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MOSES PRIMROSE, PEREGRINE PICKLE, GENERAL LITTLEFIELD AND THE SALE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

We have read in the story book, that when Moses Primrose, with a cautious air and collected look, took a seat by Peregrine Pickle, Peregrine, informed him, to his equal surprise and delight, that Captain Booth had written a resolution of materialism. He added that the Captain did not choose, at present, to be openly talked of as the author, though he did not mind being complimented upon it in an obscure and ingenious way.

Just so with General Littlefield, about Sam Barnes' bill to sell the North Carolina Railroad; the General does not care to be called the author of the bill, at present, though he would not object to being complimented, in an obscure and private way, and has it understood that he talked of that sale and financial step for the good of the Ring, two years before Sam introduced his bill.

The bill to sell, having failed at the last session, the General has little hopes of the success of Sam's bill now. If the bill fails, as it will, then the General will put forward a scheme to sell one million of the State Stock in the Road; that Northern capitalists may have the control of it, as they now have of the Wilmington and Weldon Road. Major Smith and Dr. Hawkins will favor this scheme as the next best to the lease, for the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road. We heard it said, to-day, "The General Phil. Hawkins could get his disabilities removed, and take his seat in the Senate, he could put through the bill to sell one million of the stock of the Road, in order to give the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road the control of the rights of the North Carolina Road." Gen. Phil. will soon have his disabilities removed, and we will see, in the absence of General Littlefield, what General Phil. can do for the Hawkins Littlefield plan of selling one million of the State's stock in order to give the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road controlling influence in directing freight from the North Carolina Road.

No doubt Mr. Moring, should he get his disabilities removed by the time Gen. Phil. does, will lend his assistance in the matter. By-the-way, if Mr. Moring can keep his seat, without having his disabilities removed, why may not Gen. Phil. qualify and take his seat, also. Sause for the goose should be sause for the gander, or rather, one gander is as much entitled to sause as another gander.

THE LEGISLATURE—FOURTH WEEK—RADICAL MISER.

Nothing of general interest has been accomplished; although an uprising and indignant people are calling for relief—all though the very air is almost polluted with rumors of fraud, swindling and corruption; the dominant party majority in this Legislature are utterly heedless of their demands. Bold and vigorous efforts have been made by the Democrats and a few (very few) Republicans to have a full and fair investigation into these frauds in the management of our bonds.

Yes we say, very few republicans have come to the rescue in the trying emergency. And those who manifested a disposition to act with those who intended to vindicate the people, have been subjected to all the rigor of the party lash. Night after night has "King Caucus" convened in the Commons Hall till its turbulent sycophants, and ordered them back into the shambles of party whoring.

"Committees have waited on the faint hearted and weak kins to compel their adherence to the "Drilling Code of '60"; got up by Downing of Penitentiary notoriety, and Carpet Bagger French who has already nearly exhausted his segregated basis in the attempt to get a bill through creating a Rail Road "Commission" intending to make a fat off for himself, and to give the "Ring" a better chance to that Rail Road bond.

Others have left the Capitol—Jim Harris has gone to Washington to get an office. Byron Hayes has gone to New York doubtless to notify the "Ring" that "trouble exists in the camp"—indeed, it is difficult to get a quorum any day in either House. Numbers of these Radical impostors hold two offices—tax collectors, assessors &c—they get seven dollars per day and get leave of absence to go home and attend to their business.

Strange state of affairs indeed! If a Democrat proposes a measure looking to the development of this valley and especially the town of Hickory, he shall be gagged, then adourned and call a "caucus" of the party. Friends of the party intends to *do* the investigation. The Democrats have made them show theirselfs and present their purpose time and again. Even the blowing of Billy Smith's horn has ceased to have the effect to call the "dogs to the chase." A few nights ago went into the caucus and blew his horn—and did every other kind of blowing without effect. We are told that he denounced his party—showed up their *wiles* and that many of the Assemble, went home came into the ranks, and asked forgiveness for the want of party fealty—but they will not investigate frauds.

Jefferson Davis is making his home in the South as President of an Insurance Company. W. A. Pollard insists on the splitting the country. How would Pollard like to return the country to a vote of the people of the South as to whether or not the two columns of A. Davis or himself—President

The Legislature of North Carolina.

Senate.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11, 1869.

The Senate was called to order at 10 o'clock.

Leave of absence was granted to Messrs Lindsey, Moore, of Carteret, Hyman, colored, Etheridge, Colgrove, and Ryne—6.

Mr. Welker presented a report from the Committee appointed to erect a Penitentiary, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. White from the Committee on Education, reported back the bill to incorporate the Wilson Collegiate Seminary in young ladies, and recommended the following additional section. "That it shall be the duty of the Trustees and Governors of the Wilson Collegiate Seminary for young ladies to report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction on or before the 1st of October, 1870, the number of pupils in attendance, course of studies pursued, textbooks used, and all other information of a public character that be caused to be filed in the U. S. District Court." Lies over.

By the same: A bill to amend the public school law in reference to county examiners. Referred.

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By Crawford, colored: A bill preventing the destruction of game in Granville county. Referred.

By Mr. Moore, of Chowan: A resolution allowing Solicitors \$10 for every trial when the punishment on conviction is imprisonment. Lies over.

By Reynold (col.) a resolution preventing disturbances at Jerusalem Church, Northampton county. Lies over.

By Mr. Sinclair: A joint resolution in reference to the Bank of North Carolina providing that a writ of injunction restraining Chas. Dwyer, Esq., the assignee from collecting the assets, be issued for the Sheriff of Robeson county. Lies over.

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CALENDAR.

Resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Hertford County (unfavorably reported upon) was taken up and the report of the Committee was concurred in.

Resolution in favor of the Sheriff of Allegheny, (unfavorably reported upon) The report was concurred in.

A resolution of a similar nature in regard to the Sheriff of Transylvania, was taken up and the unfavorable report of the Committee to whom it was referred was concurred in.

By Mr. Jones, of Wake, a bill to incorporate the Boydies and Ridgeway Turnpike Company, referred.

By the same, a resolution in favor of Mr. J. C. Hinton, referred.

On motion of Mr. Cartret the following resolution:

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