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THURSDAY, July 19, 1894.

PRENDERGAST, the assassin of Carter Harrison, was hanged in Chicago last Friday.

It is now stated that Capt. Peebles who was recently nominated for the legislature from Northampton county, and who was first reported as being a Ransom man, now says that he is opposed to Ransom. Well, who would have thought it?

There is a revision of feeling against the voluminousness of New York dailies. What stomach can retain its equilibrium after partaking of fifty pages of those Metropolitan wet blankets?

President Cleveland has been invited to Chicago to join in an investigation of the labor troubles. Surely these anarchists that are leading those riots do not wish to strike a blow at the head of the government.

We have received a copy of the last catalogue of the State Normal and Industrial School at Greensboro. The enrollment is large, near four hundred. It seems to be getting all the patronage it can accommodate.

Moore county last week instructed the delegates to vote in the Democratic Congressional Convention for Hon. Duncan McIver for Congress. There are quite a number of candidates in that district, and Mr. McIver has a good running chance.

An enterprise is on foot to unite the Chicago and Columbian Universities under the Superintendence of President Harper. If the project is carried out, it will be the union of two of the greatest schools in the country.

Yesterday the News-Observer Chronicle was sold at auction. It was bought by Mr. J. N. Holding, of Raleigh, for \$6,810.00. The paper will be run as heretofore strictly as a Democratic paper. The plan of the buyer has not been made public, however.

It is estimated that the railroads have lost eight millions of dollars by the strike. Cook county and the city of Chicago will have to refund to the railroads the most of that amount. The railroads will not lose a cent. The people of Chicago will lose nearly all of it.

In China the cholera is reported as being terrible. It is said that some forty thousand deaths from the disease have occurred in Canton alone. The authorities have been suppressing the reports of the ravages of the epidemic, but the truth has leaked out just the same.

It is now known that the earthquake in Constantinople last week killed over two hundred people and destroyed property up in the millions. The world renowned mosque of St. Sophia was badly damaged but can be repaired. The walls of the city were much shattered.

LAST Saturday Craven county Democratic convention adopted resolutions instructing the delegation to the State convention to vote for a resolution favoring primary elections for United States Senators on the day of election. The convention also passed a resolution endorsing Senator Jarvis to succeed Senator Ransom.

Chicago newspapers claim that four-fifths of the strikers who have been engaged in the destruction of life and property there for the last three weeks are of foreign birth. Isn't this immigration question worthy of consideration by Congress any way? It seems to be about time for the doors to be shut until Americans can gain the ascendancy even in strikes.

Gov. Altgeld, of Illinois, is an interesting character just now. He says that he put down the strike himself. He seems to allow the United States regulars to enter into the calculation at all. He says that he had the situation on the hump all the time, and didn't want any help anyway. It's true that it takes a thief to catch a thief, but the governor's thief was the loser this time.

## THE QUESTION OF ARBITRATION.

President Cleveland's acquiescence in appointing a committee of investigation, the other day, to inquire into the labor troubles, has occasioned the labor leaders to feel more hopeful about arbitrating the differences with Mr. Pullman. Some of the leaders and sympathizers of the strikers have claimed that the upshot of the whole matter is that a committee of investigation is one of arbitration.

Mr. Cleveland distinctly said that it was a committee of investigation, but the labor leaders have claimed that action as a surrender of an important point, and hence a guarantee that the other will come in good time. Therefore they expect to exert such a pressure upon the Pullman company that they will consent to arbitration sooner or later.

Pullman says that no set of men can force him to make cars at a loss. He is not willing for a committee of arbitration to decide that he should work his shops, when such action would entail nothing but loss upon him.

If Pullman speaks truth when he says that his company has been losing on all recent orders that they have filled, then he is right in refusing to arbitrate. Who can force a man to continue a losing business? Were he to consent to arbitration, it would be a virtual acknowledgment on his part that other men have a right to force him to work at a loss. He has the right to quit a business that does not pay. He has a right to close his works when no profit arises from operating them.

But has Mr. Pullman the right to expect the country to believe what he says about the matter? Can he reasonably expect that the country will take his statement about losses as true? We are not saying that Mr. Pullman has falsified about this matter. We presume that he has spoken truly. We have no just cause for disputing that point. His words may be as true as those found in the Pentateuch. But we do declare that Mr. Pullman should give the country better reason to believe it than his word.

When a business involves, as this one does, the interest and well-being of twenty thousand people, the proprietors of that business should be willing to surrender a part of their rights if it does not entail loss. The company should be willing for this committee of investigation to examine its books, so that the country will be satisfied about the statements of the company. Until that is done public opinion will be divided upon the matter, and people will be undecided where to place the blame.

Let Mr. Pullman open his books to the investigating committee and let them report to the country the condition of the company's business. Is that too inquisitive? Perhaps so, but something is radically wrong somewhere, and it is a patriot's duty to mend matters when he can, even if he has to surrender his own rights to an extent for a time. It would be magnanimous in the Pullman company to do that, and we think that they should.

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

At last the tariff bill has disappeared from public view. For months it has been before the country. It ran the gauntlet of the House. It stood the stare of the Senate. It survived the rough handling of Hill. It existed during the mutterings of Reed, and Sherman, and Hoar.

It has been in public sight for a long time. It has weathered the storm of indignation throughout the Democratic camp. It has been in the very teeth of the gale, and yet has not flinched.

But now it has sought the seclusion of the committee room again. It is before the conference committee of the two houses for agreement.

For ten days the Democratic members of that committee, eight of them, have been holding caucuses trying to decide upon the provisions of the bill. The six Republicans of the Committee are not even asked to attend the meetings. They are not in it at all. Their room is preferable to their company. They are noisities. They are back numbers, and so they take back seats while the Democratic bloods run things in that committee room to suit themselves.

There is no reason for the Republicans to complain about such treatment, however, for they would do the same thing if they had a chance. The Democrats have the majority and will control matters anyway. They want to decide upon some action, and after they have decided they will admit the Republicans and let them cast their six votes against it. Six to eight is the way the vote will stand, and what is the use of having those six Republicans standing around waiting for their Democratic matters to come to a conclusion?

What is passing in that secret cave of Democrats the county cannot determine. It is understood, however, that Mr. Wilson and the House conferees are making a resolute stand against the extreme demands of the Senate. They are sticking to the principles that are embodied in the Wilson Bill, namely, that the fundamental Democratic doctrine is to gather whatever revenue that is needed under a tariff system from a revenue tax on the finished product, and not on raw material or successive taxation on different processes of manufacture; and that the correct system of taxation is on value. The *ad valorem* method of assessing duties is the correct one in preference to the specific.

Those are the principles upon which the House conferees headed by Mr. Wilson are making their fight. If they be successful free sugar, free coal, free iron, and free lumber will soon be the items of the bill. The conferees from the Senate are also determined upon carrying their point, and a long fight will doubtless be the result.

As to what the result will be no one can conjecture with anything like certainty. It will doubtless be another week before a decision can be reached, and then the bill will again see the light of day.

We are hoping for the triumph of the House, but should that be found undesirable we are willing to accept the next best thing—a compromise.

THE QUESTION OF ENDORSEMENT.

In about two weeks the Democratic State convention will meet in Raleigh. No doubt that that convention, the question of endorsing the national administration will come up for action. The question that will then confront the body will be, "what are we going to do about it?"

Whether the national administration should be endorsed in toto, or condemned in toto, should not be the alternatives before the convention. It should not be a squabble over a man or a set of men. It should not be administration or anti-administration, Clevelandism, or anti-Clevelandism. But it should be Democracy.

The Democratic masses have never been much addicted to hero-worship anyway. Leaders of Democracy have been few during the life of this republic. In fact, one distinctive feature of the party has always been the want of leadership. Therefore, the conventions of the party are not expected to tie themselves to any man's coat tail. The people rule, and therefore do not follow any one blindly. But the matter of endorsement will come up at the convention, and in order to dispose of it without friction it would be well to approach it somewhat delicately.

There are many Democrats in North Carolina, perhaps a majority, who would not countenance an endorsement of the administration. It would do the party great damage to endeavor to force them to swallow such a proposition. Also there are many Democrats in the State, who would not be willing to see the national administration condemned. It would disrupt the Democratic masses to endeavor to do so.

Then what course should be pursued in order to conciliate the two factions? Prudence would suggest that some plan that would commend itself to both would be the proper course. There is but one thing to do, it seems to us, and that is the happy middle ground that has already been taken by some State convention to the South of us.

Endorse the administration in so far as it has remained faithful to the Chicago platform and all persons that do endorse it. No Democrat can object to that. No member of the party can be so bitter, so vehement, and so antagonistic of the President as to oppose that.

That, it seems to us, will be the proper thing to be done. We should be sorry to see a resolution endorsing the administration either carried or voted down. It would mean disaster either way, we think.

Democrats should keep level heads this year. This is no year to make blunders. We are confronted by a wily adversary that stands ready to profit by any mistakes that are made. Therefore, Democrats should move cautiously.

THE STATE OF UTAH.

Only the President's signature is needed to make Utah a State. The bill for its admission has been passed by both houses and was immediately sent to the President.

Utah would have been a State years ago, if it had not been for the persistency of a large portion of her people in holding to the practice of polygamy. The new State will have a larger population than either of the States of Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Nevada, Delaware, and possibly New Hampshire, and Vermont.

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