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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Washington, Jan. 18.—They speak of difficulty of reaching a conclusion. They dealt with abstract questions only so far as they are necessarily involved in the legislation proposed. The report implies that legislation may be had on the subject in accordance with the constitution, but the committee think the law proposed is consistent with a few fanciful theories. The bill is only directed to ascertaining, for the purpose and in aid of the counting, what are the constitutional votes of the States, and, whatever jurisdiction exists for such purpose, the bill only regulates the method of exercising it.

For this the constitution gave warrant, and, therefore, the proposal is not inconsistent with that instrument. The committee regard it as of far greater moment that the will of the people should be lawfully carried out than the question of who should be President for a prescribed term; they, therefore, endeavored to frame a fair and impartial measure. The legislature and judiciary are represented in the tribunal in equal proportions. The composition of the judicial part of the commission looks to a selection from different parts of the Republic, while it is thought to be free from any preponderance or supposable bias.

In conclusion, we respectfully beg leave to impress upon Congress the necessity of a speedy determination upon this subject. It is impossible to estimate the material loss the country daily sustains from the existing state of uncertainty, which powerfully tends to unsettle and paralyze business, to weaken public and private credit and to create apprehension in the minds of the people, that disturb the peaceful tenor of their ways and mar their happiness. It does far more; it tends to bring republican institutions into discredit and to create doubts of the success of our form of government of the people.

All considerations of patriotism and justice unite in demanding of the lawmaking power a measure that will bring peace and prosperity to the country and show that our republican institutions are equal to any emergency, and, in this connection, we can not refrain from the expression of our satisfaction that your committee, composed of equal members of both parties, have fortunately been able to do what has been attempted in vain heretofore—almost unanimously to agree upon a plan considered by them all to be just, wise and efficient. We accordingly recommend the act to the patriotic and just judgment of Congress.

(Signed) George F. Edmunds, F. T. Frelinghuysen, Roscoe Conkling, A. G. Thurman, T. F. Bayard, L. A. Ransom, of Senate Committee; Eppa Hunter, H. B. Payne, Wm. M. Springer, George W. McCrary, George F. Hoar, George Willard, of House Committee.

Washington, Jan. 18—Anderson and Wells, of the Louisiana Returning Board, arrived at 2 o'clock this morning, and were arrested at daylight.

Officers of the House left last evening for New Orleans, to bring Kenner and Casanave, the remaining members of the board, to the bar of the House.

Wells and Anderson have been confined in the cash room of the Sergeant-at-Arms all the morning.

The Executive Committee of the Democratic Committee met tonight. Resolutions were adopted authorizing the chairman and Secretary of the committee to call a meeting of the National Democratic Committee at an early day if they think it necessary, in relation to the proposed National Convention of the Democratic party, to be held in this city Feb. 12.

Before the Committee on Privileges and elections of the House, Secretary Chandler declined to answer, because of the confidential character of the communications between himself and the President and other members of the Cabinet. The Secretary said he had no more right to disclose what passed between himself and the President than a U. S. Senator had to disclose what occurred in executive session.

Mr. Tucker asked if the message to Gov. Stearns was sent by Chandler as a member of the Cabinet. Mr. Lawrence objected, and the committee went into private session.

The report of the joint committee is received with general satisfaction. It will be combatted by the more ultra of both parties. It is regarded as indicative of Tilden and Wheeler. Very sensible people see no room for Hayes in any of the features of the proposed bill.

The Democrats of the House held a caucus to-night. Gen. Hunter discussed the proposed bill. Another caucus for consultation will be held on Monday.

Griffin, Jan. 18.—Last night Wm. Bland and Charles Reed, cow-boys, were in town on a spree and indulging in riotous conduct. Deputy Sheriff Cruger and Bogart, having been sent for to quell this disturbance were assisted by them; a number of shots were exchanged between between the parties, resulting in the following casualties to parties engaged and other citizens who happened to be present: Daniel Barron, killed; Wm. Bland and J. W. Meyers, attorney at law, mortally wounded; both have since died; Robert A. Jeffries, attorney at law, seriously wounded; Deputy Cruger slightly wounded. Reed escaped and is still at large.

Nashville, Jan. 19—James E. Baily wes elected Senator for the short term on the forty-third ballot.

Boston, Jan. 19.—The fifth joint ballot resulted in Hoar's election, Hoar received 186, Boutwell 44, Abbott 62, Bullock 2, Seelye 1 and Chadburn 1.

Springfield, Jan. 19.—On the seventeenth ballot Logan received 99. Palmer 87, Anderson 13 and Parish 1.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The press seems to be a good deal divided in opinion on the merits of the arbitration measure reported by the Conference Committee upon the electoral vote.

In a general way the most decided opposition to it may be said to come from Republican papers. The New York *Times* and *Tribune* take very positive ground against it as "unconstitutional," "a Republican surrender," etc.

The *Herald* warmly indorses it and is confident that patriotic men in all parts of the country will be disposed to see merits and pass over defects in the plan, if defects it should prove to have. The *World* does not give unqualified indorsement to the plan, but thinks the country will hail with delight any action on the part of Congress which goes to show that the frightful condition of the people is, at last, getting itself recognized by the persons who are sent to Washington to look after the welfare of their constituents and of the Republic.

The New York *Express* (Dem.) thinks the plan will prove a peaceful solution of the greatest political evil that has ever threatened the country apart from the civil war. The New York *Post* says the plan will give great satisfaction to the country, and that the wisest course for the Senate and House of Representatives is to adopt it as it comes from the committees without delay. The Philadelphia *Telegraph* (Ind.) thinks the plan is one that will give entire satisfaction to all fair minded men of all parties. The Boston *Herald* (Ind.) says the country wants peace, and the sooner a plan of this kind is adopted the better.

The Springfield *Republican* (Ind.) thinks the plan will command the support of the country, and more so it a Republican like Morton or a Democrat like Springer dissents from it. The Baltimore papers, without division of party, give moderate favor to the plan. In Washington the party papers all oppose it, the *Republican* and *Chronicle* on the Republican side and the *Union* on the Democratic side. The *Nation* (Ind.) favors it.

Boston, Jan. 19—A paper is being signed by leading men of both parties, urging upon the Massachusetts delegation in Congress the adoption of the proposed compromise for the settlement of the presidential qvestion.

San Antonio, Jan. 19—Mr. Perry and Mr. Tunstall were cleaning out a gun that had long been loaded, when the gun went off, killing Tunstall instantly.

The railroad is within seven miles of San Antonio.

New York, Jan. 20——A *World* dispatch from Tallahassee, dated yesterday says: Gov. Drew approved the law passed by the Legislature requiring the Canvassing Board to make a canvass in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court. Attorney General Raney, having been appointed counsel for the Democratic electors, declines to act. Hugh Corley was designated in his stead. All returns found to be regular were counted. After footing up, the State was declared for Tilden by a majority of 94.

Washington, Jan. 20—A motion was made for the House to go into committee of the whole on the Indian Appropriation bill, pending which Mr. Payne, of Ohio, gave notice that he would call up for consideration on Tuesday the bill reported from the Joint Committee on Electoral Vote: the debate on said bill to proceed until Wednesday night, when he would demand the previous question.

Speeches were made by Mr. Wilshire, of Arkansas, opposing the power of the Vice President to count the vote; by Mr. Tarbox, of Massachusetts, declaring that the judgment of the people revolted at any attempt at compromise on the presidential question, and by Mr. Chittenden, of New York, declaring himself strongly in favor of the bill of the joint committee on the electoral vote.

The Indian bill was then considered by section, but without disposing of the bill, adjourned.

New York Jan. 20—Mr. Tilden declines to state his views on the electoral scheme. A dispatch says the same of Mr. Hayes. An Indianapolis dispatch says Mr. Hendricks declined to be interviewed, but it is understood that he has expressed to those in his confidence entire satisfaction with it, and warm approval of the plan as reported.

Austin, Jan. 20—Geo. Garner, a desperate character who fled from Lee county, has been arrested at Little Rock, and is on his way back.

Gov. Hubbard recognizes the Nicholls' government of Louisiana by making a requisition on him for a fugitive from justice.

San Francisco Jan 20—A great snow storm is prevailing here.

Washington, Jan. 20.—On motion of Mr. Edmunds the Senate took up bill to provide for counting of the electoral vote for President. He spoke two hours, arguing the constitutionality of the bill and against the power of the President of the Senate to count the vote. If there was any duty greater than other devolving upon Congress, it was that of providing some means by which, no matter what the result might be, all men might say the due course of law had been taken. It had appeared to the committee charged with the onerous and unpleasant duty of framing this bill, that, if the constitution had authorized them to lay down a line of procedure, which should lead to any result through the calm and orderly administration of law, it would be benificent act for the republic. On the contrary, if Congress should fail to do this, our posterity, under this or some other form of government, no one could say, would feel that this Congress had failed in performing a great duty."

He then referred to the labors of the committee, and said: "Opposing political opinions, opposing political education, partisan feeling had subsided on both sides, and the measure upon which they solemnly united in reporting, they recommended to the consideration of the Senate."

He then explained the provisions of the bill at length. The speech attracted earnest attention.

Watertown, N. Y., Jan. 20.—W. A. Wheeler declines to express an opinion on the compromise.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Resolutions approving the plan of counting the electoral vote passed the Board of Trade by a close vote.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 20.—There were five ineffectual ballots to-day. Six members were absent.

New Orleans, Jan. 20.—In obedience to an order from Gen. Anger, the State Librarian who was deposed yesterday, by an appointee of Nicholl's Secretary of State was reinstated by Governer Nicholl's authority.

Cleveland, O. Jan. 20.—Charles Collins, chief engineer of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern road has committed suicide. The act is attributed to anxiety about the Ashtabula accident.

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