THE ELECTORAL INVESTIGATION.

Proceedings of the Potter Committee.

Mrs. Jenks was again recalled on the 26th, and stated, in reference to the so-called Sherman letter, that the person to whom she dictated it was then prominent in local Louisiana politics, but might now be dead, as she had not seen him for six months. It was not Weber. There was a first draft of the letter made and destroyed, as being too elaborate. ....A. G. Haley testified as to conversations with Mrs. Jenks in which she spoke of the Sherman letter and claimed to have it under her control.....Judge Hugh J. Campbell, formerly of New Orleans, but now United States Attorney for Dakota, affixed the jurat to the Anderson protest. He could not testify positively that Anderson swore to the statement in his presence, but was positive he never affixed his signature to an affidavit when the party making the same was not present.

Ex-Marshal Pitkin was further examined before the Committee on the 27th, mainly in reference to the work of the McVeagh Commission in New Orleans, preliminary to the recognition of the Nicholls Government. Witness testified to conversations with Hawley and Harlan, who assured him that the Administration would take care of all the leading Republicans who had borne the brunt of the work in Louisiana; Anderson was not mentioned by name in this connection. Messrs. Hiscock and Cox of the Committee objected to the introduction of further evidence on this point, on the ground that it would drag out the examination to an interminable length. Mr. MacMahon replied that the question of going into an investigation of the McVeagh Commission had been decided in secret session, and he voted for it upon the ground that General Butler informed the Committee that an agreement had been entered into whereby the fraudulent count of the vote of Louisiana had been made effectual, and that he could prove it.....Roger C. Glasscock, keeper of a boarding-house in Washington, testified that Mrs. Jenks boarded at his house last winter, and told witness that she had the Sherman letter or could get it by going to New Orleans, which she was going to do.....William E. Chandler was examined regarding the Electoral count in Florida. He denied the testimony of McLin, given before the subcommittee, that he (Chandler) had given any assurances that the members of the Returning Board would be taken care of in case Hayes was inaugurated. He telegraphed to Lee, Gov. Hayes's private secretary, "Send Stanley Matthews and others of high character; things begin to look favorable." Gov. Noyes subsequently came, but he did not know it was in response to that telegram. He also telegraphed to Zach Chandler as follows: "After full conference with all our friends now here, we find the work to be done requires great and expeditious labor in view of the shortness of time, which, if well performed, will, we believe, insure success. Noyes and Kasson will be here on Monday, and I wish $3,000 sent to Philadelphia to the Centennial National Bank; can you also let me have $2,000 more, making $5,000. It looks possible for about 25 majority in the State. You can imagine what the Democrats are about. Where is Cook?" [Signed] C." The money came, and witness expressed his willingness to tell what he did with the money when called upon to do so. Mr. Hunton said that the object of examining the witness now was to accommodate Governor Noyes, who wished to leave for Europe, and the witness would be questioned only on matters relating to Governor Noyes's participation in the proceedings.....L. G. Dennis, a prominent Republican of Alachua County, Florida, testified that Gov. Noyes wanted him to swear to the correctness of the return from Archer Precinct in that county, which was in dispute before the Returning Board, but witness told him that unless he was ready to abandon his case he had better not put him upon the stand, as his evidence would be detrimental to the Republican side. Gov. Noyes was regarded by all the Republicans as Mr. Hayes's intimate friend, and assured them that he would protect the Southern Republicans.

Mr. L. G. Dennis further testified before the Committee on the 28th: The reason why he did not wish to swear to the correctness of the returns from Archer Precinct was because the Inspector had confidentially informed him that there had been 219 fraudulent names added to the list of voters, and the addition of these names was matter of public notoriety. To Mr. Butler the witness said he believed the returns in Archer Precinct should have shown 219 votes in excess of what they did for the Republican party. The Republican officers made up the deficiency from the registration book, so as to make the returns show their proper number of votes. He believed there had been fraud on both sides. When the votes were turned out of the box the missing number of Republican votes appeared as having been legally cast. The witness testified that Black, Republican Inspector of Elections, and Vance, Republican Clerk, had made affidavit as to the correctness of the return, and that his reason for not wishing to go on the stand was that his testimony would have tended strongly to have contradicted theirs. He did not disclose this knowledge to Gov. Noyes, but simply tried to impress him with the idea that he had not better put him on the stand, because it would injure his case. Mr. Hiscock said he expected to produce the evidence of Vance and Black, showing that they did not raise the return; and also evidence showing that as many men swore they voted the Republican ticket whose names were on the poll list as were certified to by the returns. He was willing to leave the issue right here, with the understanding that the point was not closed before the public..... Edward F. Noyes, United States Minister to France, appeared before the Committee and made a general and explicit denial of all charges made against him of any complicity in fraudulently counting the Electoral vote of Florida for Hayes. He did not go to Florida at the solicitation or with the knowledge of Gov. Hayes; he did not understand Dennis as objecting to swear to the returns from Archer Precinct on account of his knowledge of frauds committed, but on account of his fear of further incurring the hostility of the Democrats. Gov. Noyes said: "I wish to say that no mortal man ever told me or intimated to me while I was in Florida that there was any thing fraudulent about that return except what was sworn to before the Canvassing Board, and was made public. I mean I had no private information derived from any source whatever. I honestly and conscientiously believe that the return made and argued by me was right, and can say that we made a case which would satisfy any unprejudiced court in Christendom."..... Gen. Lew Wallace, of Indiana, and Gen. John Little, of Ohio, both testified that they did not go to Florida at the request of Gov. Hayes. Gen. Wallace also made a general denial of having promised the members of the Returning Board, prior to the result having been declared, that Hayes would take care of them; subsequently he may have said that the Republicans of Florida would be suitably rewarded. The Committee appointed Messrs. Hunton, MacMahon, Springer, Butler and Hiscock a sub committee to remain in Washington and take testimony. Messrs. Potter, Morrison and Cox will act as a relief for it and the sub-committee in New Orleans. The latter is composed of Messrs. Stenger, Reed and Blackburn.

Mrs. Jenks appeared before the Committee on the 29th and produced her correspondence with Anderson, but Gen. Butler being absent the letters were not read.....Mr. Wm. E. Chandler testified that the $5,000 received by him while in Florida was handed over to Gen. Martin, who expended it in procuring evidence. Witness gave the names of eleven persons connected with Florida State politics who were appointed to Federal offices upon his recommendation.....Secretary Sherman's letter to the Committee, asking for the examination of a large number of witnesses to prove the existence of an organized system of intimidation in the Feliciana parishes, and the reply of the Committee thereto, denying the request on the ground that the proffered evidence had already been taken in whole or in part by seven different Congressional Committees, and was now matter of official record, were made public.

The Mrs. Jenks-Anderson correspondence was read before the Committee on the 1st. The letters refer mostly to Mrs. Jenks's visit to Washington and her apparently unsuccessful efforts to make any thing out of Sherman or Matthews on the strength of her alleged knowledge of certain documents relating to Louisiana affairs. Anderson ridicules her for losing her temper, and for being wheedled out of "that letter" by Sherman on a merely verbal promise of reward. He also refers to her unsuccessful attempt to bull doze Stanley Matthews out of a pass. Mrs. Jenks's indorsements on these letters indicate that she communicated their contents to Matthews. Mrs. Jenks's replies to Anderson's letters are in a similar sarcastic vein, but reveal no tangible facts.....Bonds Baker, the Texas gentleman who sent a lengthy telegram to President Hayes, suggesting the appointment of a Southern Conservative to a Cabinet position, appeared before the committee and declined to either be sworn or to answer any question propounded to him. The Chairman stated that as the Committee had no power to compel a witness to testify during a recess of Congress, he would discharge him from further attendance.

The Louisiana Sub-Committee.

The sub-committee of the Potter Committee met in Parlor P, St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, on the 29th. Ex-Gov. Packard made a long statement, covering the whole ground of the election, the canvassing of the votes, and his own contest with Nicholls for the Governorship. He holds that his own title was as good as that of President Hayes, and that had he been recognized by the President he could have maintained his position even without the use of Federal troops. He was under the impression at the time that the Harlan-McVeagh Commission were inimical to his interests, and used their influence to break up the Packard Legislature, but had no knowledge of any improper methods being used.

The sub-committee, on the 1st, further examined ex-Gov. Packard, who produced a number of papers to which he referred in his testimony on Saturday, including the returns of the election promulgated in the joint resolution of his Legislature, calling for troops, etc.....Charles Hill testified that he was the bearer of the second set of electoral returns to Washington; received instructions from Gov. Kellogg, together with a note to Mr. Ferry and letters of introduction to Messrs. Hale and Frye; delivered the letters, had conversations with them, but nothing was said about the second or corrected certificates; I supposed they knew more about it than I did; Sherman was present when I delivered the returns to Ferry; Mr. Sherman told me the party would stand by us; that we must go on and inaugurate Packard.....Wm. H. Seymour, a Notary Public, identified an affidavit sworn to before him May 11, 1877, and signed by Thos. H. Jenks, a Deputy Marshal under Pitkin in East Feliciana Parish. The handwriting of the affidavit appears to be that of James E. Anderson. The affiant states that he is cognizant of the fact that Kellogg and the Republican leaders were engaged in a machination to prevent the return of Anderson, Supervisor of Registration, to East Feliciana Parish, so that no election could be held, and that one L. S. Jenks was employed by them to watch Anderson while in New Orleans and prevent his return. Affiant further states that both Anderson and himself were in said parish on the day of election, that the said election was conducted under their supervision, and was the most peaceable and fair one ever witnessed by him (the affiant); and he further states that the said Anderson made no protest against the returns from said parish, owing to the above-mentioned facts, and that after the return of himself and the said Anderson to the city of New Orleans it was shown that the election of Hayes and Wheeler depended upon the electoral vote of Louisiana; that in consideration of this fact, and in order to secure the election of said Hayes, said Anderson signed in the presence of affiant a protest partly in blank, said blank being afterwards filled out by parties unknown; that both he and said Anderson would not have signed the protest for said parish had it not been necessary to throw out said parishes, in order to secure the election of said Hayes and Wheeler.

The Striped Bug.

The striped bug has come, the saddest of the year. He is a moral double ender, iron-clad at that. He is unpleasant it two ways. He burrows in the ground so that you can not find him, and he flies away so that you can not catch him. He is rather handsome, as bugs go, but utterly dastardly, in that he gnaws the stem of the plant close to the ground, and ruins it without any apparent advantage to himself. I find him on the hills of cucumbers (perhaps it will be a cholera year, and we shall not want any), the squashes (small loss), and the melons (which never ripen). The best way to deal with the striped bug is to sit down by the hills, and patiently watch for him. If you are spry, you can annoy him. This, however, takes time. It takes all day and part of the night. For he flyeth in darkness, and wasteth at noonday. If you get up before the dew is off the plants—it goes off very early—you can sprinkle soot on the plant (soot is my panacea; if I can get the disease of a plant reduced to the necessity of the soot, I am all right); and soot is unpleasant to the bug. But the best thing to do is to set a toad to catch the bugs. The toad at once establishes the most intimate relations with the bug. It is a pleasure to see such unity among the lower animals. The difficulty is to make the toad stay, and watch the hill. If you know your toad it is all right. If you do not you must build a tight fence round the plants, which the toad can not jump over. This, however, introduces a new element. I find that I have a zoological garden on my hands. It is an unexpected result of my little enterprise, which never aspired to the completeness of the Paris "Jardin des Plantes." —*From Warner's Summer in a Garden.*

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