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THE ELECTORAL COUNT

It will be remembered that [illegible] the excitement over TILDEN'S [illegible] tion before the Electoral [illegible] sion was established, [illegible] cans claimed that it was [illegible] of the President of the Senate [illegible] count the vote and declare the re[illegible] sult. The President of the Senate at that time being a Republican, [illegible] course they expected [illegible] count the returns from South Caro[illegible] lina, Louisiana, [illegible] B. HAYES and declare [illegible] elected.

Senator EDMUNDS, now ack[illegible] edged to be the ablest Repu[illegible] in the Senate, after declar[illegible] vote in the recent count and sta[illegible] that CLEVELAND and HENDR[illegible] appear to be elected, said:

"And the President of the Senate makes this declaration only as a [illegible] statement in the presence of the two Houses of Congress of the contents of the papers opened and read on this occasion, and not as possessing any authority in law to declare any legal conclusion whatever."

This statement created quite a flutter among those Republicans who still hold that the President of the Senate has the power to count the vote and declare the result and that the two Houses are merely present to witness the count. The rage in the Senate over this simple declaration, which was a death blow to this extraordinary claim, was conducted, or rather engaged in, by CONGER, INGALLS, WILSON, LAPHAM and others, while in the House the assault was lead by KIEFER.

Senator EDMUNDS simply gave vent to his honest convictions. The fact that it created a stir among the Republicans is one of the best reasons why Congress should settle this matter of counting the vote and put it beyond the possibility of a controversy.

IT REQUIRES BRAIN

The *Orphans' Friend*, published at Oxford, has many good things in it, and things of much common sense. The following is a sample:

The idea that farming does not pay; that the time is coming when it will be less remunerative, is simply preposterous. So long as people eat, just so long will farming be profitable. The great difficulty is: there are too many idlers; too many to be supported from the products of the farm. To our knowledge, there is no occupation that pays half so well. Many of our successful business men, had they stuck to the farm, would have done better. The idea that fools and partial idiots are the only persons that should till the soil is too common with the rising generation. A man of weak brain and strong muscle may become a good laborer but never a *farmer*. There is no occupation that calls for brain, more discretion, more general information, than that of the farmer. Not long ago we heard a prominent D. D. say that he would rather his daughters (and he has several) would marry farmers than any other class of men. It is more ennobling to the soul; the farmer sees each day his dependence on God for all the temporal blessings, and hence he becomes purer and better. Think well, young man, before entering upon your life work. Have ever before you this prayer: "Lead us not into temptation."

A LEAP IN THE DARK

The Senate branch of the General Assembly has been discussing the following bill which passed by a vote of 22 to 15:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable railroads and other transportation companies to extend their lines and to aid in the construction of railroads.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Sec. 1. That any railroad or other transportation company [illegible] have the right to aid in the con[illegible] struction of any railroad or branch railroad in this or an adjoining State connected with it directly or indirectly: *Provided*, however, that this shall not be construed to em[illegible] power the building of any railroad or branch railroad not otherwise authorized by law.

Sec. 2. That any railroad or other transportation company may ac[illegible] quire and hold, or guarantee or endorse the bonds or stocks of, or may lease, any railroad or branch railroad or other transportation line in this or an adjoining State connecting with it directly or indirectly.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

These questions naturally suggest themselves: What corporation wants this legislation? What railroad or branch road do they want to build or lease? Is it in the interest of certain bondholders who have rejected the very fair proposition offered by the State to settle her debt? Unless a satisfactory answer can be given to these questions, we say with Mr. GUDGER, [illegible] is a leap in the dark." An amendment was adopted making roads built under this act subject to tax[illegible] ation. Had the amendment offered by Mr. BASON, making any railroad company or corporation taking any of the benefits and privileges of this act liable to taxation [illegible] ing it list *all its property* [illegible] tion, the game would have been pretty well blocked. But even with this amendment we [illegible] to regard it as dangerous [illegible] hope when the bill reaches the House it will be so [illegible] that everybody will see [illegible] in the woodpile."

We fear the Legislature will prove picayunish on Judiciary [illegible] form. Twelve Judges will not give the relief the people demand unless there is a great change made in the practice. We hope the Senate will improve on the bill that has passed the House.

HASTY AND INCONSIDERATE.

[illegible]

HOME-MADE FERTILIZERS

[illegible]

WHERE TO MAINTAIN IT

[illegible]

[illegible] JUDICIAL DISTRICTS

[illegible]

A NEW PHASE

[illegible] State and of our [illegible] press, so we have considered it unwise to censure a judge for not [illegible]

[illegible] the administration of [illegible] North Carolina.

STATE NEWS

[illegible] from our Exchanges.

[illegible] Cypress [illegible]

[illegible] the kindness and good will of our neighbors and the indication of [illegible] business and social relations.

Selby Harney showed us a day or two ago a certificate of membership of the Society of the Cincinnati of Thomas Mathews, an officer of the Revolution, we think a Brigadier General from Virginia. Gen. Mathews was father of the late Dr. Samuel Mathews of this town and grandfather of J. M. Mathews, lately deceased, and great grand father of the wife of Mr. Harney. The certificate of membership was signed by Gen. Washington, President, and Gen. Knox, Sec'y of the Society in 1785. We think the Society of the Cincinnati has not now an active existence. It was formed of officers of the Revolutionary Army, with Gen. Washington at its head, for the purpose of keeping alive the social connection of the officers and the memories of the war. The certificate is now chiefly valued as a badge of family distinction.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP.

[illegible]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The [illegible] novel entitled "Money [illegible]" printed recently by [illegible] Co., is making a good [illegible] on account of the topic [illegible] There was to find out [illegible] the author of the [illegible] story. I have learned from a good authority that Hon. Frank Hurd, of Toledo, is the author of the "Money Makers." Mr. Hurd is a polished writer, a great reader and one of the most thorough students of social problems in Congress. Whether one agrees with his extreme views or not it must be conceded that he has all the literature of his theories completely at his command. He is a most eloquent man and speaks with such fire and earnestness as to impress every one with the sincerity of his convictions. If any Protectionist expects to maintain a tariff discussion with Hurd he must devote himself to profound study, for Hurd is not a man who can be overturned by shallow arguments or by careless statements of facts.

He is a bachelor and slightly above medium height. He is forty-four years of age, or rather will be forty-four upon next Christmas Day. It is considered very lucky to be born upon Christmas Day. The proverb in the main has proved true in his case. He has been defeated for the next Congress, but his defeat has simply turned his energies in another direction. He has completed his novel since the election, although he had it under way before that. He has a round, broad face, high colored, a high, flat forehead, dark, black eyes, straight nose and a large, full-lipped mouth. His face is smooth shaven, with the exception of a long, dark-brown mustache. He is quite bald. He has lived for a number of years at Wormley's Hotel. He does more reading than almost any member on his side. He is also fond of the society of men, and is a strange combination of student and what is known as a good fellow.

Hurd despises conservatives. His opinions are always red-hot. He believes in no half-way measures. If he could have his own way he would abolish every tariff regulation with a Congressional ukase. He would throw open our ports to the entire trade of the world without a single moment's notice. He has always been an extremist. If he had had his own way in 1877 Hayes never would have been counted in. He was the leader of the furious faction of Democrats who refused to recognize the work of the Electoral Commission.

There has been a good deal of talk about drunkenness in Washington society this winter. There is no doubt that there has been a great increase in the direction of society drinking in the last five years. The punch-bowl has become [illegible] of the institutions of society. There is hardly a reception [illegible] or evening, where the punch-bowl is not found. Places where there are no punch-bowls are voted slow. An old member who came here ten years ago told me that he went out calling the first year he was here on New Year's Day. He went with a veteran Senator from his State. They called at sixty different places during the day. They visited every leading house in Washington. At [illegible] the places were there punch bowls. [illegible]

[illegible] Frelinghuysen and the Knickerbocker stock will do for him."

[illegible] THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Condensed from [illegible]

SENATE.

February 12, 1885.

Senate met at 10 o'clock, President Stedman presiding.

PETITIONS.

Mr. Hill—From [illegible] of Duplin and Onslow asking that a railroad be built [illegible] from Duplin road [illegible] Landing.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Rountree: [illegible] township of [illegible] county.

Senator Hill announced the death of Mr. Robert H. Kennedy, [illegible] ployee of the Senate [illegible] county, a patriotic citizen and a brave Confederate soldier.

[illegible] resolution to pay the funeral expenses of R. H. Kennedy and to give to his widow [illegible] per diem. [illegible] clude medical [illegible] third reading.

Motion was made that a committee be appointed to escort the remains to the depot. Messrs. [illegible] Williams, Lewis and [illegible] were appointed.

Mr. Means said as it seemed to be the desire of the Senate to [illegible] bill, he would move [illegible] on its third [illegible]

Mr. Alexander moved [illegible] that no railroad company [illegible] charter provides for exemption [illegible] and which has not a [illegible] line in operation, shall receive any of the benefits of this act, unless the stockholders shall agree, in a stockholders' meeting, to surrender all rights to exemption from [illegible] Adopted. The bill passed [illegible] reading.

[illegible] for the relief of wounded Confederate soldiers was made special order for Wednesday, 18th, at 12 o'clock.

The hour of 2 having arrived President Stedman declared the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

The House was called to order at [illegible] m., Speaker Holt in the chair. The journal was read and approved.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Among the bills introduced were the following:

Bill to be entitled an act in relation to the State's stock in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company. It appoints a commission composed of the Governor, treasurer and attorney general, to contract for the sale of the State's stock in the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, for the purpose of building a railroad from Goldsboro to Salisbury or Charlotte.

Bill to prevent live stock from running at large in the county of Edgecombe. (The act is not to go into operation until Nov. 1, 1885.) Passed second reading.

Bill to amend section 1973 of the Code (to allow railroads to load and unload and to run on Sundays trains carrying live stock, fruit, vegetables and other perishable freight, passed its second and third readings.

At 2:15 the House adjourned.

SENATE.

February 13, 1885.

At 11 a. m. Lieut.-Gov. Stedman called the Senate to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Marshall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bill relating to the practice of medicine in the State amended so as not to apply to persons who should practice without fee or reward. Mr. Troy submitted an amendment that no regular graduate in medicine shall be liable until after the first annual meeting of the board after the passage of the act. Carried. A running fire of discussion was kept up for some time, for the most part by those who were friendly to the bill, but occupied different standpoints. Mr. Williams spoke at some length. Passed third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Bill to divide the State into twelve judicial districts.

Messrs. Paxton and Graham dis[illegible] [illegible]

HOUSE.

At 10 a. m. Speaker Holt called the House to order.

CALENDAR.

Bill to prevent live stock from running at large in [illegible] [illegible] Passed [illegible]

[illegible] county of Edgecombe. [illegible]

[illegible] second and third readings.

[illegible] a committee [illegible] to know that the bill had been very carefully considered, and that it had in all its features been properly guarded. He therefore hoped the bill would pass without amendment, as it would protect the virtuous females of North Carolina, and punish those who by means of deception and imposition venture to thus ruin female virtue in our midst.

HOUSE.

At 10 o'clock Speaker Holt called the House to order.

The committee made an unfavorable report on the bill relating to the sale of the State's stock in the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad.

The following bills passed their final reading: to incorporate the town of Kittrell, Vance county; to allow the town of Hickory to levy a [illegible] tax; to incorporate the town of [illegible]; to provide for the pay [illegible] Stokes county; to amend chapter 362, acts 1883; to amend section 2821 of the Code; to incorporate the town of Lewisville, Bladen county; to amend section 696 of the Code; to amend sections 1797 and 1798 of the Code, so as to [illegible] the improvement of lands in Wake county; for relief of certain [illegible] in Tyrrell [illegible] to amend [illegible] extending [illegible]

[illegible] reading.

[illegible] to prevent live stock [illegible] large in Edgecombe [illegible] second reading [illegible] [illegible] takes effect [illegible] November, which was adopted [illegible] second reading, was stricken [illegible] and the bill passed its third [illegible]

"Paying Our Scot."

Most of our readers will remember the old story of the Highlander [illegible] who, when some titled [illegible] of his father's [illegible] replied.—

"My father gave a dinner [illegible] there were twenty [illegible]"

"I believe you," was the retort, "for every one of the guests toasted his own [illegible] bacon on the point of his dirk."

This way of taking a share in the hospitality of the host is not confined to Scotland.

In the first settlement of this country, when a tea drinking was given [illegible] house, the mat[illegible] [illegible] brought [illegible] spoon and a "drawing" [illegible] To this day [illegible] guest at an Irish wedding [illegible] will lay down [illegible] to set up the young folks [illegible]

"Pay your scot even in your brother's house," is an old Scotch proverb.

There is something in this system of "paying scot" to a friend or brother which is extremely repugnant to American prejudices. The true meaning of hospitality is that one friend offers a certain [illegible] to another in token of love and friendship. If the obligation is at once paid for, the transaction becomes [illegible] an anti—nothing [illegible]

But after all, are not Americans apt to forget that a guest does owe a debt higher and finer to his host than any money obligation? The dinner or assembly to which our friend bids us, is meant by him to be a season of good cheer, gayety, happiness—a bit of brightness and sweetness thrown into our daily lives to lighten them. We too often accept the invitation, take our body to the feast and dump it in a chair, receive all the good things for body and mind offered us, and give nothing in return. How many dull, gloomy faces surround a dinner table! How much egotistical, disagreeable talk is heard!

But are not people to be gloomy if they have trouble? And are they [illegible] their own [illegible] [illegible] Undoubtedly, *at home*. [illegible] leave gloom and [illegible] courtesy to their [illegible] they should stay [illegible] them. Only the boor [illegible] himself and his concerns the [illegible] of the feast.

[illegible] boys and girls, there is a "scot" which you owe to your [illegible] who invites you to his house, [illegible] your best [illegible] to him for [illegible] return to his hospitality. [illegible] courtesy.—*Youth's Companion*.

A [illegible] FIGHT WITH A [illegible].—A cowboy accidentally [illegible] experience when [illegible] He was [illegible] with his boots [illegible] by a wildcat [illegible] to the throat. He [illegible] started toward the [illegible] He had nothing to fight [illegible]

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The Battle of Bull Run,

[illegible] the confederate general, G. T. Beauregard. [illegible] entitled "Recollections of [illegible], papers chronicling special events, describing [illegible] of various auxiliary branches of the service, etc., will supplement the more important series by the various generals.

A strict regard for accuracy will guide the preparation of the illustrations, for which The Century has at its disposal a very large quantity of photographs, drawings, portraits, maps, plans, etc., hitherto unused. The aim is to present in this series, not official reports, but commanding officers' accounts of their plans and operations,—interesting personal [illegible] record leading events [illegible] possess, at the same time, a [illegible] easily to be calculated.

FICTION.

[illegible] The Century will maintain its [illegible] and furnish the best stories by American writers that can be procured. In [illegible] begins

A New Novel by W. D. Howells,

[illegible] "Venetian Days," "A Modern Instance," etc. This story deals with the rise of an American man. A novel by Henry James, a novelette by Grace Denio Litchfield, and short stories by "Uncle Remus," Frank R. Stockton, H. H. Boyesen, T. A. Janvier, Julian Hawthorne, and other equally well known writers will appear at various times.

MISCELLANEOUS FEATURES.

[illegible] be included a se[illegible] by W. D. Howells [illegible] being reproduce[illegible] by Joseph Pennell.

The New North West.

[illegible] papers by E. V. Smalley [illegible] Principal Grant [illegible] and others, descriptive [illegible] papers on French [illegible] sculpture and painting, [illegible] papers on Astronomy, Architecture and History.

[illegible]

Progress in Sanitary Draining:

[illegible] and others [illegible] George W. Cable [illegible] various ways, several [illegible] will soon be [illegible]

John Burroughs

[illegible] on outdoor sub[illegible]

[illegible] may feel sure [illegible] leading [illegible] within the [illegible] Its circu[illegible] the No[illegible] Sub[illegible] number, be[illegible] Mr. Howell's [illegible] a number [illegible] sell it and [illegible] may be [illegible] of The Century will [illegible] this paper. [illegible] New York, N. Y.

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