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### The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.:

WEDNESDAY MORNING, Jan. 16, 1878.

THE CRY OF THE MONEY CHANGERS.

The bankers, insurance men, money lords and bondholders of the North are moving heaven and earth to influence the Congress not to undo the grand rascality that was perpetrated when the silver dollar was demonetized. But this is to be expected.

What care they what becomes of the country so their own pockets are well lined?

Men who could deliberately connive at one of the greatest frauds ever perpetrated in the light of day, are none too good to rejoice in the defeat of the wishes of the country, and simply because they are consumed by selfishness, and are to be personally benefitted whilst nine out of ten men must suffer.

Senator Edmunds is a fair example of the representative men who stand by the bondholders. In his place in the Senate only a few years ago he insisted that silver and gold were the two standards, and that the bonds were to be paid in either. But what does he care for consistency or justice? He knows all about the fraud when in 1873 by a sort of snap judgment Congress passed the act to demonetize silver. He turns up his eyes now in a kind of pious ecstasy, and in sniveling accents swears that it would be a great crime (against the bondholders of course) for the bill of Senator Matthews to pass which declares the right of the government to pay its bonds in silver. The bill would only restore what had been foully taken away—would give to the country what of right belongs to the country. *WHAT HOPE*!

But whilst Edmunds is moving, and the bankers and bondholders are moving to compass a second iniquity, the people are looking on not without interest. Senator Davis, of Illinois, in introducing a petition signed by four hundred bankers and business men of Chicago, favoring gold as the one standard, and opposing the restoration of the dollar to the place it held before it was demonetized, stated that the opinion of these four hundred was not the opinion of people generally, but was "entertained by a very small percentage" of the population of that city, which numbers some 450,000.

The plan now of the Northern bankers, in order that they may checkmate if possible the popular movement in regard to the "dollar of our daddies," is to put all their future dealings on a gold basis. It is believed by the advocates of the gold basis that such step will give a decided check to what they are pleased to call "the silver fanaticism." The banks of New York have already resolved upon such a course. All future loans and contracts are to be made payable in gold. It is thus, according to a respectable paper at the New York Journal of Commerce, "the silver plague is to be stayed."

It is certainly very singular when honest men can thus view a matter of so much importance. They talk of "honest money," of "fair dealing," of "the silver plague," and so on, but have nothing to say about the great swindle upon the country—nothing about the kind of money in which the interest and principal were to be paid. Even the *Journal of Commerce* has attempted to make it appear that the bonds were payable in gold only when they were issued. The whole thing is fraudulent and deceptive.

In this connection it is pertinent to refer to an able letter of the date of January 4th, 1878, from the pen of Hon. Joseph J. Davis, the member from the 4th District. It appeared in the *Raleigh News*, and is a criticism upon some statements that appeared in the *Journal of Commerce*.

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We may add that we trust that all

Governors will be able to give us good reasons for exercising their pardoning power at any time.

The Republican party is not satisfied with Hayes; but it is better satisfied with Conning and Ben Butler—*Philadelphian Bulletin*, *Denton's Western Journal*.

The Cincinnati *Commercial Register* is also satisfied with Hayes.

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### OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

prosecuted, recommended the commutation of the sentence. The leading citizens of the county asked for this exercise of executive clemency. We coaxed what the Fayetteville *Gazette* said, and give the above in justice to Gov. Vance. We think in this instant the Governor did well. The jury were clearly at fault in finding a man guilty of burglary if none had been perpetrated; but the evidence was insufficient to sustain the charge of "robbery with intent to commit murder." *Fayetteville Gazette*.

The以上 is a summary of the above, but the record of the trial is to appear in the *Journal of Commerce* in a few days. The *Journal of Commerce* has attempted to make it appear that the bonds were payable in gold only when they were issued.

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### CA' CANNIE

### Brown & Roddick

### 45 Market St.

Newark, N. J.

Agents to thank the public of Wil-

mington and surroundings for the very lib-

eral patronage during the past year, and solicit a

continuation of the same.

No reports of any kind have been

submitted to us.

Great improvements have

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