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TALLAHASSEE, 27.—The canvassing board met, to-day, McLin in the chair. A protest was filed by the republican electors against Attorney General Cocke's sitting as a member of the board on the ground that he had virtually decided and given his decision already, having telegraphed that the democrats had certainly carried the State, and the republicans could not cheat them out of it.

Mr. Cocke stated that he had sent a dispatch in reply to a friend in Baltimore, who asked his opinion, and who furnished it to the newspapers. He respectfully submitted that the dispatch and the opinion therein contained did not disqualify him for sitting as a member of the board. The protest was entered and the board proceeded.

Cowgill moved that Gov. Stearns and Gen. Brannan, commanding the troops here, be admitted to the session. Mr. Cocke amended by adding the name of Mr. G. F. Dreu. The amendment was accepted, and the board then went into private session and adopted the rules. The board then agreed to admit six gentlemen from abroad and six local politicians from each side. They have agreed to commence their duties on the 28th of November, at 10 o'clock, and meet daily, except Sundays and holidays, remaining in session each day as long as the necessities of the case require; to admit persons, not exceeding six in number, equally representing each political party, to witness the proceedings, except when the board may think it necessary or desirable to close the doors for deliberation. The Secretary of State shall open the returns from each county, whereupon the board will proceed to examine the same, and determine from the face thereof, subject to final review, whether the legal formalities and requirements have been complied with, and on an affirmative determination of such preliminary matters, the chairman shall announce the vote of the county; then any person may give notice that said return and election of the vote of said county or any precinct thereof will be contested, and the clerk shall note the objection. Contestants, after the announcement of such result, must file with the board statements in writing, giving specially the objection proposed to be made, with particulars of the time, place and circumstances, together with a statement of the relief demanded. Since the board has no power to compel the attendance, or examination of witnesses, it will receive in evidence proper affidavits, and also such official certificates as are made evidence by law and may be otherwise admissible. If either party desires to produce *viva voce* testimony, they must submit to the board brief statements in writing of the names and residences of witnesses and facts expected to be proved by them, and the board in their discretion, will allow them to attend, and will themselves examine them. Affidavits and documentary proofs on each side shall be filed with the board in the office of the Secretary of State, and shall be accessible to the other side under such regulations as the Secretary of State shall think proper for the safe keeping thereof. All motions and arguments shall be in writing and signed. No oral argument will be allowed. The concurrence of the majority of the board being necessary to determine the action of such concurrence with respect to any proposition or matter, may be formally ascertained by the vote upon a motion duly made and seconded, or informally by the assent of at least two members. The board reserves the right to make and announce such modification or addition to these rules as the case may require. Parties in preferring charges and in presenting their proofs and arguments should bear in mind that the canvas must be completed and the result reached in time for the electors to discharge their duty under the law.

NEW ORLEANS, 27.—Prest. Wells, in the returning board, to day, declined hearing any protests on motions read.

Col. Zacharie filed a protest against the sudden modification of the rules so as to allow the admission, as rebutting evidence, of *ex parte* evidence in contested cases. He claimed it was irregular

and a discrimination against the democrats. The protest was tabled without reading or action.

McGain filed a request that the tally sheets of East Baton Rouge, which had been ordered and telegraphed for on Saturday, but which were not telegraphed for on account of the lack of funds, be sent for now, and the money for the purpose was deposited by the democrats. Through the ignorance of the commissioners of election the documents were sealed up in the boxes. This mistake will cause the throwing out of the ballot, unless the tally sheets are provided. There are democratic majorities in this parish.

The board went into executive session and examined Bienville, West Baton Rouge, Besler, Caldwell, Carroll, Clayborne, Jefferson, Morehouse, Rapids, Red River, St. Landry, Webster and Winn parishes, and the 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th, and 17th wards of Orleans, and laid them over for future action, there being protests and contests in each case. In the 17th ward of Orleans, the parish supervisor threw out the vote of one poll where there was a majority of 173 for the Tilden electors, on the ground that the vote had not been counted and returned within twenty-four hours after the close of the election.

COLUMBIA, S. C., 27.—The board was placed in charge of the United States Marshal. The members are now at large, but accompanied by deputy marshals.

It is understood that troops will be placed at the State House tomorrow, when the legislature meets to organize.

The following dispatch, signed by Senator Gordon, of Georgia, Senator Johnson, of Virginia, Wade Hampton, several Circuit Judges, a large number of State senators and republicans, white and colored, and many other prominent citizens of this State, has just been sent to President Grant:

"We, the undersigned visitors from a distance, and a committee of democratic members elect of the South Carolina legislature, the democratic executive committee and citizens, have just seen by an associated press dispatch that Gov. Chamberlain has applied for United States troops to be placed under his orders at the assembling of the legislature, to-morrow, and send this our solemn protest against troops being placed under the command of Governor Chamberlain. We have no objections to the presence of troops, and will co-operate with them in preserving peace, but we protest against the use of the United States army in controlling the organization of the legislature and enforcing the inauguration of Gov. Chamberlain, who has been defeated by the white and colored voters at the ballot box. There is not the remotest danger of a disturbance of the peace by democrats. If it occurs it will be at the instigation of Gov. Chamberlain, whose partisans have taken the only lives lost in the late exciting canvass in this State. Not one drop of blood has been shed in any political disturbance except by the republicans. It is literally true that the democrats received the greatest majorities in the counties where United States soldiers were stationed. What pretence, therefore, is there for Gov. Chamberlain's demand for troops to keep the peace? We refer for confirmation of these statements to the commanders of the United States forces here and elsewhere in this State."

The democratic counsel and the Democratic State Executive Committee telegraphed this afternoon to Chief Justice Waite, requesting his attendance at the United States Circuit Court on Wednesday, when the *habeas corpus* case of the State board of canvassers will be heard. Both parties are in caucus to-night. The city is full of people. Nothing has transpired since morning.

CAVE CITY, Ky., 27.—There is great excitement here over the hanging of a colored man, who voted the democratic ticket, by negroes, last Friday night. He was taken from his house, despite the pleadings of his wife and children, and hung to a tree. The perpetrators are known and will probably be lynched.

NEW YORK, 27.—Slosson beat Joseph Dion in the billiard game this afternoon by 300 to 298. Rudolph beat Daly, to-night, 300 to 122. Garnier beat Schaeffer 300 to 167.

Edwin Booth has been defeated in the suit to restrain Jarrett and

Palmer from further using the name of Booth's theatre, and to recover \$10,000 damage for the use of the name since Edwin Booth retired from the management.

CHICAGO, 27.—The *Tribune's* Washington special says the republicans here apprehend that enough republican members of the South Carolina legislature will be forcibly detained from the capital to give the organization of the legislature to the democrats; only three or four need be detained to effect this. Wm. A. Cook, a lawyer of Columbia, represents the feeling on both sides there as intense and violence is anticipated. He believes that a large force of rifle clubs are prepared to capture the State House at a moment's warning. He regards the electoral question as settled.

There is a rumor here, to-night, that such evidences of fraud in Louisiana have been discovered as will insure the State to the republicans beyond controversy.

Gen. Manning, chairman of the committee to reorganize the army, has arrived. A different spirit prevails from that of last year, and even the democrats are not disposed to further cripple the army, but to make it more effective.

COLUMBIA, 27.—Gen. Hampton's home, three miles from this city, was burned on Friday last during the night. The flames burst so simultaneously from all parts of the building that the General's two sisters and two young sons had only time to escape with their lives. The library and articles of virtue saved from the fire of 1865, when Hampton's father's home was burned at the same time as his own, the silver and clothing, were all burned. The ladies escaped, saving only their dressing gowns, and Gen. Hampton has not a single article of clothing except those he has on. The fire was incendiary. The General lodged in the city that night. No insurance.

CHARLESTON, 27.—The story of the burning of Gen. Hampton's house by a mob is unfounded. It probably arose from the fact that the residence of Gen. Hampton's sister, about five miles from Columbia, was burned on Friday night. Supposed incendiary.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., 27.—This evening the Yorktown colliery, near Andenriech, Pa., was burned; loss \$75,000.

ST. LOUIS, 27.—The Metcalf-Frost contested election case was concluded in the Circuit Court, to-day. Judge Hindley will render his decision on Wednesday.

OMAHA, 27.—Budd Doble, with Goldsmith Maid and other trotters, left here for San Francisco to-day.

NEW YORK, 28.—The *Herald's* Columbia special intimates that Chamberlain's game is to get the democrats to commit some breach of law so as to call on the military.

The release of the board of canvassers, to-day, is really a worse and more daring judicial usurpation than discharging them after hearing the cause, and deciding them to be illegally deprived of their liberty. They are now discharged from the commitment of the Supreme Court for contempt without argument, examination or adjudication by the United States Court. The Supreme Court committed them for contempt, and Judge Bond releases them until some indefinite time in the future, when he will decide whether they ought to be sent back to jail or not. The negroes are greatly elated at the release of the canvassers, but the news of troops being placed at the disposal of the Governor has rendered them insolent and intolerant in a marked degree. On the other hand this has had a correspondingly depressing effect on the democrats. They are determined to maintain peace at all hazards, and under no circumstances will they be provoked into a disturbance for the purpose of furnishing capital to republicans at the north.

Manton Marble telegraphs to the *Herald* from Tallahassee that certified copies of the official returns, in the custody of the Democratic State Committee, show a clear majority for Tilden electors over and above all frauds. No returns have been shown by the republicans, nor have any official figures thus far been disclosed.

The *Herald's* Tallahassee special says it is discovered this morning that the official returns from Dade County are not in. It is suspected by the democrats that Gleason, clerk of Dade county court, who has been absent from his post since the election, is secreted outside, within telegraphic communication of this place, with a blank certifi-

cate for that county, which he will fill up with figures sufficient to give Hayes a majority, as soon as the canvass of the returns is made. He knows how much is needed. I am disposed to believe that Cowgill has kicked out of the party traces, and will pursue an independent role during the canvass. If this is true, the democratic outlook is vastly improved. Gov. Stearns claims that the face of the returns will show forty-two majority for Hayes. This estimate includes 219 Alachua votes, which, it seems to be agreed, will not be counted, and twelve votes of acknowledged over-count in Jefferson county, which will certainly not be counted. Admitting these 231 votes, the democrats still claim 181 majority for Tilden. There is not a difference of ten votes between any of the electors.

The *Herald's* New Orleans special says Governor Bigler and G. W. Julian, who have all along been the most confident and hopeful of the committee are, to-day, very despondent, and are considering the proper course to pursue in the emergency now deemed almost inevitable. Both parties are collecting evidence and bringing negroes to the city as witnesses on intimidation cases. The republicans have stacks of affidavits, and the democrats have already received some 6,000 from negroes who voted the democratic ticket. The preparation of evidence upon both sides is upon so extensive a scale that there is no probability of its ever being examined otherwise than superficially. Everything is quiet and business almost prostrated.

The *World's* Columbia special says the democratic members of the house have taken possession of their seats, and intend to hold them till ejected by the United States troops, if it comes to that. The excitement increases hourly. All the hotels are filled to overflowing, and more people are arriving. The situation seems, in brief, to be this: If there is no interference by the United States troops the democrats will organize and control the legislature, and seat their rightfully elected members by force, if necessary, but they will not resist the slightest show of federal authority, and a corporal's guard would be quite as effective as a division. The democratic members of the legislature, under the advice of Hampton and Gordon, abandoned the idea of holding possession of their seats all night, and, after canvassing a plan of action, adjourned.

The *Herald's* Columbia, S. C., dispatch says General Ruger arrived there at ten o'clock last night, and at midnight three companies of United States infantry were quartered in the State House.

ST. LOUIS, 28.—J. B. McCulloch, editor of the *Globe-Democrat*, having been informed that the bulle-

tin boards in this city, yesterday, announced that Hayes had said he would not accept the presidency even if counted, in, telegraphed for accurate information, and received the following based on an interview with Hayes:

"The report that Hayes has withdrawn is the most idiotic roorback of the canvass. He will wait for a fair count, and if that honestly elects him, he will not allow the people of the United States to be swindled out of a republican administration."

(Signed) "JAMES M. COWLEY."

CHARLESTON, S. C., 28.—At midnight the State House in Columbia was occupied by federal troops, who camped in the rotunda and kept the doors barred. This morning a guard of sentinels was formed around the building and admittance denied to all except those having passes from Gov. Chamberlain's private secretary, W. R. Jones. The streets of Columbia are crowded with people from all parts of the State. Quiet reigns, but the excitement is intense.

CHICAGO, 28.—Gen. Crook, under date of Camp on Crazy Woman's Fork, Nov. 28, reports that Colonel Mackenzie, of the 4th Cavalry, attacked a Cheyenne camp of one hundred lodges on the west fork of Powder River, on the 25th inst., capturing the village and greater portion of the Indian herd. The loss on both sides is thought to be considerable, but was not definitely ascertained when the courier left. Lt. McKenney, of the 4th Cavalry, was killed. The weather is represented as being very severe.

CHICAGO, 28.—The State official vote was as follows: Hayes' highest elector 268,232, Tilden's highest elector 258,601, Cooper's 17,109. General Assembly—House, republicans 79, democrats and independents combined 74; Senate, republicans 22, democrats 24, independents 5; on joint ballot, republicans 161, democrats 98, independents 5. There are two contests, which may increase the republican majority by two and diminish the democrats.

The *Post's* New Orleans special says the board's latest work has not been very flattering for Hayes, but some polls will be thrown out. The democrats swear that Packard shall never take his seat if elected.

NASHVILLE, 28.—Official vote—Tilden 133,166, Hayes 89,566.

INDIANAPOLIS, 28.—Official vote of the State—Tilden 213,526, Cooper 9,533, Hayes 208,111.

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