WILMINGTON, N. C.:

THURSDAY MORNING. Feb. 22, 1877

If you examine closely into Sena tor Edmunds' conduct in regard to the Electoral Commission, you wil be tempted to charge him with duplicity and fraud, and to look with as much disfavor upon his character 2 34s you do upon Morten or Garfield,

the two men who are now regarded attenin Congress as specially representing the very worst elements in the Re publican party. Senator Edmunds is decidedly an able man-one of the ablest in the Senate. He has been hitherto invested with higher attributes by his admirers than are supposed to belong to his fellow Repub licans generally. But is he entitled to the character that has been assigned him? Is he really ment, or more magnanimity of nature, or more exalted sense of honor than Morton or any of the extremists We doubt it, and we think the facts

man of any more liberality of sentireally forbid any such conclusion. He lacks the manliness of Morton. He pretends to more conservatism of temper and a greater devotion to principle, but it is pretence and nothing more. Morton, with all of his vindictiveness, is an open foe. He shows what he is-a bitter, uncompromising hater of the Southern people, who would rather turn the Union into a hell than have the Democrats restored to power and the black and loathsome record of his party overhauled. He shows this intense hatred, this invincible antagonism on all occasions. He has no concealments of his feelings, but is as conspicuously defiant as thoroughly corrupt. He will resort to any sort of slanders to foster and perpetuate a similar hatred for the South in the hearts of others. So he can continue the rule of his party, he is regardless of the means if they can only subserve his ends. He is thoroughly

Edmands is more prudent. He does not unveil his designs. He is more calculating and plausible. He uses readily high sounding phrases that are supposed to represent honor and integrity, and the other lustrous adornments that add a charm to hu-

bad and thoroughly reckless-a bold,

vigorous, able and insatiable assail-

ant of the Southern people.

Lidone. We think the following will satisfy the most incredulous reader that Edmunds has been guilty of great and inexcusable duplicity in his course with reference to the Com-

Edmunds is a very eminent lawyer, and in his party ranks first among the Senators. He, it was, who first proposed the creating of a special tribunal to settle the disturbed political elements. He appeared to be alarmed at the bold usurpations and defiant attitude of the conspirators. He was not alone in his fears. Other able men saw the dangers that threatened the very life of the country, and co-operated readily and joyfully in his proposed plan of settlement. The Commission was formed. It was planned in the interest of peace, and to guarantee to the country fairness, justice and impartiality. It was Edmunds who reported the bill from the committee. It was Edmunds who engineered the bill. He was its most effective and earnest advocate. He it was who proclaimed to the Senate and the country the fair and honorable ends contemplated by the bill, and the construction which he placed upon it was the very construction that the people of every section and party accepted.

But this was not all he did. He not only spoke and wrote, but he voted too. Senator Edmunds introduced certain resolutions to raise a committee for the specific purpose of inquiring into the frauds. One of his resolutions contains the following:

"Resolved, further, That the said commit-tee be, and is hereby, instructed to enquire into the eligibility to office under the Constitution of the United States of any person alleged to have been ineligible on the 7th day of November last, or to be ineligible as electors of President and Vice President of the United States, to whom certificates of election have been or shall be issued by the executive authority of any State as such electors, and whether the appointment of electors, or those claiming to be such in any of the States, has been made either by force, fraud, or other means otherwise than in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the United States and the laws of the respective States; and whether any such appointment or action of any such elector has been in anywise unconstitutionally or unlawfully interfered with,"

Now it is plain to the humblest understanding that the resolution quoted in part was intended to convey, and does convey, the idea and purpose of ley?

making due inquiry into the conduct of the election in certain of the States. It means that, or it means nothing. That the Senator purposed what Democrats thought he purposed, made very certain by what he said reply to Senator Whyte, of Mary land. Senator Whyte had objected that Edmunds' resolution was not comprehensive enough -did not cover the whole ground-that it should authorize a thorough, searching inquiry into the conduct of the Returning Boards in South Carolina, Louisiana

What did Edmunds say to this? Did he say then that he would vote afterwards for a resolution that would cut off all chances of inquiry into the Louisiana frauds-that he would vote for a resolution that declared curtly and squarely "that the evidence be not received", by which evidence the purpose of his fourth resolution could alone be carried out, to wit, "to inquire into the eligibility" of electors, and "whether the appointment of electors, or those claiming to be such in any of the States, has been made either by force, fraud, or other means," &c. Did the Vermont Senator, then and there, in his place in the United States Senate, declare that his resolution did not contemplate any such inquiry or investigation? · Far, very far from it. Here is what he said:

"Mr. President, the substance of what the honorable Senator from Maryland has proposed, although apparently not in acordance with the views he expressed last year, is the substance of the last resolution which I have had the honor to offer. The only difference, in substance, as my resolu-tion covers all three of these States in every possible aspect of the case—fraud, force, violence, or any other means in respect of the appointment of electors or their behavior, is that if the amendment be adopted it constitutes a special committee, of which, by the usage of the Senate, my honorable friend would be the proper chairman, instead of confiding it to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. I should hope, therefore, that my resolution would note be interfered with, as it covers the whole subject, and we should have the proper committee, instead of this special committee, to perform the duty.

Such is his record before the Commission was formed. We know the rest-how he was elected a member of that really august and most important tribunal clothed with all the powers that his resolutions could give it-how he deliberately and basely surrendered his honor, his plighted faith, his good name, and wickedly and corruptly betrayed the interests and rights of forty-five millions of

He suggested, defended, engineered the bill that created the Commis sion; he defined its powers; he exerted his great abilities in securing its passage; and then joined the con-And now for what he has recently spirators and sold his honor and reputation to the worst men in the na tion. He must have purposed a cheat from the beginning. Morton, Bradley, Edmunds, and position

"Three Judasses, each one thrice worse than Judas."

record, who would not prefer to be of J. Madison Wells on the Louisiana the aggressive, defiant, out-spoken Returning Board. Let him become enemy of all that is right like the Indiana Danton, than to be the sleek, sly, plausible "Artful Dodger" of Vermont? He is really almost as mean, as despicable as Joe Bradley, the Judicial bull-dezer.

The Washington correspondent of the Norfolk Landmark, in his letter of the 18th inst., refers at length to the young lady who recently personated Juliet in this place. We quote

"In a conversation with Miss Anderson, just before she left Washington, she expressed her opinion that her talents were entirely of a tragic order, and the character which required the most vivid force, expressive emotion, nervous strain and highly wrought power, suited her best. Miss An derson has a wonderful histrionic ability and she has genius of a marvellously high order, and if she pursues the right path the Goddess Thalia will encircle her brow with ivy wreaths, and her name will become a household word; BUT—and the ifs and buts are stumbling blocks in all our lives-Miss Anderson should confine herself to one certain role, and not attempt to be a female Admirable Crichton. As a Pauline in the Lady of Lyons, and a Juliet, she is nearly perfect; her willowy, graceful figure, her liquid tones and her great genius, all combined, make her the embodiment of the ideal. So far, so well; but here she should stop, for when she attempts old age she fails lamentably."

We copy this because we have great confidence in her genius, and she is par excellence the best actress native to the South.

A party of Judges, Senators and Representatives were playing a game of Eight-up in Washington the other they controlled the caucus.

The great dread of those who faday. The game was very receiting vor submission is, that in case the and stood seven to seven, when Mor- Democrate fillibuster and defeat

The Democratic press generally accept the situation. Only a dev seem disposed to favor a "rumpus,"

THE VOTE OF THE BLUCK TRIBUNAL. That the names, States, offices and oles of the fifteen members of the Commission may be preed in our files, we copy them e following was the vote on the resolution of Hoar, of Massachusetts, that it be "Ordered that evidence (in the Louisiana matter) be not re

THE IMMORTAL EIGHT WHO VOTED AYE Hon. Joseph P. Bradley, Associate Justice Supreme Court, Fifth circuit, from New Jersey (Rep.)

Hon. George F. Edmunds, United States
Senator, from Vermont (Rep.)

Hon. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, United States Senator, from New Jersey (Rep.)

Hon. James A. Garfield, United States tepresentative, from Ohio (Rep.) Hon. George F. Hoar, United States Rep-

sentative, from Massachusetts (Rep.) Hon. Samuel F. Miller, Associate Jus tice Supreme Court, Eighth circuit, from Iowa (Rep.)
Hon. Oliver P. Morton, United States
Senator, from Indiana (Rep.) Hon. William Strong, Associate Justice Supreme Court, Third circuit, from Penn-

Hon. Josiah G. Abbott, United States Representative, from Massachusetts (Dem.) Hon, Thomas F. Bayard, United States Senator, from Delaware (Dem.)
Hon. Nathan Clifford, Associate Justice Supreme Court, First circuit, from Maine

sylvania (Rep).

(Dem.) Hon. Stephen J. Field, Associate Justice Supreme Court, Ninth circuit, from Cali-Hon. Eppa Hunton, United States Repesentative, from Virginia (Dem.) Hon. Henry B. Payne, United State Representative, from Ohio (Dem.)

Hon. Allen G. Thurman, United States Senator, from Ohio (Dem.)

Morton expresses surprise at th partisanship of the Democratic mem bers of the Electoral Commission. It s enough to make an angel weep to hear the high-minded, magnanimous Morton talk this way. And, on reflection, it is strange that the seven Democrats couldn't see how fair and honest was the count of the "contabulators" in Louisiana. On further reflection, we are indignant that the vote to give Louisiana to Haves was not unanimous.

Here is a part of a portrait of Bradley as painted by Gregory, the able editor of the Petersburg Index.

"He has a perfectly cold-blooded, siniser, untrustworthy expression: the mark a narrow and malignant nature; a face of craft and bigotry, where intelligence but makes these differences of moral character more repulsive. There is no mistaking the man's thoroughly puritan and pharisaical nature, though it cannot be denied that he bears the indubitable facial tokens of ability, thought and culture."

We don't mind so much seeing Tilden swindled out of the Presidency. What wrings our young and confiding heart is the fact that not more'n four days ago we signed a petition for the appointment of a Democratic mail agent; and now the chances of that D. M. A. ain't worth as much as a share of Wilmington and Suicide Railway stock.

What is to be done with Aliunde Bradley now? He is certainly no longer fit to be a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. After examining the Vermonter's He would make a worthy successor a "contabulator" of returns.

> It is not likely that there will be any Democratic mail agents, collectors of internal revenue or postmasters appointed for several years. None but aliunde Radicals will do for those places now; and we would advise our friends to look out for some other job.

> Just think of being "contabulated" into the Presidency by Joe Bradley and J. Madison Wells!

We have to omit several editorials in order to publish other matter, owing to our limited space.

"I believe that I have been honest elected."-R. B. Hayes. "You bet."-J. Madison Wells.

"Seven-up" is a pretty good game but eight-up beats it all to pieces.

Washington Gossip. [Telegram to Norfolk Landmark.] General Hunton says that unless the Democratic tactics are changed

at the eleventh hour, the Democrats will die in the last ditch with Cronin [Special Telegram to the Index-Appeal.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19. The action of the caucus to-night

indicates an increased determination to resist the decrees of the Electoral Commission. The tone of the nonsubmissionists is much firmer, and

and stood seven to seven, when more ton drew a "cold deck" on the party and turned up Joe Bradley. That bitherto to designate any person to act as president during the pending new election.

Washington Special to Philadelphia

seem disposed to favor a "rumpus,"
or to disregard the bargain since the other side played the game with "marked cards."

The other judges, save Miller, make a show of following the case, but nobody can give Miller any points. He said, before he went on the Commission: "This Tilden party "When can I see you," Joe Brad-bas no rights, and ought not to expect anything." He is a worse partisan than Morton or Garfield.

Trave sound fee its court frequently of the

steel-engraved portrait of the editor of the Atlantic, W. D. Howells, one of whose chief literary performances is the life of Returning Board Hayes. Mr. Howells is really a man of genius, who wrote an excellent biography of a very common-place character. His essays and criticisms are anusually finished. His stories and novels we are not familiar with. The number of the Edectic on our table is quite complete, and contains some noticeable papers by English writers. Among them we mention "The Ascent of Man," a spirited protest against certain tendencies of Darwinism, by Prof. Goldwin Smith; "Anecdotes of an Epicure" (meaning Brillat Savario) "Charles Kingsley," a critical study, by G. A. Simcox; "Condition of the Larger Planets." by Richard A. Proctor, B.A., F.R.S.; the opening chapters of a new novel by Mrs. Oliphant, entitled "Young

Musgrave:" "Automatism and Evolution,"

by Charles Elam, M.D.; "Culture and Mo-

dern Poetry;" a brief editorial sketch of

Mr. W. D. Howells; and well filled edito-

rial departments of Literature, Science, and

THE MACASENSO

The Relectic for March contains a fine

Art. E. R. Pelton, 25 Bond Street, New York. \$5 per year. Potter's American Monthly for March is up to its standard. It has some readable papers. We note a sketch of the great American tragedian, Edwin Forrest, by J. A. Lancaster; a paper on "Some Forgotten Artic Explorers," by Thomas A. Janvier; a second paper on "Architectural Progress," by Rev. Dr. Blackwood; "Lafavette's Last Visit to America," by Rev. Wm. Hall; a pleasing sketch of "St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Norfolk, Virginia," by Joseph B. North; and "The Ancient Chinese, their Peculiar Characteristics and Religion," by Dr. Albert L. A. Toboldt. John E. Petter & Co., Philadelphia. Price \$3 a year.

## POLITICAL POINTS.

- Are you "honestly elected," Mr Hayes? Ask Purman.

— The country cannot afford to have the result tainted by the suspicion of illegal or false returns.—President Grant. - No man worthy of the office of President should be willing to hold it if counted in or placed there by fraud.—President

- And now all the criminals in the country will be asking to be tried before an Electoral Commission. No evidence ad-

- Judge Bradley's name would go down to posterity disgraced and steeped in

infamy, and never be mentioned among good men without hissing.—Senator Bogy. - Hayes is a smiler, out that will not help him to be an honest or efficient President, after getting in by fraud. Smilfound out .- N. Y. Sun.

- With the strong opposition in Congress, and the insuperable disgust of honest people, Returning Board Hayes is likely to have a hard time of it these next four years .- N. Y. Sun. - The Democratic caucus held in Washington on Saturday evening made it

clear that the party will stand by its pledge

in spite of disappointment and a deep sense of injustice. - N. Y. Herald. - Depend upon it there is another tribunal trying the Louisiana case—the people—and when they render their decision there will be a bigger rumpus than

there ever has been .- Union. - To this shameless infamy the people will yield submission, knowing that they have been tricked and cheated, but trusting to the ballot-box to right their wrongs in the future. Time at last makes all things even !—Balt. Gazette.

- The Democracy ought neither to be disheartened by the infamous manner in which the corruptionists have deposed the President elected by the people, nor ought they to countenance any violence or other unconstitutional proceeding to prevent the consummation of the fraud .-

- If any one should tell Mr. Evarts that some of these fine days he would be found of counsel for Mr. Tilton, moving for a new trial against Mr. Beecher, Mr. Evarts would feel insulted. But the Evarts of 1877 laboring to establish in Louisiana the despotism denounced by the Evarts of 1875, is a spectacle even more laughably lamentable.—N. Y. World.

## PERSONAL.

- The grave of the late George D. Prentice is still unmarked. - Mme. Alboni, who recently mar-

ried again, is fifty-three. — Daniel Boone's grandson, Mor-gan Boone, is now living in Indian terri-

- Ex-Senator Carl Schurz, whose wife and father died recently, is now call; ed to mourn the loss of his mother. - A letter addressed to "Robert Burns, poet, Heaven," lately reached the return-letter branch of the Glasgow postof-

- Leona Dare, a female gymnast and acrobat, has so impressed the Parisian sculptor, Courtet, that he has taken a cast and made a bust of her.

- The Grand Duke Alexis wants this country to treat him as a private citizen. After being allowed to stand up in a

street car a few times he will discover his -A new and wonderful tenor, it

is said, has just been discovered by a wellknown professor of music in Paris, in the person of a stone carver, employed by an eminent French sculptor. - George Eliot and her husband

are going after next June to live in Surrey, in which county they have purchased a residence. They will probably give up their London house altogether. - Mrs. Kemble, in her pleasant

gossip in the Atlantic for March, says that when the play of the Hunchback, by Sheridan Knowles, was first read to the dra-matic company in London it was received with considerable misgiving as to its chance

- Madame Janauschek has declared that she will never appear in a classic character in the West again. When she played Medea at St. Louis the audience seemed to consider the play in the light of a comedy, and laughed during the most tragic passages.

- Queen Victoria's son, the Duke of Edinburgh, who married the daughter of the Czar of Russia, is desirious to be out of the way of any trouble that may arise between the Government of his royal mother and that of his imperial father inlaw. It is for "domestic reasons," according the dispatch, that he has resigned the command of the British man-of-war Sultan.

N. Y. Sun.

- Russia proposes to move her advance army into Roumania about the 24th inst. It consists of 180,000 infantry, 120,-000 cavairs and 720 guns.

"Do you understand the nature an cath?" a juryman was asked in s St. Louis court-room. "Of course I do," was the reply. "Do you mistake me for a member of the Electoral Commission?"

-The fine residence of Thomas C. Perry, at Abbeville, S. C., which cost over \$20,000, and on which there was no insurance, was totally destroyed by fire on Friday. This house was somewhat famous for having been that in which the last council of war of the Confederate States Government was held on Mr. Jefferson Davis' flight into Georgia in April, 1865.

- The import trade of England has remained stationary for four years, as far as values are concerned It was in 1876 £374,003,771. Her export trade has fallen off one-fifth in the same time, being in 1876 £200,575,856. The quantity of goods handled was, however, a little larger than usual, showing that the principal trouble was the fall of prices all over the world.

### PALMETTO LEAVES.

- Mrs. T. W. Cowart, wife of a good citizen of Aiken county, was in her room, standing before a bureau glass, dress-ing her hair before leaving for a party, on Friday night last, when her little daughter, who was standing near her, pulled a pistol from the drawer and began handling it, when it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering near the top of the hip-bone of the mother, inflicting a supposed mortal

- On last Monday night, Mr. Wilson Marshall, a prominent citizen of York county, had his barn, together with four mules and two horses, destroyed by fire. The work was incendiary, as the fire when discovered was burning in three different portions of the building. Mr. Marshall took an active part in politics in the late election and discharged all negroes who voted against his interest. This is the cause of his loss.

#### Allunde.

There is no surer mark of the quack, the pettifogger, or the general pretender, than the tendency to envelop their thoughts or acts in highsounding phraseology, just as the ancient magician always began his incantations by surrounding himself with a fog. The scirlists of the new dispensation of evolution find an everready retreat in the abracadabra of "correlation of forces," and "molecular-machinery;" the pretentious and ignorant quack will overwhelm you with some gibberish about "the regurgability of the pericardial capillaries," and the pettifogger who wishes to cover up a discreditable transaction will tell you with well-feigned scrupularity that such is his loyalty to law and his obedience to the Coustitution, that he cannot accept evidence aliunde!-Richmond Whig.

at first warned their party against the schemes of the Louisiana Returning Board, now sustain the conspirators. On the 28th of November, the Boston Advertiser said:

"Neither Gov. Hayes nor Mr. Wheeler could honorably accept office under such circumstances, nor could the Republican party take the responsibility of the Government under the imputation or suspicion of

On Saturday last the same newspaper saw a new light, as follows:

"There has been a great deal of vehe-ment oratory bestowed on the alleged corruption of the Returning Officers of Louisiana No corruption has been proved. Nothing of the kind stands against them."

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