WILMINGTON, N. C.

Sunday Morning, November 28, 1875.

The United States Senate stands as follows: 40 Republicans (including Alcorn, Robertson, Hamilton and Edmunds) 39 Democrats, and three Independent Republicans—Booth, Christiancy and Cameron, of Wisconsin. There are two vacancies in the Senate, one caused by the recent death of Mr. Ferry, of Connecticut, and the other by the Louisiana claimed by Pinchback. A Democratic Senator will be chosen in place of Ferry, and it is thought that will give 29 votes. Should a Democrat be elected from Louisiana, as is thought probable, and he be admitted to seat which is believed improbable, the Democrats will muster thirty votes. From the total Republican vote take those whose votes cannot always be counted upon—Alcorn, Robertson, Hamilton, and Edmunds—and their list is diminished to 36. Leaving out the question of the Louisiana Senatorship the Democrats will be able to cast a total vote of 30. Add to this the four doubtful Republicans above named and they will have 34. To this add three Independents, Booth, Christiancy, and Cameron, of Wisconsin, and the opposition to the undoubted Republican element would number 37, or a majority of one. Although the most of the Senators put down as doubtful or Independent Republicans more frequently vote with the Republicans than the Democrats it will be seen at a glance that when they do the latter they will have the Republicans in the minority. Such a circumstance is likely to happen very seldom, but it would have occurred last winter had a direct vote been taken on the Pinchback case.

We incline to the belief that some of these Independent Republicans will be more inclined to act with the Democratic party now than heretofore. Mr. Morton, of Mississippi, we know personally, and know him to be a high toned, honorable gentleman, who at one time was the head and front of the Whig party of the State, its very war for what he considered the good of his oppressed people. Elected Governor and subsequently to the Senate; he has given his influence always in favor of the best interests of his constituents. The recent Democratic victory in Mississippi is doubtless due to great measure to him, and he will rejoice in the emancipation of his state from the helpers who have plundered and dishonored her.

Messrs Hamilton, of Texas, and Cameron, of Wisconsin, Conservative in their inclinations, will naturally give heed to the voice of their States which have repeatedly proclaimed their adherence to the Democratic party.

Mr. Booth, of California, is one of those accidental, nomadic statesmen, with no fixed principles, with no surplus brains, the spawn of the restless unrest and discontent of a spasmodic people, the very political embodiment of disorganized and confusion following a great revolution. What he will do or with which party he will align himself, is as much a matter of chance as that of his elevation to his present position. The country can well spare such men from the public councils.

Mr. Christiancy, of Michigan, occupies really the only real independent position. A man of character and ability, a lawyer of eminent ability, and while a Republican, without strong party affiliations, he appreciates the independent position which his elevation by the Democrats in connection with a few Republicans gives him. He certainly cannot be relied upon to favor any extreme party measure.

IN THE SOUTH.

There begins to be a growing sentiment that both ramie and jute can be extensively and successfully cultivated in the Southern States. The drawback to this in past years has been the trouble and expense attending the separation of the fibre from the gummy substance and green covering of the plant. What little work of this kind has been done has been by hand, and as well as being a very slow process it is quite expensive. We learn now that this obstacle has been overcome by the introduction of a machine, which, through the action of certain acids, separates the fibre in a very neat manner, and at a comparatively light expense. In India and China, to which countries these plants are indigenous, we are told the process of separation is done entirely by hand, and at a cost of not less than $150 per ton.

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