

Our esteemed contemporary, the Nashville World, has become a little late, and complains that we do not understand its position on the State debt.

The World at its organization, a few months ago, called to its editorial chair, a young gentleman from this city who was known by the reading public, throughout the State, as a staunch advocate of the maintenance of the honor and credit of the State, and who had endorsed the provisions of the 100-3 act, both before and after its adoption by the Legislature.

For second act in this grand and thrilling flogging drama, it sprang before the foot-lights one morning a few weeks after, as the self-constituted and hence unconstitutional Democracy, in opposition to 100-3, advocating 50-4 as the basis of settlement, but still declaring the 100-3 was preferable to the repudiation of any portion of the debt.

This last grand act in this heroic drama was by no means as great a surprise as the preceding ones. It was the inevitable development, and was expected by all who had watched the run of the play.

Once loose from the moorings of State credit upon the restless sea of renewed agitation and so-called independence, even the blank and barren shores of repudiation afforded a haven not to be despised. It is the old story over again. Independent journalism is only successful in politics, partisanship is requisite to force and influence.

The World is now in a position no longer to be a mild and timid advocate of repudiation, afraid almost of its own shadow, but can stand out boldly and advocate the doctrines of repudiation. We respect it more for an honest statement of its real position, however dire and disgraceful its end in view, than the dodging and squirming and contradictions and sophistries, it heretofore has been guilty of.

The Supreme Court meets at Nashville on Monday. How much unhappy wrangling and bitter strife can be avoided, and how many innumerable blessings and untold advantages will follow to tempest-tossed and troubled, but still proud old Tennessee, if this court will act, as we conceive, clearly under the plain and imperative law, and advance the 100-3 case on the docket and settle it, either the one way or the other, forever.

We are very much of the opinion of the doctor. We mean Dr. Sam'l G. Arnor, Dean of the faculty of the Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., who remarked the other day that "the world is full of ill-balanced mental monstrosities compounded of base and noble faculties, and enormous selfishness. Such people are a kind of 'missing links' between a low and irresponsible animal type of brain and the supreme ideal of perfect humanity."

The doctor is undoubtedly correct, but that he should have arrived at such a deplorable opinion of some of his fellow-beings is *roof positive* and it seems to us that pending a hearing of the 100-3 case by the Supreme court, press and people should be silent. Good facts are rarely to be worked out of a court, it seems to us, dictate such a course.

THE REPUDIATION POW-WOW.

The scattered hosts of repudiation came together last Monday in grand conclave at Winchester. Savage, Wilson, Snodgrass and Beasley were all there and the crowd was complete. The mountain labored laboriously and brought forth a mouse.

The grand pow-wow was called together by the chiefs in order to indicate and give their "experience," and finally to unite all the dissatisfied elements of the low-tax party first against 100-3, and then, through it, against 50-4 or any other settlement whatever except repudiation.

The grandest of these men are all against 100-3, but when it came down to settling upon some other basis, the warriors all seemed inclined to retreat, and "confusion worse confounded" reigned supreme. They could not argue upon any platform whatever. Some wanted 50-4, others 33, and others still the majority it is safe to say did not want any settlement at all.

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The Nashville Banner in a very pertinent and sensible article on the "equalization of taxation" very correctly calls the attention of the people to the very unjust discrimination in the assessment of lands in West Tennessee for taxation, and in this shows how unfounded and how entirely base is the whining complaint of these West Tennesseans against what they are pleased to term the "100-3 coupon infamy and 99 years debt-bondage" which would wring a burdensome taxation from the property holders.

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

It may not be too late yet. Will not the World turn from the error of its way and advocate an honest settlement of Tennessee's honest indebtedness? Do not, we beseech you, listen to the siren song of Savage, Wilson, et id omne genus.

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