend grew beautifully less, and the discovery was soon made that the expenses were eating up the income, with a reasonable prospect of soon exceeding it.

The matter was taken into consideration, and finally, about the first of the present month, the directors of the road decided to return to the original plan of selling six tickets for twenty-five cents, and at the same time establish depots throughout the city for their sale. Shortly after the proposition was carried into effect the discovery was made that bogus tickets were being put out upon the community and used greatly to the detriment of the corporation. Tracking up the clues obtained it was ascertained that Wm. H. Spencer was perpetrating the crime of uttering these forged papers. He was arrested came before Judge Humphreys yesterday, to stand trial upon the charge made. The accused is a young man about seventeen years of age, with auburn hair and a very pleasing, innocent-appearing face. There is nothing about his features or conduct to mark him as a follower of crime, but on the contrary, he would be selected as a young man of quiet ways and correct habits.

It seems that he by some process came in possession of a die belonging to this company, and which was formerly used for tickets, and bearing the name of Mr. Saunders, the first president of the road. This he carried to an engraver, and by false representation had changed to the name of Edward Temple, the present chief officer. After the die was altered he went to work with it, and obtaining paper similar in color to that used by the company, turned out tickets by the wholesale and put them on the street for disposal. Quite a quantity of them had got into circulation before being detected as forgeries and the utterer of them apprehended. When arrested evidences of his guilt, in the shape of the spurious tickets and die, were in his possession and in the case used very forcibly against him. The jury found him guilty, and recommended him to the mercy of the court.

"Judge, I am not Guilty."

Thus spoke Wm. Fitzhugh yesterday morning when brought up before Judge Humphreys for sentence, having previously been convicted of highway robbery on Benjamin F. White, in December last. He proceeded to tell the story of his whereabouts on the night in question, and said that he spent the evening on Seventh street, and knew nothing of the transaction one way or the other. He was sorry that the gentleman had been hurt and lost his watch, but did not think an innocent man should be compelled to suffer punishment for it, which would be the case if he was sent to prison. He was not out of the house but a few minutes on the night of the robbery, and then near home, and when his uncle called him they both went in and went to bed. He had heard the witnesses testify, and one of them had sworn falsely against him. If he could have got the persons present he would have shown his whereabouts during the entire night. He had done nothing wrong, and thought it hard that he should be sent to prison for some one else's crime.

Mr. Campbell Carrington, his counsel, who has managed the case with his usual energy and skill, stated that newly-discovered important evidence favorable to his client warranted him in entering the motion for a new trial.

His Honor suspended sentence and allowed the attorney time to perfect the motion.

Criminal Court.

Before Judge Humphreys.

A CRIMINAL ABSENT, BUT TRIED AND FOUND GUILTY.

Wm. Fitzhugh, colored, convicted of highway robbery on Benj. F. White, on Fourteenth street, in December last, was brought out for sentence, but his counsel, Mr. Campbell Carrington, filed a motion for a new trial and it was suspended. Andrew Hilbert, colored, charged with petit larceny, second offense, *Plead Guilty* and asked the mercy of the court; he was sentenced to three months in jail; Mr. Stilson for defendant. Martin Bland, larceny of a $10 bill from Mary C. Eggstead, on January 18; this is an appeal case, and the accused failing to appear the cause was tried in his absence and a verdict of *Guilty* rendered; a bench warrant was issued for Bland, and his recognizance for $500 declared forfeited. Wm. H. Spencer, charged with forging the name of Edward Temple, president of the North O Street and South Washington Street Railroad Company, on certain car tickets, was put on trial; the jury found him *Guilty*, and sentence was suspended.

Supreme Court of the District.

Before Judges Olin, Wylie, and MacArthur.

Marion Starr vs. J. W. Starr. This case comes up on an appeal from the Equity Court, where a decree was passed allowing the plaintiff $10 per month alimony. Case still on.

Circuit Court.

Before Chief Justice Carter.

SUB-CONTRACTOR'S INDEMNITIES REVERTING UPON THE HOUSEBUILDER.

Thomas & Son vs. Anthony Halleck, an action for goods sold and delivered, amounting to $5,800; this suit is the outgrowth of work performed by a sub-contractor, and the original contractor failing to meet the obligations that he incurred; case still in progress. R. O. Fox vs. J. C. Lewis; the plaintiff sues the defendant for the use of cottages Nos. 15 and 16, at Point Lookout, Md., and claims $175, with interest; referred to J. J. Johnson.

Court Calendar for To-day.

SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT, before Justices Wylie, Olin and MacArthur.—Nos. 27, Law vs. Lee; 31, Leary vs. Long; 32, Kaiser vs. Stickney; 34, Bond vs. Medford; 38, Hardin vs. Rothwell, administrator; 39, Kelley vs. Heller; 40, Coburn vs. Crocker; 41, Robbins vs. Hall, et al.; 42, McIntire vs. Williams.

CIRCUIT COURT, before Chief Justice Carter.—Nos. 150, Prelepe vs. Kimmell; 181, Toombs vs. Gibson; 153, Mason vs. Thomas et al.; 154, Frazier vs. District of Columbia; 155, Schoepf Administrators vs. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; 157, Johnson, use Stickney, vs. Dobbins; 162, District of Columbia vs. John B. Lord; 170, Harker vs. Hoover & Mayne; 171, Wilson, administrator, &c., vs. Arricks; 174, Neale vs. Bender; 176, Archer and Pancoat Manufacturing Company vs. Shepherd; 177, Levi vs. Levi; 178, Stanton, receiver, vs. McKnight; 181, Gisbel vs. Kimmell & Lobez; 182, Townley vs. Stickney; 184, Cluss, use, &c., vs. District of Columbia; 186, French vs. McNamara.

CRIMINAL COURT, before Judge Humphreys.—Frank Fosbinder, assault with intent to kill; Frank Fosbinder, resisting an officer; William Walker, alias Walker Williams, keeping a gaming-house; Wm. Brookins, alias Simons, larceny; Landon Lee, assault with intent to kill; Charles E. Wesley, burglary and larceny; Dudley Hall, resisting an officer; George Frazier, larceny, two cases.

Opposition to the New District Tax Bill.

A meeting of citizens was held at the Board of Trade Rooms last evening for the purpose of deciding as to what measures they should take relative to the new tax of 30 cents per $100 for school purposes, levied upon them by the bill which lately passed the House, and which evidently was considered by all present as unfair and unjust. The meeting was called to order with Mr. Metzerott in the chair.

Mr. Claggett spoke first, and strongly against the bill.

Mr. Davis also made some very forcible remarks in opposition to the bill.

A motion that a committee be appointed to wait upon the Senate District Committee was passed unanimously. The chairman then appointed the following committee: Messrs. Claggett, Davis, Noyes, Mitchell, Hitz, Barbour, J. Barker, J. W. Barker, White, Baker, Campbell, McPherson, Kirk, Edmonston, Clark, Emery and Metzerott, of the city; Messrs. Tenney, Libby, Simms, King, Thomas, Herr and Sweeney, for Georgetown, and Messrs. Carlisle, Swartz, Lewis, Harker, Hume and McCeney, for the county. The committee will meet at the Board of Trade rooms at 9 o'clock this morning.

The Chariot Line Under the Hammer.

Mr. W. B. Williams, auctioneer, yesterday sold for O. W. Cissell, receiver in the case of A. Davis vs. the Northern Liberty Chariot Company, the effects of the company, consisting of 74 horses, 16 sets of double harness, 14 March chariots and the lease of the stable for four years. It was difficult to get a bid at first, the majority of those present evidently thinking it advisable that the effects should be sold in lots. A bid of $3,000 was finally obtained from parties said to be from Baltimore, and by $500 at a time the bidding went up to $7,000, when with $100 jumps it went to $8,000, and the property was knocked down at that figure, Mr. George M. Barker being the purchaser. This price is about 23 per cent. of the original cost and about 50 per cent. of the present value of the property.

Fire.

About 7:30 o'clock last night fire was discovered in the bath-room of the residence of Mr. Berkhall Uhlman on Four-and-a-half street, between M and N streets southwest, the property of Mr. John G. Stafford. The flames were extinguished by the owner and police without turning in an alarm. The loss of the tenants will reach fifty dollars while the loss on the property will reach the same amount; all of which is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART.

A Despondent Grocer Kills Himself—He Is Supposed to Have Committed Suicide, but the Coroner Decides that his Death was Accidental.

Yesterday morning, between the hours of 9 and 10 o'clock, a young man appeared at the Seventh precinct station-house and reported that a man had either accidentally shot himself, or attempted suicide, at the corner of Myrtle and North Capitol streets. When officers reached the spot they found a large crowd gathered around the meat and provision store of Mr. Robert B. Lawrence. In a room in the second story, immediately in the rear of the parlor, Mr. Lawrence was stretched on a bed, with a bullet wound in the left side. He was surrounded by his family and Dr. W. L. Hudson was in attendance and doing all in his power to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded man.

The Doctor said that the bullet had entered the body about two inches below the left nipple, touching the lower or small portion of the heart and passing through the left lung. Lawrence died two hours after he was shot.

HOW THE SHOOTING WAS DONE.

The particulars of the shooting are as follows: Mr. Lawrence was sitting on a box in the rear portion of the store when the pistol was discharged. He walked to the front of the store, and approaching Mr. Fred Smith, his clerk, threw open his coat and remarked that it was accidental. Mr. Smith placed his hand in the inside pocket of Mr. Lawrence's overcoat and drew therefrom the weapon, a seven-shooting Governor revolver. A moment after Mr. Lawrence commenced to stagger and he was removed above stairs to the room where he was found on the arrival of the officers. The pistol belonged to Smith and had been removed from his overcoat pocket by Lawrence without his knowledge.

TWO THEORIES.

From conversations had by THE REPUBLICAN reporter with several parties in the house, including the clerk and wife of the deceased, it was ascertained that he had of late been very despondent in consequence of his financial affairs, and spoke of being tired of life. A day or two ago he asked his wife how she would get along without him. It is known that he had done considerable credit business and was unable to make his collections, and consequently could not meet his engagements. This seemed to prey upon his mind, and when any of his creditors would pass the store door he would become unusually despondent.

Another theory is that after placing the weapon in his overcoat he retired to the rear of the store and sat down on the box, and when in the act of leaning over the pistol was accidentally discharged.

The coroner was notified, and, after viewing the body and hearing the different theories relative to the affair, decided that it was accidental, and deeming an inquest unnecessary gave a certificate of burial.

Mr. Lawrence was about forty-five years of age, strictly temperate and of moral habits. He was formerly a resident of Fort Wayne, Indiana, but removed to this city about a year ago and received an appointment in the Second Auditor's Office, which position he held until about six months ago, when he was removed in consequence of a reduction of the force, receiving two months' leave of absence, with pay. With this money he commenced business at the place above indicated. He leaves a wife and two children.

A Raid on a Policy Den.

Yesterday afternoon Lieutenant Kelley, of the Seventh precinct, received an order from Major Richards directing him to raid a "policy" den on G, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, and detailed Sergeants Arnold and Milsted and Officers Madigan, Felt and Drane to carry the order into effect. About 6 o'clock the "cops" proceeded to the place above indicated, and, after making an examination of the front of the premises, concluded that the den must be in the rear portion of the lot, where was located an old dilapidated shed.

They effected an entrance and found the game in full blast, and arrested Samuel Cassins, the proprietor; Joseph Stewart, W. H. Clark, John Tolliver and William Dawson, and seized their books, blackboards, tickets, drawings and other paraphernalia of the establishment. The prisoners were escorted to the station-house and locked up for a hearing before Judge Snell this morning.

Counted Out of the Window.

Yesterday afternoon not a little excitement was created about the hallways on the ground floor of the Capitol building, occasioned by a young man jumping through one of the windows of the south front of the building and endeavoring to make his way to the galleries of the House of Representatives to witness the electoral count. He was overhauled by one of the Capitol police, (appointed from the old Bourbon State,) and locked up in the dungeon, where he was kept for several hours, when he was released through the influence of friends. The affair occasioned any number of side remarks. Some suggested that he had come to confiscate the Florida vote, while others asserted that he was the leader of Watterson's one hundred thousand unarmed men, and had come to hold-off the Congress. Any way, be remarked, that if that was the way they treated strangers who had come to witness the count, he be d—d if he cared a cuss who was declared President.

CITY BREVITIES.

The Washington Monument Society met yesterday and adjourned to February 22, at which time the election of officers will take place.

The Police Board have under consideration a proposition to substitute Morse telegraph instruments for the Automatic instruments now in use in the police stations.

A peddler named Chas. Bogue was assaulted by William Morris and John Horan in the Smithsonian grounds last night, and quite badly beaten about the head. Dunningan arrested the assailants, and Dr. Walter attended to the injuries of Bogue.

The following marriage licences have been issued: Thomas Lucas and Harriet Brown, George Selby and Nellie Chaney, of Howard County Md., James Beattie and Sarah Reddy, Joseph R. Pumphrey and Josephine Wise, Wm. H. Stewart and Martha Lewis.

The Door-Bell Nuisance.

To the Editor of the National Republican:

SIR: In reply to "A Victim," who so sadly complains of the hucksters who ring door bells, allow me to suggest a very simple remedy, which is to refuse to buy from any person who rings your bell. Let all, or even half, the people adopt this plan, and the door bell will soon cease from troubling. HOUSEKEEPER.

OUR REDUCTION SALE

brings purchasers and orders in every section, from those in want of overcoats, dress and school suits, pantaloons, &c., for their boys. B. Robinson & Co., Boys' Clothiers, 909 Pennsylvania avenue, next to William's.

MESSRS. YOUNG & MIDDLETON

sold at public auction, on the 30th of January, for Messrs. B. H. Warner and Charles E. Prentiss, trustees, lot 12, square 625, improved by a two-story frame dwelling and a stable, on the north side of F street, between New Jersey avenue and North Capitol street, to Edward Lynch, for $700. Also, on the 31st of January, for Messrs. Thos. I. Gardner and B. H. Warner, trustees, a tract of ground on the west side of Seventh-street road, just beyond the county terminus of the cars, to Mr. John Ruppert, for $460 per acre.

ALL PERSONS

who are too poor to employ physicians will be prescribed for free of charge at Winter's drug store, corner of Tenth and M streets, every day, except Sundays, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock, by the following physicians: Mondays and Thursdays by Dr. Mary Parsons, Tuesdays and Wednesdays by Dr. J. H. Bushnell, Fridays by Dr. C. R. Purvis, Saturdays by Dr. J. Winter.

R. H. WARNER

has a large amount of money to loan on good real estate.

BREAK, CHILLY MARCH AND NOVEMBER

are the two worst months of the year for those suffering with pulmonary diseases. Keep Dr Bull's Cough Syrup near by, and such sufferers will be able to brave this rough weather without danger.

ASTHMA.

It is useless to describe the tortures of spasmodic asthma. Those who have suffered from its distressing paroxysms know what it is. Jonas Whitcomb's remedy has never failed to afford immediate relief.

THE ATTENTION

of parties desiring furniture is called to the auction sale to take place this morning at 867 Seventh street northwest.

Southern Pacific Railroad.

[Special to the National Republican.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—A San Diego dispatch says the Arizona House to-day passed a bill exempting the Southern Pacific railroad from taxation for four years, and permitting ten cents per mile for passengers and fifteen cents per ton per freight. The Council will agree to the bill to-morrow.

Counterfeit Nickels.

[By Telegraph to the National Republican.]

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—Francisco Proutillo and wife, Martin J. Scatti, Virgil Gorgain and Salvador Albernini were arrested by Treasury Detective Steele, charged with making and issuing counterfeit nickels. A large quantity of counterfeit nickels, dies, &c., were captured.

Specie Payments.

[By Telegraph to The National Republican.]

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 1.—The Senate to-day adopted unanimously a resolution resiting that all conditions warrant the Legislature in recommending to Congress prompt action to secure speedy resumption of specie payments.

MAKING A PRESIDENT.

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it can hardly be necessary to read *in extenso* the duplicate certificate received by mail, and if that should be the impression of the Presiding Officer and of the two Houses, I make the further suggestion that thereafter when the tellers read a certificate the tellers not reading had better overlook the duplicate certificate at the same time in order that a comparison may thus be made.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The suggestion of the gentleman from New York has been heard. Is there objection to following that suggestion? The Chair hears none and it will be followed hereafter.

Mr. STONE (one of the tellers) then concluded the reading of the duplicate certificate of the State of Alabama.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any objection to the State of Alabama? The Chair hears none, and the votes of the State of Alabama will be counted. One of the tellers will announce the vote, so there can be no mistake.

Mr. COOK, (one of the tellers.) The State of Alabama gives ten votes for Samuel J. Tilden, of New York, for President of the United States, and ten votes for Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, for Vice President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair hands to the tellers the certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Arkansas, received by messenger, and the corresponding one received by mail. In accordance with the suggestion of the Senator from New York, but one will be read, and the other will be examined as the original is read. The tellers will follow the reading of the one received by messenger in every case with the one received by mail.

The tellers then proceeded in the manner indicated to announce the electoral votes of the States of Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut and Delaware, it being mentioned in each case that the certificate of the election of the electors was signed by the Governor and countersigned by the Secretary of State, and in each case the Presiding Officer asked whether there were any objections to the certificate, and, there being none, the vote in each case was then counted.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair hands to the tellers a certificate from the State of Florida received by messenger, and the corresponding one by mail.

Mr. STONE (one of the tellers) read the certificate *in extenso*, giving four votes for Rutherford B. Hayes, of Ohio, for President, and William A. Wheeler, of New York, four votes for Vice President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair hands another certificate received by messenger from Florida, and the corresponding one received by mail.

Mr. STONE (one of the tellers) also read *in extenso* the certificate from the State of Florida indicated giving four votes for Samuel J. Tilden, of New York, for President, and four votes for Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, for Vice President.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Still another certificate from the State of Florida has been received by messenger, January 31, and it is now handed to the tellers, and the corresponding one received by mail, January 30.

Senator ALLISON (one of the tellers) read the certificate, and then Senator INGALLS (another of the tellers) proceeded to read the papers accompanying the certificate.

Senator CONKLING. I understand the teller is proceeding to read a list of the counties and returns in detail; and the counties being twenty-nine in number——

Mr. SPRINGER. Thirty-nine.

Senator CONKLING. Thirty-nine—I will correct myself—all appearing in long printed lists. I know the act of Congress under which the two Houses have met require these certificates and papers shall be read. I rise, after consultation with some members of either House about me, to suggest that by consent the announcement of the result of these lists by the tellers be deemed by the two Houses a reading satisfying the act, and that these papers go, as they must go under the statute, to the provisional tribunal raised to examine them in the first instance. I can see nothing to be gained by a reading literally of all the figures attenuated upon that printed list.

Mr. SPRINGER. The paper will be printed in full in the *Record*.

Senator CONKLING. Of course, I assume that the paper will be printed in full; every part of the certificate, just as if everything was read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the suggestion of the Senator from New York that the reading of this list be dispensed with, except the footing? (After a pause.) The Chair hears none.

Senator INGALLS (one of the tellers) read the footing of the votes and the remaining portion of the certificate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there objections to the certificates from the State of Florida?

Mr. FIELD. The following is an objection to the votes, certificates and lists mentioned in the return first read. I send it to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER, (having examined the paper sent up.) The objection complies with the law, having attached the signatures of Senators and Representatives; the Clerk of the House will read the objection.

The Clerk of the House read as follows:

The undersigned, CHARLES W. JONES, Senator of the United States from the State of Florida; HENRY COOPER, Senator of the United States from the State of Tennessee; J. E. MCDONALD, Senator of the United States from the State of Indiana; DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, Representative from the State of New York; J. RAMSDEN TUCKER, Representative from the State of Virginia; G. A. JENKS, Representative from the State of Pennsylvania, and WM. M. SPRINGER, Representative from the State of Illinois, object to the counting of the votes of Charles H. Pearce, Frederic C. Humphries, William H. Holden and Thomas W. Long, as electors of Florida, and Vice President of the United States in, for or on behalf of the said electors, Yonge, Call, Hilton and Bullock, or any of them, as being said electors, nor are said certificates or papers objected to accompanied by an valid or lawful certification or authentication of said electors, Yonge, Call, Hilton and Bullock, or any of them, as having been appointed or as being electors to cast the electoral vote of the State of Florida, or entitling the votes of said Yonge, Call, Hilton and Bullock, or either of them, to be counted in the election of President of the United States, or of the Vice President of the United States.

S. R. CONOVER,
A. S. SARGENT,
JOHN SHERMAN,
H. M. TELLER,
Senators.
WILLIAM WOODBURN,
GEORGE W. MCCRARY,
MARK H. DUNNELL,
JOHN A. KASSON,
Members of the House of Representatives.

Senator SARGENT. On the same behalf I present the further objection which I send to the desk.

The Secretary of the Senate read as follows:

An objection is interposed to the certificates, or papers purporting to be certificates, of the electoral votes of the State of Florida, as having been cast by J. E. Yonge, Wilkinson Call, Robert B. Hilton and Robert Bullock, upon the ground that by a certificate of the electoral vote of the State of Florida, in all respects regular and valid and sufficient under the Constitution and laws of the United States, and duly authenticated as such, and duly transmitted to and received by and opened by the President of the Senate in the presence of the two Houses of Congress, it appears that Frederick C. Humphries, Charles H. Pearce, William H. Holden and T. W. Long, and each of them, and no other person or persons, were duly appointed electors to cast the electoral vote of the State of Florida, and that the said above-named electors did duly cast the votes, and did duly certify and did transmit the said electoral vote of the State of Florida to the President of the Senate; by reason whereof the said certificates, or papers purporting to be certificates, objected to are not entitled to be received or read, nor are the votes therein, or any of them, entitled to be counted in the election of President of the United States or of Vice President of the United States.

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Senators.
WILLIAM WOODBURN,
MARK H. DUNNELL,
GEORGE W. MCCRARY,
JOHN A. KASSON,
Members of House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any further objections to the certificates from the State of Florida?

Senator JONES, of Florida. I send up to be read a further objection.

The Secretary of the Senate read as follows:

The undersigned object to the counting of the votes of F. C. Humphries as an elector for the State of Florida, upon the ground that the said Humphries was appointed a shipping commissioner under the Government of the United States at Pensacola, Florida, heretofore on the 3d day of December, 1872, and qualified as such therefor on the 9th day of December, 1872, and continued to hold the said office continuously from the last-named day until and upon the 7th day of November, 1876, and thereafter until and upon the 6th day of December, 1876; wherefore and by reason of the premises the said F. C. Humphries held, at the time of his alleged appointment as an elector of said State, and at the time of casting his vote as an elector thereof, an office of trust and profit under the United States, and could not be constitutionally appointed an elector as aforesaid.

C. W. JONES,
Senator.
C. C. THOMPSON,
Member of the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there further objections to the certificates from the State of Florida?

Mr. KASSON. I present a further objection, duly signed by members of the Senate and House of Representatives, to the last paper, purporting to be a certificate and read at the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk of the House read as follows:

The undersigned object to the last paper read, purporting to be a certificate of electors and of the electoral vote of the State of Florida, and to the counting of the votes named therein, because the same is not certified as required by the Constitution and laws of the United States, the certificate being by an officer not holding the office of Governor, or any other office in said State, with the authority in the premises at the time when the electors were appointed, nor at the time when the functions of the electors were exercised, nor until the duties of electors had been fully discharged by the lawful college of electors having the certificates of the Governor of Florida at the time of the action of said lawful college, and duly transmitted to the President of the Senate as required by law.

Second. Because the proceedings as recited therein as certifying the qualifications of the persons therein claiming to be electors are *ex post facto*, and are not competent under the law as certifying any right in the said Call, Young, Hilton, and Bullock to cast the electoral vote of the said State of Florida.

Third. Because the said proceeding and certificates are null and void of effect as retroactive proceedings.

A. A. SARGENT,
JOHN SHERMAN,
Senators.
JOHN A. KASSON,
S. A. HURLBUT,
Members of the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any further objections to the certificates from the State of Florida? [After a pause.] If there are none, the certificates and papers, together with other papers accompanying the same, as well as the objections presented, will now be transmitted to the electoral commission for judgment and decision. And the Senate will now withdraw to its chamber.

Accordingly, at 3:05 p. m., the Senate withdrew.

CONVENTION OF THE COMMISSION.

Transmission of the Returns in the Florida Case to the Commission — Arguments to Commence this Morning.

Upon the conclusion of the reading of the objections to the electoral returns from the State of Florida the two Houses separated, each immediately occupying its own chamber.

Mr. Ferry, President *pro tempore* of the Senate, transmitted to the electoral commission all the returns and papers in his custody connected with the Florida matter, accompanying the same with the following letter:

To the President of the Commission:

More than one return or paper, purporting to be a return or certificate of electoral votes of the State of Florida, having been received, and this day opened in the presence of the two Houses of Congress, and objections thereto having been made, the said returns, with all the accompanying papers, and also the objections thereto, are herewith submitted to the judgment of the commission, as provided by law.

THOMAS W. FERRY,
President *pro tempore* of the Senate.

The electoral commission at once convened in the Supreme Court room. Justice Clifford presiding, and after remaining in secret session a short time the doors were thrown open, the old Senate reporter's gallery being opened for the first time since the occupation of the Chamber by the Supreme Court for the use of the reporters.

The Senatorial members of the commission occupied seats at the right of the Supreme Court judges, and the commissioners from the House seats on their left, Messrs. Garfield and Hoar being crowded (so to speak) off the supreme bench on the left, and occupying the seats of Marshal Nicolay and his deputy, while Senators Thurman and Bayard ran over the edge on the opposite side, and became the *vis-a-vis* of Garfield and Hoar from the seat of Chief Clerk Middleton and his assistant.

Mr. Evarts, of counsel on the Republican side, stated that he understood that the commission had ruled that only two of counsel should be heard on each side upon the objections.

Justice Clifford asked who were the counsel on each side.

Mr. David Dudley Field responded that upon the side which, if he might be permitted to use the name of the candidate, objected to the counting of the votes for Mr. Hayes were Charles O'Conner, Lyman Trumbull, Judge Black and himself.

Mr. Evarts announced that associated with him were Mr. Stoughton, Mr. Stanley Matthews and Samuel Shellabarger.

Mr. Sargent stated that himself and Messrs. Kasson and McCrary appeared for the Republican objectors.

Mr. Garfield stated that he understood there was a distinct and specified objection to one elector from Florida by Senator Jones, of that State.

Justice Clifford said the commision ruled that all the objections on one side would be taken together and constitute one case, and upon such objections two objectors would be heard, and then two counsel on each side.

Mr. Field stated that upon the side he represented objection was made to the counting of the votes of the four Hayes electors; that upon the other side Senator Sargent reciprocally objected to the counting of the votes of the four Tilden electors; that after that comes the objection of Senator Jones to a single elector upon the Hayes ticket. On that specific case the counsel would designate Messrs. Thompson and Jencks as objectors. As to the counsel to be heard on that part of the case, the associate counsel on his side would advise to-night and be ready to report when the commission meets to-morrow.

Justice Clifford. Very well. When you have advised together and announce your arrangement, I will rule upon it.

Mr. Edmunds now moved that the public session of the commission be adjourned until this morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Justice Clifford was about to put the motion, when

Mr. Frelinghuysen inquired when the several counsel would be prepared to go on with the inquiries pending.

Mr. David Dudly Field announced that upon his side counsel were ready to go on at any moment. They were prepared to go on now.

Mr. McCary. We shall be ready upon our side by 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Justice Clifford then put to the motion to Mr. Edmunds, to adjourn the public session until to-day at 10:30 o'clock a. m. and it was carried. He announced that the public session was closed, and the room and gallery was at once cleared of all outsiders.

RULES OF THE HIGH TRIBUNAL.

Adopted for the Regulation of its Proceedings.

RULE I.

The commission shall appoint a secretary, two assistant secretaries, a marshal and two deputy marshals, a stenographer, and such messengers as shall be needful; to hold during the pleasure of the commission.

RULE II.

On any subject submitted to the commission, a hearing shall be had; and counsel shall be allowed to conduct the case on each side.

RULE III.

Counsel, not exceeding two in number on each side, will be heard by the commission on the merits of any case presented to it, not longer than two hours being allowed to each side, unless a longer time and additional counsel shall be specially authorized by the commission. In the hearing of interlocutory questions, but one counsel shall be heard on each side, and he not longer than fifteen minutes, unless the commission allow further time and additional counsel, and printed arguments will be received.

RULE IV.

The objectors to any certificate or vote may select two of their number to support their objections in oral argument and to advocate the validity of any certificate or vote, the validity of which they maintain; and in like manner the objectors to any vote or votes may select two of their number for a like purpose; but, under this rule, not more than four persons shall speak, and neither side shall occupy more than two hours.

RULE V.

Applications for process to compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of written or documentary testimony may be made by counsel on either side. And all process shall be served and executed by the marshal of the commission or his deputies. Depositions hereafter taken for use before the commission, shall be sufficiently authenticated if taken before any Commissioner of the Circuit Court of the United States, or any clerk or deputy clerk of any court of the United States.

RULE VI.

Admission to the public sittings of the commission shall be regulated in such manner as the President of the commission shall direct.

RULE VII.

The commission will sit, unless otherwise ordered, in the room of the Supreme Court of the United States, and with open doors, (excepting when in consultation,) unless otherwise directed.

Killed His Mother.

[By Telegraph to the National Republican.]

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 1.—In this city this morning Johanna McCarty, aged sixty-five years, was killed by her son, Timothy, a lad of nineteen. It is thought he is insane.

A Specimen Letter.

The following is an illustration of the development of English spelling in the Punjab. It is a *verbatim* copy of a letter received by a schoolmaster in the north from a householder in his locality: "Cur, ase, you are a man of no legs and I wish to inter my sun in your skull." The obscurity and seeming offensiveness of this address disappear on translation. What was intended to be written was: "Sir, as you are a man of knowledge, I wish to enter my son at your school."

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