

THE FEDERAL ELECTION LAWS.

We believe it was President Grant who said the best way to get rid of a bad law, was to enforce it, and the action of the United States Supreme Court the other day in declaring the validity of certain laws of Congress, thus striking down the rights of the States, furnishes an instance of how odious these laws are, and suggests their repeal at once.

The bill agreed upon by the House committee on the judiciary to regulate the number and pay of supervisors and deputy marshals appears to be wisely devised to remedy, to a considerable extent at least, the evils of the election laws.

The authority for removal of the cases decided by the Supreme Court from the State to the Circuit Courts of the United States is based on section 641 of the Revised Statutes, and this section is the sum of the acts of Congress:

31 May, 1870, c. 114, ss. 16, 18, v. 16, p. 144.
9 April, 1866, c. 31, s. 4, v. 14, p. 27.
3 March, 1863, c. 81, s. 5, v. 12, p. 730.

The authority for the general appointment of supervisors of elections is based on sec. 2012 of the Revised Statutes, and this in turn is based on:

28 Feb., 1871, c. 99, s. 2, v. 16, p. 433, and
10 June, 1872, c. 415, s. 1, v. 17, p. 348.

The authority for the appointment of special deputy marshals is derived from sec. 2624 Revised Statutes, which is based on:

28 Feb., 1871, c. 99, s. 12, v. 16, p. 437.
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We may argue therefore that the judicial decision by a majority of the court affirming the constitutionality of these statutes by no means passes upon the wisdom or expediency of these laws. It simply declares that they are not in contravention of the organic law, as found in the constitution, but a very large number of the people in the United States agree with us that they are injudicious, oppressive, and even in violation of the spirit of the constitution.

If this be so, then the recent decisions of our very highest judicial tribunal furnish Congress with the very best argument for their repeal. But it is argued these are Republican laws, and while a Democratic Congress might be willing to vote for their repeal, a republican president, clothed in the habiliments of office, through the 8 to 7 vote of the electoral commission, might not be willing to approve the act of Congress. Very well; let a Democratic Congress do its duty and in the event of a veto, let the appeal be made to the people of the nation. The closer the lines of the issue are drawn the better. If we are to drift away from the ancient landmarks of our government, as it has existed for a hundred years, the sooner the people find it out the better.

Alexander H. Stephens is notified, and it is asserted by a Washington correspondent that he has actually contemplated resigning his seat in Congress—

SAN FRANCISCO SAND-LOT POLITICIANS.

It may sometimes be doubted whether universal suffering is a blessing or a misfortune in some communities. The election of Kulooh, through the influence of Kearney and his "sand-lot" politicians, as mayor of San Francisco, is a very strong case in point.

To protect themselves, the better class of people have organized vigilance committees, which to a certain extent propose to be law unto themselves. These committees are going about the work of restoring the good name of their city and rescuing it from the danger of mob law in a way that compels admiration and inspires hope for their success.

The New York Journal of Commerce talks plainly thus: "If this country cannot stand the importation of ground wood in its crude condition, for the product of printing paper, because two congressmen who own a patent and three or four others have a fat monopoly of the business, are likely to object, then the newspapers must put up their price and the people submit to the exaction as best they may."

In the death of Wm. Rufin lawyer, of Hillsboro, eldest son of the lamented Judge Rufin, the State loses one of its greatest legal minds. Having had the misfortune to lose a leg in early life, he retired from the active practice of his profession, but was an ardent and devoted student of the law, and his opinions were held in the highest esteem by the fraternity.

A German paper in Missouri has hoisted the name of Hon. Adolph Pantz for President, which leads the Boston Post to nominate Carl Schurz for Vice-President, on the ground that Pantz and Schurz will go well together.

LOUISIANA'S SUGAR INTERESTS.

Meeting of the Refiners, Planters and Merchants—Resolutions Adopted.

NEW ORLEANS, March 11.—The refiners, planters and merchants held a meeting last night and adopted a preamble and resolutions protesting against the condemnation of the ways and means committee by New York Importers and refiners.

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Sequel to the Sad Story. Gaffney City, S. C., March 12.—I have since learned that the woman, of whose sad fate I wrote you was not found on the outskirts of our town, but three or four miles in the country. She was the daughter of Mr. David Lipscomb. It is supposed that she fell across the fire, brought on premature labor and died hemorrhage.

Parrell's Departure. NEW YORK, March 11.—Charles S. Parrell held a conference to-day at the New York Hotel with friends from this and neighboring cities to consider the expediency of establishing land leagues in this country.

No Jury Yet. DEKALB, Miss., March 12.—The case against Virgil and Houston Gully, for the murder of Gilmer, is still occupying the time of the court here. Not a juryman had been obtained within the hour, and it is now six or seven hours in the hands of the judge, but little hope remains of getting a jury at all.

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

YESTERDAY AT THE CAPITAL.

Mr. Kellogg Wants a Committee—Numerous Bills and Resolutions—The Deputy Marshal Question, &c.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—SENATE.—Vance, from the district committee, reported favorably the bill for the protection of the Potomac River fisheries. Williams presented a joint resolution of the Kentucky Legislature instructing the Senators from Kentucky to urge the passage of the bill reducing the salary of the President of the United States.

After some debate Mr. Gordon and Mr. Grover withdrew their resolutions for the amendment of a special committee on the inter-oceanic canal, and the resolution of Mr. Platt, requesting the President to communicate to foreign governments the desire of this government to secure the neutrality of any transit route across the Isthmus, etc., was referred to the committee on foreign relations.

At the expiration of the morning hour, the Senate took up the regular order, which was the fortifications appropriation bill. Allison explained the bill and a considerable debate ensued upon its provisions, Conkling, Beck and others complaining that it was inadequate, while Withers and Wallace maintained that there was no danger of war and that it was better to await the results of the European experiments in ordnance before going to great expense.

McPherson condemned the administration of the navy department as wasteful and inefficient. After some further debate, the bill was amended in the committee was read a third time and passed. It appropriates \$150,000 for the protection, preservation and repair of fortifications and defensive works; \$400,000 for the armament of the sea coast fortifications, including the expense of converting smooth bore cannon into rifles, and the manufacture of four improved breech-loading rifled guns, and \$500,000 for repairs for harbor defence and for experiment.

Ransom, of North Carolina, introduced a bill to refund to the North Carolina Railroad Company certain moneys unlawfully collected from it by the United States. Referred.

Fredericksburg, Va., March 12.—Ams and ammunition were sent to Lancaster county by the State authorities yesterday to protect the oystermen of Lower Rappahannock from foreign dredgers.

Execution of a Murderer. FLORENCE, Ala., March 12.—John Mayfield, colored, was hanged to-day for the murder of Tobe Irvine, colored, in this place November 11, 1878.

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BRIDGING THE BLOODY CHASM.

The Gate City Guards Memorial Army.

ATLANTA, March 11.—The Gate City Guards have decided to erect a memorial army which shall commemorate the re-union of the States and the return of peace as distinct from many structures erected in the North and South commemorative of events which occurred during the late war.

Unclaimed Bounty—Adverse Report on the Bill for its Application. WASHINGTON, March 12.—The bill for the application of unclaimed bounty money of colored soldiers for the education of the colored race was today reported to the Senate adversely by the committee on education and labor.

Mr. Sherman Writes a Letter. CHICAGO, March 12.—M. L. Sander, of this city, has received a letter from John Sherman, denying the rumor that he intends to retire from the presidential contest.

Quiet in California. SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—Everything was very quiet last night. There were several ordinary meetings of the workingmen's ward clubs, at which the citizens protective union and the arrest of Kearney were vigorously denounced.

Death of an Ex-Auditor of Virginia. RICHMOND, Va., March 12.—Wm. F. Taylor, late auditor of public accounts of Virginia, died in this city last night of heart disease, aged 67 years.

The Virginia Oystermen to Be Protected. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., March 12.—Ams and ammunition were sent to Lancaster county by the State authorities yesterday to protect the oystermen of Lower Rappahannock from foreign dredgers.

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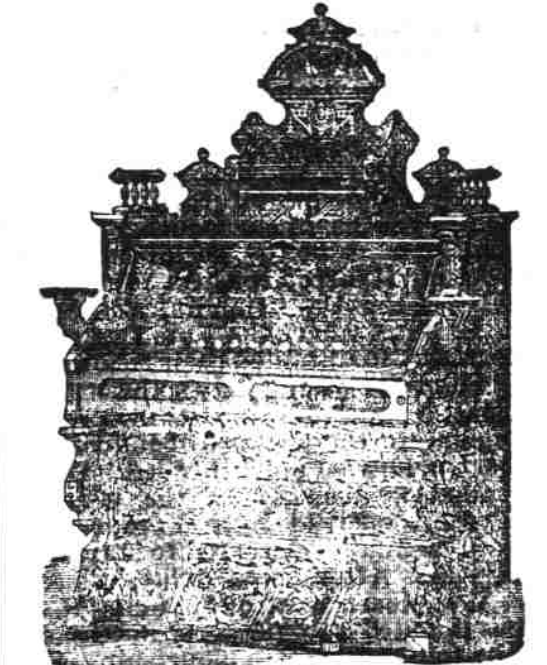
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