Elk Advocate.

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Belknap's Political Record.

From the Chicago Tribune, Ind.

The Chicago *Times* says:

"Of course the *Tribune* dosen't expect its readers to believe this stuff: Belknap always was a Democrat,—went into the war one, and came out one was promoted when one, and was one when he fell. But we feel as bitterly over the disgraceful cause of that fall as if he had been born and lived a Republican."

The *Tribune* expects its readers to believe just precisely this "stuff," because it is the truth. In characterizing Belknap's bribery as a national disgrace. the *Tribune* but gave expression to the profound public sense of the shame it brought upon the whole country. Thereat up start the journalistic spokesmen and defenders of the Democratic party; and in their choplogic fashion, assuming that Belknap was a bribe-taker *because* he was a Republican, deduce that the great Republican party is a sharer in his guilt, and that it is season for Republicans to hide their faces for very shame sake. The *Tribune* has not been in the habit of assuming that because a man was a Democrat he was necessarily a thief and blackmailer; and notwithstanding the record of the Tweeds, Sweeneys, Conollys, Ingersolls. Cardozas, Barnards, Schumakers, Floyds, and Thompsons, the honest and decent men of that party can hardly be considered as sharers in their infamy.

Since, however, that style of argument is being applied by the Democratic press in the Belknap case, it is perhaps well that the Democracy should enjoy the full benefit of all that can be made out of it. That they can only do, when it is kept in mind, as is the fact, that Belknap entered public life a Democrat, and continued a Democrat up to and during the time he was filling his pockets with official bribes. About twenty years ago he made his advent in Iowa, as his fellowtonsmen at Keokuk bear witness, as an active local Democratic politician, and as such was elected to the Legislature. During his term of office as a Democratic member of the Iowa Legislature was it that the first insight into true inwardness of the man was afforded by his embezzlement of the funds of clients, intrusted to him as a lawyer, and which his law partner in practice had to make good. Shortly after the close of his legislative term the Democratic rebellion broke cut, and he entered the army, where distinguished himself by his gallantry and bravery, which secured his rapid promotion and enlisted the friendship and esteem of General Grant, His brilliant personal daring, one of the most notable illustrations of which was his jumping into the trenches held by the Confederates during the fight at Atlanta, collaring a rebel officer, and under fire dragging him back into the Union lines a prisoner, gave him additional prestige.

After the war he remained a Democrat, and as such, by Andy Johnson was appointed Revenue Collector for the Keokuk district, in which office, out of consideration for his military services, he was continued by President Grant. Even then rumors, whether well or ill founded, were rife as to his connection with whisky rings, but none of these reached Washington. When, by the death of the lamented Secretary Rawlins, the President lost one the most sagacious of his Cabinet advisers and the nation the services of one of the ablest and purest of men, Gen. Belknap was appointed his successor, without any consultation with leading Republicans of Iowa or elsewhere. The selection of General Belknap, a Democrat, caused a good deal of ill-feeling in Republican circles at the time, and was met with no friendly comment. But the anger of the Republicans were off in time, and they became reconciled to this eccentric appointment by the report of the brilliant record he had made in the war and the considerable ability he was said to possess. Up to that time Belknap had continued a Democrat, though a War-Democrat, and there is no evidence that at any time since he has voted the Republican ticket or changed his political principles.

As it now appears, he began by betraying the confidence of the Republican President, and was active chiefly as a bribe-taker, continuing as such until exposure followed and he resigned in disgrace, and through suppression of the real facts, procured acceptance of his resignation. Such, in brief, is his political record: A Democrat and embezzler before the war; then, the one redeeming feature of it all, a War-Democrat and a brave soldier, next, a Johnson Democrat and office-holder vaguely suspected of being a member of the Whisky Ring; and from thence transferred to the Cabinet, through a freak of Executive admiration of his galantry, to become a bribe-taker.

SCIENTISTS are not agreed as to whether it was a shower of butchered cows or frogs they were favored with in Kentucky last week. A facetious journalist suggests that the flesh-fall was from a flock of spirits who got folling so much with materializing that the couldn't get all of themselves back into the spirit state before their toes and fingers fell of. Or might there have been, he asks a prize fight in the moon and some fellow got knocked clean over the side of the luminary and come down like sausage meat?

News Items.

A dispatch to the State Department from Copenhagen, mentions that the Danish Rigsdag has recently passed a law prohibiting the importation of potatoes from this country.

In the New York municipal elections Tuesday the Republicans carried Rochester, Cohoes, Ithaca, and Auburn, and the Democrats Newburgh, Oswego, Elmira, and Utica.

Reports of destructive snow-slides come from along the line of the Pacific Railroad in California. At some points the employes have refused to endanger their lives by working in the sheds.

In the New Jersey Senate Tuesday the bill to make an appropriation of $250,000 to the Morristown Asylum was passed. In the House the general bill regulating elections was ordered to a third reading, with but slight amendments.

By the latest mail from Iceland comes the report that the five hundred inhabitants of the West Manna Islands are probably dying of starvation. The dangers of the sea during the winter months render relief from other quarters almost impossible.

In its address to the King the Spanish Congress, among other things expresses the hope that the difficulties with the United States will be settled to the satisfaction of the two countries, which "should march united in the path of progress and liberty."

Captain Graig and G. W. Bryant, of Missouri, have been arrested on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the Government of $26,000 on alleged loss of a train while transporting Government freight between Leavenworth and Fort Yuma.

Six thousand models from the Patent Office will be displayed at the Centennial Exhibition in the Government Building. The collection will contain models of all mechanical inventions made in this country during the past century.

Two members of the firm of Burchard & Mills, of Florida, in Port Jervis county, N. Y., have absconded. leaving liabilities amounting to $35,000 three fourths of which will be a total loss. Both men occupied good positions in society. Burchard was the village postmaster, and was also treasurer of the Presbyterian church.

The Director of the Mint, Dr. Linderman Tuesday received a telegram from Virginia City, Nevada, stating that the bullion yield of the Consolidated Virginia Mine during February was $2,832,000. About 45 per cent. in value of this bullion is gold. It is expected that the yield from the same mine this month will exceed $3,000,000.

The narrow passage on the Harper's Ferry and the Valley Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, sixty-three miles from Harper's Ferry has been the scene of a disastrous accident. The middle span of the bridge gave way, wrecking an entire freight train, with an attached passenger car, and killing eleven of those on board.

Official reports show that during the past month the operations in South Carolina by the mounted force under direction of Major Jacob Wagner, revenue agent, have resulted in the breaking up of thirty-three illicit distilleries and the capture of twenty-eight copper stills, caps, and worms, 48,000 gallons mash and beer, and the arrest and binding over for trial of forty-illicit distillers.

The two little girls who were reported to have been kidnapped from Brooklyn have returned to their homes. They say they were taken to a hotel by the man who coaxed them away, and there left alone by him all night. They fled in the morning, and were found at one of the ferries Monday evening. Howard F. Curtis, a mariner, aged 37, has been arrested and indentified by the girls as their abductor.

The Court of Appeals of Maryland in the case of the State against the Northern Central Railway Company, involving the question of the exemption of the capital stock of the company from taxation under the laws of that State, rendered a decision in favor of the State that under the present laws, the capital stock is liable to valuation and assessment as other property.

Mr. Robertson is the author of a bill introduced in the United States Senate to restore the franking privelege. He simply asks for the repeal of the act of January 31 1872, which abolishes it, and for its renewal in the form in which it existed at the time of the passage of said act. Another measure of interest is the one handed in by Mr. Hamlin "fixing rates of postage on third-class mail matter and for other purposes."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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7:30 A. M., MAIL, (daily except Sundays) stoping at Ebenezer 7:55 Springbrook 8:05 Elma 8:11 Jamison's 8:17 Aurora 8:23 Wales 8:34, Holland 8:44 Protection 8:54 Arcade 9:05 Yorkshire 9:12 Machias 9:19 Franklinville 9:37 Ischua 9:55 Hinsdale 10:10 Erie Railway 10:24 Olean 10:35 Weston's 10:43 Portville 10:50 State Line 10:58 Eldred 11:11 Larabee's 11:20 Sartwell 11:25 Turtle Point 11:30 Port Allegeny 11:42 Liberty 12:02 P. M. Keating 12.09 Shippen 12:25 Emportum 12:40 P. M. Connecting at Olean with Erie Ry. for local points west, and for the Oil Territory, arriving at Limestone at 1:03 and Bradford at 1:25 P. M.; at Larabee's with the McKean & Buffalo R. R., and at Emporium with the P. & E. R. R. for local points west to Erie.

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SUNDAY TRAIN LEAVES AURORA 5 42 P M., stopping at Jamison's 5 48, Elma 5 53 Spring Brook 5 58 Ebenezer 6 06 Buffalo 6 30 P. M.

J. D. YEOMANS, Gen'l. Sup't. H. L. LYMAN, Gen'l Pass'r Agt.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Elk County. No 153 May Term 1875.

R. I. Robinson & Co.
vs.
Fenner & Co.

DOMESTIC ATTACHMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the Trustees appointed in the above entitled cause have filed their report in my office, and unless exceptions are hereto filed, the said Report will be confirmed at the next term of this Court.

FRED SCHOENING,
v5-t4 Prothonotary.

ELK COUNTY SS:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said County Greeting:

We command you that you attach John A. Anderson late of your County by all singular the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of the said John A Anderson in whose hands or possession soever the same may be found, so that they be and appear before our Courts of Common Pleas to be holden at Ridgway in and for said County on the fourth Monday of May next, there to answer Jackson S. Schultz, Maurice M. Schultz, Judson Schultz, John Ernhout and J. L. Brown as Tanning and Lumber Company.—And Also: That you summon the person or persons in whose hands or possession the same may be found, so that they be and appear before our said Court on the fourth Monday of May next, to answer what shall be objected against them and abide the judgement of the Court therein.—And have you than and there this writ.

Witness the Honorable L. D. Wetmore, President Judge of our said Court at Ridgway, this 27th day of January A. D. 1876.

FRED. SCHOENING, Prothonotary.
Per W. S. HORTON, Deputy.
Sheriffs Office,
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Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of J. V. Houk late of Ridgway township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

JEANNETTE CAROLINE HOUK,
n51-6t Executrix.

Executors' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Francis Tegeier, late of St. Mary's borough, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment and all persons having claims will present them properly authenticated for settlement.

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