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Railroad Bonds—Our Liability—Our Duty.

(Concluded.)

For these reasons I believe there is no legal liability on the community at large, as municipal corporations, to pay these bonds on the interest. But are we not under a *moral obligation* to pay? That there is a moral obligation to a certain extent upon those individuals who advised, encouraged and assisted in making the subscriptions, I am not disposed to deny. Every man is morally bound to repair any damage or loss which he has, wantonly or carelessly, caused to another. Every man, also, who leads another into difficulty, pecuniary or otherwise, is morally bound to help him out. All those, therefore, who advocated the subscriptions as constitutional and now make their unconstitutionality a pretext for shuffling off their share of responsibility in the consequences, are dishonest. All those who assisted in the frauds and now resist payment because of those frauds, are dishonest. All who, by word or deed, represented to the world that these subscriptions were valid and the bonds good, and thus encouraged men to invest money in them, are morally bound to see that those men are not the sufferers by what they said and did. But these moral obligations rest upon individuals *as individuals.* The guilty ought to suffer, but they have no right to involve the innocent in the consequences of their guilt. If there is no legal liability on the community, as a municipal body, then there is no moral obligation on that part of the community who are not guilty, whether the guilty be a minority or a large majority. In such a case, therefore, there is no moral obligation upon the community, *as a corporate association,* so as to bind the property of all the citizens.

I have thus briefly indicated the grounds on which I base my opinion, that we are under no legal or moral obligation to pay the interest on our railroad bonds, at least until the roads are finished; and also the grounds for my opinion, that as *municipal corporations,* we are not liable at all. I have not attempted to argue the constitutional question, because I believe we have other and sufficient grounds for defeating the recovery of the interest—the only claim now presented—and, perhaps, the most auspicious day for deciding the constitutional question has not yet arrived. What, then, is our duty? Clearly to resist *the payment by all lawful means.* But suppose the Courts finally decide against us, what then? *Make an honest effort to pay until we can amicably arrange the matter with the bondholders.* I counsel not repudiation. I dread the evils, the immediate consequences and the dangerous precedent of open and direct resistance to law; that is, rebellion. If our case was similar to that of Hampden on the patriots of 1776, I would say pay not a cent, "no, never, never, NEVER!" If the principle involved was the same as that in the case of the "ship-money" or the "stamp-duty," I would exhort and perhaps would lead the rebellion. But we are safe against the future. Let us bear—and if need be shoulder a little—for the mistakes of the past, rather than, by resisting the law, raise a storm which may sweep with tornado violence overzealotry. We know where we now are; but who can tell, when mounted on the whirlwind, where we should land? Better—

"Bear these ills we have,
Than fly to others that we know not of."

I say, make an honest effort to pay until we can compromise with the bondholders. We ought to get clear of these subscriptions, that is, the R. R. stocks, at all events, and at the earliest possible day. If the Courts decide against us, let us make the best terms we can in exchanging the stock for our bonds. In doing this let the stock be estimated at a reasonable value and the bonds at what the *holders paid for them.* We had better pay the difference and get clear of the whole matter forever. The arrangement suggested would be equitable and undoubtedly the best for all parties interested.

But if the Courts should decide, that, as municipal corporations, we are not liable on these Bonds, or, at least not liable for the interest until the roads shall be completed,—what then? Let the Stock be exchanged for the Bonds as the first step. Then, in the case of those roads where the stock is nearly worthless, let some compensation still be paid to the unfortunate Bond-holders. In this case, those who assisted in bringing them into the difficulty, ought to contribute voluntarily, of their private means to make up their loss. Although there may be no moral obligation upon the communities, *as corporate associations,* to pay, yet there is a moral obligation upon many of the citizens *as individuals.* Some of these are exceedingly high-toned in their morality on this subject now. Perhaps a decision of the Supreme Court against the Bond holders may work a marvelous change in their ethics. It is to be hoped not, however. Perhaps a majority of the citizens of the county and of the two cities farward these subscriptions, and will feel the force of this moral obligation. Let them all contribute in proportion to their means and the influence they exerted. Let also those who have been, and are, immediately benefited by these roads contribute in porportion to the benefits derived. But especially those who assisted directly in making these subscriptions should fork over liberally. If all these classes should contribute as they ought to do, the Bond-holders would sustain no loss.

One word in conclusion,—as to political parties. I shall vote the Republican county ticket. I have no faith in the moral honesty or integrity of that man, who, having done all he could in making these subscriptions and having received his compensation therefor from the railroad companies, is now a loud-mouthed repudiator. I have no confidence in the word or honor of that man, who, standing on an antitax, anti-free ticket platform, denounces all men as scoundrels who accept free-tickets, and yet has one in his own pocket all the while. I cannot trust that man who has once been bought, or is now playing a double game. And I cannot go with that party, which, in the hope of a temporary triumph, ignores all its former principles and stakes itself on a local question, *with such men as its leaders.* W.

AN ADVOCATE OF FREE SPEECH SHOT.—We have received several letters from friends in Texas, giving accounts of a cowardly attempt to assassinate our old friend Winston Banks, one of the many noble friends of Free Speech in that State. The following are the facts as far as we know: Banks was not strenuously opposed to Slavery, but believed that free men had a right to discuss all political questions in all sections of the Union. He was, up to the 1st of June, 1857, the editor of *The Texas Free Press,* published at Quitman. From February to June of that year he admitted certain mild Free-Soil communications in his paper, and defended in editorial articles his right to do so. This excited the intolerant spirit which is to be found in all slave communities, and *The Free Press* was forcibly discontinued by a band of fanatical Slavery men headed by Russell, the State Senator for the district. Banks and his contributor were required to leave the State in 48 hours. They both came to Illinois. Banks soon after returned to Texas, where he has since been attending to his business in the District Courts of that State. At Quitman during the first week of August last, Court was in session. The Judge needed a certain law-book, and Banks started to his residence to procure it for him. When about one hundred yards from the Court-House, he was fired upon by one Bill Yarborough, who had at his side a friend, who was well armed, and ready with a large double-barrelled gun, to shoot, in the event that Yarborough did not bring down his game. Banks fell at the first fire, terribly wounded, his own wife being a witness of the tragedy. He was then carried home by his friends.

These two men, we are informed, and Russell who came to town with them, all armed, were immediately arrested, and bound over in the sum of ten thousand dollars each.

Russell has been for eighteen months desirous of seeing Banks killed, but was two much of a coward to attempt it himself, as Banks had given him the opportunity to do so by publishing him as "liar," a thing which a Southern gentleman never permits to go unpunished for twelve months. Yarborough, we presume, was instigated to attempt the damnable deed by Russell, aided by a little gold.

Bill Gunter, the Postmaster, at whose store the assassins were concealed before making the attempt, was also placed under heavy bonds for some breach of the peace committed about the same time.

There appears to be a determination on the part of the authorities to punish these wretches as they deserve. It is well that they have embarked in "a laudable undertaking," for the law of the land is milder than that of retaliation.

We have not yet learned whether Banks is dead or not.—*Vermilion County Press Sep. 8*

A CHEAP BAROMETER.—The cheapest barometer for household use is made by putting a common leech into a phial of water, which may be hung up anywhere in the shade, near a door or window. The leech is peculiarly sensitive to approaching atmospheric changes. If the weather proves serene and mild, he remains motionless at the bottom of the glass, rolled up in a spiral form. If he is discovered at the surface of the water, you may be certain that rain is about to occur, as there he will stay till it comes on and the weather becomes settled. If a windy time is to ocnur, he sports with great and incessant activity through the water, and seldom rests until the blow has actually come on. If a heavy storm of thunder and rain is to succeed, for some days previous it lodges almost constantly outside the water, and discovers a continued uneasiness of movement. In the frost, as in clear summer weather, it lies constantly at the bottom of the glass; and, in snow, as in rainy weather, it pitches its dwelling upon the very mouth of the phial, which should be left uncorked to enable the animal to breathe. But a linen rag should be stretched over it, to prevent an escape. A common eight ounce phial is large enough, filled about three-fourths with hydrant water. During the summer months the water should be changed once a week, and in winter once a fortnight. If two leeches be placed in the same phial, the