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RADICAL EXPOSITION.

Leslie on the Rampage—he charges home on the extremists—dares an investigation—says the appropriation bill is damnable—curious revelations—A lively debate—another "claim" squelched—Wallace still after the lawes and fishes—big jobs and more of them—Whittmore's status in Columbia—the Civil Rights bill a farce.

COLUMBIA, February 26, 1870. The chief feature of public interest to-day in the Senate was a speech by Leslie, in which he took occasion to say things in his peculiar style, that made not a few of his colleagues realize how "uncasy rests the head that wears a crown."

This was his achievement to-day. Cain introduced a resolution that the time of final adjournment should be extended from the 15th to the 15th of March, and speech after speech indicated the purpose of the Senate to adopt the same. Leslie, in his opposition, represented the governor, who is understood to have declared that if the Legislature remained here ten days longer they would ruin the Republican party; and doubtless he was also stimulated by his own honest desire to engage in something more profitable than legislation.

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Corbin stated that such a course would be unconstitutional and not binding. Every man was entitled to draw his per diem until the close of the session.

Beverly Nash, (colored.) It looks very strange that the late Land Commissioner should be so anxious to adjourn. The Senate passed an order requiring him to make a report, but instead of doing that he resigns his office, and opposes the appropriation intended for the Commission.

Leslie, There is a class of dirty, yellow curs, who are always barking at the Land Commission. But there is the man, on or off this floor, who can lay his hand upon a single act of that Commission, and say it is wrong.

Johnston, (of Sumter,) again attempted a question, but was told he had better keep his seat; that he answered very well perhaps for a camp meeting preacher, but didn't know much about law or legislation.

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Verily, we shall have substantial arguments with which to go into the next campaign, and not all the colored voters of South Carolina, will resist the glaring proofs that between folly and corruption, reckless expenditure and wild legislation, ignorance and iniquity, they have been represented by the worst body of men ever assembled on the floor of a Legislature.

Tim Hurley, when he heard of the disgrace of Whitmore, telegraphed to Senator Sawyer, "Sympathize with the poor devil, but congratulate him on the fact that his constituents can't read."

Previous to this, one or two attempts had been made to gag Leslie, and there seemed to be a prospect that such a move would be successful, whereupon Leslie turned towards the speaker and bent upon making him stop and said: "Do you recollect when the messenger was here. Well, the keeper told the boys not to crowd the monkey.

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Government did not know something about nor any business in which he did not have a finger, from a railroad to a bank or a peanut stand. Now this Pope contract business should be audited by somebody beside the Governor.

He does not know on what side or where he stands. He is without policy. He never told a man one thing to day that he didn't contradict to-morrow. The time is coming when he will have to give a record of his doings as the State Executive.

Here Nash asked Leslie, who constituted the financial board? To which Leslie replied: "If you knew your duty as a senator, or knew the laws which you help to make, which I do not believe you do, you would know who are upon the board."

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