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A DESPATCH from Washington states, on reliable authority, that Hon. Oliver P. Morton, the distinguished United States Senator from Indiana, has been appointed Minister to England, and that he has accepted the position. Few men in the country are more thoroughly familiar with public sentiment and the temper of the Senate, and as Mr. Morton possesses superior talents we have no doubt that he will make a first-rate Minister at the Court of St- James.

THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS.

THE Age for several days past has been calling for an opinion from the different Republican journals of Philadelphia with regard to what it calls "the diabolical scheme recently concocted by the Radical Aldermen to defraud the public and violate the laws which they were sworn to support." The following paragraph from the Age of this morning is a sample of its utterances on this point :--

sample of its utterances on this point :--"The Leager, the Inquirer, the Day, and the Sun-day Dispatch in bold terms have reinforced us in denouncing the diabolical scheme recently con-cocted by the Radical Aldermen to defraud the pub-lic and violate the laws which they were sworn to support. The North American, the Press, the Post, the TREEGRAPH, and the Bulletin continue as silent as the grave on the important topic, and thus ne-glect a glorious opportunity to display their virtue and independence. Come, gentlemen, exhibit some recard for fair play just ence." regard for fair play just once.

When the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen were first published we did not imagine that any explanation or apology for their action in appointing the election officers was needed, but as the Age appears to think that some great wrong was done the Democratic party, and as some of the other journals of the city have, without due consideration of the facts of the case, taken the same ground as the Age, we feel it incumbent on us to set all parties right in the matter, and to that end we have made careful inquiry into all the facts, and now ask the candid consideration of the Age and of all others interested, to a plain, unvarnished statement of law and fact. We would premise, however, that under ordinary circumstances we are strongly in favor of doing just what the Age demands, by allowing the Democratic Alderman to select their own officers. The law does not require this, but a spirit of fair play does; and we would not hesitate to rebuke any improper interference with the equitable rights of the Democratic Aldermen by their Republican colleagues. Now the facts of the case really are that with perhaps one or two exceptions every Democratic canvasser, election judge, and inspector was nominated at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen by the Democrats; and we challenge the Age to show that a single doubtful Democrat was chosen to represent the Democratic party in the entire list of election officers confirmed by the Board of Aldermen. As there appears to be some misapprehension as to the real intention of the law with regard to securing a fair partisan representation in the appointments for election officers, we quote the 24th section of the Registry law of 1869, which is as follows:— "That the said Board of Aldermen, on or before the third Monday in September in each and every year, shall appoint in every election district in the said city proper officers to conduct the elections under the Constitution and laws of this Common-weath and under the laws oi the United States, to be held in said city during the ensuing year. The said election officers shall consist of one judge and two inspectors and two return inspectors for each election district, and each inspector and return in-spector shall appoint one clerk; and the judge and one inspector and one return inspector shall in all cases be selected from the political party which pelled the majority of legal votes in the election division for which they may be appointed at the next preceding general election, and one inspector and one return inspector shall, in all cases, be selected from the political party which pulled the majority of legal votes in the said division at said election; but no person shall be qualified to act on an election of which they have be appointed at the next highest number of votes in the said division at said election; but no person shall be qualified to act of 1869, which is as follows:said election; but no person shall be qualified to act as an election officer who shall not have been a citizen of this Commonwealth for at least two years and a qualified voter in the division for which he may be appointed for at least one year." By section 26 the Court of Common Pleas is empowered to revise the appointments made by the Board of Aldermen, on the petition of five reputable householders, and to set aside and revoke any or all of the appointments if the requirements of the law have not been in every respect fully carried out. It will thus be seen that the Democrats of this city have a certain remedy in their hands if they Pave been improperly dealt with. The same section, moreover, empowers the Court to revoke the appointment of any person of disreputable character, or who, by want of proper education or capacity, is incapacitated for the performance of his duties. It will thus be seen that it is as much the duty of the Board of Aldermen to appoint men of good character for election officers as it is to secure proper partisan representation, and the whole difficulty in the present instance arose from the fact that a ring of Democratic Aldermen arranged a list for the entire city, which was largely composed of men who are no credit to any party organization. In some instances the persons 'nominated were not in the county were not expected to be. This and list was made up by a particular clique who excluded from all participation all the other Democratic Aldermen. It was for refusing to accede to this arrangement, and insisting upon his right to have a say in the appointments for his district that Alderman Riddle was assaulted and beaten by his Democratic colleagues, and although he and others outside the ring may

Republican majority in the board to confirm all the ring nominations was done as much for the sake of giving them fair play as for any other reason. Out of the 1700 election officers to be ap-

pointed, the Democrats were entitled to 700, and out of the 700 names nominated by the ring over 400 were confirmed. The vacancies in almost if not quite every instance were filled in with names proposed by the Democratic aldermen from all the election districts, and in every case Democrats in good standing were chosen. We challenge the Age to disprove this statement, and we call upon those papers that have condomned the action of the Board of Aldermen to review the case in the cause of decency and justice. It would have been the height of folly for the board to have appointed any but well-assured Democrats, as an appeal would most certainly have been taken to the Court of Common Pleas and the appointments set aside, but it was the plain duty which the board owed to the public above any partisan considerations to secure as far as possible decent, respectable, and honest men to serve as election officers, and their refusal to allow a ring of Democratic aldermen to control the appointments for the entire city was the greatest service to the Democratic party that could have been rendered

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We hope that the Age is satisfied with this explanation, and to quote its own words, we would earnestly entreat it not to "neglect a glorious opportunity to display its virtue and independence" by acknowledging that it has been laboring under a slight misapprehension of the real facts of the case.

JOBBERS COME TO GRIEF.

In both branches of Councils yesterday afternoon, the claim of the contractors who laid the Nicolson pavement on North Broad street was up, in the Common branch the Finance Committee being discharged from the further consideration of the subject, while in the Select branch there was an animated discussion which ended-as matters are apt to end in Select Council-in a postponement. The contractors in question have performed their work, but they have succeeded in getting their not pay, and we are glad to believe that their prospect of receiving it is very slight. The whole business, from beginning to end, was a scandalous job. A bill was pushed through the Legislature authorizing the laying of the pavement at the expense of the property owners along the street; but this act was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, which decided that property owners could not be compelled to bear the expense of repaying after having sustained the expense of the original pavement. The contractors intended to charge their work a great deal for more than it was worth, and agreed to let down easily certain property owners who joined them in the task of lobbying the bill through the Legislature, thinking that the exorbitant sum demanded from the remainder would more than compensate them for the discount. But the Supreme Court upset this scandalous arrangement, and now the contractors, in their despair, turn to the city and demand pay from the public treasury for work that the city never authorized. Jobs of this sort are of such frequent occurrence that the taxpayers of the city are to be congratulated on the prospective failure of this huge Broad street swindle. The whole tribe of contractors stand sorely in need of just such a warning as they have received by the failure of this wholesale attempt at robbery, directed first against the pockets of private citizens, and failing there turned against the public purse. Hereafter when a contractor is ambitions of laying down an improved patent pavement in Philadelphia he will be likely to place his price within bounds and ascertain who is legally bound to pay him, before he ventures on the undertaking. THE REPUBLICAN Senatorial Conference for Montgomery, Chester, and Delaware counties met at the Bingham House in this city on Saturday last, but an adjournment over until to-morrow was effected without a ballot. Chester county presents Mr. Evans and Montgomery presents Mr. Yeakle. Montgomery claims the nomination as a matter of right, and as in accordance with the plighted faith of the Republicans of Chester and Delaware when the apportionment was made, for the correctness of which Senator Connell, who made the apportionment, positively vouches, It is urged with great force that if Chester gets the Senator, that county, with 9000 Republican votes, will have a Congressman, a Senator, and three members of the Legislature, while Montgomery county, with 8000 Republican votes, will have nothing, and the county will have but two Representatives. The County Committee of Montgomery met yesterday, and sustained the action of their conferees by passing the following resolution:-"Resolved, That claiming, as we unanimously do, that the nomination of a Senator to be voted for and elected by the Republicans of this Senatorial dis-trict, at the ensuing election, belongs, of right, to Montgomery county, and our candidate being our unanimous choice and entirely unexceptionable, we do hereby request the Senatorial conference from do hereby request the Senatorial conferect from this county to respectfully but firmly insist upon the ratification of Mr. Yeakle by the conferees of the counties of Chester and Delaware, and to use all possible and honorable means to secure the

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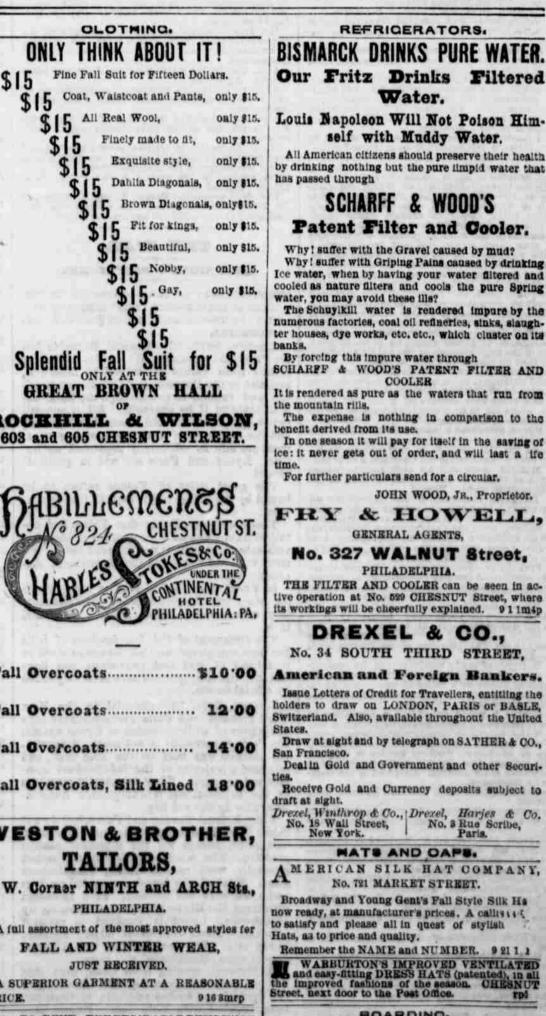
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