

PAGE FOR THE PEOPLE.

Among the many insults in the list of indignities brought by the people of North Carolina against the Radical party and the Holden administration, some exhibited more fully their incapacity, their conceit, and unfitness for office, than their malice, want of patriotism, and utter recklessness of the people's welfare.

It was well known that when they came into office the people were burdened by an enormous public and private debt. In a strictly commercial point of view the State and people had been rendered bankrupt by the law. They were wholly unable to pay the National or State taxes, unless brought down to the most rigid economy. The Congress understood this, and hence suspended the collection of the land tax, and did not fully enforce the income and other taxes for a year or two.

The Conservatives while in power, resolved to enforce the collection of taxes to pay the interest on the public debt, but did not repudiate or ignore that debt, though no constitutional enactment then required it, but provided for the funding of the interest accrued upon the public debt. Let us see how the figures taken from an authentic source present the matter:

PUBLIC STATE DEBT.
Public debt on the 1st January 1868 including interest funded \$13,970,070
Add State bonds issued during the war, 1,500,000
Whole sum bonded debt \$15,470,070

At that time N. C. bonds sold in New York at about 52 to 53 for old and 51 for new, funding interest bonds.

The Radical party came into power with an overwhelming majority putting the entire control of the State in their hands with a pledge of economy on their lips. How did they redeem that pledge? Why, in two years from that time they had, by their Rail Road, Penitentiary and other expenditures, increased the public State debt to about \$40,000,000. This sum, by the decisions of the Courts was reduced, so that on the 1st day of January 1870, the Public Treasurer acknowledged the bonded debt of the State to be \$31,191,300! And all this for a bankrupt people!

The people were then groaning under the burdens of their private indebtedness. Money was then bringing 18 to 20 percent interest or less. Farmers could neither pay their old debts nor purchase seedlings without mortgaging their crops and in some instances their lands besides. Many left their homes and went into bankruptcy. They claimed for relief from increased indebtedness and high taxation. No people ever felt more oppressed than the people of North Carolina did at that juncture. And yet in the face of all this suffering and clamor, the Radical party and Holden administration plunged headlong into extravagance, waste and sealing. They passed the most enormous Rail Road appropriations, authorized the issue of millions to disloyal Presidents on demand, without demanding any indemnity or protection to the State. The annals of bond-making furnish no parallel to the hot haste with which the Public Treasurer and Gov. Holden signed those bonds. In a few weeks some twelve or fifteen millions of dollars of State bonds were signed, sealed and delivered over to those Railroad Presidents, without a dollar's protection to the State. Then came the scuffle to get rid of them in the best terms and in the quickest way. Even Gov. Holden telegraphed to tell the bonds, that the interest would be paid, and went to New York with others to aid in the manipulation.

Remember people of North Carolina, that your public debt, January 1st, 1868, all told, was \$13,970,070, and your bonds were selling in New York then at 52 and 51 in the dollar. Remember that the Radical party and Gov. Holden administration increased that public debt in two years to the 1st day of January 1870, the sum was \$31,191,300! and new North Carolina bonds at that time were selling at 57 to 58 in the dollar! That is deceiving with a vengeance! Remember, it people of North Carolina, land owners, tax-payers and laboring men, white and colored, that the Radical party and Holden administration imposed upon you this heavy debt, to come out of your jail and swear, in obedience to the demand of carpet-bag and scalawag speculators and thieves, to all their pockets and ruin the State. What has the State got to show for this large, this enormous debt? More anon.

The Conservatives of Moore county, have nominated R. S. Ledbetter, Esq. for the Senate, and Alexander Kelly, Esq. for the House.

We have learned, say the Fayetteville Eagle, from a reliable source, the details of a most sad and fatal affray in the family of Peter Gantler, who lives in Sampson County 5 miles from Wright's Bridge, east from here near the Chamberlain line.

It seems Gantler was a very rough temperate man, had a whisky still, and ran associations generally. He and his wife it is also said were drunk at the time and they have lived wretchedly together for years.

On Sunday evening last, Gantler was meeting him in a somewhat disorderly manner, but not on the greatest trying to cut her throat, and she ran out, staggered and bruised, and presently, "she got shot." His attorney advised his wife, and died in a short time.

It is believed his son William, about 30 years old, who the father when he saw that his mother was about to be killed.

There were no persons present but William and some smaller children. When Gantler commenced beating his wife, a young daughter ran off with his gun to hide it in the woods and fled, and without the

there were two guns in the house, one double-barrel shot gun, one pistol, of which the barrel was broken. It is generally said that William fired the gun to protect his mother, though he said he was not afraid and conjectured that his mother knew where his gun was or not. His conduct will be regarded as follows under the circumstances.

Afterwards, a shotgun, with powder, was discovered, and made several shots in High, and the shooting caused great alarm and terror in the neighborhood.

The law officers and constables

GOING TO REOPEN.

The Standard will insist that this administration is a financial success; we do not, but on the contrary, it is a lamentable failure, not worse, than a score-and-a-half in a history of blunders, mismanagement, dishonesty and corruption. We do not expect to surprise the Standard of these facts, any more than the standard can reasonably expect to convince the public of the contrary; but we expect to show, by facts and figures taken from the records that the present administration has cost the State—the people a great deal more money than they paid before, and that for a much inferior article. For instance, see the following comparison:

State debt Jan. 1st,	State debt Jan. 1st,
1865 including interest and improvements, \$10,000,000	1868 after two years Badger rule, \$11,000,000

State bonds brought in New York, Jan. 1st, 1868,	State bonds sold in New York, Jan. 1st, 1869
about \$10,000,000	about \$10,000,000

Interest of debts and costs of Executive officers for same year	Interest of debts and costs of Executive officers for same year
\$15,000	\$60,000

for both	for both
\$67,610	\$74,000

Interest for 1868, including paper for laws and journals, in round numbers \$115,000

Interest for 1868 \$100,000

Interest for 1869 \$100,000

Interest for 1870 \$100,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870 \$300,000

Interest for 1871 \$300,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871 \$600,000

Interest for 1872 \$600,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872 \$900,000

Interest for 1873 \$900,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873 \$1,200,000

Interest for 1874 \$1,200,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874 \$1,500,000

Interest for 1875 \$1,500,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875 \$1,800,000

Interest for 1876 \$1,800,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876 \$2,100,000

Interest for 1877 \$2,100,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877 \$2,400,000

Interest for 1878 \$2,400,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878 \$2,700,000

Interest for 1879 \$2,700,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879 \$3,000,000

Interest for 1880 \$3,000,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880 \$3,300,000

Interest for 1881 \$3,300,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881 \$3,600,000

Interest for 1882 \$3,600,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882 \$3,900,000

Interest for 1883 \$3,900,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883 \$4,200,000

Interest for 1884 \$4,200,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884 \$4,500,000

Interest for 1885 \$4,500,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885 \$4,800,000

Interest for 1886 \$4,800,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886 \$5,100,000

Interest for 1887 \$5,100,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887 \$5,400,000

Interest for 1888 \$5,400,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888 \$5,700,000

Interest for 1889 \$5,700,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889 \$6,000,000

Interest for 1890 \$6,000,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890 \$6,300,000

Interest for 1891 \$6,300,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891 \$6,600,000

Interest for 1892 \$6,600,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892 \$6,900,000

Interest for 1893 \$6,900,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 \$7,200,000

Interest for 1894 \$7,200,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894 \$7,500,000

Interest for 1895 \$7,500,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895 \$7,800,000

Interest for 1896 \$7,800,000

Total interest for 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876,