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Let the East be Represented.

We have thought for some time that our legislative caucus were organized on an improper basis. Under the present system no county is represented which does not send a democratic member. This plan we do not regard as just or proper. By its workings the eastern section of the state is practically shut out from all participation in the government of the policy of the party and in many instances questions are decided which affect the counties in which the negroes have a majority more nearly than any others in the state, without one word being said in behalf of those counties by any one qualified to represent them.

The evil of which we speak is peculiarly great now. The general assembly at its present session must provide a system of government for counties. This is a subject in which the eastern counties are more deeply interested than any other portion of the state. This question will probably be settled by caucus of the democratic members of the General Assembly. In this caucus as it is at present organized the east is entirely without representation. This state of affairs calls aloud for remedy. More than a hundred years ago the world changed front, because of taxation without representation, and we must insist that questions which so deeply affect so many of the good people of the state shall not be passed upon without consultation with them.

The manner in which this much needed reform can be brought about is very simple. Let the democrats of the counties which send republican members to the legislature, send to Raleigh as members of the democratic caucus as many representatives as their counties are entitled to send to the lower house of the general assembly. Let these representatives be chosen in a manner to be prescribed by the executive committee of each county and let them be accredited to the chairman of the democratic caucus by the chairmen of these committees.

We regard this plan as probably the best which can be pursued in order to attain the object sought. If however this plan should be thought impracticable on account of the difficulty of finding gentlemen who could spare time to remain in Raleigh during the sessions of the general assembly and the expense which they would incur in so doing; then let the executive committee of the democratic party in every negro county choose some gentleman residing in Raleigh who shall represent them in the caucus.

One of these plans or one similar to and including both of them we hope to see speedily adopted. The democrats of the east are equally interested with the democrats of the west in the welfare of the democratic party; even more so; for eastern North Carolina can have no hope in the future unless the state is governed by the democratic party. They can hope for no relief from any other party and any future success of republicanism will mean the remaining of that section of the state to the condition from which it has just emerged. For these reasons we demand that the eastern democrats shall assist in shaping the policy of that party in whose success lies their only hope of prosperity.

Shall we have a Fair Count. The more we consider the state of national politics, the more closely we examine the drift of public opinion and the tendency of events, the more thoroughly do we become satisfied that no apprehension need be felt that any man will be placed in the presidential chair who is not rightfully entitled thereto. It is doubtless true that certain corrupt men in the republican party conceived the idea of stealing the presidency for Mr. Hayes. It is doubtless true that in their plans they have received the cordial and active co-operation of the present occupant of the White House and that their schemes of villainy received at least the tacit approval of their pretended leader but real tool, Rutherford B. Hayes. It is doubtless true that Morton, and Logan, and Chandler and Sherman are resolved if possible to stifle the voice of the people, and regardless alike of their official oaths, and the duty, which as citizens, they owe to the country, to foist upon the nation a ruler not of its choosing.

But, while we are satisfied that these things are true, we must remember in making up the statement of the case that there are many members of the republican party who will not throw away all their chances of future preferment by joining in an insane attempt to overthrow the will of the people. Mr. Terry, the president of the senate, has done nothing, as yet, to warrant the belief that he will arrogate to himself powers never before claimed by any vice-president. Mr. Conkling has already said that he would not be found in the ranks of the revolutionists. And while Mr. Blaine has up to the present time been silent on the subject it is generally understood that he will not suffer himself to be led by the worst element of his party.

THE RESIGNATION OF JUDGE WATTS. Last Friday Judge Watts resigned his position. Of his career as judge we have now nothing to say. He has retired to private life, and over his family we will throw the broad mantle of charity.

The main question which this resignation brings up is who shall be selected to fill the vacancy. This question will be decided, and we do not doubt wisely decided by Governor Vance, and will be the first important exercise of prerogative which he will be called upon to perform. It is needless to say that the governor's action will be awaited with very great anxiety. One of the most effective weapons we have wielded against radicalism in North Carolina, an argument which we have used unparagonably and which the most astute of the republicans have not been able to answer has been its prohibition of the judicial branch of our government to a partisan level. For eight years we have never ceased to deplore this soiling of the judicial ermine as the very greatest calamity which has befallen us, and during all that time we have claimed that under democratic administration the judiciary would be rescued from the dirt and mire of party politics and reinstated in its former proud position as the guardian and custodian of the peoples fortunes and liberties. We must not be false to these pledges and by our course endorse the worst actions of our enemies. It will be in the highest degree unfortunate if, in the selection of the first high judicial officer which falls to our lot, Governor Vance, to whom we have delegated the power of selection, should be swayed by any consideration further than that of fitness for the position. This is a matter into which party considerations must not intrude and with which professional politicians must not meddle. The interests of the whole people of the state are involved in this matter, and the material business welfare of the state is to be considered paramount to all other things.

The vacant judgeship must be filled by some man who is distinguished for purity of life, dignity of character and knowledge of law. We are satisfied that Governor Vance will pursue the course which we above present, and we say what we have said simply to remind him that his decision upon this, the first important question which has arisen during his new occupancy of the gubernatorial chair, is awaited with great anxiety, and that he is expected to prove himself now as he has done in the past, the governor of the state and not of a party.

The Rings at Work. The rings are moving in on the new administration. Their newspaper tools, their army of strikers, understrappers, whipper-snappers and hangers-on are all in line, ready to move forward with the alacrity of the hungriest bread-and-butter brigade the world ever saw. The Wilmington and Weldon railroad combination seeking to control the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad, to shut off Newbern and Morehead City, thus putting an end to the old foggy (?) idea of President Caldwell of the University for an east and west line through the state, making Beaufort harbor an entrepot for the Mississippi valley and the great north-west. For the accomplishment of this grand design a gentleman from Goldsboro has been selected for president of the Atlantic and North Carolina road in whose behalf every prominent man in Wilmington of influence in politics has already written letters to Governor Vance.

So much for the Newbern division of the new North Carolina system lately squinted at by a city contemporary. For the western division, Wilmington is moving for the control of the Western North Carolina railroad, which, if she is successful in her efforts, is to become part and parcel of the Carolina Central.

The Sentinel gives notice that it is still on guard. Any movement in favor of schemes which are alike antagonistic to the interests of Newbern and of Asheville, of the tide-water section and of the west, opens the fight in which we shall cheerfully take a hand.

The Impeachment of Solicitor Harris. Resolutions of impeachment against J. C. L. Harris, solicitor of this district, were presented in the house of representatives yesterday. The introduction of these resolutions was due alike to the state and to Mr. Harris. Pending their consideration it is improper for the Sentinel to say anything touching the guilt or innocence of this gentleman. Early in the late campaign the Sentinel preferred the charges under which he is to be tried. These charges are now in the hands of men who will deal with them under oath and they should be allowed to do so without outside interference.

We are sorry for our little friend Bennett, of the Herald. It must be very painful to be kicked by one member of a family and dogged by another. We are afraid that the Mays have some grudge against the poor boy. We can't say, however, that we are sorry that the marriage is broken off. Our experience is that a married man is a thoroughly useless piece of lumber about a newspaper office, and while we do not like the ventilating course of the Herald, we should be sorry to see it go down because its young editor was pointed at as "Benedict, the married man."

LEGISLATURE. SENATE. FRIDAY, JAN. 5, 1877. The senate was called to order at 10 o'clock. Lieut-Gov. Jarvis in the chair. The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE. Transmitting resolutions of respect to the late Dr. P. M. Winchester, member of the house of representatives. Placed on calendar. Also resolution in favor of the late confederate soldiers who lost both eyes in said service, with amendments, which were concurred in.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. Mr. Liles: Bill to declare the disciplinary rights of secret benevolent societies in this state. Referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. York: Bill to incorporate the Wilkes Valley railroad company. Referred to the committee on internal improvements.

Mr. Sandifer: Bill to amend the charter of the town of Dallas, in the county of Johnston. Placed on calendar.

Mr. Dorich: Bill in relation to the draining of lands. Referred to the committee on judiciary.

Mr. Finger: Bill accompanied with a petition for the relief of Geo. W. Canaler, of the county of Catawba. Referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

Mr. Moore, of New Hanover: Bill to incorporate Independent Order No. 2 of Grand Lodge of Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria in America of the state of North Carolina. Referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

Mr. Robinson was granted leave of absence in consequence of his connection with the committee appointed to sell the Western North Carolina railroad. Mr. Melbane, of Rockingham, was granted leave on account of indisposition.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE. Transmitting resolution in relation to the burial expenses of the late Dr. Winchester, asking the concurrence of the senate. Placed on calendar.

Also resolution of inquiry respecting election returns, requesting the public treasurer to furnish the general assembly with a statement of the amount paid to him for making the election returns of state officers, and to counties in making returns for presidential electors, with a view of reducing such expenses. Placed on calendar.

CALENDAR. Bill to incorporate the Milton and Sutherland Narrow Gauge railroad company come up.

The bill passed its second reading, and on motion of Mr. Cunningham, the rules were suspended, and the bill was sent to the house for its first reading.

Bill to incorporate the town of Laurinburg, in the county of Richmond, was amended, and, on motion of Mr. Short, the rules were suspended, and the bill passed its third reading by a vote of 35 to 5.

Bill to make gold and silver a legal tender. The committee on banks and currency reported adversely to the bill.

Mr. Sandifer moved that it be indefinitely postponed, and the motion prevailed.

Resolution of instruction to the public treasurer in reference to amount paid sheriffs for making election returns, passed.

Bill for the relief of the tax payers of North Carolina, was indefinitely postponed.

Bill to amend an act to charter the town of Dallas, passed its third reading.

On motion of Mr. Ferguson, the vote by which the bill for the relief of the tax payers of the state, was lost, was reconsidered, the bill was amended and passed its third reading.

On motion the senate adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. FRIDAY, JAN. 5, 1877. The house was called to order by Mr. Finnis, member from Davidson.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS. By Mr. Davis: A petition from certain citizens to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within 2 miles of Waynesville college in Haywood county. Propositions and grievances.

By Mr. Rowland: A petition to prohibit the sale of spirituous liquors within 2 miles of Iowa church, in Robeson county. Propositions and grievances.

By Mr. Yount: A petition for the incorporation of the town of Canova, in Catawba county. Committee on corporations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES. Mr. Shackelford for committee on engrossed bills reported sundry bills and resolutions properly engrossed which were sent to the senate.

Mr. Staples for committee on judiciary, Mr. McGehee for committee on finance, Mr. Guider for committee on propositions and grievances and Mr. Henderson for committee on corporations reported back sundry bills and resolutions which were placed on calendar.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS. Mr. Sandifer: Bill to amend chapter 39 of the laws of 1874-75, amendatory thereof. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By the same: Bill to repeal chapter 39 of the laws of 1874-75, and chapter 112 of the laws of 1874-75, amendatory thereof. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Moore, of New Hanover: Bill to provide for working the public roads of the State. Referred to committee on propositions and grievances.

Mr. Latham: Bill to define and declare the punishment for burglary. Referred to committee on the judiciary.

By the same: Bill to amend section 144 of chapter 17 of the laws of 1874-75, amendatory thereof. Referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Mr. Falk: Resolution in favor of C. H. Brogden, J. L. Robinson and R. F. Armfield and attorneys employed by said commission for services rendered to the State. Referred to committee on finance.

Mr. Liles: Resolution instructing the Attorney General to bring suit to recover by the State, the State's interest in the locks and dams of Deep River. Placed on calendar.

Mr. Scales: Resolution of instruction to the committee on agriculture, manufacturing and mining, to devise some means for the protection of sheep husbandry. Placed on calendar.

and after some discussion the bill failed to pass by a vote of 17 to 17, the President voting in the negative.

Resolution of instruction to the committee on agriculture, manufacturing and mining in reference to sheep husbandry was adopted.

Resolution of instruction to the Attorney General in reference to bringing suit to recover the interests of the State in the locks and dams of Deep River, was referred to the committee on the judiciary.

Bill concerning the paupers of the State was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Terry the vote by which the bill relating to the practice of dentistry failed to pass, was reconsidered, and the bill was recommitted.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until Monday morning at 11 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SATURDAY, JAN. 6. The House was called to order at 11 o'clock by the Speaker.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

PETITION. By Mr. Terry: A petition from certain citizens of Richmond county against the incorporation of the town of Lumberton in said county of Richmond. Under rules laid over.

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RAILROADS, &c.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO R. R. PASSENGER DEPARTMENT. CONNECTIONS OF PASSENGER TRAINS FROM RICHMOND.

A. M. 9:00—Mail, daily except Sunday—Daily west of Hinton. Arrives at Gordonsville 12:45 P. M., connecting with Va. Midland Train at 1:10 P. M., arriving at Washington 6:00 P. M., for all points North. Arrives at Chesapeake 1:35 P. M., connecting with Va. Midland Train at 1:55 P. M., arriving at Lynchburg 5:00 P. M., for all points South; Arrives at Huntington 10:00 A. M.

P. M. 3:45—Accommodation, daily except Sunday, arrives at Gordonsville 7:30 P. M., connecting with Va. Midland Train at 7:40 P. M., arriving at Washington 11:35 P. M., for all points North.

P. M. 10:45—Express, daily. Arrives at Gordonsville 2:40 A. M., connecting with Virginia Midland Train at 3:50 A. M., arriving at Washington 11:07 A. M., for all points North; Arrives at Charlottesville 3:55 A. M., connecting with Va. Midland Train at 7:55 A. M., arriving at Lynchburg 11:07 A. M., for all points North; Arrives at Huntington 4:45 P. M., connecting with Chesapeake and Ohio Packet Steamers for Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Chicago, and all other points in the West Northwest and Southwest.

FROM HUNTINGTON. P. M. 4:00—Mail, daily to Hinton—Daily except Sunday, East of Hinton. Arrives at Charlottesville 11:40 A. M., connecting with Va. Midland Train at 1:55 P. M., arriving at Lynchburg 5:00 P. M., for all points South via Va. and Tennessee R. R.; Arrives at Gordonsville 12:35 P. M., connecting with Va. Midland Train at 1:10 P. M., arriving at Washington 6:00 P. M., for all points North. Arrives at Richmond 4:30 P. M.

A. M. 10:30—Express, daily—Arrives at Charlottesville 1:50 A. M., connecting with Va. Midland Train at 7:55 A. M., arriving at Lynchburg 11:07 A. M., for all points South; Arrives at Gordonsville 2:35 P. M., connecting with Va. Midland Train at 1:50 A. M., arriving at Washington 7:30 A. M., for all points North. Arrives at Richmond 5:30 A. M., connecting with Richmond and Potomac R. R. at Richmond; Arrives at Petersburg 7:50 A. M. Trains for all points South.

A. M. 8:10—The train from Washington arrives at Gordonsville 12:40 P. M., and connects with Chesapeake and Ohio Mail Trains both for Richmond and Huntington—The 9:50 P. M. train from Richmond arrives at Gordonsville 2:40 A. M., and connects with Chesapeake and Ohio Express Trains both for Richmond and Huntington.

A. M. 9:00—The train from Lynchburg arrives at Charlottesville 11:55 A. M. and connects with C. & O. Mail Train for Huntington and Gordonsville 12:40 P. M. with C. & O. Mail Train for Richmond.

The R. & D. and R. P. trains arriving from the South at 8:00 P. M. connect with Chesapeake and Ohio Express Train, leaving Richmond at 10:45 P. M. for the West and North.

CONWAY R. HOWARD, Gen. Pass. & Ticket Agt., Richmond Va. W. M. S. DUNN, Engineer & Supt. Dec-15-17.

RALEIGH & GASTON RAILROAD SCHEDULE.

MAIL TRAIN. Leave Raleigh 9:00 A. M. Arrive at Weldon 3:20 P. M. Leave Weldon 1:40 P. M. Arrive at Raleigh 11:30 A. M.

THROUGH FARE. Leave Raleigh 5:00 A. M. Arrive at Weldon 5:35 P. M. Leave Weldon 5:10 A. M. Arrive at Raleigh 5:15 P. M.

RALEIGH & AUGUSTA AIR LINE. Charge of Schedule to take effect 6:30 a. m. Monday, October 30th, 1876.

TRAIN MOVING SOUTH. Leave Raleigh 10 A. M. Arrive at Weldon 12:30 P. M. Arrive at Petersburg 3:30 P. M.

TRAIN MOVING NORTH. Leave Cameron 1:00 P. M. Arrive at Raleigh 6:40 P. M. All trains will approach and pass R. & D. R. R. N. C. Division crossing at Cary with caution. 20 minutes for Breakfast at Cary. JOHN C. WINDER, Superintendent. oct-11-17

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, PETERSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY, Petersburg, Va., November 16, 1876.

SCHEDULE OF TRAINS TO TAKE EFFECT MONDAY NOV. 20th GOING SOUTH.

NEW YORK EXPRESS. Leave Petersburg daily at 8:30 A. M. Arrive at Weldon Sunday, 12:00 Noon

SOUTHERN EXPRESS. Leave Petersburg daily at 12:50 A. M. Arrive at Weldon at 4:35 A. M.

FREIGHT WITH PASSENGER COACH ATTACHED. Leave Petersburg daily (except Sunday) at 9:45 A. M. Arrive at Weldon at 3:45 P. M.

GOING NORTH. NEW YORK EXPRESS. Leave Weldon daily at 3:00 P. M. Arrive at Petersburg at 6:30 P. M.

SOUTHERN EXPRESS. Leave Weldon Sunday, 6:00 A. M. Arrive at Petersburg at 9:45 A. M.

FREIGHT WITH PASSENGER COACH ATTACHED. Leave Weldon daily (except Sunday) at 6:15 P. M. Arrive at Petersburg at 12:05 P. M.

First class coaches will run through between Wilmington and New York on day trains, with sleeping cars on night trains. No change of cars at Weldon.

Through tickets sold to all Eastern and Southern points and baggage checked through.

R. H. DUNN, Superintendent of Transportation. Dispatcher of Trains. dec-13-17.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, PETERSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY, Petersburg, Va., November 24, 1876.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE TO TAKE EFFECT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25th: GOING SOUTH.

Leave Petersburg at 8:30 A. M. and 8:37 A. M. Arrive at Weldon at 9:50 A. M. and 9:58 P. M.

GOING NORTH. Leave Weldon at 7:00 A. M. and 4 P. M. Arrive at Petersburg at 11:05 A. M. and 7:07 P. M.

Trains connect at Petersburg and Weldon with trains for all southern and northern points. Tickets sold to all southern, southern-western, northern and western points, and baggage checked through.

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