

Evening Telegraph

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1871.

THE COMMISSION BILLS.

The Commission bills were yesterday reported negatively to the House of Representatives from the Committee on Municipal Corporations, after a disgraceful scene in which some of the advocates of the iniquitous scheme to plunder the city of Philadelphia spoke out in meeting much more distinctly than they have done heretofore. It appears that after a majority of the committee had ordered the bills to be reported negatively, Mr. Parsons, the clerk of the committee, took it upon himself to distribute them to Messrs. Duffy, McGowan, and Mooney, who were supposed to be in favor of their passage, instead of handing them to Mr. Johnston, the chairman, who was opposed to them. The object of this arrangement was undoubtedly to enable the bills to be brought before the House in such a manner that a simple majority could act upon them, but the plans of the conspirators were defeated by the course adopted by Mr. Johnston for foretelling a report. This gentleman has the reputation of being one of the few honest men in the Philadelphia delegation, and he is entitled to the thanks of the citizens of Philadelphia for his effort yesterday to kill the bills. Mr. Johnston reported that he had been instructed by the Committee on Municipal Corporations to make a report that the committee had agreed to recommend that the Philadelphia commission bills should be reported to the House with a negative recommendation, but that by some means they had been kept from his possession, and that in reporting upon them he was unable to return the bills to the House. This report immediately brought the virtuous Josephs to his feet with the objection that it was not a proper report, and that it was consequently out of order. An acrimonious debate followed, in which Mr. Johnston was heartily abused by some of his fellow-committeemen for endeavoring to spoil their little game, and Messrs. Parsons, Duffy, Lamson, McGowan, and Mooney, of the committee, and Josephs, as an independent and immaculate legislator, exhibited themselves for the edification of their fellow-citizens as ardent advocates of the commissions. The upshot of the whole matter was that Messrs. Duffy, McGowan, and Mooney were obliged to report the bills negatively, according to the instructions of the committee, which disposes of them for the present. We warn our readers, however, that the commission scheme is not dead yet, and the most vigorous efforts should be made by the citizens of Philadelphia to kill it effectually. After the debate yesterday was concluded, Mr. Johnston produced the signatures of the following members of the committee to his report, so that they may be considered as fully pledged to oppose the commission bills in any shape:—Messrs. Johnston, Albright, Walker, Griffiths, Miller, Dumbell, Fleeger, White, Buck, Starr, and Lewis. The members of the committee in favor of the bills would thus remain:—Messrs. Parsons, Duffy, Wiley, Quigley, Hager, Lamson, Mooney, Harvey, Meek, and McGowan. These last-named individuals must be watched.

"AS YOU WERE, GENTLEMEN!"

The lightning flashes from the granite hills of New Hampshire an admonition to the contending Republican powers in Washington that only madness can disregard. For fifteen years, during all the mutations of politics, New Hampshire has given an unbroken line of Republican victories. Pennsylvania faltered in 1862 and again in 1867, and Ohio faltered in 1862, but the Granite State has been uniformly Republican since 1855.

Now the opening gun of the political campaign of 1871 appals the Republican ranks, and foreshadows the loss of every debatable State.

Can any one doubt the significance and meaning of this verdict? He who runs may read that it is a solemn protest against the suicidal degradation of statesmanship to serve the despotic power of the jobbers who have fastened like vampires on the vitals of the party.

It is a declaration of the people that the honest convictions and earnest expressions of one trusted and accepted statesman shall not be paralyzed by faction.

Sumner has been humiliated, and driven from the place he could of all others most fitly fill, because he honestly differs with the speculators of the capital, and the confessed and conspicuous jobber of the Senate elevated to a position that proclaims the disgrace of the nation.

New Hampshire announces, in tones too emphatic to be misunderstood, that the wrong shall be corrected. It must be done, or the mutterings from the extreme Northeast will be but the precursor of the whirlwind. To Senators Sumner and Cameron they say, in the most pointed terms, "As you were, gentlemen!" Will the President hearken while it is yet time? Will Cameron obey the almost universal voice of the nation? We shall see.

NO MORE AT PRESENT.

Some of the Republicans of the House of Representatives voted with the Democrats of that body yesterday, and thus passed by nearly a two-thirds vote a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of thirteen to inquire into the condition of the Southern States at any time preceding December next; this committee or such sub-committees as it may designate being authorized to visit during the recess any portion of the Southern States. The object of this measure is to ascertain whether further national legislation for the protection of Southern loyalists is necessary, and the objection made to it by some of the more radical Republicans is based on the

theory that the necessity of such legislation has already been so thoroughly demonstrated that it is useless to make such inquiries. Practically the scheme for reconstructing reconstruction is postponed until December, and if the Rebels are on their good behavior during the coming summer, it is probably killed.

That there are bad men in the South ready and over-anxious to do bad and wicked things, and that among these wicked things is a desire to revenge the reverses and rebuffs occasioned by the repression of the Rebellion, cannot be doubted; but it is a doubtful question whether additional legislation by Congress will not do quite as much harm as good. The negro has been armed with the ballot and all other civil rights; and if these great weapons of self-protection do not prove efficacious, it will be mainly because hosts of leading white Southern loyalists have weakened the Southern Republican organizations by insane and ridiculous quarrels, by a scandalous abuse of temporary power, and by undue anxiety to ask the whole nation, through Congress, to repair the evil consequences of their individual political crimes and follies.

It is high time that interests of immediate importance to the people of the whole nation commanded the attention of the powers that be. For twenty years topics connected with the condition of the South have been first in order in the councils of the United States Government. During the first half of that period (from 1850 to 1860) the slaveholding interest was in the ascendancy, and it was perpetually devising new schemes for protection and aggrandizement; five years, from 1860 to 1865, have been given up to fighting the Rebellion; and five or six years more, from 1865 to 1870-71, to some of the diversified forms of reconstruction. And now, the section which, in spite of all this agitation, remains one of the most useless and unproductive grand divisions of the Union, should subside into the background, and be merged after some fashion into the common country, so that it will no longer require legislation peculiar to itself. The Northern people are weary of real or imaginary difficulties that can never be settled, and that, let them assume what shape they will, add new burdens to the North and increase the tendency to neglect her welfare.

THE NINTH CENSUS.

The New England States, Classified by Race and Nativity.

In the following table is given the population of the six New England States, according to the recent census, classified under the heads of white, colored, Indian, native, and foreign:—

State.	White.	Col'd.	Ind.	Native.	Foreign.	Total.
Maine	624,824	1,597	39	577,644	48,907	624,451
N. H.	317,696	660	14	288,994	28,998	317,500
Vermont	328,629	941	11	265,559	49,953	328,533
Mass.	1,425,193	12,500	162	1,194,093	233,313	1,425,251
R. I.	212,256	4,900	128	141,972	65,354	213,356
Conn.	827,249	9,668	235	433,815	113,689	837,454
Total	2,455,129	31,826	569	1,829,692	647,772	2,457,454

There is one Chinese in Maine, and 93 Chinese and 4 Japanese in Massachusetts.

—Since the war Alabama has built 296 miles of railway, Georgia 231, Texas 132, and Florida 44.

—What is the use of laws against suicide when undertakers advertise "a whole funeral for \$25?"

—A Muscatine brewer's pet goat licked off \$700 worth of revenue stamps from lager beer barrels.

—The Cincinnati morning Leader made an assignment on Saturday for the benefit of its creditors.

—The commerce of Charleston, S. C., is said to be in a healthier condition than at any time since the war.

—Duluth extra wheat, 16,000 bushels of it, has reached Belfast, Ireland, and the consignees call it perfect.

—Peach trees are in full bloom, and the thermometer up to seventy-eight degrees in Little Rock, Arkansas.

—The excitement of getting married threw an Indiana young lady into convulsions, and she died without unnecessary delay.

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