The Democratic Times. Official Paper for Jackson, Josephine & Lake. SATURDAY,......FEBRUARY 17, 1877.

THE PEOPLE BAMBOOZLED.

The first decisions of the Commission inaugurated under the provisions of the so-called Compromise bill are such as to disappoint not only the Democracy, but everybody who for a moment entertained the idea that the labors of this immaculate body were to be non-partisan in character and strictly according to truth and justice.

The action of the Commission in the Florida case has nearly dissipated all hope that the abuses and subversion of popular will which characterize the promulgations of the iniquitous returning boards will be righted or even inquired into. It has refused to act in consistency with the letter and spirit of the bill to which it owes its origin, ability. and, to all appearances, partisan prejudice will be its sole motor.

The decisions thus far have shown that one party, having found itself in the majority, has taken undue advantage of this fact and shaped the proceedings of this tribunal in accordance therewith.

Instead of a commission to arbitrate and settle the Presidential question equitably, regardless of partisan feeling, we have simply a National Returning Board, in which a certain party has a majority, and which majority decides matters according to its Field, Hunton, Payne and Thurman-7. own peculiar views, without once entertaining whether there is even so little right or justice in its action. It is nothing but eight Republicans to seven Democrats, and seven Democrats to eight Republicans, and we need not be surprised if the eight Republicans beat the seven Democrats throughout. Justice Bradley perhaps thinks he is playing a nice little game by voting with the Democrats on immaterial points, but we hardly think he can hoodwink anybody by his inane strategy. The utility of this Commission will hardly be apparent, inasmuch as we might just as well have had the President of the Senate declare the result according to the Republican programme and spared delay and annoyance. But, the Republicans will have the satisfaction of knowing that the barefaced robbery they are likely to succeed in will be legalized at the same time and the people at present deterred from expressing in unmistakable terms their condemnation thereof and their unwillingness to submit to this usurpation. We are afraid our Democratic brethren, in their desire for harmony and fair play, have bartered away the inalienable rights of the House for the glittering generality of non-partisanism they imagined a component of a Republican Supreme Justice. We are pleased to see that hope still lingers in the bosoms of some of our brethren. They still seem to have Thereupon, in compliance with the Elector- and proceeded to fill the other places faith in their righteous cause. They al Act, the two houses will again meet and cling to the Louisiana and Oregon cases as ones that cannot be legitimately decided against us, and we agree most emphatically with them here. But, if we take Florida as a criterion, the fraudulent returns of the Louisiana returning board will be accepted as final, while a decree will be fixed up to fit the Oregon case.

THE ELECTORAL COUNT.

WASHINGTON, February 7th. The Electoral Commission, by a vote of eight against seven, have decided that no evidence can be admitted or considered by them in the Florida case, except the various electoral certificates and such evidence as shall be submitted on the question of the eligibility of Humphreys as a Presidential Elector. The vote stood in favor of the decision: Justices Strong, Miller and Bradley, Senators Edmunds, Morton and Frelinghuysen, and Representatives Garfield and Hoar; against: Justices Clifford and Field, Senators Thurman and Bayard, and Representatives Payne, Hunton and Ab-

bott. WASHINGTON, February 9th. The Electoral Commission were in secret session from 10 A. M. until half-past eight this evening continuously, with the exception of a short recess at 2 o'clock. Almost the entire time, until nearly the close of the ession, was occupied with the debate, in which every one of the fifteen members, by by a committee, and of each house concernturns, participated. Two or three Justices and several Senatorial members read elaborately prepared opinions upon the main electors. points, and the discussion is understood to have been, from its commencement to its close, one of extraordinary power and

About 6 o'clock P. M., the debate being ended, Senator Edmunds submitted a resolution declaring, in substance, that the Republican Electoral votes of Florida should be counted, and embodying various reasons for such a declaration.

Representative Hunton offered the following substitute :

Resolved, That the Electors named in certificate No. 2, to-wit : Wilkinson Call, J. E. Yonge, Robert Bullock and Robert B. Hilton, are the four persons duly appointed Electors by the State of Florida on the 7th of November, and that their votes, as certivided for by the Constitution of the United States.

This substitute was rejected by the following votes : Ayes-Abbott, Bayard, Clifford, Humphreys, Holden and Long as electors other points upon which I am confident the

provided for by the constitution of the United States, and they ought not to be counted as such.

The objections to the decision interposed in the House recite:

First-The decision determined that the vote cast by Charles H. Pearce, Frederick C. Humphreys, William H. Holden and Thomas W. Long as electors of President and Vice President of the United States on behalf of Florida is the true and legal electoral vote of that State, when in truth and in fact the vote cast by Wilkinson Call, Jas. E. Yonge, Robert E. Hilton and Robert Bullock is the true and lawful vote.

Second-The commission refused to receive competent and material evidence tending to prove the first named set were not appointed electors in the manner prescribed by the legislature of the State, but were

board of the State, corruptly and fraudulently in disregard of the law, and with in tent to defeat the will of the people.

resolution and order of the commission prepresence of the Governor and with his apviously made. proval. He holds therefore that the Gov-

ernor's concurrent action is necessary. Lane dence taken by the two houses of Congress expresses the opinion, however, that the ng the frauds, errors and irregularities committed by the persons whose certificates are taken as proof of due appointment of

Fifth-The decision excludes all evidence tending to prove the certificate of Stearns, Governor; also of the board of State canvassers, which was procured or given in pursuance of a fraudulent and corrupt conspir-

Sixth-The commission refused to recognize the right of the courts of the State to review and reverse judgment of the returning board or board of State canvassers, rendered through fraud, without jurisdiction, and rejected, and refused to consider the action of the courts in the case, lawfully thus put Tilden in the White House for the brought before the court which had jurisdiction.

Seventh-That the decision excludes all evidence tending to prove Florida by all departments of government, legislative, executive and judicial, had decreed as fraudulent all the certificates of Stearns and that of the State canvassers, upon which certificates fied by such certificates, are the votes pro- the Commission has acted, and by means of which the true electoral votes of Florida have been rejected and false ones substituted.

for President and Vice President, would be a Democracy will succeed. Tilden is repreviolation of the Constitution of the United

GENERAL NOTES AND NEWS. Senator Grover was heartily received at all points between here and Salem. William Bigham has gone to Sacramento

to bring up his famous horse, Foster. The World's Washington special says

there are not a few Democrats who are indignant over what they believe to be a plain violation of the spirit and letter of the law creating the commission. They favor continuing the recess of the House from day to day until the time expires in which the President can be declared elected

by the joint convention. Others favor a resolution requesting the Democratic members of the commission to withdraw from the tribunal.

Mr. Lane thinks the Florida decision designated as electors by the returning does not cover the Oregon case, because the law requires not only that the Electoral

votes shall be opened and certified by the Third-The decision was found upon the Secretary, but that it must be done in the

Fourth-The decision excludes all evi-

Commission, after counting Louisiana for the Republicans, will make a decision to fit the case of Oregon, and count it also for Hayes.

> New York, Feb. 11th .- The Herald's Columbia special says: The announcement of the decision in the Florida case by the electoral commission produced a general feeling of depression among the Democrats. There is still great disappointment expressed at the partisan aspect of the vote,

as it was thought this great tribunal would divest itself of everything of a partisan character. The latest news, however, confirms the belief that Oregon will throw the election of President into the House and next four years, which would be the certain salvation of this State.

New York, Feb. 10th .- Tilden said vesterday evening to personal friends whom he had requested to go to Washington, say to our friends they have no reason to be depressed if the Commission decides against the Democracy in the Florida case. I expect the decision will be adverse, but do not encourage despondency. The loss of Eighth-To count the votes of Pearce, Florida will not surprise me; but there are sented as talking as unconcernedly about

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Noes-Bradley, Edmunds, Frelinghuysen, States. Garfield, Hoar, Miller, Morton and Strong--8. Edmunds then withdrew his resolution,

and Garfield offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the four persons, to-wit : Frederick C. Humphreys, Charles W. Pearce, William M. Holden and Thomas W. Long, were duly appointed Electors of President and Vice President for the State of Florida, and that the votes cast by the aforesaid four persons are the votes provided for by the Constitution of the United States.

The vote in detail on this resolution was as follows : Ayes-Bradley, Edmunds, Frelinghuysen, Garfield, Hoar, Miller, Morton and Strong-8. Noes-Abbott, Bayard, Clitford, Field, Hunton, Payne and Thurman-7.

The formal decision on the report to Congress is very brief, but it is complete. Its points can be accurately stated as follows: First-The Commission, exercising the powers of both houses under the law, and naving examined all the certificates and papers referred to them, find that they have no authority to hear evidence aliunde, or, in other words, to hear evidence outside of the certificate of the Governor of Florida, founded upon the determination of the Canvassing Board of the State for its votes.

Second-The Commission could not consider as evidence any Act of the Legislature or Courts in determining whom the State had appointed an Elector after the day said Electors gave their vote.

ity of Humphreys, there is not sufficient not as of fact, that the election by the proof that he held the office on the 7th of people was void, the College had full November.

The Secretary of the Commission will tomorrow morning deliver to the President pro tem. of the Senate the formal decision above described, together with all certificates and accompanying papers in the Florida case, which were referred to the Commission.

Speaker of the House a formal notification, signed by the President of the Commission, that their decision has been communicated in its proceedings; that he set up himto the President pro tem. of the Senate. self as the Electoral College of Oregon, of Congress, but matters have come to a the decision will be read and entered on the journal of each House, and the vote of Florida will be counted for Hayes and Wheeler, unless upon objection being made in writing by at least five Senators and five members of the House, the two houses shall separately concur in ordering otherwise. It the nation and place it back, in point being known that the two houses will not so concur, it is not thought likely objection will be made to the immediate counting of the Florids Republican votes, as this would torious Logan from his seat, and places be an unnecessary waste of time.

WASHINGTON, February 10th. At 1 o'clock the Senate took seats in joint session with the House, and President Ferry took the chair. The decision of the electoral commission having been read, written popgun politician. Georgia, hence run off by the Indians on the plains in objections were made by Representative forth, is not only to be represented by Diald on next of five Consta

The objections are signed by Senators Jones, of Florida, Cooper, Barnum,

Kernan, Saulsbury, McDonald, and Representatives Knott, Field, Holman, Tucker, Thompson, of Massachusetts, Jencks, Finley, Sayler, Ellis, Morrison, Hewitt, of New York, and Springer.

The Oregon Case.

Morton's Oregon committee will clearing away the brushwood from the real strength of the Democratic posishortly make a report, of which the following are the detailed points: tion, and there were now questions in First-Concerning that Watts was the Oregon and other cases which are ineligible, the Governor of the State not yet argued or decided, which they had no jurisdiction to decide this, and confidently rely upon for a favorable his actions in the premises are void. decision from the commission. In the Second-That the question of Watts Louisiana case we are especially strong, ineligibility was never raised before any competent tribunal. He did not and there are material points which take his seat in the College on the cannot be decided against us, unless ground that he was made an Elector by the tribunal disregards the decisions the people, but in consequence of his of the Suprome Court, solemnly made election by a majority of the College, und never departed from. If we go to and therefore his vote cannot now be questioned. the Oregon case, that will certainly

Third-Under the laws of Oregon, prove fatal to the Republican cause. the Electors present on the day of the There are questions relating to the meeting of the College may fill any vajurisdiction of the returning board of cancies occasioned by death, refusal Louisiana, and should the tribunal to act, neglect to attend, or otherwise; Third-In regard to the alleged ineligibil- therefore, admitting for argument but adhere to its decision not to admit evidence of fraud as impairing the repeople was void, the College had full turns of the electoral college, nevertheauthority to fill the vacancy.

less there will be evidence presented Fourth-The Governor's certificate showing that the returning board of on its face shows that two Republican Electors were chosen. These were a Louisiana had no jurisdiction in the majority of the College, and the only matter. ones contemplated by law to fill a vacancy. Their record of the proceed-

The Secretary will also deliver to the ings of the College is the only one admissible, and it shows that Cronin did not attend the meeting, or participate without the shadow of authority under the law governing the case.

The Caste Improving.

The Democratic party just now is is now considering this case. doing much to reclaim the Senate of of high standing, where it was many years ago. In Illinois, it drives the no-In the County Court of the State of Oregon in his stead the massive form and dignified Supreme Court Judge, David Davis. In Mississippi, Lamar comes To Ann Collins, (wife of James W. Collins) to the front and takes the place of a

the final result as though it was a case of John Doe against Richard Roe ; yet he said, I am a fatalist in so far as I believe as representative of the Democrats the final decision will be in our favor.

Just Clearing Away the Brushwood.

counsel, says that the argument and

decision of the Florida case was just

The Count Progresses.

the joint convention of the two Houses

dead halt at Louisiana. Four sets o

objections have been offered to count-

ing this vote-three by Democrats and

one by Republicans. The Commission

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	and as the state becaling the	Field on part of five Senators and twelve	form, is not only to be represented by	of A. J. Stow, deceased, by her guardian		1 spectfully inform their friends and the
	1863-64, and for which he has already	Representatives, and then the two houses	a Gordon, but the gifted Ben Hill is	ad litem, Nancy L. Croxton, heirs of the	GREAT SACRIFICE!	public generally that they have purchased
	been paid fully all they were worth,	separated.	to take a seat by his side. The able,	property and estate of Lavinia Stow, de-		the above establishment, which will be
	will come up in the present Congress.	The electoral commission state that the		ceased :	IN	henceforth conducted under their constant
	Wonder if he will do as he did in 1870	The bicebolar commission brate that the		YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT Herman v. Helms, administrator of	-13-	personal supervision, and they guarantee satisfact on to all who may favor them with
			ed as Senator from Tennessee. The	said estate, has filed his petition praying for		their patronage.
	-promise the lobby lots of money for	tution and law as it existed at the date of the	partisan Frelinghuysen is displaced by	an order to sell the following described real	BLACKSMITHING!	These stables are centrally located, and
	work done on his bill, and then go back	passage of the act constituting the commis-		property belonging to said estate, to-wit : The west half of donation claim No. 51,	Bhaons and and a	within convenient distance of the various houses of public entertainment. Horses
	on them because it was vetoed? Mr.	sion to go into evidence aliunde the papers	of ability and integrity. The above	in township No. 36, south of range, 1 west		and mules will be boarded and cared for at
	Grover silenced him in 1870 and Til-	opened by the President of the Senate, in	are all men of national repute. There	situated in Jackson county, State of Oregon.		moderate charges. They have one of the
	den is liable to put a quietus on him	the presence of the two houses, to prove that		Wherefore notice is hereby given to the heirs at law of said estate that the prayer of	A SALLOUR MERCHANTS ARE SELL- ing out at cost and freight, we are ready	largest and finest stocks in Oregon, south of Portland, of
	if it does not pass before the Man with	other persons than those regularly certified	are suit other worthy and creditable	said petition will be heard and determined	to do blacksmithing at cost and freight, but	BUGGIES AND CARRIAGES,
-		to by the Governor of Florida according to	selections that have been made by the	at the Clerk's office in Jacksonville, Jack-	must have the cash when the work is com-	With single or double teams, for hire on rea-
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	ed the claim and is expected to work it	prior to the time required for the perform-	characters. Certainly it looks as if the	at 10 o'clock A. M., at which time the said heirs and all others unknown are hereby		part of the country at moderate rates. Animals bought and sold, and broke to
	through.	ance of their duties had been appointed elec-		notified to appear and show cause, if any	Interesting to Farmers.	saddle or harness.
	Marrie and and an and an and an and and and an	tors, or by counter proof to show they had	era of statesmanship and respectability	they have, why an order of sale should not		CARDWELL & MCMAHON.
	The Galled Jades Wince.	not, and that all proceedings of the courts	was about to revive once more.	be made as prayed for in said petition. Published in the DEMOCRATIC TIMES for	THE UNDERSIGNED, BELIEVING IT	
		or acts of the legislature or of the executive	New Superintendent.	six consecutive weeks by order of	to be the mutual advantage of millers	FOR RENT.
	The Republicans are very much ex-	of Florida subsequent to casting the votes of	New Superintendent.	HON, SILAS J. DAY, Judge	and farmers, have made arrangements	
	ercised over the merciless manner in	the electors on the prescribed day are inad- missible for any such purpose.	W. H. Watkinds, who, for six years	Attest : E. D. FOUDRAY, Clerk.	whereby the Ashland and Phœnix mills will be under the management of Jacob Wag-	THE DARDANELLES HOUSE AND
	which David Dudley Field handles	As to the objection made to the eligibility	past has ably acted as Superintendent	LAND DOD GALL	ner, who will have charge of both mills for	I farm is offered for rent. Enquire at Chayner's ranch or the Borne Birer Store
	their witnesses. Mr. Field is one of	of Humphreys, the commission is of the	of the Penitentiary at Salem, resigned	LAND FOR SALE.	the company during the ensuing year, end-	THOS. CHAVNER.
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