

The Ring, the Plunderers, and the Colored People—Our Course. Any one who has been reading the Columbia Union of late will readily perceive what the game of the ring and its allies is. The Union is the willing tool of the ring and their aider and abettor.

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What, now, has been the marked purpose of late, ever since we have driven home upon the ring their monstrous swindles, and suggested the hitherto unopened, sea of fraud—not unopened, however, to the favored few? What the purpose of the Union? It is plain. The object is, if possible, to excite against the native whites the passions and prejudices of the blacks.

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On one side has stood a long line of white men, with a deep sense of wrong, standing almost unarmed, but proud and erect even in their poverty. On the other side has stood facing them a dusky line of black men, fearing to be re-enslaved, and sensitive about their newly acquired rights, and flushed, too, many of them, with the lust of power.

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Between these two compact lines, the prostrate form of South Carolina has been lying, bound hand and foot in Federal bonds—a pray to the Northern adventurers and their Southern allies, who have united to outrage and rob her like vultures—like vultures—they have fastened upon their victims; whilst the opposing lines have stood weak spectators of a common ruin.

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This has been the spectacle. And now, when the gorged birds of prey, alarmed by the crack of the Carolina rifle, are seeking to take wings and fly away; now, when these two hitherto hostile lines are about to close upon the common destroyers, the game is again to array the lines against each other, that the vultures may escape. The trick is transparent. The prominence given to this Ku Klux business—the effort of Governor Scott in his infamous message to magnify Ku Kluxism, and to minify financial scoundrelism—the efforts of the corrupt Union to muddy the political waters, to enable the sharks to escape, and to escape itself—the appeals of the Union to the passions and prejudices of the colored people; its suggestions of a desire on the part of the "white Democrats" to re-enslave the negro, or to drive him away; its base slanders upon the white men of the State; its artful attempts to mislead the colored people, and to change the issue between them robbed and the robbers, between the honest and the rascally—all this proves the proposition we have laid down.

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Will the colored people be deceived? We know not. One thing we do know: The whites do not intend to be deceived. Whether with or without the honest colored man's help, we intend to trap the vultures—to catch the robbers in their own nets. They have dug their own pit. We shall give a powerful impetus to foul wrong as it descends into its pit. Let the conspirators know that the avengers are upon their tracks. Mutilated, outraged South Carolina now bleeding, prostrate, wounded by the hand of Federal power, and by the devices of the most unblushing scoundrels that the world ever saw, appeals to every true son in the State, and to every adopted son. Let us all say, native Carolinians and adopted citizens, we must save you, we shall save you—Heaven helping and approving. Friends of the State, of whatever nationality, of whatever political creed let us beg you, by all the great interests involved, and by all our hopes of future prosperity, not to despair of the State. Never, for one moment, have we despaired of an early, ultimate triumph. Under God, the issue is in our own hands. But we must combine and act. We must break up the present net of robbers and swindlers and act with prudence, tact and sagacity. Hope and work. Let a universal public sentiment lead to resolute public action. The true men of the State must save the State. Let us do our part, and the prostrate form of our mother State will once more stand erect, robed in the robes of her dignity, and bearing the sceptre of a renewed power.

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