

THE SENTINEL.



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HAD SIGHT IN THE SENATE.

Tuesday was a day of humiliation and shame to North Carolina. A grand effort was made to cover up and keep concealed the frauds which have been perpetrated upon the people and the State. Major Graham's resolution, calling for a Committee to report upon the condition of the Western N. C. Railroad Company had been made the special order of the day. Mr. Rappaport had introduced a bill requiring the Presidents of all Railroad Companies, having bonds, or money arising from the sale of State bonds, to make quarterly reports to the Treasurer of the State. Mr. Welker had introduced resolutions relative to the sale of bonds made by the Western N. C. Railroad, and calling for a Committee of investigation.

There were several steps, looking to the investigation of the frauds said to have been committed on the Western N. C. Railroad, were all made special orders for Tuesday. Mr. Graham's resolution was first, Mr. Welker's was second, and Mr. Rappaport's was third, in the order of introduction. The rule of the Senate is that bills shall be taken up in the order in which they are introduced.

The Clerk, when the hour for these special orders arrived, began reading No. 3. Mr. Rappaport's bill, instead of No. 1. Mr. Graham's resolution. Mr. Graham checkmated this move by raising a question of order, that No. 1, should be first read, this was so ruled by the Chair. While this was going on, Littlefield, the "King Master," and the Governor, the "Mainspring of the Ring," were standing in the lobby engaged in secret conversation; Victor Lassiter, of the Code Commission, was also on hand. Senator Lester, of dubious notoriety, called a bill supposed to be drawn by Victor, of the Code, at the suggestion of Littlefield and the ring.

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Mr. Lester said on introducing the bill that other bills introduced on this subject were not sufficiently comprehensive, "which would more fully enable the investigating committee to conduct their examinations with thorough certainty and in a satisfactory manner to every one." With this declaration of honest intent he introduced a bill, differing from the other three in no respect, except this, it allows the "main spring of the ring" to appoint the committee or commissioners, to investigate the funds of the ring, and gives them until next year to make their report. Yes, the Governor, then talking in the lobby with the man charged with fraud, was to appoint the committee to investigate his frauds, and give the committee a salaried clerk, whose pay should not exceed five dollars per day, and the committee to report away bonds in 1870; and not until about the middle of that year. By that time there will scarcely be a dollar of the bonds left to wrangle about.

Away with such a bill! its smells of the Penitentiary swindle; it smells of the Standard and the ring purchase; it smells of the \$100,000 which Pike says Littlefield makes this year by State printing. Let the people know.

I. Littlefield and the ring is charged with having used \$3,000,000 of bonds of the Western N. C. Railroad in his Florida transactions; as President of this road, he has in his pocket millions of State bonds which he can't sell at 20 cents in the dollar. The Governor is aware of this misuse of State bonds, and he talked to his friends about it in New York, but forgot to mention it in his message.

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VI. Remember, Littlefield was presented to the Grand Jury of Wake for attempting to bribe the Legislature with "money and whiskey."

VII. Remember, Judge Watts on Thursday of the week, within five minutes after the presentment, adjourned the Court before a bill could be drawn, and the said Judge is now electioneering with a view to being a candidate for Congress.

VIII. Remember, that Littlefield's checks have been presented for two years, and it is common occurrence that they are protested even for small amounts, and the Governor is aware of it.

IX. Remember, that over the \$50,000 dollars which he spent in whiskey, cigars, and

wine, in corrupting the members of Assembly, has not been yet paid, and the Governor knows it.

X. Remember, Littlefield, is the Governor's President of the Western Road, and the Governor is seen in the lobby with him while this Victor Lassiter bill is before the Senate.

XI. Remember, we have no malice, we have made no charges, we have only stated facts to show that Tuesday was a sad day, a day of shame in the Senate.

XII. Remember, North Carolina bonds are quoted at 27 cents in the dollar, and falling every day.

XIII. And then remember, the Senate, by the influence of the "Ring," pushes direct and honest investigation.

A. SHAKING AMONG THE BONES.

A perusal of the Standard of Wednesday morning will convince those who are in the habit of reading that sheet, of two things especially; first, that there was a new paper employed in getting up the editorials; and, second, that there is unmistakable evidence of a "scam" in the "Ring" wigwam.

We say, there is evidence of the traces of a new pen in the editorials—they are not Pithick at all; at least the two, headed respectively "Party Discipline," and "Organization Necessary." We say they are not like Pike; they lack his terseness and nervous style; besides they are deeply partyish, a feature which Pike professes to ignore, so far as looking in is concerned.

Mr. Rappaport, who wrote those editorials, but we are confident Pike didn't.

But the tone of these editorials, especially the one about "party discipline," is what renders them more remarkable than the style. The writer bemoans defection in the Radical ranks; hints that it is becoming more and more apparent every day; that disintegration is going on in the party that cannot be checked, and then the writer lifts the warning voice and intimates the dire calamities; the whippings and brusses; the frowns and scoffs, and final political demolition, of all who dare question the purity, honesty, wisdom and authority of the party.

The article of the Standard is timely for the interest of certain leaders; their political life or death is the alternative involved in the issue of certain measures. If Radical members of the Legislature falter now, certain men go by the board—are done for forever. The "Ring" expects every man to do his duty; it is no time for the indulgence of conscientious scruples now; there is no quarter to be given those who are considered bought and paid for, should they falter when the great battle is to be fought. What if a man may have some regard to his own reputation, the honor of his State, the welfare of his children and the respect of his family and friends? that nothing now, the work of the Ring must be done, and every man is expected to come up to the scratch; and if he fall, he is to be handled without gloves, and the cogging bottle will be thrown aside.

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