

JUDGE AVERY ON REPUTATION.

Insists That the State has Repudiated its Obligations—But That

THE REFUSAL BY COUNTIES

To Pay Invalid Bonds is Not Repudiation—Ask Several State Papers to Look up Old Files for Articles Penned on Reputation in 1875.

Reputation is defined by the best lexicographers as the rejection of a part or the whole of a contract or obligation... The State was not repudiated in the elections of 1868, let her apologists listen to the proof of arbitrary revisions of poll books, false election returns, and other frauds...

At the same session an Act was passed to compromise the State debt... The State debt, which provided for the exchange of the State four per cent. bonds now outstanding for the old six per cent. bonds of the State...

On the other hand Section II, Article 2, of the Constitution, which is inserted by the conservative element of the delegates to the Convention of 1868, prohibited any imperative terms in the passage of any law...

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Big Fire in Aberdeen. The little town of Aberdeen was visited by a most disastrous conflagration yesterday morning, news of which was brought to the city by Mr. Henry...

WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE

IS THE PEOPLES PARTY FOR ITS ACTION AND GALLANT FIGHT FOR PRINCIPLES AND REFORM.

No Speaks Hon. John Lamb, of Virginia, in a Recent Address—North Carolinians Who Have Been Appointed to Offices—The Judgeship Question Unsettled.

LOCAL FREIGHT RATES HAVE BEEN PUT UP.

The Statesville, Mecklenburg, and Raleigh Post and Show That Freight Rates are Higher Now Than Ten Years Ago.

The Raleigh Post challenges our statement of last week that railroad rates are in many instances higher than they were twenty years ago, and demands our proof...

From Statesville to Newton 8 cents, to Hickory 10 cents, to Morganton 12 cents, and to Asheville 19 cents. About the last of August the Southern Railway sent out to cotton men new rates on cotton which were in operation for at least ten years prior to the fall of last year...

The Post cannot see "what the depreciation of prices in one thing has to do with the expenses of management for twenty or thirty years. If the rejection or refusal to pay is a valid debt is repudiated, let those who wish the people of other countries to pay the debt, which they are not bound to pay, declare in the Convention in order to assume the portion of the debt that has been repudiated and avow their readiness to pay their respective shares...

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More Than 30 Employees of the Adams Express Company in New York City, it is said, recently succeeded in stealing \$20,000 and \$30,000 of money for goods delivered. C. O. D. parcels are to be either lost, stolen or mislaid, all of which the company has been forced to pay.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP vs. PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF MUNICIPAL FRANCHISES.

By James B. Lloyd.

however, that their value would be much more than \$3,000 a year. If the town did not take advantage of its option to purchase the plant, then at the expiration of the term of its lease it would have to pay the company the sum of \$65,500, and still would not own its plant.

The town of Wilson showed great wisdom and foresight in taking steps to own and operate its water, light and sewerage systems, and at the expiration of twenty years it will own them entirely, whereas, the town of Tarboro will, after the lapse of thirty years, be without a water system, and will also have to pay to a private corporation \$65,500 for supplying the town with water.

Wilson's complete water, light, and sewerage system will cost \$92,000 and after the expiration of twenty years the town will own them. Tarboro will have to pay to a private corporation \$65,500 for supplying the town with water, and still would not own it.

The proper course for the Tarboro Commissioners to have pursued at the outset, would have been for the town to buy its own system, and operate it for the benefit of the public. Corporations operating these public monopolies do so for their own private gain. It is a grave mistake to allow private corporations to exercise such public functions.

The great and dangerous tendency of the age is toward concentration and consolidation—which means that the greatness of individuals must lose their rights and privileges—in other words, they are swallowed up by corporate power.

The silver men scored a complete victory in the Senate last Thursday, and proved that when it came to legislating between gold and silver the silver men were in complete control of that body. By their action they gave notice to the administration that any attempt to get the gold bill or any other measure looking to "more thoroughly establishing the gold standard" through this Congress would be simply a waste of time and trouble.

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DEMOCRATS DO NOT RELISH IT.

Chatham County Board of Commissioners Refuse Economy and Save Nearly \$7,000—But a Democratic Member Strongly Wants to Explain It Away.

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The fact remains that the expenditures of 1897, as published in the annual statement, were NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS less than the expenditures of 1896.

The expenditures for 1896 were made under the last Board of Democratic commissioners and they run the county in DEBT some \$2,500 the same year.

The grand jury have issued subpoenas for a number of citizens for testifying in Rafting Contests.

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 21.—The citizens of Durham are greatly stirred up. Solicitor Bynum is raking the town for evidence against citizens for gambling. Yesterday morning the grand jury brought in a verdict and charged against him.

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