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TENTH VOLUME.

With this issue we commence the tenth volume of the ADVANCE under the management of Mr. Woodard...

SUPERVISORS OF THE CENSUS.

The appointment of Supervisors of the Census for North Carolina has created considerable dissatisfaction in republican circles...

CONVENTION.

A meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee has been called to arrange the time and place of holding our State Democratic Convention...

THE LATEST NEWS IN RAILROAD CIRCLES.

Having had something to say about the Western North Carolina Railroad in this issue, we present our readers with the following additional information on the subject...

A special dispatch to the Charleston News and Courier says: "A syndicate of New York capitalists, prominent among whom are Samuel Sloan, President of the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad..."

now keeps it in the custody of the United States Court, with a view to making it without delay the terminal link in the chain of road which shall connect the great railroad systems of the West with the Atlantic seaboard at Charleston.

"If the plans of the syndicate are carried out, the road is to be managed with such energy as will speedily render Charleston the leading shipping port South of New York. Sixty miles of road are to be built immediately to connect the South Carolina Railroad via Spartanburg, Hendersonville and Wolf Creek, with the Cincinnati Southern Road. A fleet of new and splendid steamers is to be placed on the New York and Charleston line. These, it is said will eclipse those now plying on the Savannah line, and are intended, amongst other things, to accommodate the Florida trade.

"The syndicate already own about 60,000 shares of the stock of the South Carolina Railroad Company, one of its members alone holding 20,000 shares. They do not look to any unfair combination with other roads, but expect to win success by dint of the completion of the shortest and most direct route from the Ohio river to the Atlantic seaboard."

Commenting editorially on this dispatch, the News says: "The West has a deep interest in securing an outlet to the Atlantic coast, other than the outlet by the Western and Atlantic Railroad, which is the only railroad between Virginia and Alabama connecting the Northwestern railroad system with the railroad of the South-east. This only can be had by the completion of the lines now running from the West toward Knoxville, and by filling in the considerable gaps between Charleston and Knoxville."

Now let us suppose that some of our over-zealous newspaper friends could succeed in selling out the Western North Carolina Railroad, including the rights of the State in the Western Division to some "syndicate," the syndicate would have the right to barter the privilege of filling in the "inconsiderable gaps between Charleston and Knoxville" for a mess of pottage, and that great North Carolina enterprise would become a mere feeder to this new railroad company which is to build up Charleston. But on the other hand suppose the State holds her grip, the completion of the road between Asheville and Wolf Creek being a necessity cannot be long delayed, and she will then be in a condition to turn this vast trade in the direction of her own seaports, and Charleston must come to North Carolina towns to buy her Western supplies. With this little link in unfriendly hands, with Norfolk on the North and Charleston on the South, and the Richmond & Danville Railroad a feeder to Richmond, Charlotte and other North Carolina towns would have a rough time of it.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

A Bill has been introduced into the New York Legislature for choosing Presidential Electors by Congressional Districts, with two Electors for the State at large. This move is understood to be in the interest of the republican party, which has a majority in the Legislature. And it is hoped, doubtless, by this means, to secure the vote of the State of New York for the republican candidate for President. This is a startling innovation, and one of which the republican party alone is capable. Senator Conkling and his party in New York are fully abreast of the times in their reckless disregard of the time honored customs and traditions of the republic.

If the scenes enacted at Columbia and New Orleans only a few years ago, were forgotten, the recent developments in Maine, the results of republican strategy, ought to satisfy every candid voter in this broad land, of the peril to which our most sacred rights and liberties are exposed, and of the supreme importance of placing this government again, under the control of the Democratic party.

WESTERN N. C. RAILROAD.

Much has been said recently, in the papers throughout the State, about the sale of this road. Some favor the proposition of Mr. Best, the representative it is said of a New York syndicate, while others regard it with suspicion. It seems to be admitted that its extension beyond Asheville at least for the present, and it may be for years to come, is doubtful. The friends of this improvement are therefore naturally solicitous about securing the aid necessary to its completion as originally contemplated, and it is not surprising that they should favor the scheme of these non-resident capitalists. But whether it would be to the interest of the State, to sell out upon the terms offered, may admit of serious doubt, and perhaps Gov. Jarvis acted wisely in not convening the Legislature, for the purpose of entertaining the proposition. The West-

tern N. C. rail road has already cost the State a large amount, and was purchased by the State several years ago, for the purpose of securing it against loss. Since then large appropriations have been made by successive Legislatures, for the purpose of completing the tunnels through the Blue Ridge and its construction as far as Asheville. The indomitable energy and perseverance of President Wilson has caused all opposing obstacles to be overcome, the mountain has been tunneled—"mud cut" has been completed and quieted, and the road is in operation and running within a few miles of the mountain tainity. But can the State afford to complete it to Paint Rock—will our State pride stand the strain necessary to push it through? If not shall we sell out to somebody who will, and thus give up an important link in our North Carolina Policy, rather than wait a sufficient time to test the value of that portion which has already been completed, and the feasibility of its further extension. We once heard of a man who won an elephant in a raffle, and did not know what to do with him after he had won him. The Western N. C. Rail Road may yet become, a dangerous factor in our State politics.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEES.

We can easily conceive of instances where it is both right and advantageous to the public interest, to appoint these committees. But the custom, which has grown in such prominence of late, of appointing Congressional committees to investigate matters over which the Constitution gives Congress no power to afford redress, is to be deprecated as pernicious in its example and influence.

What good commensurate with the expense of conducting it, is likely to result from the labors of the "negro exodus investigating committee?" It has been in session since the 9th instant, and nothing important has been elicited so far. And whatever may be disclosed in future, can only be reported to Congress, and ventilated through the newspapers. It is unfortunate that Congress should ever step aside from its legitimate duties, to interfere with matters outside of its jurisdiction.

It will not be pretended that Congress has the power to control or interfere with the right of citizens of one State, to emigrate to another. This has been exercised by all classes unchallenged, ever since the foundation of the Government, and will continue to be, we presume, as long as it exists. Is it not an unjustifiable waste of the public money, to expend it upon investigating committees, upon whose report Congress has no power to act, in the way of affording relief?

What if the facts elicited by the testimony before the committee should establish, that the negroes have been induced to emigrate, by false representations of dishonest politicians, and good cause of dissatisfaction does not exist in the disaffected localities? What good is to result from these facts being made public through a Congressional investigating committee? The negro exodus, from the time of its commencement to the present, has attracted a large share of the attention of the public press of the country, and its causes and consequences have been fully discussed. So that any further investigation by Congress, would seem to be altogether a work of supererogation.

CRIMINAL CIRCUIT.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 27th, 1880. The proposition stated in the ADVANCE of the 18th inst., of adopting a new system of Criminal courts is meeting with the cordial approval of the press and the lawyers of the State. Indeed the reasons advanced in favor of the proposed change are so valid and convincing, and the necessity of a thorough reform so pressing that the legislature at the next session ought to take the matter into its earnest consideration. We favor an entire separation of the civil and criminal business of the courts. And although we believe that the first duty of the State to its citizens is to protect them from the criminal, still it is the binding duty of the State to provide a tribunal for the trial of civil suits: Under the present system when a man has occasion to bring an action against another the trial is postponed from court to court till the patience of suitor and witnesses is worn threadbare, and the people begin to think that the courts will never do them justice. And then the people are too apt to blame the lawyers and to imagine that the latter keep the cases in litigation solely in order to extract larger fees from impatient clients.

And it is very natural that they should become impatient, when after they have attended court term after term, leaving their business and wasting their time, they find that their causes seem no nearer a hearing than when first begun. If this system is to continue, we shall continue to violate the noble words of Magna Charta which we have embodied in our own constitution. "we will not deny delay to any man, justice or right." We have been doing this all the time, and why? Because the speedy administration of justice is too expensive.

But the same objection may be urged with equal force against govern-

ment itself. When we reflect upon the internal revenue annually levied by the State and our National government, we might be tempted to think that we ought to dispense with government altogether. But when we observe further that if there were no legally constituted authority to keep the lawless in wholesome terror, the bounds of society would be loose and man become a beast of prey. Therefore we see it is better to endure the heavy burdens of tax than to do without government, and let every man do what seems best in his own perverted sight. For this reason we are willing to give up some of our natural liberties to the State in order that our civil liberties may be greater.

This being so, how much more willingly ought we to submit to a higher rate of taxation that justice may be more surely and speedily done between man and man. But some of the State papers are opposing this measure on the ground that the people are too poor to bear a further increase of taxation. It is true that our people are poor, but we do not scruple to deny that they are too poor to sustain a sure, speedy and impartial administration of justice. And while we are in favor of imposing as few burdens as possible upon the people, still we think they will see this matter in its true light and cheerfully submit to the additional tax. Let them reflect that no good is ever attained without some inconvenience, and that cheap justice is often the grossest injustice.

It may seem to some to involve less expense for every man to fight his own wrong and act as judge, jury and executioner on his own case, but we doubt whether such an execution of the laws would be cheaper in a pecuniary point of view, and even if it were the demoralization of society and the lawlessness incident to such a condition of affairs would more than counterbalance the advantage gained in dollars and cents. What we need is a faithful impartial and immediate administration of justice, and by carrying the civil and criminal cases to different courts, presided over by judges who have made the business of their respective courts a specialty, and attended by solicitors who are thoroughly prepared on all their cases we shall be more certain of obtaining it than in any other way.

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GEO. W. WELLS, Plaintiff, Woodard & Murray, Attorneys, Jan 24-1f.

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