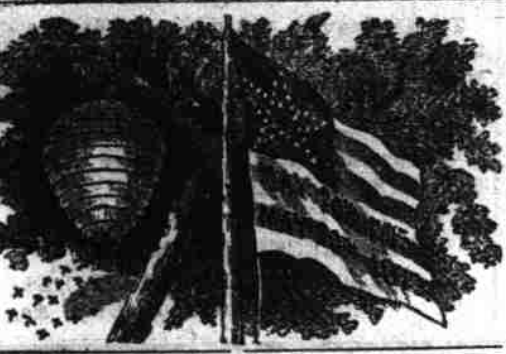


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Wednesday November 15, 1876.

CHAS. R. JONES, F. BREVARD McDOWELL, Editors & Proprietors.

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INFLEXIBLE RULES.

We cannot notice anonymous communications in all cases we require the writer's name and address, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

ANOTHER THEORY.

Although the entire vote of the State is not in, enough is known to justify us in the assertion that the democratic State ticket is triumphantly elected by an overwhelming majority.

While all honor and praise is due to the cohorts of the democracy, who met the enemy in a series of columns, with a determination which could admit of no defeat, our clear and conclusive majority is due in a large measure to a number of honest colored men throughout the State, who dared for the first time to break the chains of party fealty and vote with the democrats.

The insincerity of the republican party toward the colored man was a good campaign argument. For instance it is known that North Carolina conferred the right of suffrage on the colored man in eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, while four years later Mr. Hayes, the late candidate for the presidency, was a candidate for Governor of Ohio, and elected on a platform opposed to negro suffrage.

In a word the democratic party, through their press and their speakers made one hundred converts from the ranks of the opposition, and Tilden got all, while Vance only got ninety-eight.

ANOTHER HAS HANDED IN ITS CHECKS.

Simultaneously with the defeat of Settle and the Radical party in this State, followed the funeral of their organ and the worst slander mill in the Southern States, the Raleigh Constitution. But that is not all; and it seems in this instance that good news has not come in single batches, but in battalions.

The Chinese commission, which has been conducting a thorough investigation in San Francisco, seems to have established one fact, viz. that the 35,000 residents of Chinatown go unwashed except at rare intervals.

The news which we publish in another column, leaves no room to doubt the election of the Democratic candidate to the Presidency, and we may be pardoned for some remarks in regard to the frauds that have been attempted in the doubtful States.

In the outset of the campaign in South Carolina, Daniel H. Chamberlain, the carpet-bag Governor of that State saw the storm which was brewing over his head. Belchazzar like he saw the hand writing on the wall, which by interpretation meant that he had been weighed in the balances, and found wanting.

In Louisiana, the very air is filled with fraud and corruption. We publish in our telegraphic columns to-day a dispatch from Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, showing the returns made up from duplicate lists of the supervisors showing Tilden's majority in the State to be 8,107, and in the face of this showing the republicans claim the State, because they know the flexibility of the returning board.

In Florida, the people are cursed with a governor Stearns, whom we suspect is aided and abetted in his rascality by one Milton S. Littlefield, of North Carolina notoriety, who has also attempted to thwart the will of the people, as expressed at the ballot box, through a false count, by a returning board as pliant as those in either of the other States.

The era of fraud which is now being attempted in South Carolina, Louisiana and Florida to-day, commenced in North Carolina, with the adoption of the Canby Constitution in 1868.

The Chamberlains became uneasy, but were soon assured by good citizens that instead of harm, the demonstration meant good for them; that the election of Hampton had wiped out the last vestige of resentment to them by the white people, and that the hopes and desires of the Democracy were that our whole people should prosper together; that the election of Hampton meant peace and security to all classes—white and black, Democrats and Republicans. And our colored friends became assured and satisfied. Never was there such wild enthusiasm. And, thank God for it, the people had good cause to rejoice.—Greenville News 11th.

The Charleston News and Courier of the 13th in a long and exhaustive article upon the powers and duties of the election canvassing board in South Carolina concludes: The summary of our examination of the law is as follows: 1. That the County Canvassers are mere ministerial officers, whose only duty is to count the votes, and send a certified statement, with the poll list, returns and all papers relating to the election, to the Governor and Secretary of State.

2. That there being but four officers legally alive, who constitute the Board of State Canvassers, and of whom three are candidates for office to be passed upon by themselves, they are excluded by the terms of the Constitution from doing any other act than the ministerial one of certifying to the correctness of the County Canvassers' statements.

3. That even if there was a Board of State Canvassers, competent to hear and decide protests or contests, they cannot hear or decide in regard to members of Congress, the General Assembly, Governor or Lieutenant-Governor.

4. That the want of a Board of State Canvassers leaves the statement of the County Canvassers as the official declaration.

How and When the Vote is Counted in Louisiana. The anxiety of the public to know when and how the vote is to be counted in Louisiana is natural. From an article in the New York World on another subject we copy the following paragraphs. Let it be premised that an act of Congress provides that the Governor of each State shall inform the presidential electors of their election, and that Kelloff the villain is the Governor who is to perform this duty in Louisiana.

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SECTION 2826. Immediately after the receipt of a return from each parish, or on the fourth Monday of November, if the returns should not sooner arrive the Governor, in presence of the Secretary of State, the Attorney-General, a district judge of the district in which the seat of Government may be established, or any two of them, shall examine the returns and ascertain therefrom the persons who shall have been duly elected electors.

SECTION 2827. One of the returns from each parish, endorsed by the Governor, shall be placed on file and preserved among the archives of the Secretary of State.

SECTION 2828. The names of the persons elected, together with a copy of the returns from the several parishes, shall forthwith be published in the newspaper or papers in which the laws of the State may be directed to be published.

SECTION 2829. The brief summary of the law will be seen that the Governor of Louisiana has practically in his hand the receiving, counting, and returning of all the votes, and the determination of the persons made electors. He creates the "Returning Boards," and from his decision in the final ascertainment, there does not appear to be any appeal either to court or jury, as in the case of other State officers.

MERRILL AGAIN.—Pursuant to promise we append to-day some account of the life and past conduct of S. M. Merrill, who lately figured to some extent in our community as a minister of the Gospel, and we are satisfied that our readers will agree with us in the statement that he is a most precious sample of one that is read of, but one seldom met with.

At first he comes into prominence as a Methodist minister in the State of New York, being stationed at Plattsburg. Here he commenced his career of crime by attempting to create the impression that he had committed suicide by drowning. His wife attempted to collect the policy of a life insurance held on his life, but he was identified by a school-mate, came back to his wife, confessed his conduct and asked forgiveness, but was expelled from his church, and confinement at Troy, New York.

He next appears as a congregationalist minister of a church at Otterway, New York, in December 1872. Next he figures as a Presbyterian minister at Nashville, Tennessee, at which place he was accused of swindling the most of his congregation. While here he had conferred on him the degree of D. D. From Nashville he went to Galatin, Tennessee, and branched out widely into a field of rascality, to which he also added the crime of murder. He was arrested for murdering his wife, and held for trial, but a hurried burial, prevented the authorities from fastening on him by a post mortem examination. While his trial was progressing, he left between two sons, and in seven months was again married to a most estimable lady. While at Galatin, Tennessee, he was expelled from a Masonic lodge on account of his bad conduct. Next we find him figuring as a congregational minister, and again he turns up in Gates county, North Carolina, as a tooth doctor. He was from here by some accident invited to officiate, at the Tabernacle Presbyterian church in this city; and preached his first sermon in September last. With the balance of his slippery career his conversion to Baptist principles, and immersion by the Rev. T. I. Eaton, pastor of the 1st Baptist church, our readers are sufficiently familiar; as well as the fact that this led to an investigation into his previous character and record, by a Presbyterian of baptist ministers. At this investigation voluminous evidence was adduced backing up in the strongest style, all the facts alleged above; and the testimony was so conclusive in its character; that the Presbytery not only refused to ordain Merrill, but the 1st Baptist church expelled him from their congregation. What the future history of this remarkable and irrepressible character will be, we leave to the lively imaginations of our readers.—Petersburg Post.

"Mamma, where do the cows get the milk?" asked Willie, looking up from the foaming pan of milk, which he had been intently regarding. "Where do you get your tears?" was the answer. After a thoughtful silence, he again broke out: "Do the cows have to be spanked?"

An exchange editor who was evidently brought up under a good grandmother, with daily associations with pumpkin pies, exclaims: "The pumpkin-pie season is again breaking upon the nation in full orb and transcendent glory."

OFFICIAL VOTE FOR GOVERNOR

Table with columns for Year (1872, 1876), Counties (Merrimack, Caldwell, Vance, Bertie), and Names (Alamance, Alexander, Alghianly, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Davidson, Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsythe, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Greenville, Greene, Guilford, Hamlet, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Hyde, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Orange, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Union, Wake, Wayne, Washington, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson, Yadin, Yancey).

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Public Notice IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and in pursuance of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust, bearing date the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy, and made by and between the Atlanta & Richmond Air-Line Railway Company of the one part, and R. A. Lancaster, W. K. Eastley and Alfred Austell of the other part, and in compliance with the directions in that behalf contained in the decree of the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Georgia made at October Term, 1875, in a certain suit in equity therein pending, in which skipwith Wilmer and Auguste Richard are complainants and the Atlanta & Richmond Air-Line Railway Company and others are defendants (and in and by which decree the undersigned John H. Fisher was appointed a trustee under the said deed of trust in the place of the said W. K. Eastley, who was deceased, and with all of the rights, power and authority under the said deed of trust which were possessed by the said W. K. Eastley in his lifetime, and in compliance also with the decrees of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of South Carolina, and of the Western District of North Carolina, confirming the said decree made by the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Georgia: We, the undersigned, will on the fifth day of December next, between the legal hours of sale, to wit, ten o'clock a. m., and four o'clock p. m., on that day, in front of the county Court House of Fulton county in the city of Atlanta in the State of Georgia, sell at public auction, the entire railway of the said The Atlanta & Richmond Air-Line Railway Company, extending from the city of Atlanta, in the State of Georgia, to the city of Charlotte in the State of North Carolina, together with their franchises, lands, buildings, machinery, rolling stock materials, and other property real and personal, wherever situated and in whatsoever manner held, and whether owned and held by the said company at the time of the date of the said deed of trust, or thereafter acquired.

The terms of such sale shall be as follows: 1st. The premises will be sold in one parcel to the highest bidder for cash. 2d. Ten per cent of the purchase money of the said premises will be required to be paid to the undersigned at the time and place of sale and immediately after the premises shall be struck down, and the purchaser will be required at the same time to sign a memorandum of his purchase. 3d. The residue of such purchase money will be required to be paid to the said trustee at the office of John H. Fisher, as Receiver of the said railway, in the city of Atlanta, on or before the twenty-sixth day of December next, when and wherethe date of the undersigned, for the said premises will be ready for delivery.

4th. The bidders will be kept open after the premises shall be struck down, and in case any purchaser shall fail to comply with any of the terms of the sale, the premises struck down to him will be again put up for sale upon the same terms of sale. Provided, however, that if the holders of any of the four thousand two hundred and forty eight bonds secured by the said deed of trust, should, at the sale, become the purchasers of the said premises, it shall not be necessary for them to pay the purchase money therefor, so far as concerns the proportion thereof, which, as such bondholders, they would be entitled to receive if the net amount of such purchase money were distributed pro rata equally among all of the holders of the said four thousand two hundred and forty-eight bonds; but that, in such case, the bonds held by them with the coupons annexed thereto, shall be brought into the Circuit Court of the United States for the Northern District of Georgia, and the sale to them will be reported to the said court by the undersigned, and a conveyance by them to such bondholders will be withheld until the said court shall give directions in relation thereto and in relation to the said disposition to be made of the proceeds of such sale.

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