

The Conflict Between Authority in South Carolina.

The political situation at this distance from South Carolina has an unusual appearance. The country is told that the law of that State gives the power to finally count the votes polled at elections into the hands of State officers, called a State Board of Canvassers. The Board, under the law—the country is told—has the right to examine into cases in which it is charged fraud has been committed, and it is also empowered by the law to examine witnesses in the case, and if in the opinion of the board the fraud, and in the counties of Edgefield and Laurens, the Republican members had been cheated by the district election boards, and that they were to carry the case up to the State Board of Canvassers. The Democrats said, "If these two districts are Republican the Legislature belongs to that party, and that will give the whole State to the Republicans."

Said the Democrats, "We will try the Supreme Court of the State." They went to the judicial body and asked it to send to the Board of Canvassers that they, the Canvassers, had no right to sit as judges on the returns of any district; all they had to do was to count the vote and tell the country how it stood, and if any frauds had been committed that would have to be settled in the courts and in the Legislature.

That is what the Supreme Court was asked to command the Board of Canvassers to do. The Supreme Court took the question, and ordered the Canvassing Board to count the vote as they got it from the districts, and while the count was going on the Court would decide what body should sit and decide on the cases of fraud as alleged in several counties. This Board after day progressed with the counting of the returns.

The Court day after day was hearing arguments for and against the question before it. Day after day of the time allowed by law for the Board of Canvassers to complete their work was passing away. Last Saturday week the time for the completion of the work by the Board expired, but they did not sit on that day, but on Monday they sat, to make up for the Sabbath, and completed the count, and issued certificates of election to those they found elected under the law.

They examined the alleged cases of fraud and violence in the counties of Edgefield and Laurens, and gave the certificates of election for those counties to the Republicans, and when that was done they adjourned sine die.

The Board had no legal existence after that date; it was the last hour for them to decide. The Supreme Court had not yet decided the point as to who should sit in judgment on the returns in the districts where fraud had been committed and illegal voting done.

When it came in with its decision the Board of Canvassers had completed the canvass, and were adjourned sine die.

The decision of the Court, is to examine into the legality or illegality of returns; all that they have to do is to count, and announce them, issue certificates where no contest exists, and where contest exists issue no certificates, but leave the contestants to go into the courts or Legislature, as the case may be for settlement.

That is the conflict between authority in South Carolina.

The case is important to all, only so far as it affects the general election, and as it affects general principles as they apply to all.

The country would like to know how the Supreme Court got hold of the question of the rights of the Canvassing Board, under the Law. Was it usurpation on the part of the Court to attempt to control the Canvassers as it did? Was it an attempt at arbitrary power and regulation by the Court?

If the Court had the right to do what it claimed the right to do, did it not lose its power in this case by coming in with a decision after the Canvassing Board had discharged its work and had been adjourned by the law that created it?

In the proper time these points will be answered and settled to the satisfaction of the country, at the hands of those who have control or are right in getting up a fight to involve the whole country.

It is the duty of every law-abiding Republican and Democrat to insist on it that the trouble among the parties be settled by peaceable means.

If the Canvassing Board has gone beyond its powers, let it be punished. If in disregarding the Supreme Court they committed contempt let them be punished, and if the Supreme Court is guilty of usurpation, and has placed itself above the law, and dictated in an arbitrary manner, let it be punished; but neither the Canvassing Board or the Supreme Court have a right to pre-empt the country into a state of war. They have no weapons but peaceable ones. The people, who created both the Board and the Court have not delegated such powers to them.

On Saturday the Supreme Court issued an order on each of the members of the Board of Canvassers to cause why they should not be punished for contempt of Court.

The order was made returnable in four hours. The members of the Board did not answer, whereupon the Supreme Court entered judgment as a fine of \$1,500 upon each member, and a commitment to jail until released by order of the Court. The members of the Board are all in jail.

THE LEGISLATURE.

REPUBLICAN IN BOTH BRANCHES.

Senate 81 Republicans and 19 Democrats—House 120 Republicans and 81 Democrats—Republican Majority on Joint Ballot, 51.

The following is a correct list of the members of the new Legislature, with their political classification. It will be seen that the Republicans have a majority of 12 in the Senate, and 39 in the House, making 51 on joint ballot. The Senators elected in the odd numbered districts, hold for four years, and those elected in the even numbered districts, hold for two years. It is notable that of the 25 Senators who hold over for four years, and who will participate in the election of a United States Senator to succeed Cameron, 21 are Republicans and but 4 are Democrats. The new Senate will be rather above the average ability of that body, and the House, with the loss of some of its best men like Parker, Gunster, Mitchell and others, will be an able assembly than the last one. Those marked with an asterisk (*) were members of the last Legislature, and those marked with a dagger (†) were members of previous Legislatures.

THE NEW AND OLD SENATE.

Table with 2 columns: NEW SENATE and OLD SENATE. Lists names and district numbers for both chambers.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Table with 2 columns: ADAMS and LEANOR. Lists names and district numbers for the House of Representatives.

J. Clegg R. W. Warren, J. J. Gillette D. W. M. Lindsay R., T. D. Morgan D. J. D. Hollingsworth R., J. D. Latham R. J. R. McClain R., J. L. Stearns D. WATKINS, W. M. McGowan R. A. R. Howe D., Hiram Peoples R. W. M. Nelson D., C. Cyrus J. Snavely R. WESTWELLS, G. A. Stober R. John Hughes D., J. H. Hilly R. Wm. Donnelly D., F. S. N. Morgan R. W. J. K. Kinn D., J. Q. Stewart R. John Jackson D., E. S. N. Morgan R. LEMMA, George F. Gross D. Philip S. Bowman D., Frank B. Heller D. John B. Gemmill D., Ernest Nicks D. Adam Stevens D., Geo. E. Sherwood D.

RECAPITULATION. Senate. House. Total. Republicans..... 21 120 151. Democrats..... 19 81 100. Majority..... 12 39 51.

Letter from an Old Jacksonian Democrat of Greenwood Township.

NEAR SEVEN STAR TAVERN, November 25, 1876.

My Dear Mr. Editor:—How quietly the snow falls this Saturday evening; its fall can be heard; it can be seen and can be felt. It is like how softly it falls; it is like the smile of a magnetic woman, you see it, and though you may be yards away from her, you feel it, under your waistcoat, when it strikes your heart, and puts it in a flutter. I'll bet many a fellow's heart is going pat-pat-to-night, as he and his sweet-heart sit at opposite ends of a table and talk across it.

The look and smile of a magnetic woman can be felt as far as seen, though they may have no noise. That's my experience. That was Old Andy Jackson's experience. You know old Hickory's heart is pierced by the smile and piercing look of the grass widow that became his wife. He was as strong a believer in the silent power of woman's smiles and looks as he was a believer in the silent power of the ballots by which we elect all our officers, and he would about as soon have committed suicide as pitched Mrs. Jackson out of the window, as to insult the one, and destroy the other, and this evening I was shocked when I heard some of the anti-Jackson fellows down here at the Stars read from a New York paper that when the Congress meets next month and the House and Senate come to announce the electoral vote for President, that it is for Hayes by only one or two, the Southern men should object to the vote of South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida, and if the objection is not listened to, the Democratic Congress should withdraw from Congress, and set up somewhere else and declare itself elected.

That's the way they do things in Mexico. Just no later than last week, on the 22d of November a racially Mexican greaser, who had been in the Supreme Court of that country, put himself at the head of the party that was defeated at an election a little while ago, and went to a certain part of the State and set up another government, and now they have two governments in that State.

The people of this country are not Mexican grasers by a long shot, and they are not going to have their country Mexicanized in that way. I tell you, boy, that if Old Andy were above ground he'd tell them New Yorkers that the silent ballot never conferred such rights on any set of men who ever were elected to Congress. Why, they've even more than secession of the States, they've got more than Jeff Davis vent in 1850, for you know that then Jeff claimed that he had the consent of his State to leave Congress, and all the other Rebel leaders waited till their States had been secured up to vote that they would secede. If we could just get Old Andy to come down here out of the good place to tell the New Yorkers who want to commit that treason (if ever treason was preached that is treason) that if he had the power, that the first man who would tempt to do such a thing as that would serve him as he wanted to serve 'aloum when he wanted to break up this government.

That question never was discussed when the Congressmen were elected by the silent ballot, and if it had been discussed, no man who favored such a view would have been elected.

The Constitution of the United States tells how the electoral vote shall be counted. This is the way. I quote from the Constitution: "The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates, and the votes shall then be counted. If any two States shall have an equal number of votes, the President shall choose by ballot one of those States who shall have the majority of the whole number of electors appointed."

The Vice President shall be chosen in the same manner. The Constitution provides for the election of those officers in case of a tie vote, which you can learn by reading that paper.

Wouldn't my old party raise a whoop if your party would say—if the return certificates of Louisiana and Florida are for Tilden and the Senate so declares them to be, as it is in your duty bound to do if they so are—"We object to their count, and if you don't listen to our objection, we will withdraw our support for Hayes somewhere." I say, wouldn't our fellows raise a whoop, if your party would declare such treasonable objects? That would be playing the Mexican in full. I tell you no Congressman has the right to talk that kind of treason, and no Republican or Democrat, who has the right kind of feeling for his country will talk that way, and the man who attempts to breed up the government to set up another government; it will be time way for them to think of it once their masters, the people, tell them to do so. The people make Congress, and that body must not attempt to get above its creator; it must not attempt a revolution without the consent of the people. The people are the power that make officers, legislators, courts, and Congress, and they'll have no such short cuts from any set of fellows. When they want

the government divided they'll let their wish be known, and men will be elected for that purpose. You can't get high in the world if you attempt to set up another government will be come down on after the fashion of Andy Jackson. Nearly everybody is a Jackson man on that point.

That would be many times worse than the Jeff Davis Rebels, for his friends would get a State to vote whether they would go out or stay in, and when they said come out they went out. Why, the people wouldn't even stand that. How do you think they stand it when a parcel of office-holders in Congress will attempt to go out without the leave of anybody? The silent power of the ballot must be respected, and if men get into a wrangle in any of the States about it that is no reason why the country should be Mexicanized. If there are any Congressmen who wish to turn Mexico let them go to Mexico, for they will not be allowed to play their revolutionary work here. Republicans and Democrats think alike on that question, and the spirit of the sainted Andy is over us all in that.

Good night. Perhaps we'll have sleighing in the morning. Yours truly, BARTON SPEAK.

The Body of a Nobleman to be Burned to Ashes.

As there has been considerable talk about cremation we would state that on Wednesday, December 6, the first practical test of reducing a human body to ashes, in the furnace erected by Dr. Le Moine, at Washington, this State, will be made. The subject will be the embalmed remains of Baron Von Palm, who died in New York in May last, and who expressly directed previous to his demise, that the same should be cremated. The return in which all that is mortal of the dead body will be reduced to a part of the soil, was effected by Mr. Gardner, of Lockport, a manufacturer of gas retorts. That it will answer every purpose is evidenced by the fact of two sheep having been put through the cremating process in it recently, and it worked like a charm. In the forthcoming trial the doctor expects that in the course of five hours he can show a small quantity of ashes as the outcome of the Baron's body.

There is already great excitement in medical and other professional circles over this experiment, and it is expected that scientific men will be present from all sections of the country to witness the cremating of the remains. Some alterations are being made to the furnace so as to afford visitors a chance to see the manner in which 2,000 degrees of Fahrenheit can shroud up to that of decaying flesh in less time than it would take to dig a grave, and the whole affair will be conducted in the most satisfactory manner possible. The price of the cremation is \$100, and it is expected that the crematory will be a profitable one to its owner, as the cremation of a body is not a new thing. It is a practice that has been followed by some nations for centuries. It is a practice that is becoming more and more popular in some parts of the world.

Another Human Body to be Burned. Another subject for cremation is Max Henry Stein, an eccentric, wealthy individual, of this county, who had recently died. His body, which has just been opened, providing for its cremation by hydrophobia, leaving an infant only four weeks old.

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Plenty of oranges. Potatoes are dearer. Florida oranges 910 per barrel. John Yost met his death on the 20th by falling into a vat of boiling beer at Lebanon.

Nineteen horse thieves have been convicted in Cumberland county in a few months.

The Williamsport rubber works are producing daily twenty-six hundred pairs of shoes and two hundred pairs of boots, and still cannot keep abreast of their orders.

Eighteen persons have died of diphtheria in a fortnight, near Waynesburg. The State Grange of Pennsylvania will hold its fourth meeting in Meadville, Crawford county, commencing on Tuesday, December 12th and to continue four days.

The Austrian and Hungarian Governments have resolved to prohibit the exportation of horses to the United States. Paris has a grave difficulty to solve, what to do with her dead! For ten years has this subject been under consideration, and Baron Hausmann complained that the dead gave him far more trouble than the living.

Harrisburg is building a new brick school house for colored pupils. Under a half acre of ground, Henry H. Lefevre, in Eden township, Lancaster county, raised this season a four-bushel crop of hay, 1,700 stalks of tobacco and 40 bushels of turnips.

The farmers of Meigs county, Ill., did not raise enough potatoes for their own consumption. In the Northern States the popular majority is 150,000 against Tilden.

A man from Maine makes his head quarters at Rammy every winter, and sets over 3000 traps for different kinds of animals in Coos and Grafton counties. It takes him two weeks to make the round of his traps on horseback, including 170 traps at \$25 each, last season and has already captured \$600 worth this season.

A Kentucky woman is mother of eighteen children, nine having blue eyes and light hair and nine having dark eyes and dark hair. Seventeen of the children have married and have families and the mother visits them yearly.

William Cox left Williston, Chester county, on June 21, and has not been heard of since. John Muselman of Leacock township, Lancaster county, shot an owl last week which measured 5 feet 6 inches from tip to tip of wings.

The late Dr. Hall remarked that twenty-five men out of every 100,000 in the United States commit suicide, but only three men, showing that the latter bear trouble more heroically than does the sterner sex.

Joseph M. Moore, of Williamsport, 102 years of age walked to the polls on the 7th inst. and deposited his vote. "Twenty lashes each"—Richmond, Va. bursting two tramps.

A burning steam pipe scalded a four-month old girl into jumping out of a fourth-story window. Not killed. Twenty-five Chicago drunkards accepted Moody's invitation to be talked to in a room by themselves, and twenty-four of them subsequently announced that they had been converted.

Mrs. Wayne Stewart, of Ephrata township, Lancaster county, was bitten by a house dog several weeks ago; the latter part of last week she died from hydrophobia leaving an infant only four weeks old.

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The white citizens of the place laid the remains out, purchased a coffin for them, followed them to the grave. A colored preacher was present there, but stood off to one side, and did not have anything to do with the burial. A white minister said the service and the white people committed the remains to the earth.

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A lot of ground situated on the south side of Path street, in the town of Patterson, containing 50 acres, more or less, lying on right angles with said street 120 feet wide, and the south boundary on the lot of Mrs. Yeager, on the east by the lot of W. W. Wilson, and on the west by the lot of Wm. Kerlin. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of John Row.

A tract of land situated in Fayette township, adjoining lands of John Barber, and Ulrich Shuman, containing One Acre, more or less, and having thereon certain Dwelling House and Stable. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Abraham K. Kaufman.

A tract of land situated in Fayette township, adjoining lands of George McDougal, on the north, Jacob Bollinger and others on the east, William Woodward and Thomas Crighton on the south, and John Andrews and others on the west, containing 36 Acres, more or less. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of A. J. Campbell.

The undivided one-half of a tract of land situated in Delaware township, adjoining lands of Jacob Brubaker on the east, David B. Dinn on the south and Jacob Kurtz on the west, containing 70 Acres, more or less, and having thereon certain buildings. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Abraham M. Kurtz.

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A lot of ground situated in the village of Johnston, Beale township, on the south side of the public road leading from Middletown to Johnston, and bounded on the north by lands of Daniel Neese and others, on the east by lands of Daniel Neese and others, on the west by lands of Daniel Neese and others, containing 120 Acres, more or less, and having thereon certain buildings. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Benjamin Zeiler.

Four adjoining lots of ground situated on the north side of Path street in the town of Patterson, and bounded on the south by lands of Daniel Neese and others, on the east by lands of Daniel Neese and others, on the west by lands of Daniel Neese and others, containing 120 Acres, more or less, and having thereon certain buildings. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Benjamin Zeiler.

Two adjoining lots of ground situated on the south side of Path street in the town of Patterson, and bounded on the north by lands of Daniel Neese and others, on the east by lands of Daniel Neese and others, on the west by lands of Daniel Neese and others, containing 120 Acres, more or less, and having thereon certain buildings. Seized, taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Benjamin Zeiler.

A lot of ground situated on the north side of Main street in the town of Patterson, and bounded on the south by lands of Daniel Neese and others, on the east by lands of Daniel Neese and others, on the west by lands of Daniel Neese and others, containing 120 Acres, more or less, and having thereon certain buildings.