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The parties on both sides who talk of armed resistance in any event of the present contests in the Presidential issue, are as dangerous to the liberties of our country and the perpetuity of Republican government, as those who plan and plot frauds. If Republican government is a success it will only be upon the fundamental principle upon which it is founded, and that is, submission to wrong until it can be corrected by the only way known to the principles of true Democracy, the power of the ballot box.

The Nation, Republican, says: "The Returning Board of Louisiana is composed properly of five, but actually contains only three members, men of little character or position. The only white man on it is a custom house officer. One of the two blacks has, we believe, been a candidate in the present election, and both are men who can give no guarantees of knowledge or integrity to fit them for such momentous duties as this crisis may thrust upon them."

The singular discovery has been made that, under an old law, the Presidential electors in the State of New York will be entitled to draw fifteen hundred dollars pay together, with mileage—rather extravagant compensation for two day's service. The law of 1842, which is said to stand unamended, provided that Electors should receive the same pay as members of the Legislature "at the time."

The democrats are going about with lanterns in every state looking for that missing electoral vote.—Radical Organ. Just so. But the republican returning board lock themselves into a dark closet, without any lantern to throw light upon their deviltry, to find the 19 missing electoral votes necessary to foist the defeated Hayes upon an unwilling people; and when they are caught stealing the electoral vote of a state they run away from the process of the courts like any other thieves.—Harrisburg Patriot.

The most dumpy, dismal place in the country now is the centennial grounds.

SHOULD HE BE IMPEACHED.

The New York Sun publishes an exposure of Grant's connection with the St. Louis Whisky ring frauds. From the Sun's article it appears that when W. O. Avery, who has just been pardoned out of prison by the President, hesitating to furnish McDonald and Joyce, the whisky ring conspirators, with certain information requested of him by them, which was within his knowledge as Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, Joyce wrote him as follows:

"If you have any doubt of the propriety of sending this information, see Gen. Babcock. If he is not in the city, see G."

This letter was sent by Avery to the White House and in due time it came back to him endorsed as follows:

"Joyce and McDonald are reliable and trustworthy. Let them have the information they want."
"U. S. GRANT"

Upon this assurance and instruction from the President, Avery gave Joyce and McDonald all the information they desired. As will be remembered Joyce and McDonald were convicted of defrauding the revenues and Avery was found guilty of complicity in their crimes. All were sentenced to imprisonment. Joyce and McDonald are still in jail, but Avery has been pardoned, the executive clemency having been secured in the latter's case through the vigilance and shrewdness of his devoted wife who carefully preserved the tell-tale letters of Joyce, McDonald and Grant, the cunning little woman having pretended to destroy them in obedience to the wishes and prayers of their guilty authors but having taken care to keep the originals while committing to the flames some cleverly executed copies. It would not be surprising if the head of the administration of which Belknap was an honored and beloved member would find his Judith as the dishonest ex-Secretary found his Jael.

HOW TO PUSH BUSINESS.

One of our exchanges very pertinently remarks that there are a great many old fogies—notably too many—who entertain unsound ideas of how to push business. Rather than invest a few dollars in making their business known through the public prints, they sit on their haunches and wait for people to find them out. When approached upon the subject of advertising, they will reply that it does not pay to advertise, and yet this very declaration is disproved by every article that is placed in their show windows or that is hung up in front of their stores. The man who says it don't pay to advertise is doing it in some way all the time. If a merchant hangs a few of his goods outside the door—what is that but advertising? If a cabinet maker hangs a chair or other article of furniture at his shop door, he is advertising. If a man loses a horse or cow and tells everybody he meets, he is advertising his loss. The doctor who has a boy run into church and call him out in haste is advertising. The minister who announces next Sunday's text from his pulpit, is advertising. The street parades of circus establishments are nothing but advertisements. The truth is a man cannot do business without advertising, and the only question should be, the way to do it. If you have a lot of personal property to sell, which is best, to write out a few notices that not one in fifty will stop to read or to go to the printer and have a lot of well displayed posters in addition to an advertisement in the papers? If you are in need of help, don't ask your neighbor's wife if she knows of a girl; but make your want known through the newspapers, and you will have plenty of customers next morning to fill the place. If you are in business of any kind, is it not better to keep yourself before the public eye in your own paper by an advertisement that will start your friends and customers in the face every day, rather than trust to the old foggy idea of "Oh, they all know me?" But Mr. Closest, says advertising costs money. Very true and so does everything else; and it's a good thing for you that advertising does cost something. If it did not, every little worthless concern would stand as good a chance of being known as the very best and most useful. If you want the people to know that you have anything to sell, advertise in your home paper first, then in your neighboring papers. The man who has a reputable business and spends the most in a liberal system of advertising, is the one who makes the most money. This is truth very verified by those who have tried it. Those who don't believe it have just to cast about in their own town, and they will find that the most prosperous business men are they who advertise liberally and judiciously. We are nearly in the

commencement of an important year and the business public should not close its eyes to a well known fact that the approach of winter is always the best season for trade. People have wants now just as they have in prosperous times. They will buy, and be sure to go to those who offer the best bargains. And the way to make these most widely known is frequent announcements through the papers. Try the experiment.

PLAIN FACTS FOR HONEST MEN.

In the confusion of partisan tongues on the political situation, and the zealous disputation as to the wrongs and rights of Hayes and Tilden in the objective States of South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida, there are some plain, common sense, undisputed facts which honest men should know and calmly consider.

In South Carolina the Republicans control the election boards in every township, ward or precinct of the State. No vote can be received or rejected unless by a majority vote of a Republican election board. The vote as thus received by the Republican boards is computed by them and returned to the county return boards, which compute and certify the vote of each county. The county return boards are Republican in every county in the State. They are not chosen by the people, but selected by the Republican administration. The returns from the several counties, as computed and certified by the Republican boards, are finally canvassed by a State board, consisting of five State officers, all of whom are Republicans, and three of whom were candidates for reelection on the 7th inst. The returns of South Carolina, therefore, were originally made up of such votes in the various precincts as Republican election boards chose to receive and certify; of such county returns as Republican county boards chose to approve, and thus they came to the Republican State board three-fifths of whom were to certify to their own election or defeat. In no instance, either in precinct or county authority, could the Democrats control a vote or modify a return. To these facts must be added the undisputed truth that Governor Chamberlain had practically absolute command of the State colored militia and of the Federal troops and posted them wherever he believed intimidation of colored voters possible. The Republicans, therefore, had all the power to protect their voters and all possible machinery to have the votes returned as they desire. These returns defeated Governor Chamberlain and part of his associates on the State ticket, and elected a Democrat Legislature. The State return board bound in all fairness to accept the returns of their own friends, in which their enemies had been absolutely voiceless beyond casting such of their votes as the Republican boards chose to accept; but the state board would not bow to their own partisan machinery even when it had been wielded to the utmost in their own behalf. They proposed to count themselves in, in defiance of their own returns; but appeal was made to the Supreme Court, consisting of three Republicans and no Democrats. The Court decided the law as the law is, and entered its solemn judgment directing the State board to compute and return the vote as it had been received. This mandate of the highest judicial tribunal of the State was insolently defied by the return board, and they proceeded in revolutionary contempt of the law and its supreme judgment, to reject votes certified by their own party, associates, and declare themselves and their State, Congressional and Legislative tickets elected.

In Florida, like South Carolina, the Republicans have every election board in the State and every county board, and from the county boards the votes must come to the State board, which consists of two Republicans and one Democrat—the Democrat being the Attorney General elected in 1874. In no precinct, township or ward of Florida, could the Democrats admit or reject a vote or control the return and if there are frauds they must have been such as Republican election and county boards have sanctioned. The proposition of Governor Stearns to canvass and certify the vote himself would constitute him, like three of the South Carolina State board, the judge of his own election, as he was the Republican candidate for Governor on the 7th instant. The issue is now before Judge White, a Republican judge, who yesterday defined the powers of the Governor and the board. In any event whether the Governor or the State board shall declare the result, it will be a Republican tribunal declaring the canvass of the votes received in every instance, by Republican election boards, and computed

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and certified in every instance by Republican county boards. Need men of average honesty be told that the Democrats are powerless, from the polling of the vote through all the sinuous channels of authority, until the official return is declared? If there are frauds in Florida, by whom must they have been committed? The army was commanded by Governor Stearns to prevent intimidation; the Republicans accepted and rejected votes as they chose; computed them as they saw fit, and now must revise their own certificates to return the state for Hayes and Stearns. Is comment necessary to the honest citizen? Louisiana is like South Carolina and Florida, only the Republican partisan power is wider in its sweep. Kellogg and his confederates make a registration of such persons as they think ought to be allowed to vote, and citizens not registered are disfranchised. In the registration or the final revision of the registration the Democrats are entirely without voice, and a protest published on the eve of election, signed by business men of the highest repute, declared that some eight thousand citizens of New Orleans had been arbitrarily refused registration, or been wantonly stricken from the list of voters by Kellogg, Puckard and their associates. They, therefore, first make up the list of their citizens as shall be allowed to vote; and from their decision there is no effective appeal. After deciding who shall and who shall not vote, the people of the State must present their votes to Republican election boards in every precinct; and those boards certify to Republican parish boards, which finally certify to the Republican State board, consisting of four Republicans and one vacancy. The vacancy is not filled, because they fear that any one who would consent to do what the board is expected to perform would be in danger of cheating fraud by betraying it on the altar of cupidity.

In addition to these absolute and arbitrary powers of the Kellogg Republican organization of Louisiana, he had the control of the army, and ordered it whether he would to prevent the anticipated intimidation of voters. Thus, from the registration defining who could and who would not vote, through the precinct election board to the parish board, and thence to the State board, not a Democratic voice could be heard nor a Democratic act be done without Republican assent, and yet Tilden has over seven thousand majority in the State, which is to be overthrown by a Republican board rejecting the Republican returns of such voters as Republicans permitted to vote. Would not comment be a waste of words to honest men?—Phila Times.

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