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CONGRESS.

The bill of Mr. Edmunds of Vermont, relating to Presidential elections came up Monday, when that Senator explained its provisions.

Mr. Edmunds in explanation of the bill, said it changed the time for the appointment of Electors from the first Tuesday in November, as now provided, to the first Tuesday in October. It further provided that the Electors should meet and give their votes on the second Monday of January, instead of the second Wednesday of December, as under the existing law. The Electors were to be appointed a month earlier than now, and were to meet a month earlier. The object of this was to give a longer time for the State to dispose of any dispute as to who may have been chosen Elector. The bill next provided that each State, by law passed by a majority of its Legislature, should determine the time for the meeting of its Electors. The fifth section was about the same as the present law, which provided for the Executive of the State to certify to the proper lists, &c. The next section provided for the ceremony of counting the votes on the second Monday in February; and also, that where an aggravated condition of affairs existed in any State in respect to two sets of returns, that one should be counted, which the two houses should declare the true one; or that, where that failed to provide for itself, in case of a dispute, as to who were its Electors, no vote should be received unless upon the affirmative vote of the two houses of Congress.

The next section prohibited debate when the two houses were in joint session. It further provided for the separation of the two houses upon any question of raising, and the decision of such question by each house in two hours under the five minute rule.

Mr. Cameron of Wisconsin submitted the following:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, requested to furnish the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interests, with copies of reports of United States Marshals and other officials, and such other correspondence as he may have relative to the recent election in the States of South Carolina and Louisiana.

By Mr. Page, of California—To enforce the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments of the Constitution. The bill recites that in the late election in South Carolina a large number of male citizens belonging to one political party were, by a law enacted by the Legislature of said State and by a concerted system of oppression, terrorism, and fraud, denied the rights secured them under the Constitution, and enacted that after the 1st of March, 1878, no State of South Carolina shall be entitled to two members of the house of Representatives on the basis of the whole number of white inhabitants of said State.

By Mr. Beck, of a bill, of which he gave notice yesterday, for the repeal of section 1218 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which provides that no person who has held any position under the Confederate government shall be appointed to any position in the army of the United States. Laid upon the table for the present, Mr. Beck stating that he had not yet made up his mind as to what committee he would have it referred.

Mr. Merrimon introduced a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for a detailed statement as to the arms and ammunition supplied from the Ordnance Department of the army to officers and soldiers, marshals and revenue agents, respectively, when and where to be used; if any had been sold, when and to whom, and the disposition of the proceeds.

Agreed to.

The House passed, to the general survey, Mr. Reagan's foolish bill to regulate interstate commerce. It ought to be called a bill to block up the harbors of New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, for if it should become a law, which fortunately is very unlikely, it would make the shipment of grain for Europe from the West as good as impossible.

The bill forbids special rates on any pretext whatever, or for whatever distance, under penalty of heavy fines, and commands that freight shall be carried at precisely the same rates per mile for all distances, long or short, and that the rates shall be posted up at stations and must not be varied under thirty days after such posting. It was vigorously opposed, especially by the New York members, Messrs. Post

and Hewitt, but Mr. Reagan carried the day, the granger spirit being still strong in the House and its ignorance being still stronger.

On Wednesday Mr. Blaine, of Maine, called up his resolution on the southern election frauds, and addressed the Senate in a very powerful and elaborate speech, which we shall publish in full next week.

Mr. Thurman and Mr. Lamar replied to him in a very crass and inconclusive manner, and there was some sharp repartee to them on the part of Mr. Edmunds.

George T. Terrell, Joseph H. Wilson and Nelson Campbell have each been appointed revenue stockholders and goers for the fifth district of North Carolina.

WARRSBO AND THE CENTRAL RAILWAY.

We clip the following from the *Free-Press*:

Transportation from this place direct to the city of Charleston, can now be had in a daily line of stages and freight wagons supplying the connection between Wadesboro and Cheraw. [Monroe Enquirer.]

Why is that? Can't shipping over the Carolina Central Railroad be done to an advantage by the business men of Wadesboro and Monroe? Speak out and let the blame be placed where it belongs. [Charlotte Democrat.]

The question you ask brother Democrat is easily answered. It pays our cotton buyers to sell their cotton in Charleston, so the get about the same for it there as they do in New York; and it only costs two dollars per bale to send it to the former place, while to send it to New York, they pay three dollars and forty cents; and the Charleston merchants are offering inducements equal to New York or elsewhere. And besides, they know the virtue of their printer's ink, and we expect to use our influence in sending all the trade to them, as long as our North Carolina men don't try to secure the trade of the people of this section, by letting them know what they have for sale through the columns of the papers of this section.

In the same paper is an article copied from the *Cheraw S. C. News* in which it is stated that there is a stage and freight line from Wadesboro, Monroe, and other points on the C. C. Railway, and that "cotton is being hauled here [Cheraw] daily in large quantities" from the line of the said road.

We have noticed lately a great deal of complaint in the newspapers on the upper part of the Central Railway line, about the prices of freight on that road and the high charges for merchandise in Wilmington. There seems to be a general war both on the Central Railway and Wilmington, "all along the line." We are not informed as to the merits of these complaints, but, if there are superior advantages, as is stated, in drawing cotton across the Central Railway to Cheraw as compared with sending it to Wilmington, and if there is any considerable diversion of the business of that section to Charleston, it is a matter which requires the serious attention both of the managers of the Central Railway and the merchants of Wilmington. Our columns are open to anybody who may desire to discuss the subject with a view to getting at the facts. In the meantime we express no opinion as to the merits of the controversy either way.

The First North Carolina District.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 9, 1878.
To the Editor of the *National Republican*:
SIR: An editorial appeared in the *National Republican* of the 5th inst. doing me gross injustice, and I write this respectfully requesting that you publish the same.

I have adopted no tactics by which to influence the next House in the event of a contest.

In case of a contest I shall stand upon the justice of my cause. You say, "He (referring to me) is elected by a two-thirds majority, and trying to bolster himself up by proving that he is not a Republican." In this you are mistaken. My declared majority by the state canvassing board is fifty-one. Besides this, the judges of elections threw out 203 votes voted for me, and excluded 164 that offered to vote for me, which would have made my majority 418, if my Democratic enemies had acted fairly and justly with me.

I am one of the Republicans that assisted in organizing the Republican party in the State in 1867. Judge Watts and myself being the representatives from this county in the convention which assembled under the call of Governor Holden. I had the pleasure of canvassing the most of my district in favor of General Grant, and as a delegate to the Cincinnati convention was the first from the North Carolina delegation to put in nomination Mr. Hayes. From 1867 I have been an open and avowed Republican, and expect to heartily work and co-operate with the Republicans in the next Congress. You say further, "He declares that he was an original secessionist, that he never voted to put a black man in office, &c."

I never was a secessionist, but a Union Democrat, being one out of six in this county that voted for Mr. Lincoln for President.

Douglas has frequently voted for colored men for office when competent, and have refused to do so when incompetent.

Respectfully,
JOHN J. MARTIN.

STATE POLITICAL.

The *Raleigh News* is advocating the "No Fence" law.

The *Raleigh News* is thus pointed in its advice to the Democrat:

It is quite well settled now that there will be no Democratic caucus in the legislature on the Senatorial question.

The *Randolph Sun* places at the head of its columns the names of Roscoe Conkling for President, and Thomas Settle for vice President, in 1880.

But first and foremost, let the payment of poll-tax before voting be made a requirement. That's what we are going to "howl" for!—*Free-Press Herald.*

That will be a good way to make the coming legislature as unpopular as the last was.

Whatever may have been the lessons of the last Congressional campaign it has certainly taught one which the Democratic party will do well to lay hold of. It is that the people will stand no more shilly-shallying on the currency question. That unless we adopt some one well defined line of policy, and adhere to it our hopes of success in 1880, are not worth discounting. It is to this shifting, temporizing, undecided policy on the part of our leaders that we owe the disasters met with, and which charge their methods, or we change our leaders, we shall meet with other, and worse disasters in the near future.

Our neighbor of the *Star* who is given to euphuistic styles, has fallen into a statement as to the comparative sacredness of the marriage relations between the State of Indiana and North Carolina. Until the old law, prohibiting a husband from whipping his wife with a stick bigger than his thumb, is repealed, we recommend to our neighbor not to indulge in any more comparative statistics regarding the tenderness and sacredness of matrimony. Any fellow, who while in short clothes, might have seen his mother whipped inside the law with a stick as big as a man's thumb, ought to be cautious in discussing the subject.

The *Acherite Pioneer* completely demoralizes the "State Returning Board" and the caucus system, and walks into Democratic corruption in the most racy manner. It says truly that if charges like that of Ben. Hill against Gov. Colquitt of taking a bribe of \$7,000, had been made against Republicans, every Democratic paper in the country would be splitting its throat in proclaiming it. But that now the whole thing is to be whitewashed. He says "they voted the state auditor of Virginia crazy when his crimes could no longer be concealed," and that they "hushed up" and "never punished" Stephen D. Pool's steal of the "overdraw" from the state treasury of \$3,351.50 "was concealed by a white-washing report of a Democratic committee of the legislature" until it was no longer possible.

STATE ITEMS.

A colored man has been hung in Warren county, who, confessed to having murdered one man, and committed five rapes.

The *Weldon News* says there is not the slightest foundation for the reports that there has been an overflow of the Roanoke.

The *Gazette* claims that Mr. Robert Falkner, of Warren county, aged 102, is the oldest voter in the State. He has voted 80 times.

They are trying to build a railroad from Edenton to Suffolk Va. through Chowan and Gates, and are asking the counties to take stock in it.

Hon. James B. Dodge of Forsyth, is the oldest lawyer and the oldest man in North Carolina, and was a Captain in the war of 1812.

Free Schools, were not established in this State until the fall of 1860. The Constitution of 1776 however provided for free schools, but the successive legislatures neglected to comply with its provisions for seventy four years.

Local Topics. A very severe storm of snow and wind visited our neighbors over the Blue Ridge Friday night and Saturday morning. In some places the snow drifted to the depth of from three to five feet, while the wind was very severe.

A funny fellow appeared at Hickory, pretending to be agent for the English Government, and gave out that he would pay \$100 for any horse 15 hands high. He wanted them for the war in Africa. Every old man-owned horse within ten miles of Hickory was hauled towards that enterprising town, hearing of which the agent of the English Government, with his British gold, jumped out of a back window before day light and ran away. They had a show of men horses in Hickory.

CITY ITEMS.

Now is the time to renew your subscriptions to the Post for 1879.

Maj. Tho. H. Allen, of Florence, S. C., was in the city Thursday last, stopping at the Purcell House.

We call attention to the ad of Col. D. A. Smith. He has a very select and handsome stock of the very best furniture, carpets, &c., that is to be found in this market.

MESSES. PRESTON L. BRIDGERS & CO.—Do not forget to go and examine the stock of groceries offered for sale by the above firm, at their new store on Front street, between the First National Bank and Princess street.

Dr. Harter's fever and ague specific may be taken by persons with broken constitutions, or by children with peculiar safety. Obstinate cases of long standing are permanently cured by this specific.

F. A. Schutte has reopened. It will be remembered that this gentleman was burned out some months ago. He has had a very large store erected on the old site and filled it with a stock of splendid furniture. He now asks his old friends to call, and he also desires to make the acquaintance of others.

We understand that the colored people are going to celebrate the 1st of January, 1879, in honor of their emancipation. That day is one which they should ever hold dear, and we hope the colored military and the fire department will turn out and have an old fashioned parade.

Col. Samuel McD. Tate, of Morganton, North Carolina, was in our city during the past week, in attendance on the Superior Court as a witness in the case of Col. L. E. Rice against the W. N. C. R. Company. Col. Tate is one of the leading Democrats of western North Carolina, and if the Democrats should nominate a man west of Salisbury for Governor in 1880, Col. Tate will very likely be the man.

SETTLED.—In the case of F. E. Rice vs. the Western N. C. Railroad, before the Superior court last week, a reference was agreed upon to two arbitrators, Col. J. McDowell Tate and Hon. W. P. Canady who awarded to the plaintiff \$2,939 18 and the costs of the action, and judgment has been entered accordingly.

LOCAL NOTICE.—The advertisement of Walters Importing Company, of Cincinnati, O., appears in this paper. They are large dealers and importers of foreign watches, and offer a bankrupt stock of watches, warranted one year for accurate time at only \$3 each. They are a reliable firm, and all that desire a good watch, for a small amount of money, should send to this firm and secure a good time-piece.

Col. Ed. R. Brink, who has been Postmaster in this city for the past twelve years, and who has so filled the position that all of our citizens are perfectly satisfied, was nominated on Monday last by the President, for the fourth time, and his nomination was confirmed by the Senate on the same day. The action of the Senate in confirming his nomination the same day it was received by that body was a very just compliment to a very excellent official. May the Colonel continue to fill the position as long as he does his duty, which he has always so well performed.

THE CITY DEPT.—The sub-committee of citizens appointed to investigate and report the amount of the city debt, and the best means of dealing with it, have made a report placing the whole funded liabilities at \$579,559, of which \$208,250, are either over due or to fall due in 1879 and 1880.

The committee through Mr. M. Croly, reported the following resolutions, which are to be considered at a called meeting of the tax-payers and bond-holders, to be held at the city court room next Thursday night:

Resolved, That the citizens in public meeting assembled, after due notification thro' the daily press, do recommend to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to make application to the General Assembly of the State, at its next session, for the passage of an act entitled, "An act to enable the city of Wilmington to pay its present indebtedness, and to provide for its debt maturing in 1879 '80," the said act to authorize the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to issue bonds to the amount of \$200,000 in sums of not less than \$100, payable say, \$50,000 on January 1st 1880, \$50,000 on January 1st 1881, and \$50,000 on January 1st 1882, (the city reserving the right to redeem the same at the expiration of ten years from date of issue) with interest thereon, payable semi-annually, not exceeding six per cent. per annum; the said bonds to be issued, sold or exchanged at not less than par, for the purpose of obtaining or recovering cash of the bonds of the city or as part due and to mature in

1879 '80 and this condition, to be excepted from the said bonds to be issued, to be signed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and the entire amount to be paid by the joint and several approval of the Board of Finance, the coupons of above mentioned bonds to be received at maturity by all officials of the city for any and all taxes or other indebtedness due.

Resolved, That any person or persons in authority who shall apply the proceeds of any bond or bonds issued as above mentioned, in any other manner or for any other purpose than that intended by the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be liable for all the pains and penalties therefor.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman, to whom shall be given in charge the drafting of the act and all matters pertaining thereto, until its final passage by both branches of the Legislature of this State.

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