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The Daily Journal,

CICERO W. HARRIS.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 23, 1877.

WILMINGTON AND THE STATE'S RAILROAD SYSTEM.

Has North Carolina a railroad system? In the days before the war we had. Wilmington was then able to assert herself and control in the interests of her own trade and of the material prosperity of the whole State a large share of stock, and by consequence a large share in the management of the different roads. The war came, and the disasters after the war, and all was swept away. Wilmington has done more for the building of railroads in North Carolina than any other three places in the State. To-day she derives less profit from them than any other place. Nay, more—she receives down-right, deep-rooted injury from the very children she has nurtured at her breast. The railroad system of the State was founded by her. She contributed to its growth and prosperity. Now she is stripped for the benefit of others, and her nakedness is the scorn of successful rivals.

The injustice we complain of is partly due to the slothfulness of our own people. This was apparent when they let the management of all our railroads slip from their hands. But it was not all the fault of Wilmington business men and capitalists. There was a feeling in other portions of the State of mingled indifference and jealousy. Wilmington, which ought to have been the recipient of such favors as are now bestowed upon Norfolk, Baltimore, Richmond and Charleston, is treated as if she had no claims whatever on North Carolinians—no commercial interests worthy of fostering, no seaport at which to do business with foreign cities, no title to the gratitude of the people for all the blood and treasure she has expended in behalf of the honor and the prosperity of the Commonwealth.

Look at the isolation of this city in the railroad system—or what passes for the railroad system of the State. On the north and northwest Norfolk, Baltimore and New York by controlling the Wilmington and Weldon, North Carolina and Raleigh and Gaston Railroads, take all exports that go by rail. True Wilmington would not get the products along the line of the R. & G. R. R., but the combination which controls that road will soon stop our connections with the West, and draw off our life-supply in that direction.

Look, then, at the south—Charleston is stretching out her arms, not only scouring some of the cotton and turpentine along the line of the great railroad which Wilmington liberality and sagacity united in founding, but branching off makes a flank movement by way of Fayetteville and Shoe Heel.

We have a great line to the mountains. Already efforts are making to render this worthless to us. Soon, if we are not more alert and meet with a friendlier spirit in the Legislature and among the people, we are going to be cut off in that direction by rival cities in other States.

The Journal comes with no pulling complaint. It represents Wilmington in its appeal for simple justice. Let our own people be more watchful and workful. Nothing will be done in our behalf anywhere unless we present our cause in the face of the people with the

frank boldness of those old days when to ask was to obtain.

Wilmington has a good and increasing commerce. She has a safe and constantly improving harbor. She is a North Carolina city, devoted to the weal of North Carolina. She asks that North Carolinians should not treat her as if she—the mother of many of our State's heroes and Statesmen—she—the liberal sustainer of every noble public work—were a foreign enemy.

A HUGE JOKE.

The reform element is stronger and more sincere in the Republican than in the Democratic party, says that delectable sheet, "Harpers Weekly," which arrogantly assumes to be a "Journal of Civilization." "Here's richness," as Dickens would say, oily and unctious, equal to that which tradition informs us ran down from "Aaron's beard unto his feet thereto" and beats anything in the way of a joke ever perpetrated even by Dan Rice himself, that prince of elowms. The reform element stronger in the Republican than in the Democratic party is it! Can anything be more false and absurd, its falsity only equalled by its absurdity. The idea of the Radical party reforming itself, is one of the huge jokes of the season, and eclipses anything that Joe Miller has left to admiring posterity.

Never since the formation of the government has there been as corrupt an organization as the Radical party of the present day, that party which has controlled the destinies of the country for fifteen years. It has debauched the morals of society, it has shocked decency by its unblushing exhibitions of shameful depravity, it has outraged the public sentiment of propriety, and almost made shipwreck of the national honor. Its corrupting influence has tainted the very atmosphere, and we may look in vain for any "good thing to come out of Nazareth" so long as they hold the reins of government.

Suppose we admit for the sake of argument, and be it understood for that alone, that Hayes will be inaugurated President, does any one for a moment suppose that he will be able to effect any reformation of the abuses which have been for so many years successfully practiced by his party. Would he have the desire to do so, and if so disposed, would he have the moral courage to act with that firmness and decision which the condition of the country demands? Would he dare to place himself in opposition to the demands of the leaders of the party to whom he is indebted for his elevation from comparative obscurity to the possibility of the highest position in the land?

There is nothing in his character or his antecedents to warrant such a supposition. He is a man of negative character altogether, said to be amiable, indolent, and good-natured, and just such a one who would readily yield to the controlling influence of others. If he is a man of any marked or positive characteristics, he has so far lamentably failed to exhibit them; he would be a mere cypher in his own administration; a puppet to jump in any direction in which the wiles might be pointed by Morton or Blaine. There is nothing of the Andrew Jackson in his composition, and the sturdy honesty and unbending will of that "noble old Roman" is what the country now requires in the chief executive officer.

And these virtues are found most fully developed in Samuel J. Tilden, for he 'as given indisputable evidence that he has the nerve to do right without regard to consequences. In his official conduct as Governor of New York he has illustrated in the highest degree that sentiment of a great statesman of a former epoch, that he would rather be right than be President. He has shown that he possesses, in an eminent degree, the Roman firmness of "old Hickory," that he not only thinks for himself, but generally follows the promptings of his own judgment, and will not by any manner of means be simply a lump of clay in the hands of the potter. We want

just such a man at the head of affairs now, and the people have decided at the polls to have him. They are sick of figure-heads and non-entities.

The idea of the Radical party, being sincere in their desire for reform is ludicrous indeed. Is there a member of their own party even who believes it? If there is, we advise Barnum to hunt him down without delay and place him on exhibition in his menagerie. He would draw greater crowds than the Woolly Horse or the Feejee Mermaid.

Gen. M. W. Ransom is worthy of the high honors he wears and of the many sincere and exalted compliments he receives from all quarters. A late number of the Panola (Miss.) "Star" says that "he has shown himself to be the peer of the ablest, and has won credit to himself and reflected honor on the noble old North State, one of the original thirteen, heretofore represented as she has been in that august body by such men as a Macon, a Mangum, a Badger and a Graham, with whose honored names his will be hereafter commingled as worthy of all honor and of deathless remembrance and veneration." The "Star" congratulates "the South, the North, the East and the West. We congratulate the State of a Davie, a Macon, and a Gaston, that she has shown herself still worthy of her ancient renown, which, for a brief period, was beclouded by the ruthless hands of corruptionists and adventurers. Her sons in Mississippi still love and venerate her, and are proud of her noble Ransom. All hail the glorious old North State!"

THE STATE DEBT.

The proposition of the creditors is a beautiful one—for the creditors, it is not possible for the people of North Carolina to lump the State bonds—good, bad and indifferent—and provide for the payment of one-half of the sum they call for at any time under fifty years, and it is not possible for the people of North Carolina to pay a high or even medium rate of interest annually on these bonds.

What the creditors ought to do—and this they should have done long ago—is to meet the representatives of the State in a fair spirit of mutual sacrifice, demand nothing unreasonable or impossible and save themselves a vast deal of trouble and perhaps some money by offering a compromise such as our people are able to make. This these bond-holders have not done. The payment of half the whole debt cannot be made in a hundred years, the interest mean time piling up year by year. The bond-holders ought to be satisfied with five or six millions dollars payable in thirty years with three, four and six per cent interest—starting with three on the first batch of bond and ending with six on the last.

It is all very nice to say we owe much of this debt honestly and 'hat it must in honor be paid. Can the people pay? That is the question. We do not believe in repudiation. There must be no repudiation. But the debt ought to be scaled. It would be infinitely better for the creditors themselves, for if they continue to hold the State to the rigid letter of the contract they will drive the people to repudiation, partial or complete. The people of North Carolina are the honestest on the earth. There is no stain on their honor, and they will in this matter do what is right. Let the creditors do likewise. To oppress a brave people who are struggling manfully in their poverty is the act of cowards. Let the creditors of North Carolina be magnanimous. Their magnanimity will not be thrown away.

The newly elected Senators are Gov. Garland, from Arkansas; James G. Blaine, from Maine; George F. Hoar, from Massachusetts; Gov. Alvin Saunders, from Nebraska; Ferry, from Michigan, and Windom, from Minnesota, re-elected.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION.

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