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"WE" IN RALEIGH.

We went to Raleigh last week. Yes, we did! The Legislature is in session too. We saw that much ourselves.

Well, we got there Thursday and after getting in and out of the penitentiary, paying our partial respects to the new Treasurer, Mr. Worth, and taking receipt for same, and attending to the inner man, we went up to the Supreme Court room and for a short while observed the proceedings of the Committee having in tow a few contested election cases. After considerable cross-firing, it became evident that in most cases there was a contest-ant and a contest-ee. That fact being partially plainly established the committee adjourned to meet at a more convenient season.

We then went to the Capitol. There was a committee meeting in the Senate Chamber and a glorious, semi-bitarious temperance meeting in the House. There was much speech-making and enthusiasm. Too much of both was Republico-Populistic. Unmistakably so. In fact too much politics for effective temperance. A negro preacher from Greensboro had fused on the subject, and was one of the big speakers, being loudly cheered and applauded even by the white ladies. We left the hall before the meeting closed.

Friday morning we went up to see our Legislators legislating. The Senate was not in session. The House was. We went in. Mr. A. J. Moye, our countyman, the clever door-keeper, took pleasure in pointing out to us the different noted personages. Our Representatives, Messrs. Phillips and Cox were in their, or somebody else's, places. Mr. Phillips appeared anxious and weary, while Mr. Cox wore a smile of complacent satisfaction.

On the fusion side were several faces that bespoke intelligence. Some of them were those of men who had been there before and were men of ability.

but on the whole, they were different. Most of them were the faces of good, honest, misled, well-meaning men who seemed to be wondering how they got there and what they were there for. This simplicity was strongly suggestive of Spring. But they were there, and evidently intended to stay until the thing busted.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock. It was quite a different body from that of ancient historic Raleigh. Senator, Mr. Forbes, was in his seat, dignified and silent, and did not seem very deeply interested in the proceedings. Our five Democrats took things easily and quietly. Bills passed their readings as if to order.

And these two bodies compose the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina. We went, we saw, we left. And after a flying trip to Goldsboro and Wilmington got home o. k.

When shall we see the like again?

OUT AND IN.

Mr. Prichard being elected as U. S. Senator made haste to get to Washington, where he at once succeeded Senator Jarvis. Thus ends a short, able and honorable term, of one of our greatest men, in the Senate.

He has filled the seat made vacant by North Carolina's great calamity, the death of Senator Vance, for a brief period, and leaves it well worthy of the trust and duties imposed upon him. When will we see his like in the Senate again?

It is with deep regret that the people see him so soon leave it, for their interests demanded that he stay, but a conglomerated, heterogenous, irresponsible mass of humanity aided another to succeed him. And it is ever so. How long will it continue?

May Mr. Prichard agreeably and patriotically disappoint us.

MIGHT MAKES RIGHT.

Can the Legislature abolish an office and thus get the incumbent out? We have always heard that a man could not be legislated out of office until the expiration of his term.

The Constitution provides how most offices are to be created and filled, and gives other powers for the same over those not created under it. Now, when a man is elected and qualifies, how can he be thrown out before the expiration of his term or without cause?

Can it be done? We never heard of such before. If such is not EX POST FACTO, what is?

London On the Legislature.

For the first time since the Legislature convened, we spent half a day in Raleigh, on last Friday, and having an hour to spare, we took a peep at that illustrious body and witnessed its proceedings. While this may be the most brilliant body of men ever assembled at Raleigh (as is claimed by some persons) yet appearances are decidedly against them, for a harder looking set has never before been seen in our capitol. Of course this does not apply to our Chatham members, for one of them (Mr. Self) has been published as closely resembling Daniel Webster.

That which most forcibly impressed us was the leadership and control exercised by the old time Republicans, especially in the House, where the Speaker is a true blue Republican (Walser) and the leaders are the bitterest kind of Republicans. For instance, the leadership seems to be between French, of New Haven, who was one of the noted carpet baggers during the reconstruction days, and Jim Young, the colored member from Wake. These two seemed to divide the honors of being the ablest speakers and aspiring leaders of the fusionists. While seeing them controlling and directing our legislation, we could not help recalling the terrible reconstruction days, when just such men (carpet baggers and negroes) had almost ruined our good old State. And to think that men who had been Democrats and had helped to rescue the State from the clutches of such men in 1870, had again placed such men in power and were blindly following their leadership! And this is the result of the great "reform" movement in North Carolina.—Chatham Record.

The Washington Post, speaking of Senator Prichard, says:

He is a finely formed man, about six feet tall, and has a manly and attractive manner. He was a mere boy at the outbreak of the war. His father was a Union man, but was drafted into the Confederate army. Senator Prichard's last recollection of him is seeing him mounted on a horse, his feet and hands bound, on his way to the front, where he died, an unwilling conscript in a cause in which his sympathies were not enlisted.

For this reason we have never been able to find it in our heart to blame Mr. Prichard for being a Republican.—Charlotte Observer.

Senator Mewborne expressed surprise yesterday at Senator Paddison's reference to the Constitution, and said "it sounded unlike a Third party man to call upon the Constitution for help." An honest confession is said to be good for the soul. Let us be thankful that the Populists merely disregard the Constitution and do not denounce it as in league with Wall street. This is a step forward.—Charlotte Observer.

"What we need in Raleigh," said a red hot Republican yesterday, "is a strong Republican paper to fight the News and Observer. The Caucasian has too many preachers on the staff to do the situation justice.—News Observer.

Mr. Cleveland has gone into training again. A masseur has reduced his weight forty-two pounds since New Year's-Day. He is probably preparing for that Republican majority in the House.—Richmond (Va.) Times.

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