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> of our exchanges, or any legal opinions which have been expressed on this

which have been expressed in this now interesting subject.

In Florida, for instance, the Republican claim that under the powers and dutis of the returning board, a majority of that body discharged a legal duty in throwing out the vote of certain counties and precincts, and changing the popular verdict of the people, and that their action is final. In this case members of the board, Attorney General Cocke, dissented from the opinion of the other two members. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court of the State, and the majority report. of the State, and the majority report was declared illegal, and therefore void.

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can partisans, who looked only to the
success of their party. While pretendsuccess of their party. While pretending to act under the law, they bid deing to act under the law, they bid defiance to the law, as expressed through and has ranked as a moderate republithe highest Court known to the law

Union, the people are sovereign-above law, because they are the authors of or annul any powers conferred upon their delegates, whether members of have risen above it for the purpose of the Legislature, or of the Courts, etc. If then, the people said they desired and no one doubts that he will act with certain of their citizens elected to the absolute fairness. He is chairman of position of presidential electors, and the Supreme Court says they received Claims and Library.

Oliver P Morton is jority shall govern-does not their de-

whenever the people and the returning board shall reach a different conclusion? All government rests upon the consent of the governed. The people, being soverign, can reverse the opera-tions of any law, passed by their delegates, when that law fails to carry out the will of the majority, and the more especially when it had no constitutional foundation at the time of its passage. he Louisiana case is similar. Elec-

cision, annul the powers claimed by

the returning board under a law passed

followers of this or that party. The people say one thing, the returning board another. Can it be possible that lations, Finance, and Judiciary. He is the decision of the board, wrapped up as it has been in the most glaring frauds of the day, will be allowed to stand. If it does, then the will of the majority is no longer soverign-republican institutions are dead, and henceforth, returning boards only, will decide all questions at issue.

THE LOUISIANA BUSINESS .- Our telegrams this morning show the Hon J Madisen Wells in an unenviable light. He informed the Washington conspirators that to overcome an eight thousand de mocratic majority in Louisiana was a heavy business, and the little matter of a million dollars, would not be too much pay. The testimony now being drawn out before Mr Morrison's bunglingly. We publish the looked ATAOORY for letter this morning, which while it does not State positive corruption,
points so strongly in that direction that
little is left to be inferred. This Louisians business we regard as the crown ing act of infamy of the nineteenth bry and a blotch upon our civil-D. M. M. rization, to say nothing of the detriment to republican institutions, and repubican laws.

Personnel of the Tribunal.

of the class of 1828, and of Yale Law School in 1832. In 1832 he removed to Pennsylvania, and located at Reading. He was a Democrat of the old school, and was frequently elected to focal offices. He was a member of Congress in 1846, and again in 1848.—
In 1857 he was elected to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, but he resigned in 1858 and returned to the practice of in 1850 and returned to the profession. In 1870 President Grant appointed him to his present position.

The special committee investigating the adoption of the world showed that.

Mr. Thorne thought that we should never take away any rights now enjoyed by the people, and the history of the world showed that.

Mr. Coke offered an amendment to strike out all that portion of the section which provides for filling vancanties, as the same is provided for in the Judiciary Committee and of the Judiciary Committee and of the adoption of the committee examining into charges against Judicial District. The motion prevailed, and the resolution was put upon the strike out all that portion of the substitute offered by Mr. King, and was of the Judiciary Committee and of the Judiciary Committee and of the Judiciary Committee and of the Judiciary Committee on Education and Labor.

During his congressional career he has

the electoral ticket for Grant in 1868, law passed by the Legislature of the State, they claimed to have judicial from Lafayette College in 1859.

THE SENATE MEMBERS.

is a native of Vermont, and forty-nine years of age. He has served in the State Legislature, and is the successor all law, and may at any time revoke, of Solomon Fort in the Senate. Mr Edmunds has the reputation of being the Judicisry Committee and a member of the Committee on Private Land

Oliver P Morton is a native of Indiana, and is fifty-four years of age, and has been in the Senate since 1867. He is chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and is a member by their delegates-the Legislature, of the Committees on Foreign Relations and Education and Labor. The public are familiar with the earnestness with which he opposed the bill creating the tribunal, and it remains to be seen how far he will carry out the views then expressed as a member of the tribunal. All the world under-stands that morton is intensely parti-san, but, like his colleagues, it is believed he will rise above party and act

as a righteous judge in this contest. Frederick T Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, is a native of the State he reptions are held to determine the views of the people, not to put in office the followers of this or that party. The mittee on Agriculture, and is a mem ber of the Committees on Foreign Reand always has been, a pronounced Republican.

Mr Allen G Thurman is a Virginian by birth, and is sixty-four years of age. He has been a citizen of Ohio since 1818. He has been a representative in Congress and Judge of the Supreme Court of his State, and ever since he has been in the Senate he has occupied a leading position, for he is a man of undisputed ability, and one of the soundest lawyers in the Senate. He is chairman of the Committee on Private Land Claims and a member of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Thomas F Bayard represents little State, but he is unquestionably a very great man. He is forty-eight years of age, and no man on the tribunal will bring a clearer mind to the consideration of the important questions to be presented, nor will any one decide with more exact justice. He is chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, and a member of the Com-mittee on Finance and Private Land

THE HOUSE MEMBERS.

Mr Henry B. Payne is a native of New York, and is nearly sixty-seven | On motion of Mr. Coke the bill was years of age. Having graduated at Hamilton College and studied law, he went to Cleveland, Ohie, at the early age of twenty four years, and has since the bill be deferred till the 12th inst.,

By Mr. fodd, of Ashe: A resolution of instruction to the committee on agriculture. Calendar.

PRIMARY DEF Personnel of the Tribunal.

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and his colleagues he will hold the man, was in favor of electing the justimate of the peace by the people. Mr. Livyd, col., offered an amendation and afterwards went to the war. His abilities as a lawyer far fair, but and afterwards went to the same as lawyer fair, and afterwards went to the war. His abilities as a lawyer fair, and afterwards went to the war. His abilities as a lawyer fair, and afterwards went to the war. His abilities as a lawyer fair, and afterwards went to the war. His abilities as a lawyer fair, and afterwards went to the war. His abilities as a lawyer fair, and afterwards went to the war. His abilities as a lawyer fair, and the adiabate of the went to loward 1850, where he came were you occasions. He is a lawyer fair the adiabate of the went to loward 1850, where he came were you occasions as a lawyer fair the adiabate of the went to loward 1850, where he came were you occasions as a lawyer fair the war of the committee which investigated Mr Blaine's railroad bond the right of franchise away from his phone, of Warren, King, Leach, the replaced of the man of the war of the

member of the Committee on Ways levy taxes, borrow money, purchase Messrs. Clarke, of Craven, and Reyard Means and of the Pacific Railrouds real estate, remove sites of county nolds, colored, favored a close and can. He was appointed to the bench He is a native of Ohio, and forty-five buildings or make contracts or repair searching examination into the charges of Florida. Under the general election law passed by the Legislature of the law passed by the Legislature of the from Lafayette College in 1859.

It was appointed to the bench years of age. He served in the army during the late was, and attained the from Lafayette College in 1859. pied a conspicuous place and position ty, and that for the exercise of their taken by Mr. McGenee. since he has been a member of Con- power the justices shall assemble and Mr. Cobb moved to lay the whole were, and what were not votes. According to the law in every State in this is a native of Vermont, and forty-nine.

Senator George F Edmunds heads man of decided shifty. His appoint-the law in every State in this is a native of Vermont, and forty-nine.

Mr. cood moved to lay the whole matter upon the table, which did not man of decided shifty. His appoint-the law in every State in this is a native of Vermont, and forty-nine.

The question recurred upon the subcontested in consequence of his oppoclaration that it was unconstitutional

delegation from his own State was par preme Court. ticularly opposed to him. While it is true that he opposed to the plan, it is amendment, believed that he will act with fairness \$ 000, Mr. Mebane's amendment was and good judgment as a member of adopted. the tribunal. Ohio has been the lucky State in the formation of the tribunal for it has no less than three members out of the whole number-viz: Payne, Garfield, and Thurman .- Baltimore American.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Eession of 1876-'77.

[Condensed from the Raleigh Observer.]

THURSDAY, Feb. 1, 1877.

The Senate was called to order at 10:30 o'clock, Lieut. Governor Jarvis in the chair.

By Mr. Mebane, of Rockingham Bill to amend section 38, chapter 34,

Battle's Revisal, so as to increase the punishment for speculating in State and county funds by county officials, their deputies, agents and . employees. Referred to the judiciary committee. By Mr. Nicholson: Bill to establish Normal schools. Referred to finance

The School Law Act was read. Mr. Graham saw no reason why the school teachers should be paid before Mr. Mebane thought that the Tax-Collector should be forced to pay teachers first.

Mr. Graham made a motion in accordance with his idea. Mr. Troy moved to amend by making the day for examination of teach-

ers the second Thursday in August in-stead of the first Thursday, as provided for in the bill. The amendment was Mr. Mebane, of Rockingham, called

the previous question, which was susreading and passed, ayes 27 pays 8, and was ordered to be engrossed and sent to the House of Representatives. SPECIAL ORDER

Bill for county government was taken up.

resided there, practicing his profession as on that day he would be prepared and taking an interest in railroad and to show that the charges made against manufacturing enterprises. He has the incompetency of officials from ceralways been a Democrat; was a mem-ber of the State Senate in 1848-'50; was did not think that the bill would hurt the charges against J. C. L. Harris, a presidential elector in 1848; and has him, but poor white people. Lest. Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial District, been the candidate of the Democracy Mr. Folk offered an amendment to was taken up and failed to pass. [The

called for the yeas and nays and the the resignation of Mr. Harris has a senate refused to adjourn.

Senate again refused to adjourn by a \$25,000 or \$30,000 to the State. Had

ceed \$1,000, without the concurrence of the committee to be discharged.

He briefly explained the object of stitute offered by Mr. King, upon to the imposition of a \$12,000 bridge on and nays, and the substitute was lost-He received fewer votes than any of the people of Rockingham by the yeas 46; mays 50. the other members. The Democratic Commissioners, backed by the Su- The question be After accepting Senitor Holt's

> Mr. Moore, (col.,) from New Ha: over, moved to refer to judiciary conmittee. Lost.

amendment, substituting \$2,000 for

Mr. Green moved to adjourn. Lost Mr. Dunn moved to amend by striking out all that portion adopted on motion of Mr. Mebane of Rockingham, and also that portion which vested the townships in the commissioners, and

7; nays 25. Mr. Moore, (col.) of New Hanover, moved to adjourn. Lost. Mr. Dunn moved to strike out section 7, and called the yeas and nays, and the motion was lost, yeas 7; nays

Mr. Coke offered a substitute for section 6, and Mr. Green called the yeas and pays. The substitute was Mr. Green moved to adjourn, and

the Fenate refused to adjourn. Mr. Dockery offered an amendment, that this act shall take effect from and after the year 1880, which was lost. The bill was put upon its passage, and passed with the following vote: Yeas .- Messrs. Albright, Askew, Bingham, Caho, Coke, Crawford, Cun ningham, Dortch, Ferguson, Graham, Heilig, Holt, Latham, Mebane, of Rockingham, Mercer, Robinson, San-difer, Scales, Stanford, Stewart, Short,

Williams, Wilson and York-24. Nays .- Messrs. Bryant, Dockery Dunn, Green, Mabson, Moore, of New Hanover, Thorne and Wynne-8. The Senate then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, February 1, 1877. The House met and was called to

order at 10:20 by Mr. Speaker Price. RESOLUTIONS. By Mr. Parrish: A resolution asking Congres to repeal the act taxing State

By Mr. Rose: A resolution of instruction to the committee of investigation of the matter of impeachment of J. C. L. Harris. Calendar.

By Mr. Reynolds, colored; A resolution to raise a committee to take into consideration that part of the Governor's message relating to the artificial progation of fish in this State.

Under a suspension of the rules, the resolution offered by Mr. Rose in relation to the Committee examining into Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial District,

flect upon the action of the Governor Mr. Mebane's amendment to section upon the resignation, which is now reported to be in the Executive's

hands. Mr. McGehee admired the enthusiasm exhibited on the floor by the in-Mr. Robins moved to amend so as to dignation presented at the probable elect but three commissioners instead malfeasance of officers placed in position, but could look at this matter Mr. Green moved to adjourn and only in a practical sense, and while one who feared the examination and under cover of these fears seeks to adopted.

Mr. Green then moved to adjourn Gehee did not favor his arraignment at and called for the yeas and nays. The the bar of the Senate at a cost of Harris felt himself to be an innocent man he would have courted a scrutinizing examination into the charges preferred against him.

bridges, the costs whereof would ex- against Mr. Harris and did not wish a majority of the justices of the coun- Mr. Parrish favored the position

sition to the whole plan, and his de- the amendment, alluding incidentally which Mr. Ormond called for the year The question being upon the original resolution, it was adopted.

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