

NOT AUTHORITY.

At an election held in Medford a few days ago for city offices two ballots, both having the same candidate for Mayor, were found folded together, evidently cast by one voter. The ballots were both rejected by the Judges. This gave the other candidate one majority. The trustees or city council reviewed the matter and decided to count one of the two ballots. The Mail published at that place questions the authority of the trustees to go behind the returns to ascertain whether fraud had been practiced, and attempts to sustain its position by saying: "The Louisiana Returning Board in 1876 sustained by the Supreme Court subsequently settled the question that no power exists to go behind the returns of an election as made by the Judges of election and change the result, etc." The Mail is lost in a sea of inaccuracies and misconceptions of facts. The returning board of Louisiana settled nothing but its own capacity to steal a President, which it accomplished by going back of the returns as canvassed by the Judges of election and throwing out whole precincts and counties in order to count the state for Hayes and make "fraud first triumphant in American history." No court that maintains a decent, dignified standing would now so far forget itself as to cite any decision made by the unsavory returning board that cheated the people of their lawfully elected President. The Supreme Court never passed on any of the questions arising before the board. The Electoral Commission however did decide that they had no power to go behind the returns and stolidly refused to do so when considering the Louisiana vote, that they might be able to count that state for Hayes, and cheerfully went behind the returns in the Florida case in order that they might count that state for Hayes. No, the precedents established by that Board would be more likely to place a person who would follow them behind prison bars than lead to an honest settlement of a disputed election.

THAT LETTER.

Editors Democrat:

Dispatches inform us that Mr. Murchison has really gone and told "Ben Harrison" that he did it, that is made a perfect ass of himself. That he was English born and hated England, and wanted to fool Sackville and did it. And the republicans think this is a great thing. Fraudulent methods are so acceptable to that party in national campaigns that it is sickening to see the parades that are now made over the discovery of the tricky little Murchison. Contrast this with the discovery made that the President has appointed an Englishman his private Secretary. Cleveland did not recommend this nor has he done such a thing. When we consider that an Englishman cannot be President, it does seem to be a reflection upon our national honor for a President to select a foreign born subject for his private Secretary, an officer who conducts his private correspondence and who largely dictates the policy followed by the President. This Secretary may as well be President. Had Cleveland done this the Sackville letter of Murchison would have been nothing but fire from hades. We call the attention of the "United Irishmen" who called on Harrison before his election to approve of this selection. Why could not the President have taken a "United Irishman" for his private Secretary, as they called on him, because they, like Murchison, hate England, and then received "Ben's" blessing for being United Irishmen and haters of England. "Ben" did all this, and the United Irishmen were delighted. Murchison did not call on "Ben," but now that "Ben" is President Harrison elect, Murchison and the party are delighted, and Mr. Murchison must have and will get an office. This does not set well with Irishmen. Oh consistency, thou art a jewel. Harrison should blush when he takes the snaky hand of Murchison.

PAT.

From the most reliable source we learn there are 27 applicants for the office of U. S. Marshall under the coming administration. A gentleman who is well acquainted with the inner workings of republican politics in this state says there is a similar army of hungry office seekers applying for every office of any consequence in the state. Though a republican he says the greed for office surpasses anything ever known in the history of the country.

The refining and moral influence of the beautiful, happy home can hardly be overestimated. The hallways of such a childhood home will echo through all our after life.

Over 383,000 emigrants landed in New York during the year. The Collector of the Port figured the number at 393,839 the Castle Clinton authorities at 383,595. This is about 12,000 above the record for 1887.

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The ex-Assessor of Marion county, moved thereto by the caustic criticisms to which he has been subjected on account of the very imperfect assessment of that county, says in defense, that his assessment was the same as last year, but as he had received a letter from the Assessor in Multnomah county stating that he had assessed money, notes and accounts at 50 per cent of their value and other property in proportion, the county court of Marion made a horizontal reduction on the whole assessment of that county of twenty-five per cent, in order to evade paying a greater proportionate state tax than Multnomah. But this does not help the matter any. How are Linn and other counties, whose county courts have too much common honesty to thus violate their official obligations, to avoid paying a greater proportionate share of their state tax than Marion and Multnomah? If an Assessor who has taken the oath of his office prescribed by statute says that he assesses money at 50 cents on the dollar he is guilty of perjury and should be prosecuted therefor. For the public good newspapers should call attention of the public to these open confessions of dereliction of official duty.

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