

JAMES R. BISHOP.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Cadillac, Mich., June 27th 1891

A. M. Fongee

Mayville N. Y.

Dear Sir =

I am pleased at your commendable skill in juggling facts. Your party of the United was about what I expected. But while your play upon the word "votes" may satisfy your readers, ^{and your conscience} the fact as you say, that you had in mind the "electoral vote" which is your only means of escape, demonstrates that the intent was to mislead. No one ever speaks of "votes" when meaning "electoral votes" and the mass of readers would necessarily understand you as meaning the popular vote, and probably believe the statement, coming from such a source, as unquestionably true —

I beg to differ with you as to any error in figures — I did include Kentucky, (13 votes) but did not include Missouri (16 votes) so a "southern state, and did include Delaware

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with 3 votes. (which was a mistake, on my part, & you agree with me in your figures) which makes a net difference of 13, the electoral vote of the Strictly Southern States is 134 not 137. Nor 130 as you claim. Neither Missouri nor Delaware were "Southern States" though each had in 1860 a small percentage of slave population, which was decreasing rapidly, each decade as the census returns show —

The live issue of today in my opinion is the old time conflict between Hamilton and Jefferson, Between Combined Capital, the "rich and well born" and the people — The people are disgusted with shams and robbery legalized by act of Congress. The vote (not electoral vote) which changed a working Rep. majority in the 57th Congress to 150 Dem. in the 58th indicates what the future will be —

Yours &c

J. R. Bishop