

Stephen B. Packard, Former Governor of Louisiana, Dies

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SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 1.—Stephen B. Packard, Governor of Louisiana in 1877, and American Consul at Liverpool in 1878, died here yesterday.

Was Unrecognized Governor.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 1.—Stephen B. Packard was the unrecognized Republican Governor of Louisiana in 1877. Packard was a native of Iowa and came to New Orleans after the Civil War. He was nominated for Governor by the Republican party in 1876. His Democratic opponent was Francis T. Nicholls. Coincident with the inauguration of Packard on Jan. 18, 1877, the Democrats swore in Nicholls on the same day as Governor of Louisiana.

The Nicholls government took charge of all the courts and other State institutions and the authority of the Packard movement never extended outside the statehouse.

April 29, 1877, President Hayes withdrew the United States troops which had been detailed by the Federal Government to guard Packard and the Nicholls government promptly took possession of the statehouse. The authority of Packard's administration never was recognized in Louisiana. The only action of record executed by the Packard Legislature was the election of William Pitt Kellogg to the United States Senate. Although Kellogg was seated only after heated debates in the Senate pertaining to his right to the senatorial title he served for the full term of six years.