

Carolina Watchman.

SALISBURY, THURSDAY SEPT. 11.

The Woodfin Carter libel suit has at last been decided.

The defendant's counsel agreed the jury should return the following verdict: "The jury find, without impeaching the integrity of the prosecutor, the defendant is not guilty on the ground of privilege."

THE STATE DEBT.

Daniel R. Goodloe, Esq., has written a letter to the New York Sun in which he takes the ground that the new debt of the State, that is, the portion created since the war, is illegal because the Legislature which created it, that of 1868, was illegal, its members not having been elected by all the voters of the State qualified by the Constitution, &c., &c.

Now, Mr. Goodloe is a sound reasoner, a deep thinker, and, as Brother Hanes would say, an able constitutional writer. Still, we do not see that he has told us anything about the State debt, the new bonds, that was not known before. His views with respect to this whole debt question are substantially the same that the Assoc. of the State has urged since 1868.

For the proof of this we would refer to the files of the Salisbury Examiner. In them the points touched by Mr. Goodloe are fully discussed, as our readers will know who have read that paper when they see Mr. Goodloe's letter.

Mr. Goodloe's ideas in regard to the illegality of the Legislature have also been discussed by us; and of course, we believe his views correct. We were the first to take a stand against the payment of the monstrous fraud, called the new debt, mainly on the ground of its illegality.

We have also shown that the old debt of the State might have been compromised, intact and all, for less than half what it was at the end of the war, had it not been for Radical and Ring rascality.

But the whole debt question has been thoroughly discussed. The people are tired of it. They want to see it settled. They are willing to pay as far as they are able, the honest portion of it. This could have been done for a mere nominal sum at one time; but delay has not only nearly crippled it but otherwise damaged the State.

The New State Bonds, or the New Debt, so-called, they do not consider just; and furthermore, they will never consent to pay. It is therefore idle to talk about paying it. Yet, the whole matter should be formerly disposed of, so as to leave no after claps.

Many persons were under the impression that they were voting to repudiate or finally dispose of the debt question when they voted for those worthless, patched up Amendments last August; but several prominent papers in the State have felt themselves called upon to deny the supposition and to correct the delusion. This was not necessary, for the deluded are still in the dark; they are unable to see the benefit to be derived from a measure that does not materially change the debt question. If the Legislature does not prove more competent to deal with the debt question than it has shown in the management of many other questions of importance, the result will be both work and much additional expense.

WHICH WILL TRIUMPH?

It is very evident to every close observer that there is now going on a great struggle between the farmers and the great body of the laboring people, on the one side, and the monopolists, money changers, ring men, and the mere politicians or hire servers on the other. But, which will win? Is the question most frequently asked. Some contend that capital, the great Rail Road monopolies and others with their millions of money to bribe voters, will triumph over labor, and still grind it to the earth, even imposing greater burdens, than heretofore.

But our faith is in the virtue and firmness of the great masses of the people who will not permit us to believe any such thing. The people have not yet been brought to realize the enormity of the burdens they have been suffering and are yet suffering by reason of Rings and Rail Road monopolies. They are just beginning to wake up to the fact. When they become fully aroused—fully convinced of the wrongs imposed upon them,—these great enemies of the farmer and laborer; Rings and monopolies—will pass away like the morning mist before the noonday's sun. Money is one of the weakest defenses against an outraged people in times of great popular excitement. That time has not yet arrived, but it rapidly approaches. It would be well for Rings to yield gracefully and not suffer their inevitable dissolution. But there is no hope that they will do this. Nor is there any probability of the people yielding. They are every where rapidly organizing to resist the tyranny and oppression of monopolies, and they are sure to continue the struggle so long as there is an enemy in the field as they are to triumph in the end.

It is monstrous to hear men talking about capital being able to control men even to the subversion of their own liberties. Were such a revolting thing possible, the sooner it were done the better. The idea simply means that the people of the country are to become so corrupt that they will not only sell their birthright, their liberty and independence, but their honor and become slaves for money. Such a charge is a base calumny on the virtue and intelligence of nine-tenths of the great masses of the people. They do not wish to rob capitalists of their money, but they demand that they shall not use it to trammel the industries of the country and hamper labor. Only this, and nothing more.

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Again—those who compose the rings and manage the monopolies are a mere handful compared to the great mass of voters; and if the people could be bought up by the gold of these schemers and plotters, as it is alleged they can do, it would be impossible to reach, for the purpose of corrupting, any thing like a majority of the large mass of voters. In other words, it is impossible to reach for the purpose of bribery a majority of the people of the country even if they were capable of such corruption before the villainy could be discovered and exposed. So that the boasted power to establish a moneyed aristocracy by bribing the people is designed to prove a delusion.

The recent struggle in California between the people and the monopolists shows how easily the people can triumph when they determine to do it. In the election just over in that State, the people have most effectually whipped out the monopolists and the rings. So they will do every where, as soon as they are organized, and they are rapidly organizing.

Fifteen thousand of the yeomanry of Missouri, met in a grove near Brownsville, recently, to counsel together, and to celebrate the bountiful yield of the harvest field from which they have just been relieved. The gathering was addressed by Thomas R. Allen, the master of the State grange, who made the significant declaration that, before the advent of 1874, the granges will be the controlling power in 24 States. There is nothing improbable in this statement, and it is full of foreboding to railroad and other monopolies. The corporations may point defiantly, as they are in the habit of doing, to their millions of capital, but they should remember that, in times of great public excitement, vast capital is about the worst thing an individual or corporation can have.

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While this shivering fear seized every beholder, a voice from the crowd pealed out, "Clear him! cheer him!" and a wild hurrah burst from the excited spectators. As the cheer reached the fireman, he started upward through the curling smoke, and, in a few minutes, was seen coming down the ladder with a child in his arms. That cheer did the work.

How much we can do to help our fellows who are struggling against temptation and a life of misfortune by simply cheering them. How many poor iacribrates might be saved from a drunkard's grave by cheering them to manhood. How many young men might be made good tradesmen, farmers, &c., by cheering them; How many have been led to say after struggling against multiplied difficulties and receiving no word of cheer from those who stand upon a firm basis, "It is not worth while for me to try."

Men of property, character, of influence, when you see the young striving for education, for character, for a living, or for usefulness, or the drunkard striving against the cravings of a depraved appetite, cheer them. It will cost you nothing and may be of incalculable value to them.—Exchange.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?—PERRY'S LAST LIE.

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Wherever these young ladies have appeared they have made for themselves hosts of friends. Their noble and self-sacrificing efforts in behalf of the unfortunate slaves, for whose benefit they are laboring, have won for them the high admiration of all those whose good opinion is of any value.—Charlotte Observer.

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