

MR. McIVER WILL NOT SURRENDER.

This era is distinguished above all others as the era of legal imbroglis.

The thirst for office has become an alarming mania. The epidemic has become almost universal, in every section of the country.

To-day three Southern States are convulsed with disorder and incipient revolution on account of the aspirations of political demagogues and place-hunters.

In Arkansas, there are two sets of State officers, both claiming to be legally elected, and the intervention of the Courts has been called in to decide the question.

In Alabama, there are two separate and distinct Legislatures, both claiming legality.

In Louisiana, we behold confusion worse confounded, that State having not only a double set of State officers, but two sets of Legislatures also, both of which have duly inaugurated their respective candidates.

In North Carolina, we have had our legal imbroglis also, but on a much less extensive scale. Less than 12 months ago we had two sets of Railroad officers for the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, two sets of Directors for the State Institutions, the Asylums and Penitentiary, and two Public Printers, making adverse claims under separate appointments or contracts.

One class of these claimants held under the power of the Legislature, and the other under the appointment of the Governor.

Last week, the case of Howerton vs. Tate, involving the same points of law was argued in this city before Judge Cloud at Chambers. Howerton claimed to be President of the Western N. C. Road by virtue of an election by the Caldwell Directors, and Tate made the same claim by virtue of his election by the Warren-Jarvis Board of Directors. Judge Cloud decided against Tate, and the case is now before the Supreme Court.

But it seems our imbroglis are not yet over. From the correspondence published by us yesterday between Hon. Kemp P. Battle, the newly appointed Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Rev. Alex. McIver, the old Superintendent, it was seen that Mr. McIver had resolved to hold over!

To a respectful note addressed by Mr. Battle to him, notifying him that he, Battle, was ready to take charge of the office under the appointment of Gov. Caldwell, McIver replies in an equally respectful tone, saying that as Mr. Reid was not qualified after his election and before his death, therefore no vacancy occurred, and the appointment of Mr. Battle is null and void.

Mr. McIver, in his letter to Mr. Battle, after complimenting that gentleman for his eminent fitness, and expressing how cheerfully he would surrender the office if he believed his term had expired, proceeds to quote from the Constitution of the State, to show how he is sustained by that instrument in the position he has taken. He says:

"By the first section of Article 3 of the State Constitution, the term of office of all officers of the Executive Department shall commence on the first day of January next after their election, and continue until their successors are elected and qualified. By section 13 of the same Article: If the office of any of said officers shall be vacated by death, resignation, or otherwise, it shall shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint another until the disability be removed, or his successor be elected and qualified.

An officer is one who is invested with an office. Mr. Reid had not been invested with the office, and therefore he was not an officer. The office of Superintendent of Public Instruction never became the office of Reid, and therefore it was not vacated by his death or otherwise. The Constitution continues the term of the present incumbent, and no vacancy has occurred. It is reasonable that the Constitution should designate the person, if it has a suitable person on hand, to continue in office, in case the person elected dies or refuses to qualify, and the Constitution of North Carolina does this very thing. It continues the term of the incumbent until his successor is elected and qualified. No vacancy occurred, and His Excellency had no authority to grant the commission to which you refer, and for that reason the commission is null and void."

Whereupon he "respectfully" declines to surrender the office to Mr. Battle.

Mr. McIver did not quote in full the first section of Article III of the Constitution. There is a proviso in that article which he has omitted, to the effect that the officers first elected shall assume the duties of their office ten days after the approval of the Constitution by Congress, and shall hold their offices four years from and after the first day of January 1863.

Rev. S. S. Ashley was elected Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1868, and duly qualified and entered upon the discharge of his duties. Afterwards, he resigned, and Mr. McIver was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation. It is clear from the proviso in the Constitution that Ashley's term expired on the first day of January 1873. As McIver was appointed to fill the vacancy, his appointment by the Governor expires with the term for which Ashley was elected. Certainly the Constitution did not contemplate a perpetuity, and we do not

think its spirit justifies Mr. McIver's construction.

If the language of the Constitution is so unfortunate as to convey the impression that Mr. McIver can hold over after the expiration of the term to which his predecessor was elected, it is clearly against the intention of the law, and is merely technical.

We understand that a case agreed has been made up for the Supreme Court touching the points made by Mr. McIver's letter, and if so we will probably get a decision in a few days, putting the matter at rest.

THE WESTERN ROAD.

As the sale of the Western North Carolina Road is a subject of great importance to our people throughout the State, we are anxious to publish all the facts bearing on the subject, in order that the Legislature may act advisedly and wisely in the premises.

For this reason, we surrender a large portion of our editorial space to an article from the Raleigh Sentinel, and also publish a communication that appeared in Thursday's Era—both articles purporting to give reliable facts concerning the Road, but from different standpoints.

It is a sad necessity to witness the sacrifice of property belonging to the State at a price grossly inadequate to its value. We trust the Legislature will do something to protect the State's interest, if anything can be done.

Those who favor the sale of the Road contend that the State is not able to build the Road, that therefore the only prospect for having it completed is for the Road to pass into other hands.

It would be well before the sacrifice is made, if the Legislature should decide to let the sale take place, to inquire about the pecuniary ability of the Southern Security Company to redeem their obligations, and how long before they will finish the work.

In a matter of such great importance to the State, it is best to proceed cautiously and prudently. We know there is a restless anxiety among the people of the West to have railroad facilities, and hope that their wishes will be gratified some day. But the Legislature, in their action in this matter, should have in view the interest of no particular section, but after a calm survey of the whole field and a full statement of the facts on both sides, they should take such action as will be best for the State of North Carolina.

[From the Sentinel.]

The Western North Carolina Railroad Company and its Fate.

We promised yesterday to make known to the Legislature and the people such facts as we had in our possession relative to this great work.

This company was chartered by act of Assembly passed in the year 1855, and the company was organized in that year, for the purpose of constructing a Railroad from Salisbury, on the North Carolina Railroad, across the Blue Ridge via Swannanoa Gap, to Ducktown and Paint Rock, on the Tennessee line. The great object was to give the State railroad communication with the Mississippi Valley across the Blue Ridge in this State. The enterprise was a good and an important one.

The capital stock of the company was \$6,000,000 before the late war, and this has been increased \$500,000 since the war.

The State took two-thirds of the stock and paid for it in State bonds, \$4,000,000, besides \$333,000 of special tax bonds of the State issued under an act of the Legislature passed in the year 1868.

This road is completed and the cars run daily to the foot of the Blue Ridge, a distance of one hundred and fifteen miles, and much of the heavy grading, both on the Blue Ridge and beyond it, is done.

The whole of the appropriation of the State was expended about the year 1869; the truth is, the State paid for the whole work done. A few private stockholders paid cash for their stock—but most of them paid for their stock in work, getting such contracts for grading, &c., as made them their stock clear at a handsome profit besides.

After the Radical government went into operation in 1868, the State bonds very soon went down to a nominal price.

Up to this time, we hear nothing of fraud or fraudulent transactions, except it was suggested that the contractors for what is called the "Blue Ridge section," got too much money for the work they did. This is suggested. What proof there is of this, if any, we cannot learn and do not undertake to say.

In 1868, the Radicals got control of the State and the railroads in which the State had an interest. They got control of this road. Gov. Holden appointed Littlefield State's proxy to represent the State in the stockholder's meetings, and he also appointed eight Radical Directors to represent the State in the Board of Directors of the Company. The State had eight Directors and the private stockholders had four. So the Radicals had complete control in the Board of Directors. They used their power and we shall see how.

In 1868, Judge Merrimon, Gov. Vance, Dr. John C. McDowell and Col. Tate, were the four Directors elected by the private stockholders. Merrimon and Tate were troublesome fellows in the Radical board. So at the annual meeting in 1869, it was so managed as to beat Merrimon, Vance and McDowell for Directors, and N. W. Woodfin, Richard A. Caldwell and R. F. Simonon were elected in their stead.

The earnings of the railroad paid, as we learn, but little if anything more than running expenses. Nevertheless, this Board of Directors, made a first mortgage bond debt of \$1,400,000! They mortgaged the road, all its property and the franchises of the company, to secure the payment of these bonds and the interest that should accrue on them. They provided that if the company should fail to pay the interest as it matured, then the whole debt of \$1,400,000 should at once be due, and the

creditors might at once foreclose the mortgage, and Gov. Tod R. Caldwell and Henry Clews, of New York, were the Trustees named in the mortgage deed.

This mortgage debt was made at a time when the Board of Directors knew that the earnings of the Company paid little, if anything, more than running expenses. The annual interest on this mortgage debt is \$112,000! Gov. Caldwell was a prominent member of this Radical Board. This Board as we learn, passed an order instructing the President of the Company to borrow over \$100,000, and to use the mortgage bonds to secure the payment of the money so borrowed.

The President borrowed in New York in all about \$240,000 in cash, and to secure the payment of this sum, he hypothecated, of these mortgage bonds of the Company, to the amount of \$1,100,000, paying for the money so borrowed, 17 per cent. interest! And the persons from whom this money was borrowed had the right to sell the bonds on short notice, and pay out of the proceeds of them the \$240,000!

This loan was kept along until some time in 1870 or 1871 when it passed into new hands—one Sibley, of New York. He renewed the loan in 30 days' time with power of sale to pay his debt on short notice. Of course the debt was not paid—the Company had no money to pay it or the interest on the mortgage bonds—the bonds were sold by Sibley to pay his debt, and he bought them for twenty-five and one-half cents in the dollar! He got \$1,057,000 of the bonds to pay his \$240,000 and such commissions for sale as were never heard of before!

The interest that accrued on these mortgage bonds was not paid—of course it was not. Then by the terms of this radical mortgage, the whole mortgage debt at once came due, and the holders of the bonds might at once bring their suit to foreclose the mortgage and sell the road and all the property and the franchise of the company!

Mr. Sibley and Henry Clews did bring their suit in August last, in the United States Circuit Court at Greensboro, to foreclose this mortgage. The papers show that Gov. Caldwell, as Trustee, was made party defendant to the suit; that he accepted service of the process—he put in no answer or defence, and judgment proconfesso was taken against him.

In November last, Judge Dick of the United States Circuit Court, granted a decree of foreclosure of the mortgage and ordered the sale of the property.

This is a history of the matter we have obtained by some trouble, and we believe it is substantially correct. There are some facts in the detail of the transaction about the mortgage, that go to aggravate the case, but we can't give them satisfactorily. We may do so hereafter.

This mortgage, it seems, is at the bottom of all this mischief. And it was made under circumstances of the most monstrous and reckless character. And it is clear too, that the mortgage was made with the knowledge and consent of Gov. Caldwell—that he was one of the Directors and a party to this suit and let judgment go by default against him.

Now, after the mischief is done—after the horse is stolen and, it seems, with his knowledge—he cries out most lustily! What hypocrisy and dissembling! It is true there are others mixed up in this, but the Governor is the chief man of the State's interest, is the chief man to whom the people look just now. When we get more of the facts, we will say more of other parties prominent in matter.

If something is not done, it is clear the road and all the property connected with it will "go for sale," to pay this monstrous debt.

What can be done? We are not prepared to advise or suggest; but it is certainly the duty of the Legislature to look at once and carefully into the matter. The State has bonded up in the matter \$4,333,000!—rather too much to lose without an effort to save it. We have given the facts as we have learned them. We have done our duty. Let the Legislature do theirs, and call those who have jeopardized the State's interest in this great work to account.

The Virginia papers are complaining of the difficulty experienced this year in obtaining labor for the farms as well as for house-work. The farm laborers are moving South and the house laborers migrating North.

The Veu DeLeau Grand Gift Concert, in Norfolk, Va., which was postponed until the 20th of February, will certainly come off on that day. The "Virginian" says the tickets are now meeting with ready sale.

MARRIED. MILLER-WILLIAMS.—In Charlotte, N. C., on the 10th inst., at the Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Dr. Miller, Mr. JOHN WALTER MILLER and Miss Ida W. WILLIAMS, both of that city. The bride and groom will spend a few weeks touring the North.

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W. H. AVERA, Esq.: DEAR SIR:—The ten bags Soluble Sea Island Guano more than met my expectations. I consider it equal to Peruvian for cotton. It paid me over 100 per cent. I more than doubled the crop. My neighbors who bought it are highly pleased, and will use it in preference to any other when it can be had. Hope you will keep a supply the coming Spring. Truly yours, R. HARRIS. LOUISBURG, N. C., December 4th, 1872.

E. W. FULLER, Esq.: DEAR SIR:—I used your Guano this year, and the results, I will use it on my whole tobacco crop next year. Yours, &c., ELLIS MALONE. HENDERSON, Granville County, N. C., November 29th, 1872.

To S. J. PARHAM: The Soluble Sea Island Guano purchased of you was used on tobacco and cotton by me by the side of Peruvian Guano, Stoneval & Co. I like it much better than either, and I observed a marked difference in favor of the Sea Island. Small use in the future. S. S. ROYSTON. HENDERSON, Granville county.

HENRY BURRELL, Esq., has stated to us that he made a test this present year's tobacco crop, using two other higher-priced guanos, but is convinced that the Soluble Sea Island Guano is the cheapest guano he has ever purchased, and shall use it again. YANCEYVILLE, Caswell County, N. C., December 6th, 1872.

Captain W. P. ROBINSON, DEAR SIR:—In reply to your inquiry as to how I liked the Sea Island Guano I got of you, I wish to say that I applied it, 200 pounds to the acre, alongside of Peruvian, Pacific Guano and Gibban's Tobacco Fertilizer in equal quantities. It stands the drought better than either of the above fertilizers. It matured better on the hill and cured better and more yellow than either of the other fertilizers used. I think it is a splendid fertilizer and I expect to use it next season. Yours, respectfully, MARCELLUS MIMMS. WILSON, N. C., January 11th, 1873.

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