

The Legislature—Adjournment. The Legislature, after a session of four months, has not, as is common, adjourned sine die, but is subject to the call of the presiding officers of the Senate and House of Representatives...

The Columbia Union, strongly Republican, thus shows up the character of the body. The Legislature, by concurrent resolution, fixed upon to-day (13th inst.) as the time for adjournment. The session has now extended over a period of not less than one hundred and twenty days, or nearly one-third of the entire year...

The Republican party, if it expects to live in this State for any length of time, must remember one fact; and that is, that the people who pay taxes, both white and colored, will not consent to see their money squandered by the Legislature in deliberating over measures of no earthly importance to any, save those who introduce them.

If we expect to exist as a party, we must introduce these measures of reform, and not have them forced upon us by the opposite party. There is no disguising the fact that our Legislative expenses are nearly double what they should be, and this is caused solely by the extraordinary length of the session.

There are scores of useless officers in the State which should have been abolished, or consolidated, but whenever this subject was broached, all sorts of fair promises were made, but no definite action could be secured looking to a curtailment of useless expenditures. Members were afraid if they voted for such measures, that some displaced official in their respective counties would exert his influence against them when they again come before the people for re-election.

The members now go home to their constituents, where, we trust, for the good of the State and the party, many of them will be allowed to remain.

Wesley once said, that "Many a good farmer, or mechanic, had been spoiled to make a poor preacher." There is but little doubt in the minds of many who have witnessed the remarkable gyrations of some of the members of the General Assembly, that many a good hairpin has been spoiled to make a very poor legislator.

We have this to say to the Republican party of this State: If there is not a change for the better in the next Legislature, then God help the State. We intend, that so far as we are concerned, no effort will be spared on our part to secure this change. Let the people look to the matter at once.

The Charleston News also comments as follows: Besides wasting time and money, they have bartered their influence for a fee, and have made themselves accomplices of those who live by plundering the people. They passed the Validating bill, which confesses that frauds were perpetrated, and boldly declares that every dollar of bonds and stocks issued by the Ring is a binding part of the debt of the State.

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