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COMPLETION OF THE W. N. C. R. R.

Now that the Legislature has passed the bill providing for the speedy completion of the Western North Carolina Railroad our people once more commence thinking of the wonderful advantages in prospective if the road shall be finished by parties or under auspices not unfriendly to Wilmington.

The bill provides that the capital of the company shall be $850,000 divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, three-fourths of which stock shall belong to the State. The Governor is to appoint six of the nine directors, and one of these directors shall be appointed from each Congressional district. One of the Board of Directors shall be President with an annual salary of $2,500. The bill provides for convict work. The Governor is permitted to contract for and purchase, in his discretion, the necessary iron and steel rails and other material with which to lay the track from near Old Fort, including the iron already furnished by citizens of Wilmington. There are to be two branches from the road near Asheville, one towards Cherokee county stopping at or near Ducktown, the other to Paint Rock, in Madison county. The Governor has the power to remove any officer or director and supply the vacancy caused by such removal until a successor shall be appointed according to law.

Such are the outlines of the bill.

The railway if completed will in a few years build up a magnificent section of country, and our own city will reap a rich harvest. We need not dwell on advantages so obvious. But we will make a suggestion that we think will assist in the completion of the great work. Much depends on the person who has the immediate superintendence of the construction. No one should be selected for the superintendency who is not an accomplished engineer and railroad man, of great quickness of perception, of sober judgment, of executive capacity and large experience. Such a man is Col. S. L. Fremont by whose tact, perseverance and energy the eastern division of the Carolina Central Railway was completed as far as to Charlotte.

We write this with a free hand, having no axes to grind and being concerned only about the success of the enterprise in which so much of State pride and local interest is involved. If Col. Fremont shall be appointed the best thing will have been done.

DRY GOODS IMPORTS.

The aggregate imports of dry goods for the four weeks ending last Saturday were $501,215 less than for the corresponding period last year, and $2,756,372 below the total for 1875. The total thrown upon the market shows an increase of $80,109 as compared with 1875, and a decrease of $3,932,673 as conpared with 1874.

In the Senate on Saturday Judge Merrimon said he could not give his assent to the several decisions of the Electoral Commission. He read a speech of ten minutes in length, giving his construction of the Constitution and laws governing the appointment of Presidential electors, and reviewed the Florida, Louisiana and Oregon decisions of the Commission.

THE SOUTH'S ATTITUDE.

One of the most brilliant of the younger members of the lower house of Congress is John Young Brown, of Kentucky. One or two escapades he has had which have shown him in the light of a person somewhat reckless of consequences it is true, but even in these he has in the boldness of his views and the fervor of his eloquence secured the admiration of all who have hearts for sympathy or imaginations that can respond to vivid painting. Mr. Brown is opposed to the delay in the count. He made a very bright speech in the House on Saturday in the course of which he displayed the South on the high vantage ground of forbearing and confident right. After a blistering criticism of the Electoral Commission and its backers, the Republican party, he says:

"What of the South? The conduct of her Representatives during the last few months has refuted the slanders of years. Their votes and utterances here have been for peace, law, order. The South has been familiar with misfortune. Sorrow and defeat have mingled in her experience. She has drunk the cup of bitterness to the dregs, but, thank God, she is a stranger to dishonor, and we stand inflexibly for the faithful execution of the bill. Honor says it, policy says it; otherwise we drift into confusion, anarchy and chaos. Our escutcheon is unstained. We can better afford to accept disappointment and defeat than by parliamentary shifts and tricks to avoid the orderly execution of the law, against which only eighteen democrats of this House and only one in the Senate voted.

"Something has been said of bargaining with the South. You cannot win them over by bribes; they want justice. I see before me a distinguished and cherished friend from the South, (Mr. Lamar,) of the highest ability and unspotted integrity. I speak not by his authority, but his name has been mentioned in this connection. I say I believe he would shrink from such a coalition as his soul would recoil from a cruel wound of dishonor. The men you could bribe are not worth having. You would loathe them when you got them. They would have no following or influence at home, and if they were to join with this party to sustain it in its past and present policy, they would find themselves political Pariahs in the land of their birth. Nothing will conciliate the South but justice, and you will so find it. They want rest, order, home rule.

The arraignment of the Radical party for its inconsistency and rascality is truly fine:

"Whilst you stand up for the inviolability of State rights; whilst you cannot go behind the corrupt return of a board in Louisiana that huckstered the vote of their State from one end of the country to the other for a price, you organize the Legislature of that State with your bayonets. Whilst the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Foster) says that "the flag shall float over States and not provinces, over freemen and not slaves," your President forbids in South Carolina a peaceful celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Washington. Whilst the gentleman from Ohio says this your Senate on the same day, twelve years after the close of the war, is refusing amnesty, and your President has a pardon for every bribe-taker and every whiskey thief. Inconsistency and contradiction mark the whole course of your policy. You have seemed to try to achieve the lament of Junius to give "immortality to the perishable parts of your infamy." Why, indeed, your hollow pageant in the inauguration of your President with this record, with the sun of truth blazing upon the iniquities by which your power was accomplished, instead of being the day of your victory, is the day of your death. The vials of the people's indignation will be emptied upon you. You will hear the hisses of scorn upon what you have done. The pen of hirtory will record the eternal verdict against you. Just so sure as a God of justice rules the affairs of men so surely will the victories of truth in time come."

In the peroration of his short but powerful speech Mr. Brown gave utterance to opinions that are endorsed by the bulk of the Southern Democracy who feel that the time for action in the defeat of fraud passed weeks and months ago by the indifference or unmanliness of their Northern allies, and who are now opposed to all delay as tending to bring on the country a state of worse confusion than now exists and on the Democratic party a responsibility it might not be able to carry. "I have stood here," says John Young Brown, "for moderation and peace "throughout this Congress. I accept to-day defeat, bitter as it is, "rather than dishonor. I bear "the ills I have rather than fly to "those I know not of. When I "am asked to give my vote to resist the execution of this law, my "answer is you give me no objective point to which you would "move that would not bring upon "us confusion, and anarchy, "and chaos. The strength of "our position is in its moral grandeur. Let us not impair this and "throw away our great opportunities. Let us not take counsel of "our passions. Principle, statesmanship, policy, all these command us to stand by the execution of the law we have made. "We agreed to trust certain men, "and they have betrayed us. To "rush into revolution would be suicidal; it is madness; be patient. "The people will rebuke the iniquities of which we complain. "The day of deliverance will soon "come, and the authors of misrule "will call upon the mountains to "fall upon and hide them and "their crimes from the sight of "men. There will be no divided "Democratic party. Those who "so prophesy only proclaim what "they wish."

In these courageous words of wisdom are comprehended the whole situation—our duty and our danger.

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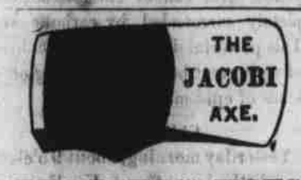

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