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FRAUD. The world will read with amazement the Penitentiary disclosures. Fraud usually exhibits through respect for virtue to cover itself with some disguise.

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River, contiguous to Bark Horn Falls, including a water power, together with all its minerals and mines, containing 8,000 acres, at \$12.50 cents per acre. The examining Committee say the 8,000 acres are not on Deep River.

This is false. The land is poor, the timber mostly cut off, and quite as poor as the land bought by Gen. Littlefield from a member of the Committee. There is no granite on it, though a member of the Committee is said to have sworn that there was.

Again, "The Committee, after thoroughly canvassing the advantages of every place, either by personal inspection or otherwise, are constrained to give preference to this site," &c., &c.

Not one of the Committee has ever been on the 8,000 purchase, save Mr. Harris; at least to see before the investigating Committee.

The Report further says: "The parties making the proposition, accepted by the Committee, together with the President of the Chatham Railroad Company, Dr. W. J. Hawkins, agree to run a Railroad in, or within, the walls of the Penitentiary, as your Committee may desire, at an early day."

The investigating Committee say there is no such contract. The purchasing Committee say, again, that "iron, copper and lumber may, by means of a race or canal, be brought within the walls of the Penitentiary."

No canal can be put within the Penitentiary walls. The climax of falsehood is reached, on the last page of the report of the purchasing Committee when they say: "Your Committee have thought it advisable to purchase a large body of land, well supplied with minerals, and an abundance of timber on Deep River, and including pine forest, water, and a large quarry of granite immediately on the banks of the River, which can be easily quarried, placed on boats and carried within the walls of the Penitentiary."

The English language lacks power to express the falsity of the report of the purchasing Committee, when you compare it with the report of the investigating Committee. If we edited the Standard, we would say the report of the purchasing Committee was a lie from beginning to end, but such language would be our tongue or our type; we hope never to be provoked into the use of such terms, never even justified by crime and fraud.

But the shame and blame which attaches to the Legislature is that they take no steps to censure this Committee or the Superintendent of Public Works, for this swindle of the State, while a carpet bag man stands in the lobby looking on for the sale of the North Carolina Railroad; after having declared to a Wall Street Broker that he could buy up a majority of the General Assembly, to further a scheme of his to make money out of North Carolina bonds.

Oh, shame, where is thy blush! Oh, public virtue, whither hast thou fled! Oh, Reconstruction, here are thy fruits! Oh, loyalty, how many thieves cover with thy cloak "Oh, truth, crushed to earth" when wilt thou rise again!

AGRICULTURAL MEETING.—A meeting of the Cape Fear Agricultural Society, will be held in Wilmington, on the 29th instant. Planters and farmers from all parts of the State are invited to attend. The Star says on the Wilmington and Weldon railway arrangements have been made to pass delegates to and from Wilmington free of charge, and we presume the other railroads will be equally liberal.

ONE! FOREVER GONE!

WHO WILL HAVE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY? The public will bear us witness, that, if we are at fault in any particular, in the conduct of our editorial duties, and our dealings with the Radicals, it has been in our too lenient line of policy toward them, and the mildness of our language in characterizing their deeds of blood, plunder and theft.

The lights of corruption are shining, and glowing with a red-hot intensity, are being developed, throughout the broad expanse of this United States—not alone in North Carolina—but in the loyal States, North, New Jersey has one of her legislators in the Penitentiary for the crime of bribery, and a distinguished New York Radical is now suffering incarceration, for falsity. The howl is raised of corruption, and the Republican party trembles, and staggers under the pressure of public indignation. The Republican party is gone! and among its multitude of counselors, there is not one to step forward and rescue it. Corrupt in its inception—base in its growth and maturity, they staked at no means to secure power, and once in power, they pull down national and State credit; bankrupt their people by high taxation, and drain to its last ragged penny, the Treasury of North Carolina.

The New York Evening Post, has become alarmed, and asks the question, "who will save the Republican party?" But let the Post be heard briefly: When a political party has a great preponderance, it is preyed upon to draw to itself the rogues, the unscrupulous, and the self-seekers in the community. That is the danger of such an ascendancy. A party may become the tool of corrupt men, because its leaders are careless and over-confident of their strength, and because the rogues and self-seekers are attracted to it from a desire to use it as their instrument.

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amount. Why is this, sir? Are we contented to be stationary, and is not the progress made to procure it? He did not intend any unjust criticism on the Secretary of State by making this statement, but he intended to be conclusive, properly, and if there is any wrong done it should be righted.

Mr. Barrow moved that a Committee be appointed to investigate the matter. Mr. Hay desired to bring to the attention of the House an advertisement of one John Armstrong, Rockland, which appears in the Journal of the General Assembly, at the expense of the State.

Mr. Stewart said he regarded this matter had been brought to the attention of the Senate, and he hoped the Committee would be appointed. It was due the Secretary of State that the investigation should be had, he believed that the secretary had the interests of the State at heart, and was glad to have an officer who would take the responsibility on himself of withdrawing resignation, in his judgment, the article in the Journal of the General Assembly, at the expense of the State.

Mr. Love said he did not agree with the Senator from Montgomery, that matters of this character should be treated lightly. It is a matter of serious character and should be investigated at once, in justice to the Secretary of State and of the Doorkeepers. It is true that there is considerable difference in the salaries which they fill, yet the honor of one is as precious to him as that of the other, and the motion should prevail.

A. J. Galway, colored, thought that after the remarks of the Senator from Craven, it would be simple justice to the Doorkeepers that this investigation should be had. The idea is conveyed that they have disposed of stationery in an improper manner. He had been informed by the Secretary of State that the Senate had consumed more stationery than the House of Representatives. He did not believe the statement was true. So far as he was concerned, he had bought his own stationery at the bookstores in this city, and could show his receipts, therefore, the charges of consuming stationery belonging to the State could not be laid at his door.

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Mr. Brogden, from the Committee on Finance, reported favorably on a resolution for the relief of A. J. Murray. Mr. Robbins, from the Committee on Corporations, reported favorably on a bill to amend the charter of the town of Lillington.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SATURDAY, JAN. 23, 1868. House called to order at 10 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. S. S. Ashley. Messrs. Ingram and Ashworth changed their votes upon Mr. Bowman's amendment, exempting provisions from taxation, from the negative to the affirmative. They had not exactly comprehended the question when it was put to a vote last evening.

Mr. Justice, of Bathurst, moved to suspend the rules, and take up his resolution in regard to accepting Mr. Downing's proposition to buy the site and land of the Penitentiary. He asked for the adoption of his resolution, in order that the Legislature might get rid of further trouble in regard to that affair. He thought that all the noise raised over the matter was solely to make political capital, &c.

J. S. Leary, colored, said the attempt to pass this resolution under a suspension of the rules, was a dodge to smooth over this matter. He wished the House to pass upon the Senate bill in regard to repeating the act purchasing the site and land of the Penitentiary. He did not regard the purchase as legal, therefore, did not see how they could act upon it if they did not own it, &c.

Mr. Downing said, the passage of this bill would amount to nothing whatever as the Committee had made the purchases by law, a law of the enactment of this very Legislature. If this bill passed, the matter would have to go into Court for a settlement; therefore, an acceptance of his proposition would avoid all this trouble.

Mr. Ingram said he had no objection to a suspension of the rules, but he was not willing to accede to the principle that the State owned legally the property in question. He was willing to accept the gentleman's proposition so far as the national title of the State was concerned, in the abstracted property, &c.

Mr. Pot, in a lengthy argument, opposed the suspension of the rules. He hoped that the resolution would be voted down, and he said he would support the bill, but he would not support the suspension of the rules. After considerable debate, the question recurred upon the motion to suspend the rules.

The motion being adopted, the resolution was taken up and made the special order for Monday evening next at 8 o'clock. On motion of Mr. Seymour, the rules were suspended and Senate bill No. 131, (repealing the Penitentiary act,) was taken up. Mr. Seymour moved to make it the special order for Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Maline from the Special Committee to whom was referred the bill, making a change in the time of holding Courts in the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, reported back a bill fixing the time of the Courts in the several Judicial Districts. On motion of Mr. Bowman the rules were suspended and the bill passed its several readings.

By consent Mr. Davis presented the report of the Commissioners of Carteret County. R. freed. The bill entitled an act amendatory of the act to incorporate the Western North Carolina R. Co., and acts amendatory thereof, was taken up. Mr. French moved a substitute for the bill. The clerk read the substitute at length, and it was adopted. Upon the passage of the bill on a second reading the yeas and nays were called, and resulted in a vote of yeas 67, nays 22.

The bill, together with the following amendment offered by Mr. Maline, was ordered to be printed: Provided further, That no funds shall be issued from the State treasury in the completion of the grading of the twenty-five miles of said road, or the expiration of which time, and it being certified to the Treasurer under the oath of the President of said road, it should be the duty of the Public Treasurer to issue \$10,000 in bonds per mille under the restrictions of the act and other general laws in the management of Railroad Companies. And it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to subscribe the stock from time to time as required in this act, in the amount of \$10,000 per mile in the completion of the grading of each twenty-five miles of said road.

On motion of Mr. Luffin, Senate bill No. 47, to amend an act entitled an act to amend the charter of the Western R. Co., ratified the 21st of Aug., 1868, was taken up, and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 90, nays 33.

MISCELLANEOUS.

To the People of the Southern States. When the pure medicinal restorative, now so widely known as Woff's Scleroid Saline, was introduced into the world under the endorsement of four thousand leading members of the medical profession some 20 years ago, its proprietor was well aware that it could not wholly escape the envy of the unscrupulous and the competition of the ignorant and the ignorant.

On motion of Mr. Seymour, the report and the testimony, were ordered to be printed and made the special order for next Tuesday at 10 o'clock. On motion of Mr. Barnett, the bill concerning the Oxford branch of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 73, nays 29.

The bill was ordered to be printed, together with various proposed amendments. On motion of Mr. Luffin, Senate bill No. 73, incorporating the University Railroad Co., was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 80, nays 29.

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On motion of Mr. Luffin, the bill to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Plaster Bank Railroad Company, was taken up and passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 80, nays 18.

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On motion of Mr. Seymour, the House then adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock. NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. OLD GOVERNMENT JAVA COFFEE. Just received by DE W. BELL, Fayetteville Street.

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Pocket Book Lost! \$10 Reward. I have lost my pocket book, containing a check for \$10, and a small sum of money. Whoever finds it and returns it to me, I will give a reward of \$10. EDWIN A. SMITH.

Public Sale of Valuable Lots. On Friday, the 26th inst., at 10 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. J. H. Bell, the following lots will be sold: These lots are adjacent to St. John's College, and are a part of the College property. This will be a good chance for investment. Terms, one-half cash, six months credit on balance. CHAS. C. BELL, Auctioneer.

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