

THE SENTINEL.

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MISREPRESENTATION.

Any one who has read Capt. Marryat's novels will recollect the case of Captain of the Midshipman Smallbridge, who declared that the Captain's dog, Smasher, had cut off his own tail, when that unhappy animal had met with the misfortune of losing its natural appendage.

We are reminded of this incident related by the novelist, by the cool audacity and effrontery of Gen. Littlefield, who, yesterday, in his speech at Raleigh, spoke of the Legislature and the investigation now going on as relates to Railroad bond frauds and legislative bribery and corruption. We seldom feel called upon to notice these things in that paper, knowing that that sort of work is its vocation, and that it is not likely, on that very account, to make much impression, one way or the other, on the public mind. But yesterday, like Regland at L'Ausson, the editor's name "to pile his self on himself" to such an extent that we depart from our usual custom, not so much with a view of producing reform as that sheet, (or it is so steeped in iniquity as to be past hope,) as to excite any false impression it may have made on the mind of any honest person, for none such regards what it says, but simply, as a matter of news, to show how far we are from general popular misrepresentation of facts.

For the last two months there has been a general caucus called Littlefield makes a speech, and becomes the leader of the Republicans party. No doubt he has planned and shaped the movements of his party since its return.

Look again at those minutes, almost numbered together in a room at a Hotel, pledging themselves to vindicate the resolution to the Committee to investigate this affair, and to do all they can to expose it with all the force of numbers, and he avows that was his duty and obligation.

Again, the Democrats have always

represented that they do not believe exists in the Legislature. Every body conversant with the facts, knows that every one of them has been thrown in the way that could befall their friends of the time of the Committee of the Whole, every time it has been to session, has been taken up in quidnunc and objections, and every body knows who did these things, and that they were leading Republicans.

"We have never believed that any disruption existed," says the Standard. That which is known cannot be a matter of fact to any one. "The result of their labors has proved the truth of our belief." Oh, the conduct the results have proved, to all impartial minds, that there has been corruption, and further, it has proved that certain parties have proved every effort in preventing its exposure and punishment.

The expense of all the investigating committee combined, does not equal one twentieth of the expense of passing the original Penitentiary swindle, so when the Standard charges the Democrats with running the State to exhaust their expense it is a scurrilous figure in the mirror of truth.

"The honor and integrity of the Republicans of the Legislature, are fully vindicated." We hope this will satisfy them. But how is it vindicated? Is it vindicated by the exposure of the penitentiary swindle? By the Chairman Railbird Bill? By Littlefield's grog shop in the Capitol? By the missing Treasurer of the Western Railroad? By the overcast, watches and jewelry given by Littlefield to members of the Legislature? By the payment of members hotel bills? By the presentation to a member's wife of a fine carriage horse? By the missing Western N. C. Railroad bonds? Does all this vindicate the honor and integrity of the Republican members of the Legislature?

But the easiest piece of snuffiness in the Standard of yesterday, is the implication that the refusal of the "Bragg Committee" to send its records to the House was "a slap in the face," of Messrs. Poe, Jarvis, Durham and those who acted with them, when it is well known that those gentlemen not only did not ask for said records, but opposed Littlefield's having them when he asked for them, in order, as he said, to refresh his memory."

These who conversed with Mr. Littlefield should have these records, were, Sinclair, French, Moore of Newbern and a few others. Mr. Bragg was invited at first, of his having his bill introduced, and then again, later in his mind on the subject. But this influence of the part of the Standard is about gone, in regard to justice, and, I daresay, with most of its assertive members, no serious political opponents are the same.

BLOW YOUR HORN BILL!

President Smith, of the N. C. Guard, writes a letter to the Standard concerning the notices we made of his ten days to Mr. McGaugh's recently, so the end just of carrying judicial voters out of the State. The substance of Mr. Smith's letter may be summed up in what the learned call "ingratitude."

The Major says, or intimates, that he doesn't belong to either of the parties as at present organized. We had been misled by appearances. We thought he belonged to that party that he forced all the employees of his road to vote for in the last election, when the purity of distinction was their plow. We also thought he belonged to one of the parties now in existence, from the fact that Governor Holden said, in his inaugural, that none could tell, from the presence of the highest, who did not belong in one of the parties; and from the strict adherence that has been observed to regard to that rule, we have been in the habit of classing every man in the State with that party, when he has been so far-traveled.

If we have made mistakes or misled in the matter by these and a thousand other circumstances, of similar bearing and import, in classifying the Major politically, more's the pity. Blow away, Bill!

LOOK! NORTH CAROLINIAN'S,

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As stated yesterday, the Republicans House of Commons, on Wednesday, requested the Committee of the Whole, to sit for the purpose of investigating the charges of fraud, bribery and corruption against certain State officials and members of the General Assembly.

The man who has been charged with every possible kind of fraud and corruption, by members of both Houses of the General Assembly, without distinction of party, is running away and remaining silent for months to avoid an investigation into his actions, returns, and how is he treated? The man who was, according to a Republican legislator, he said he was sent to hold the position of Public Printer, the man for whom the Governor had issued his commission, announces to the world that he was a criminal and a fugitive from justice, (for that is the inference from his proclamations,) this very man who concealed the disposition of six or seven millions of the people's money until the truth is forced from him by the coercive power of an investigating committee; yes, the man notorious concerned in Morris' frauds and in the corruption of the Governor of that State, returns to Raleigh and is received by certain parties, with open arms, with smiles and compliments. The brain of the country, the unprincipled impudence of the man, are construed by many into evidences of avarice, ignorance and honesty!

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nute, actually paid the note, and yet he could not remember the fact! He swore that no process was served on him in the matter, whereas the return of the Sheriff's officer shows that process was served on him personally; while a number of witness's could easily to facts in contradiction of this witness's testimony; yet the committee is disabused and every possible chance of getting at the facts is cut off!

He could not recollect a three thousand dollar note given to "James Scott" though sent on and paid; nor \$1,000 last Stevens of Craven, but could recollect giving incorrect transactions involving only a few dollars.

Such a convenient memory would naturally forget all about seven millions of Railroad bonds! John A. Murrill, put open the note excepted by H. W. Harrington, Chairman of the County Court. The note states an order of the Court of First and Quarter Sessions; but it is not clear whether the majority of the Juries of the County were present, when the order was made; and there is no averment that such was the case.

People of North Carolina, think of these things, and think of them in connection with the fact that the bonds are gone and the State's credit ruined.

RESCINDING THE COMMITTEE.

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