

# THE HERALD TELEGRAPHIC

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.

Several of the Democratic watchers have returned from South Carolina. They report that they were greatly surprised at the indifference of the Democrats in that State to Tilden. They seemed to care nothing for him in comparison to Hampton. They still cherish bitter feelings towards Northern Democrats for conspiring with them to accomplish secession, and then giving them no aid whatever when their move resulted in war. These gentlemen say Southern Democrats have no idea of doing the least thing looking to another war. They and their people have had enough of that, and the leaders among them speak in great derision of the utterances from Northern Democratic sources which smirking of war. They say it was just so with their northern friends before, up to the time when their assistance was wanted in the field.

The only hopes of the Democrats are placed in the Supreme Court. All serious claims that the State has gone for Tilden must be abandoned. If the Democrats open up the subject of throwing out fraudulent votes in any one county, as they have intimated they would do in Buford county, their case is hopeless, for there are at least two counties in which enormous democratic frauds can be proved. These are Barnwell and Edgefield. In Edgefield the returns show more Democratic votes than there are voters in the county. Tilden has no chance for opening up the question and going behind the returns. Hampton's hope has been placed in the decision of the Supreme Court. The Democrats rely upon the personal hostility of Chief Justice Roger Taney, Chamberlain to influence his decision as judge.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Nov. 23. The three younger brothers, indicted for the Northfield Bank murder and robbery, were brought into the district court at Faribault at 10 o'clock Monday morning, and all pleaded guilty to the indictment for murder in the first degree. The other indictments were not pressed. Immediately after the plea of guilty the State moved for the impaneling of a jury to determine whether the penalty should be hanging or imprisonment for life. The motion was denied, and at two o'clock this afternoon the prisoners were sentenced to imprisonment in the State prison at hard labor for the remainder of their natural lives, by Judge Lord.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 24. Complete official returns received to-night elect ten democratic congressmen a full delegation.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 24. The official vote of this state for president is as follows: 202,857 for Hayes 58,289; Cooper 3,498; Tilden's majority over Hayes 144,568; over Hayes again, Cooper 54,791.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24. Wm. M. Tweed was landed here yesterday afternoon from a revenue cutter, at the foot of Grand street, and North river. He was taken in a carriage by the Sheriff to Ludlow street jail, where he was admitted through the gate and not by the office, as usual. All he remarked upon being admitted to his cell by Warden Watson was, "I thought I would come and see you again." No person was allowed to see him last night, and no one but watchman were permitted to enter the corridor. The experience of his escape has made the officials of Ludlow very watchful. He will be treated precisely as other prisoners, and allowed no privileges. His rooms are much smaller than those previously occupied, and are accessible only through the Warden's apartment.

A man who saw Tweed yesterday, in answer to an inquiry said: "He is crushed and broken, when he held his old buoyancy and defiant spirit. In fact he is suffering from pleurisy now, and is actual ill. He seemed weary and only anxious about his old acquaintances. He is now in a despondent mood, and is not desirous of companionship more than anything else. He is but a wreck of his former self. Why his vest is a third too large for him, and his features are shrunken and pinched. He has suffered intensely. He is in the dark as to what to do and is even without a legal advisor. He needs medical advice more than anything just now."

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 24. The Board of Returning Officers have completed their canvass of all the uncontested parishes, the vote standing: Republicans, 38,424; Democrats, 19,150; Republican majority, 9,274. They are now at work on the contested parishes, commencing with East Baton Rouge. Sixty-four Republicans will probably be returned to the lower house of the Legislature. The total number of members of the House being 130. The decision in the contested parishes will determine the complexion of the Senate. A majority on joint ballot is, however, assured.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24. Information received here to-day from Tallahassee leaves no doubt that Florida has gone Republican by several hundred majority on the face of the returns. The Democrats are still holding back returns from one Democratic county, for the purpose, it is believed, of changing them, so as to increase Tilden's vote to overcome the Republican majority in the rest of the State. The Republicans, however, know exactly how many votes have been cast in that county, and will expose any attempt to change the returns. Florida is unquestionably Republican, and the news is from a source that can confidently be relied upon.

The Swedenborg society of England, (at its 90th anniversary) have offered a free copy of the new edition of the "Apocalypse Revealed," to 30,000 clerics and ministers of Great Britain.

A Cat in a Printing Press.

(Cincinnati Commercial.) A little grey cat attached to the press-room of the Commercial office took a notion the other day to jump into the heart of one of the Hoe perfecting presses while in motion. She hung on to the cylinder bravely, and made a number of revolutions successfully before the press could be stopped, when she was at once taken out. She seemed unsatisfied, however, at being thus interrupted in her little amusement, and going back to the engine jumped into the fly-wheel, which carried her round and round at the rate of seventy revolutions a minute. The engine was then stopped, and the engineer turned the gyronical cat out of doors. She resented the insult by absenting herself altogether from the office.

## ELECTIONS AND FRAUDS.

The political situation has naturally led to a great deal of discussion of the method of the Presidential election, and the suggestion has been often made that election directly by the people would be preferable. We allude to this proposition elsewhere, but it deserves more detailed consideration. In the sense in which it is suggested, namely, that a majority of the popular vote should elect the President, it would be the most formidable step ever taken toward the overthrow of the State basis of our system of government. Our government is not one of the numerical majority. It is founded upon States. Each State, Delaware and Colorado as well as New York and Pennsylvania and Ohio, has two Senators—an equality of representation, and when the choice of President falls upon the house of Representatives, it is decided not by a majority of members, but of States. This is the principle that underlies the whole system, and if it should be abandoned in the election of President, its abandonment in the Senate would soon follow. No adequate reason could well be assigned for it that could be of so great weight as the objection. The destruction of the equality of the States would lead to the practical absorption of power by a few of the great States, and a discontent and jealousy which on every account are to be deprecated.

There are, however, good reasons for modifying the details of the present system without touching the principle. Retaining the State basis, the district electors might be chosen in the different districts, and the electors at large by the whole State. This would be a modification in strict analogy with the existing system, while it would secure a fairer representation of the opinion of the people. Something of this kind, if we remember correctly, was proposed by Mr. Morton, and there is no subject which has more pressing claims upon the immediate act of Congress. Any such modification of the manner of choosing electors would not, of course affect such a situation as that in Louisiana and South Carolina; for whatever the form in which the vote shall be cast, there must always be some final authority to declare it officially. In most of the States the final returning board is merely ministerial. But in Louisiana and Florida and Texas the law gives the returning officers revisory powers. This is unwise, because the canvass of the vote can usually be more securely intrusted to the community in which it is thrown, and because there is a remedy in every case but that of the electors.

For all legislative offices the Legislature itself is the final judge of the qualifications of its members, and for executive offices there is the writ of quo warranto. But if electors be fraudulently returned, there seems to be no present remedy at law, although there is always the political remedy. Thus in Louisiana the board has no doubt revisory power. But if it should exercise it wrongfully, it would be very difficult to find any practical and efficient way to prevent the action of the electors returned under the forms of law. As for the counting of returns by officers who are themselves candidates, and who therefore canvass the votes in which they have so deep a personal interest, it is not unusual, and so long as the function of the board is wholly ministerial the risk is small. In the State of New York, at this very time, both Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Dorsheimer are members of the board, and will canvass the votes thrown for them respectively as Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. But they have no revisory power, and if they had, they would not be distrusted. A more satisfactory method, however, would be a board wholly independent of personal interest in the result.

The excitement of the last month should confirm the resolution of the people and the press that the whole subject shall be reviewed, and the friction which has developed has developed shall be allayed. It is a thousandfold better to acquiesce in a fraudulent result obtained under the undoubted forms of law, when we hold the substantial political remedy in our hands, than to seek to correct the wrong lawlessly. That is the difference between an orderly republic and anarchy. The American doctrine of revolution is not a resort to force when wrong has been done, but only when wrong has been done without hope of redress. There is no possible wrong that can be done in connection with the returning of the late election for which the ballot is not a better remedy than any other conceivable. The late war sprang from the decision not to abide by the decision. Certainly it was not a wise decision.—Harper's Weekly.

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