

cheered them heartily. Arrived at the hall, Wiltz, in response to calls, briefly related the circumstances of the occupation of the hall by soldiers, and then called the members together and adjourned them till 7.30.

After the retirement of the democrats the republican members, who had returned to the hall, organized by the election of ex-Governor Hahn as speaker, and then adjourned till to-morrow.

Lieut. General Sheridan issued an order at nine o'clock to-night, announcing his assumption, by order of the President, of the command of the department of the Gulf.

The following dispatch was sent by Lieut. General Sheridan to Secretary Belknap to-night:

"It is with deep regret that I have to announce to you the existence, in this State, of a spirit of defiance to all lawful authority, and an insecurity of life, which is hardly realized by the general government, or the country at large. The lives of the citizens have become so jeopardized that unless something is done to give protection to the people, all the security usually afforded by law will be overridden. Defiance to the laws and the murder of individuals seem to be looked upon by the community here from a standpoint which gives impunity to all who choose to indulge in either, and the civil government appears powerless to punish or even arrest it. I have to-night assumed control over the Department of the Gulf."

NEW YORK, 4.—Before Judge McCue, to-day, after the case which preceded the Tilton-Beecher case was given to the jury, Shearman, of Beecher's counsel, stated to the court that they had waited an hour for the plaintiff's counsel, and they were not yet there. Mr. Pearsall, law partner of ex-Judge Morris, stated to the court that he had been requested by Judge Morris to state that the plaintiff was ready to proceed with the trial at the time agreed upon, viz., to-morrow at 11 o'clock. Shearman explained that they had agreed to such a postponement, and the Judge then announced that the case would stand over. There was quite a legal skirmish, the defence working to have the trial declared "on" by Judge McCue, so that he should try it. In this they succeeded, but according to McCue's own statement, he has power to send it before another judge, and it is believed that he will relegate it to Chief Justice Nelson to-morrow. The defense will, however, then present affidavits alleging reasons why the case should be tried before McCue, but unless they are very strong the case will go before Judge Nelson.

VICKSBURG, 4.—The congressional committee continued the investigation to-day. Dr. J. M. Hunt, who went out to meet the negroes, reported to be coming in on Grove Street, on the morning of Dec. 10, related the circumstances of his interview with Owens, leader of the negroes, his bringing him in to see Crosby, and the latter's ordering him to go back and tell the negroes to go home. The doctor said that Owens told him that he was acting under Crosby's orders, and that he had them in writing. When Owens returned to the men, after the interview with Crosby, he told Dr. Hunt to get the cavalry away from the rear of his force and he would order them home. Witness did so and the negroes marched off. Some excited whites followed, but Col. Miller called them back. The only other witness whose testimony was of any particular interest, was Owens, the negro who commanded the Grove street force. His testimony was to the effect that he was coming to Vicksburg with his men, about 120 in all, some armed with shot guns, some with muskets, some with pistols, by order of Crosby. He didn't know what he wanted, but he supposed that it was to help him about getting his office. Owens told substantially the same story as Dr. Hunt about his coming to town to see Crosby, and his subsequent ordering of his men home, but testified that after they started they were fired at and that some of them returned the fire. He testified that Crosby sent written and printed orders to the country, and witness heard them read, telling all the negroes to come into the town armed, on Monday. He didn't think Miller's men meant to kill his men when they fired at them, but only to frighten them. He believed that

Governor Ames was responsible for the trouble, he believed that he advised Crosby to take the course he did.

NASHVILLE, 4.—The legislature of Tennessee met at noon to-day. Lewis Bond was elected speaker of the house. The senate, failing to elect a president on the 10th ballot, adjourned till to-morrow. For this reason the two houses cannot meet in joint convention to elect a U. S. Senator before Tuesday, the 19th inst.

NEW YORK, 5.—The *Evening Post* says that the employment of the federal army in the organization of the legislature of Louisiana appears to be absolutely unjustifiable.

The *Tribune* denounces the military interference at New Orleans yesterday, as the greatest outrage that ever yet, in the history of the country, has been practised upon the citizens of a state. It says—"A minority legislature, never elected by the people, but foisted upon them by the most bare-faced frauds, without regard to ballots or returns, or anything but the necessities of a wicked and corrupt ring of politicians, sits in New Orleans under the protection of federal bayonets, and undertakes to legislate for the state. Nothing in the history of even the great conspiracy, by which border ruffians undertook to seize the territory and state of Kansas, can furnish any parallel for this crowning iniquity of the federal administration."

The *Times* avoids either to endorse or oppose the proceedings, and says the troops were called in to remove persons not members of the assembly, and their commander included in that number certain democrats not named by the returning board, but who had been admitted by the democrats who were so named. To this the democrats, who seem to have been in the minority of those present who were indorsed by the returning board, protested.

The *Sun* heads its report of yesterday's doings—"The Crowning Outrage."

The *World* has nothing but praise for the spirit in which the representatives of Louisiana yielded to the tyranny which they could not resist. It says there was no reason why they should not have resisted to the death this foul outrage upon law and liberty, except the hopelessness of resisting. A rising would have had consequences which are pitiful and terrible even to think of. The legislators of Louisiana yielded with decency, when they could not resist with hope, but terrible as would have been the consequences of resistance they are less terrible than will be the consequences of submission on the part of the people of the United States to the outrage which has been perpetrated upon them all, through the people of Louisiana, for that submission or any tolerance of this last and worst outrage of the traitor who sits in the Presidential chair, which stops short of driving him from it into darkness and disgrace, will be a confession that the American people are no longer fit to have the liberties which in that case it will not take them long to lose."

The *Herald* declares that the scene was a spectacle which should cause every true American to blush with shame and indignation. It says—"Forcible resistance would have been justifiable in any case, for a greater outrage on every principle of free government was never perpetrated, were it not for the fact that the people of Louisiana have surer resources for the redress of their grievances in the sense of justice of the whole country, and in the public sentiment. The conservatives had achieved a perfect triumph before the military intervened; their success was won by taking advantage of the absence of two radicals, which enabled the conservatives to elect a temporary chairman without assistance from the five democrats whose cases were referred to the assembly by the returning board for settlement. Then the conservatives moved and carried a motion admitting these five and, with their aid, elected Wiltz speaker. Apparently no question as to the regularity of these proceedings can be raised, unless it be based upon the unseemly haste of admitting the five without investigation and discussion. That, however, is a question which the conservatives claim nobody outside the assembly itself has power to review."

Judge McCue, to-day, sent the

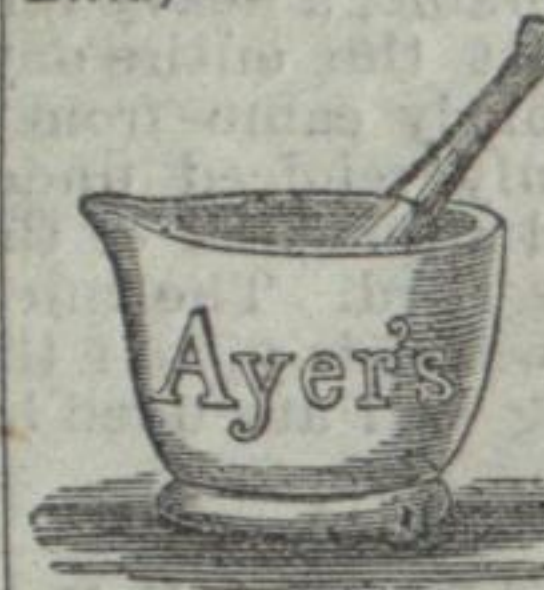
Tilton-Beecher case to Judge Neilson.

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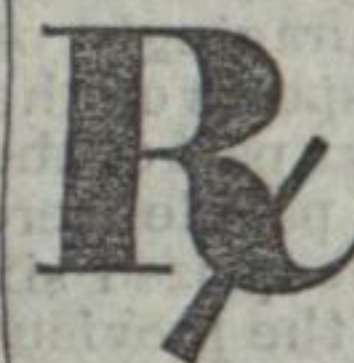
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