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GILBERT S. JOHNSON, AUCTIONEER. Address, Montrose, Pa. March 29, 1876.

AMIELY, AUCTIONEER. Address, Brooklyn, Pa. June 14, 1874.

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THEN AND NOW.

Less than two years ago, or on the 23rd of February, 1875, the House Louisiana investigation committee submitted their report to the House, accompanied with the individual views of the respective members of the committee.

We understand the committee to be unanimous in finding the fact that the action of the Returning Board has defeated the will of the people as expressed by them at the polls on the 3d of November, 1874.

With a few slight changes in dates, the same report might truthfully be made to Congress to-day. In another part of the report, Messrs. Wheeler, Hoar, and Frye, who seem to have had a proper sense of the danger to the whole country, which might result from allowing such extraordinary power to be held and used by a body so notoriously corrupt as the Louisiana Returning board is known to be, made a separate report portraying with wonderful clearness just the condition of affairs that exists to-day.

"In our judgment this condition of things is fraught with the gravest peril to the whole country. That the people of any State should be unwilling to determine by peaceful and legal means the result of their elections, and that the President should be compelled to interpose the military force of the government to prevent civil war, is a terrible misfortune. But the evil goes much further. Upon the elections in Louisiana, as in other States, depends the right to their seat of Senators and Representatives elect, who are to aid in making laws for the whole country, and the choice of Presidential electors upon whose vote may depend the title to office of the President of the United States himself.

Thus spake Wm. A. Wheeler, one of the Representatives of the proud Empire State; a politician certainly, but still with sufficient honesty and manliness to condemn the infamous practices by which the State of Louisiana had been kept since the close of the war, in a worse than African bondage.

Then, Mr. Wheeler looked at the situation impartially. Now, that he has a selfish personal interest in the matter, his views have changed and we find him saying, that

"Congress cannot investigate whether Louisiana has gone for Tilden or Hayes; the action of the Returning Board on this point has been final and conclusive."

Does Mr. Wheeler suppose that J. Madison Wells, of whom Gen. Phil Sheridan said, "he has not one honest man for his friend in all Louisiana," has become honest and trustworthy in the short two years? Has the spirit of "reform with the party" so thoroughly permeated through all its elements, as to have reached even the members of a Louisiana Returning Board? The chances are all opposed to such a change. Two years ago the only question at stake was the control of a single state. Now, the issue is the perpetuation of Republican ascendancy in the United States or its utter and complete overthrow. Neither Mr. Wheeler nor any other intelligent member of the XLIVth congress for a moment supposes that Wells and Anderson have forsaken their evil ways, but Mr. W. sees the Vice Presidency, which fraud had almost put in his hand, suddenly vanish from his sight and like Peter he

would deny his Master even, and, giving the lie to his former better aspirations and political honesty; strike hands with a man who stands charged as a swindler, perjurer, defaulter, and murderer. Such are the crimes which are charged against the President of the Louisiana Returning Board, of whom Mr. Wheeler now says, "I have the highest opinion of the personal integrity of Wells."

In view of this exposure of Mr. Wheeler's political trucking, we more than ever deprecate the idea that any circumstances could ever have placed such a man in the position of President of the United States Senate, and most heartily rejoice that there still exists on the floors of Congress a large element of sober, thoughtful men, who can and will rise superior to mere party ties and obligations and earnestly protest against the consummation of the treasonable plots of Morton and Chandler and Cameron, to which the Republican candidate for the Vice Presidency now yields a ready acquiescence.

BENNETT—MAY.

We fully intended not to bore our readers with the scandals connected with the Bennett-May affair, until since the duel growing out of it, has made it a matter of news, and consequent interest to all.

For more than a year past it has been known that an engagement of marriage had been made between Mr. James Gordon Bennett, of the N. Y. Herald, and Miss Ida May, a young lady of one of the first families of New York City. The marriage was to have taken place last summer and it is said on one occasion, the day and hour were fixed and only the presence of the groom was necessary to finish the matter. After that it is said Dr. May, the lady's father, had refused his sanction to the union, on account of the young gentleman's habits and that he had been put on probation for six months or a year. Failing to work out his probation the parties have been at cross purposes for a long time until Bennett was assaulted by Frederick May, brother of the lady, in front of the Union club room on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 4th. May produced a horse whip and struck Bennett over the face several times drawing blood each stroke and then used his fist knocking him down and dragging him about until they were separated by the by-standers.

As a result, and to wipe out the disgrace of a public horsewhipping, Bennett challenged May and the parties met on Monday, Jan. 8th, at Maryland, a small railroad station just on the line between Delaware and Maryland. The arrangements were all kept so secret, that all that is positively known is that shots were exchanged and May was wounded.

Bennett returned to New York but his present whereabouts are unknown to the officers of the law who are anxious to find him.

The reports of May's whereabouts and the nature and extent of his wounds are so conflicting as to be unworthy of any confidence.

In the meantime the New York Courts have been trying to get at particulars on which to base a criminal prosecution.

Dr. Phelps, who is supposed to have acted as Bennett's friend refused to answer the questions of the Grand Jury and was committed for contempt.

That all the parties may be found and dealt with strictly according to law is the earnest wish of all good citizens.

LATER—Mr. James Gordon Bennett, accompanied by his sister, Miss Jeanette Bennett, sailed in the steamship City of Richmond for Liverpool Saturday. Mr. Bennett sailed down the bay in the Herald steam yacht, in which, rumor says, he has been concealed for several days, and intercepted the steamship off Sandy Hook. He was accompanied by Mr. Robbins, and his sister was already in the ship, having gone aboard at the Company's wharf in New York.

The Chandlerites may be assured that the Democrats not only mean to keep within the Constitution and the laws, but intend that everybody else shall do the same.

Give me the Returning Boards of a country and I care not who casts its vote. —[Zach Chandler.]

COUNTING VS. VOTING.

"Counting in and counting out," is a Republican invention; the object of which charming arrangement was to perpetuate Republican dominancy in the South. Voting, by the people, was established by the American Constitution; its object being to ascertain the will of the majority, in order that such a Government as ours could continue its existence. A plan like this for defeating the vital principle of Republican institutions, could not have been introduced into the original Constitution nor could it be put in as an amendment, unless it were done by trickery and in direct opposition to the popular will; for, when the real result of an election can be vitiated or destroyed by a Returning Board composed of dishonest tools, there is an end of free Government; it becomes a farce.

The Constitution requires that every State shall be protected in its due exercise of a Republican form of Government; but a reckless and wicked party, reveling in its two-thirds majorities in both Houses, exhibited its grasping selfishness and dishonorable proclivities by contriving a despicable system, by means of which whole States were to be disfranchised and kept under the heels of certain partisans in Washington. The sooner this vile business is taken in hand by Congress, and remedied, the better for our country. The idea that four men all of one party, with notoriously smirched characters, who had previously been condemned by their own party men, should have power to override and actually obliterate, as if it had never been held, an election in a free State, would be utterly ridiculous, but for the terrible consequences it may entail; for if a party shall undertake to ride into power upon such a barefaced proceeding, the people of the United States dare not submit to it and the idea of using the military to compel them to submit to it, is quite as ridiculous; yet at the time the attempt might be attended with disastrous consequences, not merely to the individual who should propose and undertake to carry it into execution, but to many others, without distinction to party. The people of the United States are not so ignorant of their rights and obligations as General Grant may suppose; and the people's army cannot be employed against the people quite so readily as the little tyrant might imagine. If not constitutionally acting, the people will know it; and so will the officers, as well as many of the rank and file. We have intelligence in our army, and all the officers are not RUGERS to whom a nod seemed to be as good as a wink; so that he might do sneakingly, what he might dislike to do openly.

There are some things which can be done by a reckless and occasionally drunken President, and there are some things which cannot be done, even by him; or at his bidding. He may call spirits from the vasty deep, he may seem, because Congress has supinely stood by and permitted it, order troops unnecessarily to Washington; but he dare not use them there to overawe either House of Congress, or to intrude them into the settlement of election questions. If Grant, Chandler and Cameron shall undertake any such military game, mark our words, they will be proved before the whole world to be personal cowards. The people have nothing to fear, if Congress will perform its duty.—Pittsburgh Post.

CHEAP ENOUGH.

The suit of W. W. Boody against Samuel J. Tilden and William B. Ogden, to recover the value of the Rail road which Uncle Sammy was said to have stolen, which was commenced before the election for political effect against Mr. Tilden, was dismissed by Judge Spear of N. Y. on Wednesday, Jan. 9, the plaintiff failing to appear. An allowance of \$1,500 was also given to the defendant's counsel. This we consider cheap enough for telling one of the most unmitigated lies that was ever invented, under cover of legal process, to give an air of truth to allegations which had no foundation, in fact. While we think of it we would like to inquire what U. S. Dist. Attorney Bliss has done with the action he was going to begin against Mr. Tilden for having made a fraudulent income return?

The President is making the most of his time. Last week he pitchforked a brother-in-law into a paymastership and turned a whisky-ring thief loose. Let him appoint and pardon, for on the 4th of March he dies officially. The Democracy will acquiesce in the right but it must be the right—not Returning Board rascality.