

MITCHELL SHOWS HIS HAND.

A petition has been in circulation throughout the State asking the U. S. Senate to keep Senator Grover out of his seat. It was in charge of some tool of the Custom House Ring at every point, who circulated it in a secret manner, being careful to let no one but who was supposed to be favorable to it read its contents. We are therefore unable to state the reasons given why Mr. Grover should not be admitted, but learn that bribery, perjury and corruption are charged. This libelous document was originated at Radical headquarters, and doubtless at the suggestion of Mitchell himself. He has no desire to see Mr. Grover in the Senate, for he has a moral fear of him. Besides, the Republican majority in that body is wasting in thin air, and there may be such a thing as resurrecting that petition which asks that he be ousted and, unlike the one formulated against Mr. Grover, is signed by prominent citizens of both parties and contains some startling truths and very damaging charges, which would condemn him to everlasting ignominy if they were considered by other than a partisan Senate containing several members of similar ilk. The only hope this petition against Mr. Grover can have is the one that the Senate, having a Republican majority, after the Mexican plan, might keep him out for a while; but we believe there are enough honorable Senators of that party left who will discountenance any such proceeding. Any one at all acquainted with Senator Grover know these random charges to be contemptible and infamous in the highest degree, and gotten up in malice and falsehood. Many Republicans refused to sign the petition, knowing it to be a slander on and an injustice to an able and honorable gentleman.

Hendricks interviewed.

The N.Y. Herald's Indianapolis correspondent interviewed Mr. Hendricks on the 24th ult. Speaking of the Commission, the latter says he does not think they acted according to the spirit of the law. Their decision will not be satisfactory to the country, and the longer this people think upon it the more will they be condemned. But for the commission bill, the Senate would have elected Hayes and the House Tilden. Both would have been inaugurated. Hayes would have had the support of an army of officeholders and other resources of the government, leaving Tilden nothing to fight with, had a fight been deemed advisable. The statement that Hayes will recognize the Nicholls government in Louisiana is absurd. He could not do so without stultifying the methods to which he will owe his place. To recognize Nicholls would be to say that Packard is not elected by the votes in Louisiana, and yet that he himself, Hayes, was.

"Love's Labor Lost."

Dowell's assumed joy over Democrats who regret having had anything to do with the Oregon matter is like "love's labor lost," for the reason that there is nothing in the premises for them to be ashamed of. Let us suppose there was. Would it not come with very bad grace from the publisher of a newspaper who in the same issue runs up his rooster in honor of the greatest wrong, fraud and villainy ever perpetrated upon any people—the counting in of Hayes—thereby disfranchising millions of freemen and virtually perverting self-government? In honor of a conspiracy that at one fell swoop destroyed American liberty. In honor of men who concocted the greatest theft known to civilized man. In honor of Bradley and the Republican conspirators whose names will go down to history as did Judas Iscariot's; and, in years to come, with one accord the people will curse them and speak of them only with hisses on their lips.

Refused to Accede.

The House has refused to coincide in the decisions of the Republican Electoral Commission in the Florida, Louisiana and Oregon cases. Resolutions were adopted declaring the electoral votes of the two former cast for Mr. Tilden, and, in the latter case, upon motion of Mr. Lane, a resolution that the vote of J. W. Watts be not counted was adopted. On the 14th of February, the time appointed by the Constitution, the House declared Samuel J. Tilden elected President.

THE OREGON DECISION.

Agreeable to public anticipation, the Republican majority of the Electoral Commission decided the Oregon case in keeping with the object evinced in its previous decisions—the counting-in of Hayes at all hazards. The free-and-easy faculty it possessed of reversing itself whenever its partisan interests demanded it left no doubt in the mind of any intelligent man that it would do otherwise than to count the votes of Odell, Watts and Cartwright, although it is not even disputed that one of them was ineligible on the day of election and therefore all votes cast for him were null and void. The immaculate eight found it convenient to go behind the certificates of the Democratic Governor of Oregon; but, horrors! how could they go behind the certificates of the Republican Governors of Louisiana and Florida? "It was not competent for them to do so!" you know.

We are pleased to note that the Democratic members of the Commission voted solid to exclude the vote of Cronin. It evinced a desire on their part to take advantage of no technicality, fortified as it was by law and precedent. But was this fairness even reciprocated by their Republican colleagues? Not much; for they not only compromised their character for honesty and impartiality (if they ever had any) but directly and unblushingly violated the Constitution of the United States, which unequivocally says that no person holding an office of profit or trust under the Government shall be eligible as a Presidential Elector. No one will deny but that Watts was Postmaster at Lafayette on the 7th of November last, and yet this Commission decided to count his vote.

Such is the consistency, justice and honor that has characterized the Republican majority of this Commission throughout. Then, can we wonder at the intense dissatisfaction its partisan rulings have given everywhere? Can we wonder at honest Republicans spurning as stolen goods the Presidency awarded their party under such circumstances? Can we wonder as the people enquire where is this fraud going to stop? Are not our free institutions in danger? Is not the presence of an usurper in the Presidential chair an omen of the downfall of our Republic? Are not our politics becoming Mexicanized, and are we not surely drifting towards anarchy when the known will of the people is set aside by the machinations of villainous returning boards, whose rascally actions are endorsed by unscrupulous partisans? The reply is only too self-evident.

Important Measures.

Immediately after the announcement in the House that the Oregon vote had been decided for Hayes, a caucus of the Democratic members was held, which was largely attended, and at which Representative Field submitted a draft of two bills he had prepared, one providing for the election of President and Vice President on the first Tuesday in May, the presiding officer of the Senate to act as President in the interval between the 4th of March and that time. The other bill provides for quo warranto proceedings, so that the respective contestants for the Presidency and Vice Presidency could go before the Supreme Court and there present their claims to the office. No definite action was taken upon either of the propositions.

Magnanimous Mitch.

We are pleased to see that Senator Mippleitch reports that he believes Senator Kelly told the truth in his explanation of the cipher dispatches. This is really too magnanimous in the ex-schoolmaster—especially when it has been discovered that the telegrams he attempted to saddle on the Democracy are Radical forgeries. Perhaps, says the Standard, he is trying to forestall public sentiment or win Kelly over to believing the explanation he may probably soon have to make. Or does he place his conduct on the higher ground of rushing Curtius-like to the breach to save the man who once kept him from being expelled in ignominy from the Senate? Truly, this nobility on the part of the alias Senator is too much—we prefer his enmity.

For Shame.

The Sentinel this week makes much ado about the counting-in of Hayes by the Electoral Commission, and runs up its rooster in jollification thereof. Shame on you, Dowell! You might as well steal a horse and then jollify because you got away with him.

THE OREGON CASE.

WASHINGTON, February 23d. The commission was formally called to order by Justice Clifford, President, and a vote taken on the following proposition, which had been formally submitted and discussed, but not voted upon during the day's session, by Edmunds:

Resolved, That the certificate signed by E. A. Cronin, J. N. T. Miller and John Parker, purporting to cast the electoral vote of the State, does not contain or certify the constitutional votes to which the State is entitled. Justice Field offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That said Watts was then ineligible to the office of elector, within the express terms of the constitution. Rejected—yeas 7, nays 8, as follows: Ayes—Abbott, Bayard, Clifford, Field, Hinton, Payne and Thurman—7. Nays—Bradley, Edmunds, Frelinghuysen, Garfield, Hoar, Miller, Morton and Strong—8.

Justice Field then offered the following: WHEREAS, At the election held on the 7th of November in the State of Oregon for electors of President and Vice President, W. H. Odell, J. W. Watts and J. C. Cartwright received the highest number of votes cast for electors; but, WHEREAS, Said Watts then holding an office of trust and profit under the United States, was ineligible to the office of elector; therefore,

Resolved, That said Odell and Cartwright were the only persons duly elected said electors; rejected. Yeas 7, nays 8, same vote.

Justice Field then offered the following: WHEREAS, The Legislature of Oregon has made no provision for the appointment of an elector under the act of Congress where there was a failure to make a choice, the appointment of Watts by the other electors was imperative and void; rejected. Yeas 7, nays 8, as above.

Bayard then offered the following:

Resolved, That the vote of W. H. Odell and the vote of J. C. Cartwright for R. B. Hayes, of Ohio, for President of the United States, were valid for him by the Constitution of the United States, and that the vote of said Odell and Cartwright, and they only, were the persons duly appointed electors in the State of Oregon at the election held November 7th, there having been a failure at said election to appoint the third elector in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the laws of the State of Oregon, and that the two votes aforesaid should be counted, and none other from the State of Oregon; rejected. Yeas 7, nays 8, as above.

A vote was then taken on Edmunds' original proposition and was adopted unanimously.

Morton then offered the following:

Resolved, That W. H. Odell, J. C. Cartwright and J. W. Watts, the persons named as electors in certificate No. 1, are the lawful electors of Oregon, and that their votes are votes provided for by the Constitution of the United States, and should be counted for President and Vice President of the United States. Hinton moved to strike out the name of J. W. Watts; disagreed; yeas 7, nays 8. Morton's resolution was then adopted; yeas 8, nays 7.

The report in substance is as follows: The Electoral Commission having received certain certificates and papers purporting to be the certificates of the electoral votes of Oregon, and certain papers accompanying the same, and objections thereto, report it has duly considered the same and decided, and does hereby decide, that the votes of W. H. Odell, J. C. Cartwright and J. W. Watts, the persons named in the certificate of the Secretary of the State of Oregon as persons receiving the highest number of votes for Presidential electors are votes provided for by the Constitution, and the same are lawfully to be counted as testified to in the certificate of said electors, namely: three votes for R. B. Hayes, of Ohio, for President, and three votes for William A. Wheeler, for Vice President.

The report will further set forth that the election of Watts by the other two members of the Electoral College was in accordance with the Constitution and laws of Oregon. The grounds for this decision, as far as they concern the eligibility of Watts, are substantially that it is competent to go behind the certificate of the Governor, so far as the same is not founded upon the action of the canvassing or returning authority provided for by the laws of the State, which authority, in the case of Oregon, is held to be the Secretary of State.

The report will also take the ground that it is not essential to show that the elector was eligible on the 7th of November provided it be shown he was eligible when he cast his vote in the college, and the fact appears that the alleged ineligible elector (Watts) was chosen to fill a vacancy caused by his own absence from the Electoral College, and that he was not ineligible at the time he cast his vote.

SCINTILLATIONS.

In Kenner's testimony before the House committee it seems Wells virtually admitted he was bought by Republicans to give the vote of the returning board in Louisiana to Hayes.

Some inquisitive fellow wants to know when the next cremation will take place. We suppose it will be when the devil gets ready for the Radical majority in that Electoral Commission.

If "Freedom shrieked when Kosciusko fell," 'Twill laugh in glee when Bradley goes to—l.

A proper reward for his rooking infamy. New York, Feb. 23d.—The World's Washington special says word was sent to Hayes from inside the commission of the result of the vote on Oregon two hours before it was known. Of course it was cut and dried.

For the first time—but probably not the last—a President is expected to take his seat on a vote of 173 against 196. Republicans are not generally controlled by minorities—that is, when they have no Returning Board to steal the office.

A few days since Hayes was reported as having said the Republicans should win as they had a good case, excellent counsel, and a splendid Court. From his own standpoint, Hayes was eminently correct on the last proposition.

Senator Grover sailed for Washington on last Saturday's steamer. He did not take his family, as he expects to return to Oregon as soon as the Executive session of the Senate, which will be held immediately after the 4th of March, is closed. He was serenaded at Portland.

The Oregon case was argued at length before the Electoral Commission on the 21st and 22d of February. The main arguments on the Democratic side were made by Senator Kelly, Jencks, Merrick and Judge Hoadley, of Cincinnati; and on the Republican side by Senator "Mitchell," Everts and Judge Matthews.

Washington Feb. 24.—Mr. Eaton made a speech in the Senate against counting the Oregon vote this afternoon. He said: Before Almighty God, if I had the power of the House, I would prevent the count going on and would break up the commission, which is simply a corrupt returning board. He thanked God he had opposed the electoral bill, and if it was submitted to the Senate again he would not be alone on the Democratic side against it.

Wants to be Investigated.

A report having gained prominence that a compromise had been effected to not investigate the accounts of either National Committee, Mr. Tilden thus spoke out against any such agreement:

NEW YORK, February 21st. To Hon. Francis Kenner, Washington: A telegram to the Associated Press, published this morning, states that a harmonious agreement has been brought about between the Senate Committee, of which you are a member, and the committee of the House, by which it has been decided not to go into an examination of my bank account on the one hand, or the accounts of the Chairman of the Republican committee on the other hand. I regret any such agreement, and disclaim any such immunity, protection or benefit from it. I reject utterly the false imputation that my private bank account contains anything whatever that needs to be concealed. Under a pretense of looking for the payments in December, a demand was made for all payments after May, and all deposits during the nine months. The bank was repeatedly menaced with the removal of its officers and books to Washington, a transcript taken of the entries of private business trusts, charities, containing everything but what the committee was commissioned to investigate, but nothing which it was commissioned to investigate. Of course there is no item in it relating to anything in Oregon, for I never made, authorized, or knew of any expenditure in relation to the election in that State, or the resulting controversies, or any promise, or obligation, or negotiation on the subject. Mr. Ellis, the acting President of the Bank, himself a Republican, some time ago told the Chairman of the Commission and several of its members that there is nothing in the account capable of furthering any just object of investigation. I am also informed that a resolution was passed to summon me as a witness, but I have received no subpoena. I had written before this telegram appeared, requesting you to say to the Commission that it would be more agreeable to me not to visit Washington, if the committee would send a committee or hold a session here, but that otherwise I should attend under a subpoena. As to this arrangement now reported I have only to say that I can accept decorum and decency, but not a fictitious equivalent, a mantle of secrecy to anybody else. S. J. TILDEN.

No man has been more shamefully traduced by his political enemies, and when they read this perhaps they will not think Samuel J. Tilden as bad a man as they would have others believe he is.

President Tilden.

As the fourth of March approaches, Mr. Tilden, the President-elect of the United States, who forfeited none of his rights before the law by the electoral compromise, will appear at Washington and claim the office to which he was elected by a majority of twelve votes in the Electoral College, and a popular majority of over 250,000 votes. Of course his right to the seat will have to be contested before the United States Court, composed partly of men who have already fraudulently decided the case against him, says the Sonoma Democrat, but, nevertheless, justice, right, his duty to himself and his duty to the party which elected him and his duty to the country, demand that he should pursue this course. The full light of day will yet be thrown upon the frauds in Louisiana and Florida, under which Rotten Borough Hayes will fraudulently hold the office to which he was not elected. The Electoral Commission was appointed to investigate these frauds, they refused to do it, and now let it come before the courts where they must be investigated. It was especially provided in the Electoral Compromise bill that the legal rights of neither party in the courts should be in any way affected by its provisions. This is Mr. Tilden's opportunity, not to get the office, that he will not expect, but to show up to the world the unblushing fraud which deprived him of it. This can not be prevented, even by Bradley, the infamous, though he does disgrace a seat on the Supreme Bench of the United States.

A Query.

Our machine poet grinds out the following query, which would have been more appropriate last week. As it is, the answer thereto is self-evident:

Can any one tell how the thing goes— Will Hayes slip up on Cronin's nose, And be hooted out on Bradley's toes? Or will the Commission's facile throat Gulp down the whole of the Oregon vote; Go back on all of their own decisions, And stick in Hayes without divisions. And will the people for fear of the sword Swallow a President made by fraud, While the tocsin strikes freedom's knell, And the people's rights are sent to—l.

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