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A LITTLE LEAFLET.

Board, Mr. Bayard, of Delaware, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That no person holding an office of trust or profit, under the United States, is eligible to be appointed an elector, and that the Constitution will receive every possible protection whenever it is offered by course of legislation to certain offices.

WADE HAMPTON, Governor, etc.

How brave, sustained, lofty hero in this prompt recognition of the tyrant's authority, warped though he is! The *Charleston News and Courier* says:

The eight Republicans in the Commission voted solidly "No," and Joe Bradley—the veritable J. P. the same, identical, unmistakable J. P. was one of the infatuated eight.

What can any decent man think of such a traitor fellow? How can he fail to be regarded henceforth as a corrupt, dishonest man, utterly unfit to wear the judicial robes, and worthy of impeachment for malice and wilful perjury? He deliberately contradicted his own record—voted two ways, and by his last vote declared that no investigation should be made into the rascality of the Board, and with reference to two Hayes electors notoriously ineligible. It is because of this corrupt and iniquitous record that Joe Bradley is receiving the scorn and contempt of all honorable men. He undertook to apply two rules—one to Florida and another to Louisiana. It was right to inquire into the eligibility of electors in the former State, but wholly wrong to apply the same rule to the latter State. The Norfolk Virginian remarks:

"But what will the country say to this?"

Right, with that, says this administration of evidence to one exclude it in the other?

"Is it right and right and the sanctity of an oath a garment, to be put off and on by a Justice of the Supreme Court at the bidding of a party?" Mr. Justice Bradley has served his party well, but he has done it at the sacrifice of his country and the ruin of his own reputation. The Republicans have in all probability gained a President, but they have destroyed a party.

REPUBLICANISM UNDER GRANT.

The South Carolinians had made extensive preparations to celebrate the 22nd of February, the birthday of George Washington. But in this free country—so called—this was not to be allowed. All Yankeedom might jubilate, and celebrate, and burn "vainitious salt-petre" over the great Southron, but the men of a sovereign Commonwealth cannot be allowed to pay the usual honor to the memory of *Pater Patrie*—the foremost man of all the ages, because they are citizens of a Southern State that has been dragonaded, oppressed, visited literally with fire and sword, by Moloch and the god of turpitude," as Joe Holden called it.

It is altogether probable—possibly certain, that such an exemption would so increase the number of enterprises of the kind, referred to that, in the end the Treasury of the State would be the gainer. At first of course this would not be so, but after while there would be larger taxes received from this form of investment.

Mr. Staples has introduced his amendment to the Constitution, in the House, looking to the end suggested above. The Raleigh *News* has a well considered editorial upon the subject that is evidently the result of reflection. It makes this statement, which appears to be correct:

"For instance, if a man purchases a water power and puts up its improvement to the amount of say, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), the General Assembly may provide, under this amendment, that the tax on the value of the improvement for the purpose of taxation, before the full bench of the Supreme Court, the question is to whether the Tribunal, in excluding evidence, construed the Electoral bill in accordance with its true meaning and with the Constitution. This will have the effect of an appeal from the Tribunal to the Supreme Court in full session, and will compel the Court to go on record as to the jurisdiction of the Tribunal. The first test will come on the question as to whether the Tribunal properly discharged its duties under the law; if this be entertained by the Court, the third, and final test will come on the question as to whether the Tribunal, in its opinion, was correct in refusing to admit to trial to Hayes, in answer to the citation to show cause why he should not vacate the Presidential office."

SAC. 1. That the Directors of the company, provided for by this act, shall have a certificate for his pro-

rata share of stock, according to the number of shares owned by him, as provided in the act entitled "An act

in relation to the Western North Carolina Railroad," ratified the 13th day of February, A. D. 1855, and all acts amendatory thereof, except as the same may be otherwise abrogated, or enlarged or restricted by this act, or by any other act.

SAC. 2. The Governor may contract for, and purchase, in his discretion, such iron and steel rails, and other material as he may from time to time find expedient, to lay the track of said railroad from its terminus, near Old Fort, as the same may be placed in readiness, as the directors of the company, may direct, and such material require, and to pay for such purchase and expenses, including the iron already furnished by the citizens of Wilmington, he is hereby authorized to draw upon the Treasurer his warrants for such sums as may be needful, which the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of any moneys in the Treasury, and otherwise appropriated, to be paid to the company for the account of any debt of any kind, nor as a continuation of the said late "The Western North Carolina Railroad Company," and the capital stock of the company, provided for by this act, shall be eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$850,000), divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and no stockholder which stock shall belong to the State of North Carolina, and the other one-fourth to the stockholders other than the State, each to have a certificate for his pro-

rata share of stock, according to the number of shares owned by him, as provided in the act entitled "An act

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SAC. 3. That the company provided for by this act shall be governed by a Board of Directors composed of nine, who shall be appointed biennially by the Governor, and with the consent of a majority of the Senators elected to the Senate, and shall be appointed from each of the Congressional districts, and one from the State at large, and that the private stockholders shall have the appointment of three of the Directors. The Board of Directors shall, at their first meeting, elect or appoint one of their number to be President of the company, who shall have a general supervision and direction of the business of the company under the direction and control of the Board of Directors. And he may have an annual salary not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, and they shall likewise elect or appoint one person who shall be Secretary and Treasurer of the company, with an annual salary not exceeding five hundred dollars, who shall file a good and sufficient bond in solvency and amount to secure faithful discharge of his duty as such officer, said bond to be approved by the Governor; and no other officer shall be appointed, unless as provided by this act, and no director other than the President shall receive for his services any compensation, except ten cents per mile for the distance traveled from and to the place of the most direct usual route to the place of meeting of the Board of Directors, and said Directors shall receive no compensation for services; and no Director shall be eligible to any position or office in the company, except that of President.

SAC. 4. That the Directors, on the part of the State, shall provide for the organization of the private stock to the bona fide stockholders, who shall be entitled to the same under the provisions of the act ratified March 18th, 1876, and no private stockholder shall be entitled to vote in any meeting of said company until such appointment is made; and neither shall any stockholder participate in the meetings of said Directors until they shall be legally appointed after the distribution of stock, as above provided.

SAC. 4. The President and Board of Directors shall have supervision, direction and control of said railroad, and the Directors, on the part of the State shall have supervision, control and management of all convicts who may be sent to labor on said railroad, under the laws regulating the treatment and management of convicts. They shall likewise have authority to employ an engineer, and such subordinate as they may deem necessary to execute the laws of the state, and to make quarterly reports to the Governor, showing the number of convicts placed under their charge, how they have been secured and managed; what has been the measure of the labor performed by them during the quarter next preceding such report, and the value of the labor done by such convicts, which labor shall be charged against said road by the State Treasurer after deducting the average cost of maintaining them, and in no case shall be at less amount than is provided for in section eight of this act, that money may have passed through their hands, and how they have expended the same, and other information with respect to the work under their charge, as they may think necessary; and also such as the Governor may require of them from time to time. They shall also have the power from time to time to purchase all necessary tools, machinery and materials, and pay for such laborers and employees as they may reasonably require.

SAC. 5. The Warden of the Penitentiary shall from time to time, as the Governor may direct, send to the President of said company convicts who have not been farmed out, and who are not specially required by the Constitution of laws of the State to be retained in the Penitentiary, and such other convicts as have not been assigned, or may not be necessary, to be assigned, to other roads by law, and the same shall be at least three hundred, and the number so assigned shall not exceed five hundred until other roads and public works to which convicts are, or shall be allowed to be used, shall have been supplied; and shall take from him a receipt for the same, setting forth the name and term of service of each, and the date when fully served.

SAC. 6. This act shall be in force from the first day of April, 1877.

The moderate New York *Journal* of Monday, March 6, makes the following statements upon the President for his despotistic action in regard to South Carolina:

"Why the Presidents has forbidden this harmless demonstration we know not. Perhaps he has personal reasons for disliking the gathering of thousands to a point so different from himself in all that make true greatness. Whatever the reason, the fact remains that the people of Columbia, and also Charleston, S. C., are interested

from joining with their brethren of other States and cities in commemorating this glorious anniversary. We wish our sympathies with the people of this disgruntled state, which will terminate with the inauguration of a new administration.

And yet Grant is upheld and defended, honored and applauded by persons of all classes who call themselves Americans, stand by him.

John E. Gough has been 100 years old, and his health is failing.

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