

ABOUT "SETTLING IT."

There is a great deal of shallow talk going on in the newspapers about this election business which betrays a fundamental ignorance of the principle on which our government is founded.

Indeed we know of one or two newspapers whose editors might with advantage read the Constitution of the United States, and follow that with some simple elementary work on law.

These able paragraph writers are always seizing the occasion to declare that something or other "settles it." Some Democrat whose heart is a little too warm for the safety of his head mutters threatings about war and straightway these youths rise up and say with one voice: "That settles it."

The country will never allow a party to gain control of the country that threatens war upon it. Or, if some such action is taken as that of the Governor of Oregon which these youths think inconsistent with their slum notion of the law, though it is the law in England and Indiana and Gov. Grover declares the law in Oregon they all bounce up again and say: "That settles it."

The people will never allow the country to pass under the control of a party which resorts to measures like that.

May we venture to remind these able paragraphists that the campaign is over? It is no longer a question, is to whom the country will entrust the Government; the only question, to whom has the country entrusted it?

The American people have no higher duty than to discover to whom the votes cast at the recent election awarded the victory. If that duty is not honestly performed and Congress joins in the conspiracy of the Returning Boards to reverse the ballot boxes, a crime will have been committed from which our good name as a nation will suffer for hundreds of years, and which will debauch and demoralize our whole people for generations to come.

And the man who does his best to make this result possible by talking flippant nonsense about this "settling it," or that thing "settling it," when the only thing that can settle it is an honest count of the votes commits a crime which he will live to repent. No matter what may be the spirit in which either party meets this crisis the party which has achieved an honest majority of the electoral votes must be given the Presidency.

The Democratic party has shown no such spirit as is charged against it. When it is remembered that an attempt has been boldly begun to cheat them out of this victory, their forbearance and moderation are seen to entitle them to a grand place in our history. Let every citizen show the same soberness and wisdom and all will be well. Let us meet this crisis not only with a peaceful mind, but with the dignity that the occasion demands.

LOUISIANA. A Republican Declines to be Counted in—Was fairly Defeated and Will not Accept the Position. The following letter was forwarded to J. Madison Wells, president of the Louisiana returning board, by Mr. John J. Long, who was counted in as representative from the Parish of De Soto:—

DE SOTO PARISH, La., Hon. J. MADISON WELLS, President Louisiana Returning Board:— I have learned that your honorable body has returned me as elected to the lower house of the legislature from the Parish of De Soto. Permit me to return my thanks for the honor conferred, but at the same time permit me to say that I am unwilling to accept the position. I am a republican from the firm conviction that the principles of that party are the best for the whole country.

was his recollection during riots in New York in 1863 a portion of the national government of the Empire State was called out by the direct authority of the President, and co-operated with the regular United States troops in the suppression of the disturbance.

SOUTH CAROLINA. Hampton is organizing his government of the state, and Chamberlain is trying to prevent it. It is said a memorial will be presented to congress by the Democrats setting forth their grievances and asking the recognition of the Hampton government as essential to every interest of the state and her people.

It is also said that Chamberlain contemplates the forcible maintenance of his pretensions, and that he hopes thereby to provoke a collision and thus furnish a pretext for placing the state under martial law. The congressional committees are busy with their investigations, and are bringing to light the most flagrant frauds and falsifications committed by the returning board. Everybody knew they existed. Such knavery, if we except the boards of Florida and Louisiana, was never committed by any one in position to cheat and defraud the people of their ballots.

FLORIDA. The investigation by the congressional committees is being industriously pushed forward. In one precinct alone there were seventy-two double republican tickets put in the box, and names were forged to represent these seventy-two fraudulent votes.

The House committee has had before it the greater number of those whose names were found on the poll book to represent these seventy-two votes, and notwithstanding they are all, or nearly all negroes they have, to a man sworn that they were not at the precinct in question at all that day, and proved that they voted elsewhere. We can't undertake to particularize each item of fraud, but give this as a fair sample. This illustrates the prompt and full obedience to Chamberlain's telegram to count Florida for Hayes, and that money and troops would be furnished.

THE ONLY WAY HAYES CAN BE COUNTED IN.—It is alleged by Republicans that the Senate alone will open and count the electoral vote. That body has never assumed so much power heretofore and one thing is certain, it has no authority from the constitution for such an action. It has been the custom ever since the earliest days of the Republic to do the counting in the presence of both Houses and we presume that this custom will not be departed from.

As the case now stands Tilden has a majority under the broad seals of the states and if Hayes is counted in, it will be done by a revolution of the Constitution, the custom, the laws and the precedents that have hitherto regulated the counting of the electoral votes. Nothing can be clearer than this.—Charlotte Observer.

From the N. Y. Herald, Dec. 19.] ADMIRABLE BEHAVIOR OF THE SOUTHERN LEADERS. It can no longer be said that the representative men of the South are Bourbons, if the name implies men who "forget nothing and learn nothing." No political leaders ever evinced a better aptitude for profiting by experience. The wisdom, moderation and loyalty of the Southern members of Congress and other exponents of Southern opinion in this critical and exciting conjuncture ought to be met in a similar spirit by the President and by all good citizens. We attribute this praise-worthy attitude to the manliness of the Southern character, which has always scorned trick, subterfuge and bluster.

From the N. Y. Sun, Dec. 10.] If of old maxim, that the receiver of stolen goods is as bad as the thief, remains in force until March, Rutherford B. Hayes cannot mount the steps of the Capitol at Washington and deliver his inaugural address as President, without seeing millions of scornful fingers pointed at him from all quarters of the Union, nor without hearing millions of indignant voices muttering in his ears, "There stands a receiver of stolen votes."

From the N. Y. Sun Dec. 19.] Up to the time of the election the bloody shirt of the last war was waved in all directions by the tools of Grant; and ever since then the bloody shirt of another threatened war has been waved by the same hands.

Is the country to be forever controlled by this sort of thing? Are the memories of the wars of the past, and the menaces of the war in the future, to be forever used as the means of party success and the cover for political crime?

TWO GOVERNORS. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER. COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 18, 1876. Sir: I, as Governor of South Carolina, chosen by people thereof, having qualified in accordance with the Constitution hereby call upon you as my predecessor in the office to deliver up to me the great seal of the State together with the possession of the State House, the public records and other matters and things appertaining to said office.

Respectfully, Your obedient servant, WADE HAMPTON. To D. H. CHAMBERLAIN.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER. Columbia, S. C., Dec. 18, 1876. DEAR SIR: I have read the communication in which you call upon me to deliver up to you the great seal of the State, &c. I do not recognize in you any right to make the foregoing demand and I hereby refuse compliance therewith.

I am, Sir your ob't serv't. W. H. CHAMBERLAIN. Governor of South Carolina WADE HAMPTON, ESQ.

THE QUESTION SETTLED.—We noticed on the premises and before the eyes of a prominent Republican of this town an ardent Hayes man chopping down the Hayes and Wheeler flag pole erected here during the campaign. We understand the purpose was to convert it into a hitching rack. No bits of it were sought for watch chains walking canes, or other men's uses.

We guess the Republicans have given up now if not, why do they turn their flag staff to a horse rack? Why was it so unceremoniously hacked down? Why has their not a scramble for pieces of it? Hayes is beaten and who cares for him or his old flag poles now? So goes the world! Such is life!

In South Carolina the Democratic House, the one declared to be the legal house by the Supreme Court, together with the Democrats in the Senate elected Genl. M. C. Butler [United States Senator. This election according to the constitution of the State and the decision of the Supreme Court is legal.

One radical in Louisiana that makes some pretension to honesty. Read the letter of John J. Long in another column. When the managers of a party get so bad, and commit frauds so gross that one of their own party refuses to take place under their count it is about time to give it up.

The Democrats carried the City of Tallahassee Fla. at the municipal election a week ago, for the first time since the war.

The inmates of the Lunatic Asylum in Columbia S. C. are starving, and the superintendent says must be turned out, unless something is done. The appropriation for last year has not been paid.

Gov. Hampton of S. C. has served notice on the banks not to pay out any public money except upon checks signed by himself.

Genl Bartlett of Massachusetts, a brave federal soldier during the war, and a just man afterwards, died on the 17th of this month.

Fanny Davenport is said to be a very fine swimmer. Swimming is an art that all ladies should acquire. It inspires courage and it saves soap. Moreover nothing is so uncomfortable just after a steamboat explosion as to find yourself in the water with a frightened woman who can't swim clinging to your leg.

Gov. Hampton has served notices on the banks of Columbia, notifying them not to honor any drafts or checks issued by Cardozo, Chamberlain, or any members of the usurping government.

The Observer of the 21st says: The platform in the State House Square is ready for decorating, and will receive the appropriate drapery and festooning Saturday under the management of our Raleigh ladies.

The stealing of horses and mules in Meckleburg county is so frequent that the Observer concludes that an organized band of horse thieves are at work there.

Capt. Nat Atkinson of Buncombe county got a reward for his exhibition of apples at the centennial.

Ohio and Indiana Democrats have called conventions of all in their respective states, who believe that Tilden and Handricks have been honestly elected, to assemble on the 8th of January to take such action as may be deemed necessary to preserve the ballot and maintain the rights and liberties of the people.

In the United States Senate, Wright of Iowa introduced a bill for the establishment of a court to try contested elections in the offices of President and Vice-President.

The Patriot says, an organized band of some twenty detectives left Greensboro lately with wagons and camp equipage to scour the country for illicit distilleries.

Quint Bryan who was serving out a sentence to the penitentiary for highway robbery, has been pardoned by the Gov. upon condition that he leave the community in ten days.

A telegraphic line to Fayetteville is nearly complete.

Dr. H. H. Staples of Greensboro died on the 12th of this month.

SUPERIOR COURT. Alameda County. Jesse S. Vincent and Nancy Mary. Against Lavinia Murray, Francis Browning, Haywood McAdams, Sabina Albright, Haywood Teer and Emeline his wife.

SUMMONS FOR RELIEF. (SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS) State of North Carolina: To the Sheriff of Alameda County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Lavinia Murray, Frances Browning, Haywood McAdams, Sabina Albright, Haywood Teer and Emeline his wife the defendants above named if they be found within your county to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court for the county of Alameda within twenty five days after the service of this summons on them exclusive of the day of such service, and answer the complaint which will be deposited in the office of said Clerk within ten days from the date of this summons: And let said defendants take notice that if they fail to answer the complaint within that time the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Herein fail not and of this summons make due return.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, this 15th day of December 1876. W. A. ALBRIGHT, Clerk of the Superior Court, Alameda County. Graham & Graham, P. B. Attor. }

In this proceeding it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that Haywood McAdams is a non-resident of the State, it is ordered that the service of these summons herein, be made upon said Haywood McAdams by publication for six weeks in THE ALAMEDA GLEANER a paper published in the town of Graham, C. This the 15th day of December 1876. W. A. ALBRIGHT, Clerk of the Superior Court, Alameda County.

ALAMEDA COUNTY. In the Superior Court. James E. Boyd assignee of James G. Moore—Bankrupt. Plaintiff, Against Floyd Davidson and wife Sallie, W. V. Montgomery and wife Anna, Joseph P. Albright and wife Amanda, John W. Jordan, Jane Shoffner, Defendants.

Summons. In the above action it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that John W. Jordan and Jane Shoffner are non-residents of this State said defendants being residents of the State of Pennsylvania. It is ordered that publication of this summons be made in the ALAMEDA GLEANER in lieu of personal service. W. A. ALBRIGHT, C. S. C. Nov. 30th 1876.

To the Sheriff of Alameda County:—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Floyd Davidson and wife Sallie, W. V. Montgomery and wife Anna, Joseph P. Albright and wife Amanda, John W. Jordan, Jane Shoffner the defendants above named, if they be found within your county, to be and appear before the Judge of our Superior Court, to be held for the County of Alameda, at the court house in Graham, on the second Monday before the first Monday of March 1877 and answer the complaint which will be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said county, within the first three days of the next term thereof, and let the said defendants take notice that if they fail to answer the complaint within the term the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Herein fail not, and of this summons make due return. Given under my hand and seal of said court, this 23rd day of November 1876. W. A. ALBRIGHT, C. S. C.

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