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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1869.

THE ROW AT THE MEETING OF THE RETURN JUDGES.

THE scene at the meeting of the Return Judges yesterday was exceedingly disgraceful. Desperate Philadelphia politicians have nufortunately acquired a reputation for doctoring up returns which is only too well deserved. Not satisfied with cheating at the polls and manipulating the first count of votes, they sometimes resort to the still more infamous device of distorting or falsifying what should be deemed a sacred record of mising. public opinion. The rascals of this stripe are not all confined to the Democratic party, for some skilful adepts cling to the skirts of the Republican organization, and they are ready, when occasion requires, for achievements in political arithmetic which would even add new laurels to the famous statistician of the New York World. It is alleged that yesteraffecting the result in the Thirteenth Legisstead of a Democrat by a forged return, and the other electing Watt, a Republican Senator, instead of Diamond, a Democrat, by a false or imperfect statement of the votes cast in the Senatorial District. The parties guilty of these falsifications of the records cannot be too severely punished. Their crime should be made a penitentiary offense. Instead of being petted and rewarded by leading partisans for their wickedness, they should be not only forever disfranchised but treated as the lowest and most dangerous class of villains. The Democrats were naturally indignant at the rumors of the attempted frauds, and properly appealed to the Court of Common Pleas to prevent their consummation. Judge Allison promptly issued a writ suspending proceedings until the whole matter could be judicially investigated. The Deputy Sheriff who served this writ, however, acted more in the spirit of a partisan than an emissary of the law. He obtained his first entrance to the room in which the Return Judges were in session under circumstances well calculated to inspire a doubt of the genuine character of his writ. The doorkeepers allege that he falsely claimed to be a return judge, and, once there, the reporters allege that he triumphantly exclaimed that he had a writ from the Supreme Court, which was not then in session. The conclusion was hastily drawn from this misstatement that he had no business in the room. and he was summarily ejected under the belief that he was an unauthorized intruder. Reinforced by a new order from the Court and | the little verses selected by Mr. Louis are very by the aid of a host of stalwart policemen, he returned to the charge, effected a forcible entrance, and the policemen not only arrested the doorkeepers who had performed what they had believed to be their duty, but shamefully maltreated one of the most unoffending of reporters. The whole difficulty arose from the indiscreet manner in which the first attempt to serve the writ of the Court was made; and the evil results of this blunder were intensified by the superserviceable zeal of the policemen in assaulting men who were, of all present, most innocent of wrongdoing of any description. Subsequently the disputed points were considered by the Court, and its directions were followed, but as various questions were raised which can only be legitimately decided by the Legislature, the certificates of election were given to the parties who would have received them if no appeal to a judicial tribunal had been made, and it remains for the State Senate to dispose of the claims of Watt and Diamond, with the former as the sitting member, and for the Assembly to decide between Geisz, Mullen, and Forsythe, with the former as the holder of the certificate of election. We trust that exact justice will be done at Harrisburg, without reference to partisan prediections, as the Republicans of Philadelphia will lose infinitely more than they will gain by endorsing official pretensions based on fraud, and a just decision should be promptly

made. The whole transaction brings into prominence the readiness of a certain class of desperate partisans to peril their salvation for a fleeting and despicable triumph, while it displays a wonderfully inefficient and rude method of enforcing the law by a Deputy Sheriff and the policemen. It is evident that among the many other things needed to improve the municipal government, a superior method for the punishment of manipulators of election returns should be devised; that the necessity of having a police force free from partisan influences constantly increases; and that it would be well if the writs of the courts affecting election returns could be served by officers appointed by the judges, instead of partisan Sheriffs.

THE SPANISH SITUATION.

AFFAIRS in Spain are rapidly getting into a more muddled condition than ever, and from present appearances there is a fair prospect that the revolution, like many a European revolution before it, will have its final conclusion in anarchy and an overthrow of all government. The regency seems to be utterly unable to grapple with the situation, and matters are going on from bad to worse, until, unless some change for the better takes place soon, the expulsion of Isabella will be looked upon as a misfortune of the first magnitude. No successor to the dethroned Queen has yet been chosen, nor does it seem likely that one

Evening Telegraph will be soon. It was definitely announced but a few weeks ago that the young Duke of Genoa had been fixed upon; but he was dropped almost as soon as he was taken up, and Serrano still holds his post at the head of the State, with difficulties accumulating around him on every side that promise to culminate in another revolution that will send him and his adherents flying across the border to keep the ex-Queen company.

The cable despatches that come to us from Madrid are filled with little else than accounts of the defeat and extermination of the republicans, who, however, will not stay defeated or exterminated, but appear to be getting more formidable and troublesome every day. It is impossible for us to get any correct information as to the actual situation, for it is evident that a rigid censorship is exercised, and only despatches favorable to the Government are permitted to pass over the wires. The contradictory nature of the rumors that reach us by Government authority, however, enable us to glean something of the of things, and real condition the opinion that the future Spain is anything but proof The orderly manner which the expulsion of Queen was concurred in by all classes raised great expectations of the establishment of a truly liberal Government to succeed the despotism that had been overthrown, but the fears that were expressed from the first that the Spaniards were unfit for liberty are fast being realized now, and the people and their day two such frauds were perpetrated, one | rulers are alike proving their inability to take advantage of the grand opportunity afforded lative District, and electing a Republican in- them for inaugurating a new era of progress, enlightenment, and reform.

> MUSIC IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, As MIGHT have been expected, the appointment of a superintendent of vocal music in the public schools has given rise to a wordy war, in which everybody, whether competent or incompetent to pass judgment on the subject, has something to say. The object of attack is now the new text book that has been introduced, and, of course, the advocates of every system, except the one adopted, pronounce sentence against it. We believe that the expediency having a musical instructor who will thoroughly ground the pupils in the principles of music is generally admitted, and we have never heard any doubt expressed as to the perfect fitness of Mr. Jean Louis for the position. If he is thoroughly competent, the selection and arrangement of the text books might, with the utmost propriety, be left to his judgment, unless some very glaring defects can be shown to exist. Mr. Louis desires to introduce a new system of musical instruction, which we believe to be at once simple, easy and thorough. The little text-book introduced by him is adapted to this system, and a candid examination of its merits will certainly convince any disinterested person of its value. The only real objections that have been urged against it are the triviality of some of the little songs, the rather obscure knglish of some of the translations from the German, and the appearance of advertisements on the cover. These last should be removed, to obviate any jealousy or ill-feeling, and it would perhaps be as well for the superintendent to get some competent person to reform the few grammatical irregularities that exist. It should be remembered, however, that these sentences and verses are only intended as exercises, and although "Eye for Eye, Tooth for Tooth," "Sister, Come and Sing with Me," "Cheerfully I go, running to and fro," and others of like character, are absurd enough when standing alone, they are infinitely better as exercises than the "do, re, mi, fa, sol," etc., which are so tiresome to children commencing the study of music. Some of matter of this kind by a standard of poetical criticism. If they illustrate the exercises, that is all that is required. This matter is deserving of candid and fair-minded criticism, and not captious fault finding. If Mr. Louis is fit for the position of superintendent of vocal music, he is entitled to the cordial support of all who are interested in the matter of introducing good musical instruction into the public schools; and if he is not fit for it, he should be removed and a better man put in the position. No instructor, however, can succeed if he is constantly interfered with, and it is absolutely necessary that he should be allowed a large discretion, if any good results are expected from his instructions. The system of Mr. Louis is, we sincerely believe, a thoroughly good one, and it is at least entitled to a fair trial before it is condemned.

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