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Opinions on the Florida Decision.

At Col. Pelton's rooms in this city last night Charles O'Conor and Judge Black dropped in. The former does not think the decision wholly adverse to the democratic side in Florida. He says, "Tilden has lost one point in many. Hayes has gained one in a few."

Mr. Black is not quite so hopeful.

Richard T. Merrick is satisfied with the decision of the court.

Judge Abbott of the tribunal says it was "a hard fight well fought."

Hunton will not express any opinion, but looks blue.

Thurman and Bayard think the democrats have lost a point in not getting in the House Florida committee's report.

Garfield will say nothing, but is as happy as a big sunflower.

Morton looks as if an awful load had been lifted from him.

MacMahon, of Ohio, and Tucker, of Virginia, feel quite confident that Tilden will turn out "heads up."

Milt. Sayler won't talk on the subject.

General Steadman, of Ohio, thinks Tilden's goose is cooked.

Senator Thurman says the democrats have gained a great victory on their preliminary skirmish.

John G. Thompson says he ain't on the electoral bill, but thinks Charley Foster treated him mean in calling his Ohio appointees "respectable dead beats."

General Rice, of Ohio, is demoralized.

Roberts, of Maryland, says he ain't afraid of the decision at all.

Jencks, of Pennsylvania, says that he considers yesterday's decision of no immediate effect.

Col. Carter, of New Orleans, says he sees nothing in the decision to put up republican hopes or put down democratic spirits.

General McCormick, secretary of the national republican committee, says, "We are marching on to victory."

Charley Foster says, "God and good luck is with Hayes."

Rev. Douglas says, "Oh, hell."

Jerry Rusk (rep.), of Wisconsin, says, "It's all right."

The republican members of the tribunal generally think that yesterday's decision, coupled with the one decided by the tribunal to-day, not to let in the quo warranto proceedings, practically decides the issue in favor of Governor Hayes.

Jim Root, of Chicago, one of Hayes' attorneys, says the decision settles the whole case, fixes the matter for the republicans, and gives them a better chance at Oregon than they would have had without the decision.

Senator Cameron, of Wisconsin, chairman of the committee on South Carolina affairs, says if the decision had been to have gone behind the returns it would have helped the democrats considerably, so far as South Carolina is concerned.

Senator Sargent, chairman of the Florida committee, says it wouldn't even have saved Florida to the democrats if they had gone behind the returns.

Charley Walker, of New York, says, "He don't care if it is against Tilden; that he never was much of a Tilden man anyhow."

Chairman Hewitt said this morning that if Hayes was declared elected, he would be the last President of the United States, for he didn't think the republic would endure.

Ben Hill smiles grimly, and says Mr. Hewitt has less confidence in the republic than he has.

Secretary Chandler had quite a levee last night, and received numerous congratulations.

Senator Dennis, of Md., looks sad and gives it up. He says this is the beginning of the end.

Senator Beck says he don't like the partisan vote of the judges.

Jim Scoville, of New Jersey, says he don't like Bradley; that he was put on by the railroad interests of New Jersey.

Chief Justice Waite said last night that neither party had any cause to congratulate themselves upon having achieved a victory; that the decision is merely a preliminary one, and has no direct bearing on the main point.

Senator Wallace, of Pennsylvania, admits that the decision is to a certain degree unfavorable to Mr. Tilden, but he don't think it utterly jeopardized his chances.

Senator Jones, of Florida, regrets that they did not go behind the returns; but does not construe the tribunal's action to be decisive.

"Marine Band" Harrison says that it stampeded the democrats when they first heard it, but it was just what Charler O'Conor asked for.

Walling, of Ohio, thinks that Tilden is gone up.

Gov. Walker, of Va., says that he don't like the partisan vote, but otherwise than this he thinks Tilden's chances as good as they ever were.

Morrison, of Ill., is quite blue and despondent.

Stilson Hutchins, of the St. Louis *Times*, says he has yet faith.

Gov. Browne, of Tenn., says he don't see how Hayes can be made President with such facts hanging over him as have come out in the Louisiana investigation.

David Dudley Field, in reply to a question as to his views, laughed, and said it still leaves the case one of those things that no fellow could find out.

Frank Hurd, of Ohio, says, "I told you so."

Jerry Black ain't giving his views to any great extent, but he looks unutterable things.

Hewitt, of New York, says he thought it was possible to get up a tribunal of men who would rise above party, but he is quite despairing now, but he don't charge partisanship, but it is fearful.

Judge Jere Black says this afternoon, "We have all the law and facts on our side, but they (the republicans) have the court."

Senator Sherman says he don't think there will be any report in the Oregon case, and it would be very shaky, indeed, if Tilden's chances depended on Pat Cronin's certificate.

Whitthorne says it is just as he expected.

J. Proctor Knott, and all the Kentucky members who voted against the bill, are more happy for having recorded their votes as they did.

To sum up, the democrats who voted for the bill are blue—those who voted against it are happy. All the republicans feel good. A prominent democrat, who don't want to be quoted, says Judge Bradley will vote with the democrats when there is no point of importance in the vote, but on the main question will stand by his party.—*Washington Star, Feb. 8.*

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