

**Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents**

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**ONLY DISPUTED ELECTION**

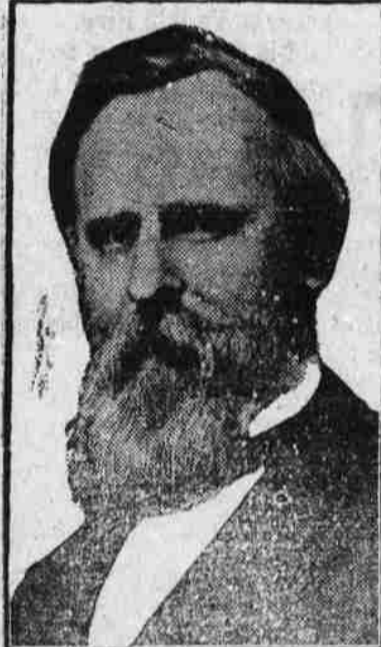
- 1822—Oct. 2, birth of Rutherford B. Hayes at Delaware, O.
- 1852—Married Lucy Ware Webb.
- 1861—Major in Ohio Volunteers.
- 1864—Brigadier General.
- 1865-67—Member of Congress.
- 1867-71—Governor of Ohio.
- 1876—June 15, nominated for President by Republican National Convention at Cincinnati.
- 1877—Jan. 30, electoral commission appointed March 2, Hayes declared elected. March 5, inaugurated 19th President, aged 54.

THE tidal wave which swept down the Republicans in the congressional elections of 1874 still was running so strongly in the campaign of 1876 that Rutherford B. Hayes himself never was confident of his success. Nor was the country surprised to read in the headlines the morning after election that Tilden, the Democratic candidate, had won the race.

The Republican national headquarters in New York city shut up shop early election night, and the Republican campaign managers went to bed resigned to defeat.

Tilden was elected on the face of the returns, with 209 electoral votes to 106 for Hayes, and had also a plurality of 250,000 in the popular vote. His election indeed rested on the same basis as Cleveland's in 1884 and Wilson's in 1916. But in 1876 the Republicans had not yet acquiesced in the suppression of the negro vote in the South. And if the negroes had not been "persuaded" by various means from going to the polls, Tilden could not have been elected.

Both the Republicans and the Democrats claimed to have carried Louisi-



Rutherford B. Hayes.

ana, South Carolina and Florida, and from those states two sets of returns were sent to Washington. Who should decide between them? The Constitution provides merely that the president of the senate shall, in the presence of the senate and house, open the certificates, "and the votes shall then be counted."

But when there are two sets of votes, who shall say which shall be counted? "The president of the senate," answered the Republicans because the president of the senate was a Republican. "The two houses," said the Democrats, because one of the houses was Democratic.

Compromise was necessary to save the government from chaos and the country from another Civil war. The bitter dispute was left to 15 men, one-third of whom were senators and another third were representatives, equally divided between the parties. To guarantee a calm, judicial decision the remaining third were justices of the Supreme court.

Nevertheless, the commission proceeded to decide every essential question in favor of Hayes by a strict party vote of 8 to 7. Ains, the partisan zeal of that feverish hour burned just as fiercely beneath the gowns of the justices as under the frock coats of the legislators.

The judgment of the commission was without force in law until adopted by the two opposing houses, and some disappointed Democrats in the house balked at ratifying the decision against Tilden. But representatives of Hayes whispered to certain southern Democrats in a secret conference at Wormley's hotel that if they would let the Republicans have the presidency, the Republican president would let them have their own state governments. The bargain having been struck, it was kept. After a turbulent night session of the house the result of the election was declared at four o'clock in the morning of March 2, 1877, just 56 hours before the inauguration.

For three months Hayes himself had been alternating from day to day between expectation of success and defeat. Even when he started for Washington on March 1 he was still so uncertain that he frankly told the people of Columbus in his parting speech that he might be back with them and in the governor's chair again in less than a week.

**BIRTHS**

- Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Clay, at Great Falls, Monday, a daughter.
- Born, Aug. 18th to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Porter, a daughter, Katherine Ann.
- Born, Sept. 4th to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hopkins, a daughter, Sylvia.
- Born, Sept. 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Vander McDonald, Robert No. 2, a daughter.
- Born, Sept. 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forbis, Entwistle, a daughter.
- Born, Sept. 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stubbs, Entwistle, a daughter.
- Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Leviner, in Wolf Pit, Tuesday night, a son.
- Born, Aug. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Heglar, Rockingham, a boy, Alfred Lee.
- Born, Sept 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Coward, Steele's Mill, a boy.
- Born, Sept. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Currie, Ledbetters Mill, a girl, Maud Margaret.
- Born, Sept. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Quick, Steele's Mill, a girl.
- Born, Sept. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wadkins, Rockingham Route 5, a girl, Virginia Pearl.
- Born, Sept. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brigman, Midway, a girl.

**CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.**

Two of the four churches on the Piedmont Circuit are undergoing a great many repairs and improvements. At the Pee Dee Methodist Church eight Sunday School rooms are being added to take care of the ever growing Sunday School. The auditorium is going to be changed and reworked while the outside of the church is to have a fresh coat of paint. A hot air furnace will probably be installed so that this winter there will be no cause of any drop in attendance because of cold weather. The Pee Dee Church will, in the estimation of many who are familiar with the plan, be one of the most modern churches when completed in equipment as well as looks inside and out in the county.

The Midway Methodist Church is adding an annex to the main auditorium with eight Sunday School rooms. Four of these rooms will be so constructed as to be thrown in one large social room. One of the rooms will be used as a library and be open during the week. The Sunday School last week gave an order for a large supply of books to go in this library. The old building is to undergo a great deal of improvement. The people at Midway are convinced that they are entitled to the very best house in the community for their church.

**B. Y. P. U.**

B. Y. P. U. Program—subject next Monday night: "Daniel, a country lad in a great city. Group No. 2 in charge. Myrtle Smith, Leader. Scripture lesson—Daniel 1:8-20. Introduction—Myrtle Smith. "Life in the Great City"—Willie Gibson. Daniel's speech—Mr. Funderburk. "Reading the Writing on the Walls—Mr. Johnson. "Daniels in the Lion's Den"—Frances Allen. Song—"Alone"—Miss Terry and Miss Marks.

**Not Guilty of Charge.**

W. H. Watkins, over whom the near-riot was staged at Pee Dee station, in Anson, two weeks ago, was given a hearing before Squire Dunlap, at Wadesboro, Monday on the charge of prostitution. Representing him were D. J. Cashwell, and Caudle & Pruett. The magistrate found Watkins not guilty.

A few days previous another magistrate at Wadesboro, Squire Barrett, found probable cause against 14 negroes of Pee Dee station and bound them to Superior Court. They are charged with inciting to riot.

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