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THE ELECTORAL BILL.

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The large majority which this bill received in the Senate of the United States and in the House of Representatives, is a most encouraging feature of the times.

From the difficulties and complications thrown around the question by the reckless conspirators, this bill is perhaps the best solution of the dangerous problem that could have been devised by human agencies. The indorsement it is receiving from the press, as well as from State legislatures, voluntary associations and individuals distinguished for their moderation and calmness, at once stamps the bill as embracing in its provisions much of the perfection of human wisdom. The country sees in the law an escape from the impediments thrown around the presidential question by those who have long flourished on discord, and whose most agreeable food was the strife engendered by party rancor and bitter hatred.

The occupation of these political disorganizers is gone, and the reign of reason and statesmanship, we may all reasonably hope, will assume sway. Morton may at once furl the folds of the bloody shirt he has so long flaunted in the faces of the people, with shameful, lying audacity.

The whole country feels a sense of relief in a consciousness that the ugly cloud which threatened a dangerous storm, will be dispelled, and its forces scattered without producing any wrecks.

The bill is not yet a law, but it is hardly possible that the President will venture on interposing his veto, though doubtless he will be importuned to do so by the bold conspirators who have sought to elect the chief executive officer of the nation by a bold stroke of fraud, and have thus far acted on the assumption that a lie, persistently adhered to, is as good as the truth.

During a recent trip to Houston, we heard but one sentiment expressed on the subject, and that was one of profound satisfaction that the question was likely to find a satisfactory solution, and that the "flower safety" was in such a fair way of being snatched from the ugly brambles that surrounded the complication.

THREATENING LETTERS.

Judge Pleasant has been regarding threatening letters from western desperadoes, telling him what severe penalties will inflict on him, unless he once liberates some of his imprisoned companions in the Brazos.

If the authors of these threatening death to Pleasant and others, can be arrested, we should say that the courts of the country would make times not very pleasant for them.

Lieutenant Hall, now that McNelly's company has been disbanded, has only a small force at his command, but with his firmness and determination, if he should be so fortunate as to strike the trail of these scoundrels, he will make a dashing effort to bring the guilty rascals to well merited punishment.

If an accession to the force under the command of Lieut. Hall should be necessary to insure arrest of western outlaw and separate characters, the press of the country should speak out in favor of the force being strengthened to a point that will secure the people of Western Texas from danger, and relieve them from terror. The question of what it is to cost the State, is not to be entertained for a moment. The State owes protection to all her citizens, and if it takes the last dollar in the treasury to secure it, she must appropriate it. Money must not be weighed in the balance against the protection and safety of law abiding citizens.

The Senators and Representatives to count the electoral vote, will be named by their respective houses to-day, five from each. Four of the five Justices of the Supreme Court are named in the bill creating the Commission. They are Miller, Strong, Clifford and Field. These four will to-day name the other justice who is to act with them.

In the hall of the House of Representatives to-day, the President opens the hands them.

If there is any counting of the vote from which the President turns, the Senate separate and vote without electoral vote.

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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

HOUSTON, JAN. 26 1877.

Among the citizens of Washington county that I have met here was Dr. J. W. Lockhart, of Chappell Hill, who was on his way to see his sick grand child, a son of Mr. Landes, of the firm of Wallis, Landes & Co., Straud, Galveston. Missing connection yesterday with the Galveston train, he had to endure the torturing suspense of laying over twelve hours. Missing connection when on the way to the sick bed of a relative is too bad.

Mr. T. W. House, one of the solid men of the State, assures me that there is no throw off in building the Narrow Gauge. Work is now progressing and it will be pushed through to completion. It will cross the Brazos near Crump's ferry. This will be very welcome news to the Banner's numerous friends in Austin county. It will be especially gratifying to those of our friends on the river, in the productive region known as Raccoon Bend, as well as to the citizens of Bellville, Nelsonville and Industry, and it affords more than the ordinary pleasure connected with making a good report, to be the medium of making the announcement.

I had the pleasure, yesterday morning of meeting that well preserved Texas veteran, Mr. Thomas Coekran, at the passenger depot in Hempstead, on his way to Hearne.

I called yesterday evening, on J. W. Stone, Esq., late of Chappell Hill. His thousand and one friends in Washington, I am sure, will be glad to learn that he occupies an enviable place in his profession, both as a sound lawyer and a man of sterling integrity which is better than everything else in this world, and more to be prized.

Theodore Tilton threatens to invade Texas on a lecturing tour. Tilton, with his brains, to say nothing of his "noble head of horns," and the odor they gave him, will draw full houses.

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Life in London begins and ends late in the day. The very crossing sweepers do not turn out till 10 o'clock, and no new-born mouse the sleeping echoes of streets at the unearthly hour of 8. Everything encourages a man to be in bed late of a morning. If he gets up at 9 he will tumble over the housemaid's pail just outside the door, and even the cloth will not be laid for breakfast. The great "West End" does not seem to be fairly up and out till 3 or 4 in the afternoon. Towards 6 the streets are crowded, and Burlington Arcade begins to put on its liveliest face. At 8 one goes to dinner, and if there are more men than ladies present, you will get away before 11:30. Thus, the Londoner gets along with an infinitesimal quantity of daylight, and it is lucky for him that he is able by legs and vapors, and until one gets used to it, the heavy and sombre air fills one the "blues," and gives rise to dismal presentiments of approaching evil.—*Cor. N. Y. World.*

FRUIT TREES.—Gentlemen wishing to plant fine fruit trees, or ornamental shrubbery, can have a bill filled on advantageous terms, by calling at the BANNER office.

Messrs. Editors: In attention resort, one of the styles worn by the has said "I will not be rejected with a negative vote of both houses."

Where there is more than one troupe of certifiers and on the case, the commission decision will be two houses. If they may proceed ordinary business five houses. The called in alphabetical order. No decision except by the concurrence of the two houses.

It is but justice to the *News* to say that the above information is condensed mainly from its columns.

It will be seen after all that acting Vice President Ferry cuts no great figure in the count. He merely does what the constitution says he should do—opens the votes, when they shall be counted by tellers appointed by the two houses, as has been the practice since the formation of the government. Mr. Ferry does not yet hold the destiny of this country in his dett hands.

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