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HAYES AND THE SOUTH.

It is a perfect fact that since the Democrats have resumed control in the Southern States there has not been a whisper about "outrage" in that section. It proves either that the alleged outrages were manufactured by the carpet-baggers for political purposes, or that they were utterly incompetent to govern. As a matter of fact there was no peace and quiet order than in many of the Republican States North. Primarily this is due to the Democratic ascendancy in the Southern States, but the result is also largely due to the adoption by Hayes of the Democratic platform and policy as regards Southern affairs. Hayes knew that he was not elected President, and he dared not fly in the face of the half million majority received by Tilden; therefore in order to secure popular support he was obliged to abandon the traditions and principles of his party, and adopt those of his opponents, which had been raised by the people.

In fact in his Southern tour we think he has gone further than even Tilden would have done. In Tennessee Secretary Evans eulogized Andrew Johnson, — a matter that would have been treason even if done by a Democrat in 1868. But to cap the climax in his speech at Atlanta on Saturday last, Mr. Hayes said:

"And now, my colored friends, who have thought or who have been told that I was trying to make you listen — After thinking it over I believe that your rights and interests would be safer if this great mass of intelligent white men were left alone by the General Government. [Innumerable applause.] And now, my colored friends, you may say anything you like, but I am trying to do what I have been of power upwards of sixteen years more than four presidential terms, and it will be the most foolish folly to hold that party responsible for the evils that have fallen upon the industry of the country or for the failure to provide the proper remedies. It would be equally foolish to abandon the great democratic party just when it is entering upon control of the entire legislative department of the government. Judge Elwell further says that he "has always been ready to favor and support every legislative and governmental reform which may tend to benefit the laboring classes, promote all industrial pursuits, and guard with impartial judgment the rights and interests of both labor and capital." All who know this venerable jurist have the utmost faith in his sincerity and patriotic purpose. He sees no necessity of abandoning the democratic party to seek new combinations. In his honest judgment workingmen and all others will find in the democratic party the best agency for the accomplishment of all needed political and social reforms. The democratic party has been out of power upwards of sixteen years, and it will be the most foolish folly to hold that party responsible for the evils that have fallen upon the industry of the country or for the failure to provide the proper remedies. It would be equally foolish to abandon the great democratic party just when it is entering upon control of the entire legislative department of the government. Judge Elwell expresses the opinion that the democratic party will be able to accomplish the legislative reforms which he as a friend of the cause of the workingman has at heart. His letter is in perfect harmony with the spirit of the democratic platform which declares that "labor and capital have no cause of antagonism." Judge Elwell will vot for the democratic candidates and all good democrats will imitate his wise and patriotic example.

The flames first appeared in a conservatory near the roof. There was also a large number of exploded models packed in the attic above the model room, and it is believed that spontaneous combustion took place, causing the conflagration. The land office records are all stored in rooms two stories above the fire.

The measures taken to save them all will undoubtedly be successful, and it is not probable that any valuable papers, except records that were on file in the model room, will be lost. While there is great excitement, the crowd in the neighborhood are very orderly.

The Masonic temple is immediately opposite the burning building, but the wind bearing in a southwesterly direction it is not thought to be in any danger.

The wind also carries the flames away from the post office building, which is opposite the post office on the F street side.

12:30 p.m.—Seven fire companies arrived from Baltimore, making the trip in about forty minutes.

A portion of the roof on the Seventh street or east wing will probably be saved, and strong hopes are now entertained that the fire will not extend below the floor of the model room. The most valuable records of the patent, land, Indian and pension offices, as well as those of the interior department proper, are stored on the first two floors of the building beneath the model room, and none of them have yet been reached by the fire. The heat was so intense at one time that window frames and awnings of building on G street, just opposite the conflagration, were ignited, but the fire was suppressed before making much progress. The government engine from the navy yard and another from the arsenal also at work, with those of this city, Baltimore and Alexandria, making a total of ten engines throwing water upon the burning building.

Secretary Schurz says: "We have lost the model room, with all its contents, except a part of the east wing. Between the second and third stories there is a fire-proof concert floor, and the fire will not reach below that. We believed the whole patent office was fire-proof, but it seems not. All the original documents and records are preserved, those that are lost are not so important."

The records of the office are safe so far as can be ascertained at this hour. The fire seems to be fully checked, and is confined to the north end of the eastern section. It is estimated that fully two-thirds of the models have been destroyed, including many of the most valuable. Another train of wagons was called and the full exposure made to them. On Friday Mr. Morton resigned his position of President, and Mr. Samuel Baugh was elected in his place. Mr. W. J. Swain was also elected treasurer, in place of Samuel P. Huhn and Mr. Wm. M. Wright, secretary, in place of Mr. B. F. Stokes. Experts were also put to work to make a thorough examination of the books and accounts of the Company, and this work is not yet concluded.

According to the statement of Mr. Morton, confirmed by the best information obtainable from other sources, there have been between ten and eleven thousand shares of stock issued irregularly by Messrs. Morton, Huhn and Stokes. This stock has been hypothecated at an average rate of \$100 a share, and making a total defalcation of about one million dollars. Mr. Morton acknowledges freely the fault he has committed and has furnished the new president of the company with his statement. He is the author of the original documents and records of the patent office are safe.

Many of the clerks of the interior department, land, patent, Indian and pension offices have been ordered on duty to-night preparatory to assorting the papers and drying all which have been damaged by water.

It is said that arrangements are already in progress for renting a portion of the Corcoran fire proof building at the corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Fifteenth street, in which the work of the department will be resumed and the records restored as far as possible.

No one shall travel, cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair or shave on the Sabbath day, or beg, fast, or eat, or drink, or play on any instrument of music except the drum, trumpet and jews-harp.

No one shall run on the Sabbath day, or walk in his garden or elsewhere, except reverently, to and from meeting.

No one shall read common prayer, keep Christmas or saints' days, make mince pies, dance, play cards, or play on any instrument of music except the drum, trumpet and jews-harp.

An arrival from Sitka, Alaska, reports a deplorable state of affairs there. Since the withdrawal of the troops there has not been a semblance of law, and nothing to restrain the lawless elements. Several hundred Indians number the few white inhabitants, so that the latter are in fear of their lives, and mediate abandoning the country. The Indians plunder the Government buildings at will.

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Some of the "Blue Laws."

No food or lodging shall be afforded to Quaker, Adamic or other heretic.

If any person turns Quaker he shall be banished, and not suffered to return but upon pain of death.

No priest shall abide in the dominion; he shall be banished and suffer death on his return. Priests may be seized by any one without a warrant.

No one shall read common prayer, keep Christmas or saints' days, make mince pies, dance, play cards, or play on any instrument of music except the drum, trumpet and jews-harp.

No woman shall kiss her child on the Sabbath or fasting day.

No man shall court a maid in person or by letter without first obtaining consent of her parents; £5 penalty for the first offense, £10 for the second, and for the third imprisonment during the pleasure of the court.

Another VICTORY.—The Democrats have carried Wyoming Territory, revolutionizing the Territorial Legislature, which was last year composed of 24 Republicans to 15 Democrats. And thus "the good work goes on."

TAXATION OF CHURCH PROPERTY.—Judge Galbraith, of Erie, has decided that churches in the course of erection but not completed are not exempt from taxation under the laws of this State. The case was an appeal by Bishop Muller against the action of the Erie county commissioners in taxing the new unfinished Catholic Cathedral.

A band of 12 robbers having stolen 5000 cattle in western Kansas, a band of robbers 15 in number pursued them. After five days' ride they came up with them in Cheyenne county, Kansas, surrounded them while at supper, killed seven, hanged another to a tree, and recovered all the cattle.

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