

"Don't give up your State until the... returns come in. Hayes elected by a majority if we have carried Florida, Oregon, and Louisiana. Meet your friends at depot."

On the same day the 20th of November, a letter was written by William H. Chandler to Thomas B. Chandler, Jr., N. C., as follows:

At this hour of writing it looks as if 185 votes have been given to Hayes, counting Louisiana, Florida and Oregon, but not North Carolina, and we must wait until the 20th, when the returns are all in, to have gone for Hayes. If, however, the returns for the State are close, and there has been a split in the vote, the Democrats, we trust, will have a Republican Governor will not give any certificate to the electors. The Governor of Oregon is a Democrat, while North Carolina is the only close State necessary to the Democrats where we have a Republican Governor. They must not be allowed to get in Oregon. This is an important and confidential matter.

The Tilden electors of Florida, who were illegally refused certificates of election by an infamous returning board, have succeeded in getting their names on the United States Circuit Court, where no doubt, by appeal will be taken by one or the other of the contesting parties, and the case will be before the Supreme Court of the United States for decision.

Gen. Longstreet, one of the most prominent Republicans in Louisiana for some years past, sends a dispatch to President Grant which concludes: "I believe Gen. Nicholls fairly elected to the office to which he has been inducted, and that he will maintain peace and good order throughout the State. I beg, therefore, that you will maturely consider the premises, and withhold any adverse sensational dispatches that may reach you."

Gen. Clingman is out in a letter in which he strongly advocates the election of Magistrates by the Legislature, and the election of county officers by the Magistrates. He says he does not know of any material opposition to this plan in Beaufort county where he lives.

Instead of sailing to Europe as many supposed, James Fordon Bennett has turned up in Jacksonville, Florida.

The New York Herald alludes to Alexander Stephens as "an animated wrinkle."

A ROGUE IN REVIEW. The Last of the Carpet-Bag Developers.

An Hour with M. S. Littlefield, the North Carolina Fugitive—His Success in Florida—Penalized Legislators—Sharp Dodge for his Capture and Sharper Escape from the Prisoner, Etc.

On any pretty day in Jacksonville, Florida, you may see standing before the Grand National, with his hands dropped carelessly in his pockets, and a rich gold toothpick shining between his lips.

He is, indeed, the handsomest man in Florida if not in the whole South. You will find him an exceedingly sociable fellow and one that will charm you beyond expression with his ready wit, his ready raconteur, and his sweet suave manners. Great extremes of wealth and poverty meet in this handsome gentleman, and he is a living picture of up and down. He is a fellow that

until his eyes were blinded with the upper lights, and his head dazzled with infinite contemplations. He tumbled, and now lies in an abyss.

You ask him to walk down the street with you. He agrees, pleasantly, and he is glad to take a walk in the sun, and complies. On your right flank the St. John lies throbbing and panting within its banks. Its bosom is covered with ships of all sorts from which you may hear the buzz of the sailors' voices. If you could get your handsome friend to step with you on one of those ships, you would

be in luck. He is worth \$5,000 more than you were before he sauntered across the gangway plank.

This man is M. S. Littlefield, the great ex-railroad operator. He is the most wonderful of all those brilliant but brittle developers with large watch chains, bright, gray eyes and Roman noses, that come South on the shoulders of a carpet-bagging party, and in the full belief of the accommodation period with some very creditable mechanical lighting.

The world never saw the equal of this scoundrel hound. Napoleon was simply a different manifestation of the causes that made these men. He went up to Waterloo, and different fortunes awaited him. They ran through all the starting surprises just as he did. He conquered them, and they conquered him. He was a man of affairs with all the assurance and grace that a Chambord would walk up the steps of Bayeux, and he had a white flag fluttering above the diadem. They were kings of their times. They ruled by the grace of God. They answered all their letters with a show of haste, and closed their eyes of the inquisitive, saying a piece of silver after the old fashion, over the seal of a gold. They clapped their hands, and palaces arose as by magic. They pointed their fingers into a forest, and the trees that had stood the storms of centuries tumbled, their trunks became engines, and their wheels were turned by the hands of their fingers, and their nearest acquaintances were guided over till they looked like brass gods.

As yet the crash came. The sky, which had been so high, had been broken by a white flag, and the

showers of green and gold and red over the sky, and dropped a smoky stick into a swamp. And then people rubbed their eyes, wondering, and remarked: "By love! that was splendid!"

THE GREAT ST. JOHN DEVELOPERS. by M. S. Littlefield. In South Carolina he began his Southern career in the lumber business. He soon went to North Carolina, and in two years had five millions dollars worth of bonds and had endorsed one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of paper, on which the

stippled he left the State for his health, the sheriff riding "the pale horse" that pursued him, and came to

Here his brilliant career really opened. Although a fugitive from justice in a State that neighbored Florida, he made his home in the State of Florida. He succeeded in getting a FOUR MILLIONS DOLLARS worth of bonds at a small price, and then set up as a man of wealth. He purchased a lovely site and built him a home that took months to complete. His equipage, with its four magnificent horses, its liveried outriders, and its gold mounted harness, eclipsed that of one with Jim Fish used to establish New York. He lived like a prince. He lacked not a single desire. His slightest whim was gratified. He actually bought a United States Senatorship, one day while looking over from the nest of safety, took attention to go to the Senate, but there was no vacancy. He had Mr. A. J. Gilbert, who was then solemnly and silently serving Florida in that capacity, \$20,000 to resign, having previously arranged with the Governor that in consideration of

\$15,000 in hand pay he would call an extra session of the Legislature, that he might be once elected. As he already owned a majority of the Legislature, the scheme would have gone through a whirling, but for the astuteness of high toned Abijah, who having received \$15,000 of the money in advance, and having bought the extra session of the Legislature, was sharp enough not to resign. He was probably Littlefield's first disappointment, and led to his suing Abijah, for the bonds he held as collateral.

It is a curious thing how Littlefield pensioned the law-makers of that day. He literally owned a majority of them, and had mortgages on many of the others. He let them run a liberal hand, and they did his bidding without question. Has papers in his possession showing the payment of \$7,500 to Furman, then a member, now a Congressman, and to press him, so ready for money that he adopted a system of putting private marks on such checks as he desired to have paid, and when a fellow who did not deserve any more applied for "sugar," he would give him a check without this private mark, smile blandly in his face, and hand him the gilt-edged fraud.

On one occasion Littlefield went so far as to pay \$7,500 for a judge of the Supreme Court. He wanted a certain opinion from the judge (Randall) Alberger, a friend of Randall's, told Littlefield that if he would pay \$7,500 for a house that Randall owned, the decision would be all right. Littlefield did so, and then presented the house to Alberger. It is reported that there is nothing to show that Randall knew where the money came from, that the house was purchased with

Of course there are scores of men who became rich through their association with Littlefield. He paid one law firm

\$15,000 AS LEGITIMATE FEE. He holds the key to many a chamber in Florida. He is famous for laying away every scrap of paper that he ever handled, and he has many a scrap that is lively reading. He was precisely in his liberality. No poor man ever went away from his house with empty hands. His expenses were estimated at \$100,000 per annum. His little wine supplies were perfect gems, that yet had a fragrant place in the memory of many a man who has died.

And now this man who scattered millions as a boy, would throw pennies about, is without a dollar himself. He is as poor as the boy that was once his associate. He has lost everything in his palace, his equipage, his paintings, his money—all. He lives by a sort of sufferance. It is true that he is sole claimant in a suit in which the title of a dollar is at stake, and is content of getting it. But that does not feed him now. Consequently, before these lines are read, he has had to beg for a handful of unfortified eyes. The rocket that we squinted at last night is the stick that he squinted at last night.

Now to make \$15,000. Littlefield's services in North Carolina were valued at \$100,000. He was worth \$1,000,000. He was worth \$1,000,000. He was worth \$1,000,000.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA. Session of 1876-77.

SENATE. The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Robinson presented a memorial from Rev. B. Craven, D. D., Principal of Trinity College, in this State, in reference to the system of education in the common schools of the State, which was read, and referred to the committee on education.

Mr. Cunningham. A memorial from certain citizens of Milton township, in the county of Caswell, seeking authority for said township to subscribe \$15,000 to capital stock of the Milton & South-Narrow Gauge Railroad, placed on the calendar.

Mr. Folk. A bill to perfect titles to land, under decrees of Courts of Equity, was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Nicholson. A resolution in favor of W. S. Wesson, former Sheriff of Lincoln county, referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Moore (colored). Bill for the protection of boarders. Referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

Mr. Johnston. A resolution instructing the Attorney General to bring action to recover for the State the locks and dam, and the power of Deep River, was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Johnston. A resolution in favor of the construction of the Chester & Lenoir Narrow Gauge Railroad and of the Watauga & Caldwell Railroad. Question being on the adoption of a substitute from the committee, it was ordered to lie on the table.

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Mr. Carter of Brunswick favored the seating of H. C. Maddy. Mr. Wilson moved to reconsider the vote by which the substitute offered by H. C. Maddy was lost, upon which H. C. Maddy called for the yeas and nays, and the yeas were 25, nays 44. Mr. Todd demanded a division of the question under consideration. The House sustained the demand, and the first part of the substitute, which declares that Mr. J. J. Horton is not entitled to his seat as the legally elected member from Hertford county, was adopted, yeas 59, nays 25.

The second part of the substitute which declares that H. C. Maddy is entitled to the seat as legally elected member from Hertford, was put and prevailed by a vote, yeas 51, nays 45. The question recurring upon the substitute as a whole; upon which the yeas and nays were demanded. The substitute was adopted by a vote of yeas 51, nays 41.

Mr. Gudger moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted, and to lay that motion on the table, which prevailed.

Mr. H. C. Maddy, who was introduced and duly qualified as member of the House of Representatives from Hertford county. On motion, the House adjourned till 11 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

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