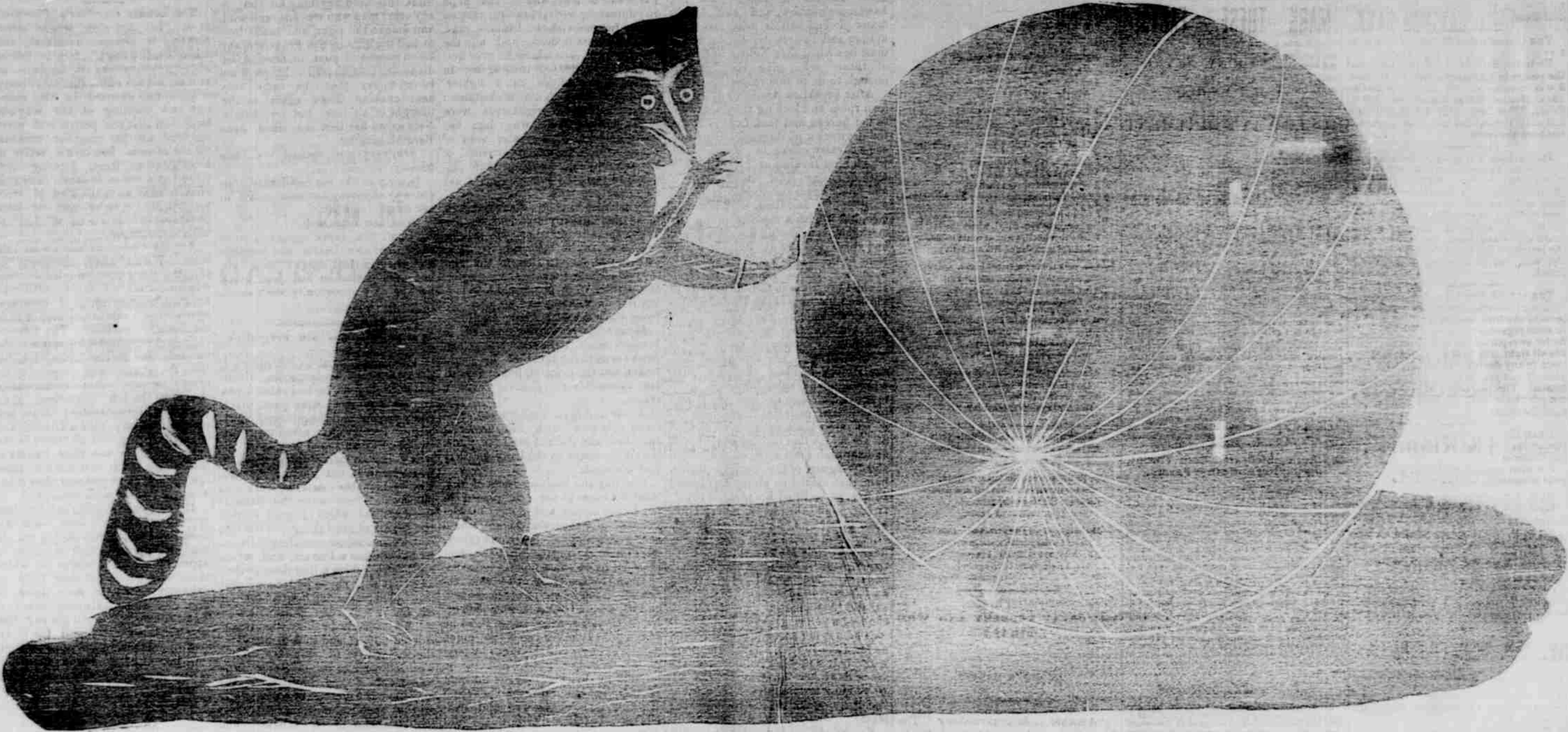


THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

PUT AWAY THE EMPTY BARL,
FOLD UP PRESIDENTIAL CLOTHES,



HE HAS STARTED UP SALT RIVER,
LED AND LIT BY CRONIN'S NOSE.

HAYES AND WHEELER. 185 Electoral Votes.

The Somerset Herald.

WEDNESDAY, March 2, 1874.

The long agony is over at last, and from all parts of the country come the sounds of rejoicing that the duly elected President and Vice President, Rutherford B. Hayes, and William A. Wheeler have entered upon the duties of the great offices to which they were chosen. The contest has been a long and bitter one, most unscrupulously pursued on the part of their political opponents, and threatening at times to eventuate in revolution.

But thanks to the good men and true, of both political parties, the danger has been averted and right, and justice, and law still maintain their beneficent sway.

With the true, calm courage of conscious rectitude the Republicans were not moved by the threatening of insurrection, the wiles of fraud, or the blandishments of gold, and as during the late rebellion, so now, not a single member of the grand old party, faltered in his loyalty to duty and to country.

The country has never heretofore witnessed such a struggle, and we most sincerely trust will never see its like again. The turbulent and unscrupulous element of the Democratic party, basely repudiating the decision of a tribunal shaped and fashioned by its friends—and by whose judgment they were solemnly pledged to abide, determined to plunge the country into chaos at the cost of National discredit and commercial ruin, and by turmoil and rowdiness attempted to control the National House of Representatives. But the mad conspiracy, which left no means untried to hinder and prevent the count, utterly and miserably failed, and the country having escaped the dangers of this second Democratic rebellion, will again resume its onward march to renewed prosperity and peace.

We offer to all good citizens, everywhere, our most hearty congratulations on the final triumph for which we have labored and waited so long.

May our new rulers be endowed with wisdom, fidelity, and an abiding sense of duty to the whole country.

PRESIDENT HAYES left his home at Columbus—accompanied by his family, and a party of personal friends—for Washington, at noon on Tuesday last. While en route, at Mayville where the North Central intersects the Pennsylvania railroad near the western end of the great Susquehanna bridge, he received a dispatch at 4:10 a. m. on Friday morning announcing the formal declaration as President of the United States by Mr. Ferry the presiding officer of the Joint Committee of the two Houses of Congress. His arrival and reception at Washington is detailed in another column.

The "Pole" of the Burlington Hawk.

Eye, burst out then, after "the Count":

"Oh, it was a Democrat,
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I would not say that;
I'd stamp and howl and roar and roar,
And rip and tear,
And yell and blare,
And whoop and cheer and shout and cheer,
And stamp and paw the dirt."

GOVERNOR HAYES took the oath of office as President of the United States on Saturday evening. It was administered in the "White House" about seven o'clock in the evening by the Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, no one being present at the time, except the Chief Justice and President Hayes.

SAMMY TILDEN has tested the truth of the old superstition that Friday is an unlucky day. It was on three consecutive Fridays that the Electoral Commission decided the votes of Florida, Louisiana and Oregon against him, and on the fourth Friday (last) the final decision, that he was not elected President was rendered by the Joint Committee of the two Houses of Congress.

THE END AT LAST.

The Result Proclaimed.

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FILIBUSTERING TO THE LAST.

DEFEAT OF THE GUERRILLAS.

LONG LIVE THE REPUBLIC!

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We give below the closing scenes as they come to us through the daily press, premising that Oregon was counted on Saturday last for Hayes, the Commission having decided it on Friday night, by the usual vote of 8 to 7. South Carolina went next to the Commission, and although a Democratic committee sent to that State by the House had decided that Hayes was entitled to the vote of that State, the Democratic members of the Commission gave a solid vote against according to him. A strong filibustering element was developed among the Democratic members of the House, and it was at one time feared that they would be able to protract the count beyond the legal time and thus defeat the election. But a large body of Democrats refused to join them, and stood out boldly and manfully for law and order.

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