

REVIEWAL.

A Boston journalist announces that Mr. Boutwell has always been a "lion in the path" on the Southern question. The New York World thinks the expression would be very appropriate if the spelling of one of the words was slightly modified.

The 140th birth-day of Thomas Payne, the infidel, was celebrated in Philadelphia last Tuesday, by the so-called Liberal Club. A little speech was made by Walt Whitman. The City Council of Philadelphia refused to accept a bust of Payne presented by the club.

Judge Davis has written a letter to a friend of his in Bloomington, Ill., to the effect that he has concluded to accept the Senatorship, and that he will not resign from the Supreme Bench until the 4th of March. It is also said that he had determined to leave the bench before he was elected senator, and irrespective of that fact.

The United States Pension agent at Columbus, O., recently died. The position is a fat one, said to net \$10,000 or more per annum, and there has been a great scramble for it among the Ohio Radical politicians. The President has nominated A. T. Wickoff for the place, who was chairman of the Radical State committee.

Among the buildings recently examined at Pompeii is a drinking saloon with its tables and other appurtenances. The pictures frescoed upon the wall represent tavern scenes. Men are drinking and gambling at tables; others are seated upon wooden benches against the walls, and others are standing in conversation.

Wall street, it is said, has a sensation in the advent of a new operator from San Francisco, in the person of James Keene, who has been noted for gigantic speculations, it is said to be worth ten millions, and to have transferred twenty millions of fresh capital for employment in the speculations of that scheming street.

It is not now believed that there is to be any war between Turkey and Russia. The pacific disposition of the Czar is referred, among other things, to the recent growth of the socialistic movement in his dominions. A Vienna dispatch says: Those committees which have taken up the Slav cause most warmly have been found to be under heavy suspicion of being the most zealous advocates of a thorough political and social reorganization of Russia—that is, a subversion more or less of all that now exists, so that fostering the Slav idea was indirectly fostering these political and social aspirations.

In the annual report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, that officer speaks of the prosecution of the whiskey ring as having resulted in the breaking up of the systematic robbery of the Government. It seems from the report that sixty-two distilleries and rectifying houses and other property were seized, the estimated value being \$1,530,744. Assessments were made against various distillers to the amount of \$1,625,772; numerous suits were instituted upon distillery and other bonds, and for the recovery of taxes to the amount of \$3,268,414, and numerous indictments were preferred against 321 persons charged with offenses. As a result of these proceedings about \$500,000 have been paid into the Treasury.

Appropos of the recent book sales and high prices which have been obtained in some cases, it may be well to note that the largest price ever obtained for any work was received at the great sale of the Duke of Roxborough in 1811. The work was a copy of the "Decameron" of Boccaccio, printed in the early part of the fifteenth century, which came into possession of the Duke after having been lost to the knowledge of book collectors for a great many years. It sold for 2,600 guineas, and was purchased by a nobleman who had another copy of the same work, in all respects similar to this with the exception that the last few leaves were wanting, so that this enormous price was practically paid for the few leaves needed to make one complete copy.

Maria Pauline Lucca, the celebrated cantatrice, obtained a decree of divorce in New York last June from her husband, Baron Adolph Ven Rhade. Ten days after obtaining the decree she married Baron Von Wallhoffen. Subsequently the general term adjudged the decree to be irregular, and the plaintiff was notified to appear and defend the action in which it was obtained. This litigation was an expensive one to Mrs. Lucca. The matter was to come up in the Supreme Court, general term, for hearing an appeal. The argument will be upon an appeal in a suit brought against Messrs. Newcombe & Lerenbreth, her lawyers, in which she charged them with having "managed said action against said Von Rhade in an un-

skillful manner, and with inexcusable negligence, in consequence of which the judgment of divorce obtained by them has been adjudged by the general term as irregular." She claims \$10,000 damages, together with the costs of the action.

The causes that have led to the success of President Tilden were thus narrated by himself to a correspondent of the Mobile Register: One thing he told me in quiet tones but vigorous words that when he accomplished anything he did it by aiming right at the outset, pushing persistently forward, never stopping to do small things to the right or left, but laboring on until the end was gained, and that he felt he was superior to mere party considerations where the country was concerned.

Col. McClure says of the selection of Judge Bradley to serve on the Electoral Court commission that although he is a Republican, his decisions have not been marked with any partisan leanings, and the fact that he is familiar with the laws and general condition of both government and society in Florida and Louisiana, where he sits as District Judge, is regarded by fair men of every political faith, as peculiarly fitting him for the responsible duty which may be imposed upon him. Indeed, he was preferred by the more Conservative Southern men to Judge Davis, and his decision against the constitutionality of the enforcement act is pointed to as conclusive evidence of his devotion to law above all party interests.

THE FLORIDA CASE.
The New York Herald says of the probabilities as to when a result in the Florida case will be reached by the Commission: "There are only two States—Florida and Louisiana—that will require a prolonged examination, the Oregon case not involving any dispute on questions of fact, and the question of law lying within a small compass. The Electoral Commission should be able to reach a decision respecting the Florida certificates within six or seven days, and the rules they adopt in this first case referred to them will narrow the ground of subsequent investigation. Such legal points as apply to all the States alike will have been decided in connection with the Florida case, and in the cases which follow the tribunal will consider itself bound by its previous decisions. Florida, therefore, from the fact that it comes first, will probably occupy more of the time of the Commission than all the other disputed States together."

GOING BEHIND THE RETURNS.
The Cincinnati Enquirer says: Speculation as to the probable decision of the grand commission is the order of the day now. Among Congressmen, Hurd of Ohio, one of the best lawyers in the House, says he has examined thoroughly the Louisiana statutes, and that the returning board have no power, under the law, to canvass the electoral vote; that they are empowered to canvass the vote for Governor, State officers and Congressmen, but not one word is said about their canvassing the electoral votes. The canvass of that vote is by a previous statute delegated to the Governor and certain State officers. Prominent Republicans concede that the only possibility of Hayes now winning is by a broad decision on the part of the Grand Committee, that Congress cannot go behind the decision of legal State officers, and that the Florida and Louisiana returning boards, and the Secretary of the State of Oregon are such officers. Any other decision will elect Tilden, and the Grand Committee may decide either that Oregon has cast only two legal electoral votes, that fraud has vitiated the election in Louisiana, that the Louisiana Returning Board has no legal existence, or that the Supreme Court of Florida is a higher State authority than the Returning Board. Any of these decisions would elect Tilden, and Republicans seem to appreciate the fact that the grand committee can hardly avoid making one of them. The very prevailing opinion is that Oregon will decide it, the commission ruling that only two legal votes can be counted from that State. This would make a tie, if Louisiana and Florida are both given to Hayes, and throw the election into the House and Senate of President and Vice President respectively.

REPUBLICAN FORECAST OF THE RESULT.
The New York World through a Washington telegram, gives the following as a Republican forecast of the situation before the Electoral Commission:

There has been several important conferences of the Republican leaders since the passage of the electoral bill. Now that the law and the facts on the contested Presidential returns are to be referred to the commission of arbitration, they are very anxious to ascertain what will be the probable result in the construction of the statutes covering the Florida and Louisiana and Oregon cases. There is some difference found regarding the latter, but the more the law is applied to the former there is a degree of unanimity that is quite startling to the supporters of Mr. Hayes, who almost generally concede that the Louisiana case alone will elect Mr. Tilden.

They arrive at this by answering the simple inquiry, Was the Returning Board of Louisiana constituted according to the requirements of the statute? And on every

hand it is declared that it was not. The law says it shall be composed of five members, in the face of the fact that four canvassed and declared the returns. Not only is the law against the legality of the board, but the testimony of its own members submitted to two committees of the House, one no longer than yesterday, shows that no effort was made to fill this vacancy and Kenner, the rum-mill member, testified yesterday that he really did not remember anything about the vacancy, though he was certain that Dr. Kennedy, whom the Democrats proposed as a member of the board, was a prominent, respected citizen of New Orleans.

Senator Cameron, of Pennsylvania, as one of the Republican leaders who opposed the electoral bill, is satisfied that the measure gives the Democrats the case, though he is not willing to admit that they have the equity of it as well as the law. The Republican lawyers are not quite so united on the Florida returns, though under the decision of the Supreme Court of the State many of them admit that the Tilden electors were duly elected.

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