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EIGHT BEATS SEVEN.

The Commission Decides the Case by a Strict Party Vete.

Eight Propositions to Test the Sense of the Commission as to the Ad-. missibility of Evidence, are Decided by the Same Vete.

THE SITUATION.

The mountain has labored. The Electoral Commission has decided the Louisiana case by a strict party vote, without regard to its merits, and the decision is that the electoral vote of that State shall be counted for Hayes and Wheeler. It has been demonstrated! beyond mathematical peradventure that eight votes beat seven. We believed when the Democrats in Congress veted for the bill framing the electoral commission with such singular unanimity, that they thought they had such a case as would stand the scrutiny of any impartial tribunal and we are not now willing to censure them for their course, but we did not believe that the Republican members of the Court who composed a part of the tribunsl would be absolutely blind partisars. In this the country has been disappointed. We are not among those who believe that Hayes can be President for the next four years, but it certainly looks like Hayesy weather just

Of one thing we are certain; whatever questions are left to the decision ef the Electoral Commission, will be decided in favor of the Republican party, and whether there is an avenue of escape for the country just now, or not is certainly enigmatical. Mr. Hayes' accession to the Presidency under the circumstances, will be the death knell of the Republic. Counted in and covered over with fraud, and corruption, as he will be, if such a dire calamity shou'd befall the country, his administration will carry with it the seeds of political death. Law, order and fairness being set aside, chaos will begin, and we shall expect to see the country Mexicanized, within a very short time. The end is not yet, but nothing but patriotism can save the country. Will that exhibition of patriotism be made?-ED.

WASHINGTON, February, 16. Gov. Stearns is testifying before Woods' committee, about the use and abuse of troops in Florida.

The committee on privileges and and electors are still deciphering the Oregon dispatches. The committee on privileges and

powers have no session. The House Louisiana committee are

still on the Littlefield developments. THE COMMISSION. Nothing until half four this after-

noon can be known. Louisiana Democrats here suspect that Weldon is Mrs Pinkston in male

attire. SENATE. - Mr Logan, of Illinois moved to take up the senate bill for the issue silver coin, and to make the siver dollars a legal tender, being the

bill introduced by him in August last. Mr Morrill, of Vermont, opposed the motion on account of the absence of the chairman of the committee on said ineligibility as offered by counsel finance, Mr Sherman, and said there had also been a kind of understanding that the bill should not be considered until after the report of the silver commission should be made.

During the discussion, Mr Bogy, a member of the silver commission, said the report of that commission had been completed, and would have been submitted to the senate, had there not been a difficulty in having it printed. He hoped it would be printed and submitted to the senate in a few days.

After much discussion, Logan moved to make the bill the special order for Monday next at 1 o'clock, p. m. Agreed to without a division.

Honore, colored, secretary of the state of Louisiana, arrived here yester-day, with certain papers, under a sub-prena from the senate committee on Morton and Strong—8.

privileges and elections. It is supposed that they are papers which the House Louisiana committee called for, and for refusing to deliver which, the returning board is in distress.

> MIDNIGHT. THE COMMISSION.

The come ission by a vote of 8 to dec: d that no evid nce can be re ceieved in the Louisians (as , except the electo a certificates.

House Committee on the Littlefield De-Numerous propositions were made to take various kinds of evidence, but all were rejected by a vote of 8 to 7.

Commissioner Payne moved to allow con sel one hour's time, but coun sel declined, and the commission resumed its secret session, with a view of reaching the final decision to-night. the following are the resolutions acted upon the commission :

Mr Hoar submitted the following ORDERED. That the evidence be not received.

Mr Abbott offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved. That evidence be received. to show that so much of the act of Louisiana, establishing the returning board for that State is unconstitutional, and the acts of the said returning board are void.

YEAS-Messrs Abbott, Bayard, Clifford, Field, Hunter, Payne and Thurman-7.

NAYS-Messrs Bradley, Edmunds, Frelinghuysen, Garfield, Hoar, Miller, Morton and Strong-8.

Mr Abbott offered another substitute, as follows:

Resolved, That the evidence will be received, to show that the returning board of Louisians, at the time of canvassing and compiling the vote of that State, at the last election in that State. was not legally constituted under the law, establishing it, in this: that it was composed of four persons of one politidifferent parties.

Rejected by the same vote.

Mr Abbott then offered another sub

Resolved, That the commission wi eceive testimony on the subject of the alleged objection to the specification of counsel for the objectors to certificates

Rejected by the same vote. Mr Abbott then offered a fourth

Resolved, That testimony tending to this fact by other responsible parties. show that the so-called returning board of Louisiana had no jurisdiction to canvass the votes for electors for President and Vice President, is admissible.

Rejected by the same vote. Mr Abbott offered a fifth, which was efected by the same vote, which was

as follows:

Resolved, That evidence is admissible; that the statements and affidavits; purporting to have been made and forwarded to said returning board in pursuance of the provisions of section 26 of the election law of 1872, alleging riot, turmoil, intimidation and violence, at or near certain polling and in certain parishes were false, and fabricated, and forged by certain disreputable persons, under the direction and knowledge of the said returning board; that they knew the said statements and affidavits to be false and forged. and that none of such statements and affidavits were made in manner or form, or within the time required by law, and knowingly, willfully and fraudulently failed and refused to canvass or compile more than 10,000 votes cast, as is shown by the statement ofthe votes of the commissioners of

Mr Hunton offered a sixth substitute

as follows :

Resolved. That evidence be received to prove that the votes cast at said election on the 7th of November last, as shown by the return made by the commissioner of election for the said polls and voting places in said State, have never been compiled nor canvassed, and that the said returning board never even pretended to compile or canvass the returns by said commissioners of election, but that said returning board only pretended to canvass the returns made by the State supervisors of registration. Rejected by the same vote. A seventh substitute was offered by Mr Bayard as follows:

Resolved, That no person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States is eligible to the appointment as an elector, and that this commission for objectors, to certificates numbers 1 and 3. Rejected by the same vote. Mr Justice Field offered the eighth

and last substitute, as follows : Resolved, That in the opinion of the commission, evidence is admissible upon the several matters which the counsel for objectors to numbers 1 and 3 offered to prove. It was also rejected

by same vote.

The question turned on the original order submitted by Mr Hoar, came up, which was: That the evidence offered be not received. Mr Payne moved to strike out the word "not." Rejected Cocoanut Cream.

The vote on the original order was then taken, and it was adopted by the following vote:

NAYS-Messrs Abbott, Bayard, Clifford, Field, Hunton, Payme and Thur After the conclusion had been reach-

ed by the commission, counsel were admitted and the above resolutions were read by the secretary of the commission in secret session.

Immediately after the doors were closed, Mr Morton submitted a resolution declaring that the votes of the Haves and W - r electors of Louisians, should be counted, and assigning reasons therefor, which are understood to also cover the cases of Oregon, and South Carolina. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 8 to 7. to Justices Miller and Bradley and Representative Abbott were then appointed a committee to draft a report for presentation to Congress, and at 6:15 took recess to 7 o'clock.

A Supposed Suicide-Drink and Love wedea the Cause. - er ?

MOBILE, Feb. 16 .- Wm H Weldon was sent to Mobile last October, recommended by a member of the house of Claffin & Co., to take service with P H Pepper & Co., a wealthy dry goods house here. He was engaged by Mr Pepper, and remained in his employ until about ten days since, quitting his situation, he took to drinking, probably on that account coupled with a little love matter, and did some wild things last Sunday, inferming one of his acquaintances that he was going to kill himself, and that he had already secured a room at Mandich's restau-Weldon, he was at Peppers & Co's on the 13th inst, at 11 A. M., when he called in and received a settlement of his accounts. He then told the cashier good bye, and on being asked if he was going to remain here, he replied no; that he had something else on hand. and was about to leave the city. Those cal party, instead of five persons of who know him here, say that his resolution, if resolution it was, must have been made at the dining table, and with these who happened with him at the time. While here, he told his friends that his father was a Lutheran minister in Philadelphia. He was never known to take any part or interest in politics, either on one side or the other. One of Weldon's acquaintances here is willing to swear that Weldon has not been in a condition of responsibility for more than a week, and can prove

THE RUSSIAN-TROUBLES.

The Horizon Growing More Peaceful The Peace Policy Uppermost.

LONDON, Feb 16 .- Correspondents speak of Russia's position as unenable. She cannot wait much longer but must go backward or forward. The general tone of the dispatches and editorials are more pacific.

The Vienna correspondent of the Times says: It is the opinion of persons at St Petersburg who agree with the Czar that war is needless, because the fall of Midhat Pasha marks the commencement of a state of anarchy which will eventually compel Europe to interfere. It is said that Gen Ignatieff who has arrived at St Petersburg Gortschakoff, support this ylew. The idea amongst the peace party seems to be that the powers in answering Russia's circular might enable Russia to withdraw and await the results of Turkish efforts at reform, by publicly re-cognizing the sacrifice which she has made on behalf of the Eastern chris-

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