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Democratic State and County Ticket.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
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OF PHILADELPHIA.

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FOR COMMISSIONER,
SAM'L F. FOSTER, OF POTTER.

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY,
JOHN F. POTTER, OF BELLEFONTE.

FOR AUDITOR,
ROB'T. F. HOLMES, OF MARION.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR,
W. P. MITCHELL, OF HOWARD.

Democratic County Committee.

The following named gentlemen compose the standing committee for 1871

Bellefonte Borough, N Ward Isaac Kline,
" " S Ward E. H. Foster,
" " W Ward S A McQuistion
Howard borough, John W Gardner,
Milesburg borough, John B Thomas,
Phillipsburg borough Eleazer Hunter,
Unionville borough, Charles Smith,
Benner township, Daniel Grove,
Boggs township, Edward Johnson,
Burnside township William Askey,
Curtin township Henry Shiel,
Ferguson township, R G Brett,
Gregg township Samuel L. Herring,
Hanes township Thomas Yearick,
Hall Moon township, J H Griffin
Harris township, Fergus Potter,
Howard township, Samuel B Leathers,
Huston township, John Q Miles,
Liberty township, Thomas Lingle,
Marion township John S Hoy
Miles township Henry Corman,
Patton township George W Rumbarger,
Penn township, Reuben Snyder,
Potter township, George Stover
Rush township,
Show Shoe township, J Harbison Holt,
Spring township C T Alexander
Taylor township, William McCoy,
Union township George L Peters,
Walker township, James T Dixon,
Worth township, Philip Williams.

DAVID F. FORNEY,
Chairman

WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES!

It would be an exceedingly hard matter to tell where all the taxes that are stolen from the people go to, but a few of the pockets into which they go are sewed in the pants of the following loil radicals

Gen. HORACE PORTER, of the President's staff, receives *two* salaries, one as Brigadier General in the army, and one as Private Secretary to the President—both from the Government.

Gen. DENT, the President's brother in-law, receives two salaries, one as Brigadier General in the army, and one as Chief Usher at the White House. He draws both from the Government

FRED GRANT, *son of the President*, is now receiving *two* salaries, one as Lieutenant of Cavalry from the Government, and one as Civil Engineer from the Pacific Railroad Company.

Gen. BABCOCK, Aid de Camp to the President, is now receiving *two* salaries, one as Colonel in the army, and another as GRANT'S Real Estate Agent in San Domingo, for which he is paid commission and mileage by the Government.

The "loil" radical revenue collectors have only twenty millions seven hundred thousand nine hundred and eighty three dollars and thirty three *cents* ($20,700,983,) of the people. money sticking about their old clothes

SPINNER, the "loil" leech that *scrawls his mark on the cruer of your* greenbacks, has three million, one hundred and three thousand fifty seven dollars and sixty three cents, ($3,103,057,63½) of Treasury warrants that belong to you, sticking to his fingers.

The "loil" Post office department has just got its eyes open to the fact of an embezzlement in government funds amounting to nineteen millions of dollars ($19,000,000.)

EVANS the "loil" radical state agent and tool of the radical ring that is trying to elect STANTON and BEATH has three hundred and sixty three thousand five hundred and twenty three dollars and eighty five cents ($363,523,85) of your money in his pockets.

These are but a few of the radical tax stealers.

When the thirty six mills of tax the tax cursed citizens of Bellefonte pay go to perhaps the radical council or the editor of the *Republican* knows.

We dont.

——Mary Clemmer Ames says, in a letter to the New York *Independent:*

'It has been said that when God wants a great man He makes one. I wish he would make a great man for the Republican party.' The Albany *Argus says*, 'He wouldn't waste a great man on so mean a concern.

BROWN AS A FINANCIER.

The 'Exhorbitant' Six Mill Tax Again.

The Treasurer vs. Dr. Brown.

The following letter from Mr. WOLF, the county Treasurer, effectually disposes of all Dr. BROWN'S charges against the commissioners and collectors in regard to the county finances. The only reason why BROWN keeps this thing up, is because he is stranded on a lee shore, with both wind and tide against him. The billows of destruction are roaring all *around him, threatening* every moment to engulf his weak and timid craft, and the county finances are the *straw at which he grasps to save him* self from sinking beneath the waves of political oblivion. But his hope is a vain one. *The county finances* are all right and proper, and the "defaulting collectors" are not defaulting collectors at all. Mr. WOLF conclusively proves this, and vindicates every assertion contained in his former letter.

As for pulling the wool over the eyes of the people, which the *Republican* charges is attempted to be done by Mr. WOLF and the editor of this paper, no *man ever tried harder to do* that than Dr. BROWN. In fact, his whole life has been devoted to this one object. *But the people wouldn't be gulled by* him, and his disastrous failure has soured his temper, and made him suspicious of the motives of others He has attemped to roar like a lion, but has only succeeded in braying like a jackass. But here is Treasurer WOLF'S letter

Sixrs Editors of the Watchman

The financial editor of the *Republican* is again, in his stereotyped language, growling *about the county taxes* He is *charitable* enough to believe me to have signed a paper *which I had not read, &c Everybody will no* doubt, evince an equal degree of charity towards him in believing him to be the author of everything purporting to flow from his diamond (?) pen, for nobody but Brown could garble such an "*exhorbitant*" amount of falsehoods and vagaries, coupled with bad grammar and worse orthography, in the same time and space he does In fact, he boasted to a certain democrat the other day that when it came down to plain lying he could beat any man in the county His statements about the finances substantiate this assertion and, in this one particular, we give him credit for speaking the truth The fact is Brown never could figure up the county accounts properly Nine years ago, when Treasurer of the county, he sunk *into such a deep mire of inextricable* confusion that he has not been able to rid *himself to this day In his flighty imagination* he "sees visions and dreams dreams" He claims a large credit due him from the county but neither the auditors, commissioners, nor the best legal talent, have been able to see it in the same light, and in his misery he cries out, 'I'm murdered! The *Republican* party has butchered me!' Brown would better go about his business, instead of attempting to malign and abuse the character of true and honest men and in the language of the chairman of the Republican Convention last week, so pointedly addressed to him, whenever the people want him to oversee the finances of the county *they will send for him.*"

The *great financier is sorely troubled about* the commissions and exonerations allowed *collectors In the first place he growls at an* item in the auditors' report of $582 70, representing commissions and exonerations upon uncollected taxes This is wonderfully extravagant in the great economist's eye Now this amount is simply an ESTIMATE and could be nothing else, and the figures are quite large enough, in order to place the balance of the account beyond cavil or dispute Yet after steering his fragile little craft against this Scylla evidently not understanding anything about it he veers round and encounters a Charybdis, and with his philosophical vision discerns that, because Martin Brumgart, collector of Walker township, for 1869, states to him that he *wronged him (Brumgart) by* publishing him as a *defaulter*—that the balance *of his duplicate would be due him as* commission and exonerations—*ergo* the whole balance *of outstanding taxes will be* consumed in this way Proof—"*multiply 169 by 63*" (?)

Now Brown, if you have *any* regard for truth look for a moment at the account of Martin Brumgart, and then turn back with shame, if your sensibilities are not too blunted, and ask pardon for assailing the characters of men like Martin Brumgart, "the latchet of whose shoes you are not worthy to unloose"

1871			
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" " " Militia		2,20	$169 14
April 24 1871			
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" " Spl State.	25	" 76	
" " Militia	1,00	" 80	
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		8 75	
Cash		61,00	$169 94

Here it is in a nutshell, and there are scores *of other similar accounts Are you not ashamed* to call such men defaulting collectors? *Forsooth! defaulting collectors. Let us see,* who are the defaulters. It is a fact to which *every collector of this Borough will* testify that Brown hav'nt paid his taxes for five years *and it is just on account of such drones as* Brown, that collectors have trouble to collect and pay in their balances, and in some cases have to claim exonerations because they can't collect them And yet he has the audacity and brazen impunity, to assault the character of the best men in the county, and is mean enough to class them as "defaulters"

I deem it unnecessary to say anything more upon this subject, and therefore dismiss it, for nobody but a silly dupe would believe Brown's ridiculous assertion that the collectors' accounts stand to-day as they did nine months ago, and yet this is the whole theme of his malicious attack. If he were in the habit of paying *his taxes*, he would vent *some* of his spleen against the borough authorities *for assessing thirty six mills of taxes upon* property, instead of the commissioners, who levy but *six mills, but in the great economist's* view, *six mills* is "exhorbitant," while he is *quite content with thirty six.*

S. S. W.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

—Louisiana wants a thousand more coolies. On account of the warm weather probably.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

That is the question for Democrats to answer now. There is nothing more *important in a political campaign* than to see that every Democrat is registered. First see that your name is upon the registery. If it is not there have it put there AT ONCE Do not put this off until you forget it. ATTEND TO IT NOW. After you are certain your own name is upon the list, see then that your Democratic neighbor's name is there too If there is a Democrat in the township whose name is not upon the list see to it that it is placed there. A correct register will *save trouble on the day of election.* A full registry of Democratic voters and full vote on the 2nd Tuesday of *October will give us a grand Democratic* triumph.

——The Radical party is always very eager to arraign the Democracy by crying corruption! fraud! extravagance! and all that, but when it does this, it exposes its most vulnerable point and lays itself open to the severest criticism. One of our exchanges, the name of which we forget, takes advantage of an opportunity of this *kind, and thus excoriates the hypo* crites of the Radical press

When Radical editors and speakers talk of the corruption of the Democratic party in New York *and elsewhere*, they forget Mr Boutwell's account of defalcations and unsettled demands to the tune of nearly Twenty one Millions of Dollars They forget one Bailey of New York a Federal runaway and *defaulter to the tune of over $132,000* They forget a larger sum than this taken by Gen. Grant from the Treasury for the San Domingo job They forget how the debt of Louisiana has run up from $10,000,000 to $19,000,000, in *eleven years, and the taxes from twenty* one cents on the $100 to two dollars, with results as bad in North Carolina, and almost as bad in Arkansas, Florida, Texas, and Georgia They forget that after paying taxes for the *interest of the Federal debt*, which exceeds one hundred million dollars, nearly three hundred millions more are wrung from the people—and that where the expenses of Mr Buchanan for civil service alone were seventy million *dollars, the expenses of Gen Grant* for the civil service, are two hundred and ninety two millions of dollars All these matters they forget, and affect the utmost horror over a false statement of the fiscal affairs of New York *But this is a trick of scurvy* politicians and will leave no permanent impression on the minds of sensible people

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

36 Mills on the Dollar!

Over three and a half per cent on the assessed valuation of property!

Is the amount of borough tax the Radicals impose upon the residents of Bellefonte.

Twenty four dollars and sixteen cents for every man, woman and child, is the amount of debt Radical financiers have fastened upon the inhabitants of this place.

The school debt is so large that those having charge of the matter are ashamed to tell how much it is, and *the twenty four dollars and sixteen* cents is the amount every man, woman and child who resides in the borough will have to pay exclusive of the school debt

Let Radicals get control of the county and in place of six mills on the dollar and no indebtedness, you will have a tax of thirty-six mills and an indebtedness so large you can scarcely compute it

They Stand by the Thief.

The Philadelphia *Post*, Philadelphia *Inquirer*, Sunday *Times*, Pittsburg *Gazette*, State *Journal*, York *Republican*, Carlisle *Herald*, and *Miner's Journal* all *rabid radical supporters* of STANTON and BEATH, apologize for and endorse the thief EVANS, who robbed the taxpayers of this State of three hundred thousand dollars The Bellefonte *Republican* can be added to this list It has never yet had a word to say about this matter, and by its silence acknowledges that EVANS and his "pals" did right.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

OUR "NINTH RESOLUTION.—The following is the *ninth resolution* of the gallant Democracy of our own county. Where is the Democrat who will not endorse it?

RESOLVED, That we are opposed to the mingling of inferior and superior races. either in the elective franchise or by miscegenation; and that, in the division of parties, we are in favor of keeping the white democracy in the one and the negroes and their equals in the other.

We are for the ninth resolution, all the time—all over and under all circumstances,—"The white Democracy in our party, negroes and their equals in the other." Who don't endorse such doctrine?

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

——If the radical party succeed in electing STANTON and BEATH, they will cover over the immense swindle of the radical embezzler EVANS and the entire amount—$363,500,00. If McCANDLESS and COOPER are *elected the* whole pack of thieves concerned in the robbery will be exposed and made to *refund the amount to the State.*

—CHARLES SCRIBNER, the American publisher, died in Lucerne, Switzerland, last Saturday week.

TO THE PEOPLE OF CENTRE COUNTY.

The issues of the campaign upon which we have entered are of great weight and interest to you. The two great parties have laid their platforms and chosen their leaders. The party in power is distinguished only for the number of promises of retrenchment *and reform it has made, to the people* of the State, and broken with impunity. It makes the same promises now. And yet in the face of these we have the statement of the hundreds of thousands of dollars stolen by its agent Evans, and no effort made to bring him to justice; but every delay is used as a means to permit the thief and *scoundrel to escape, because he is a* Republican, and connected with a ring whose chief business it is to rob the Treasury of the State. No man was thus permitted to escape under Democratic rule. He was speedily brought to justice, and the most condign punishment inflicted. The whole issue is briefly summed up in one sentence. *It is corruption and public* plunder against honesty and the rights of the people. The Republican party have destroyed the rights of the people, the freedom of the ballot; it has burdened you with debt and taxation. It has annually robbed the Treasury of the nation of millions of dollars; hundreds of thousands have been stolen *from the Treasury of the State* by a corrupt and loathsome ring with which Stanton and Beath, the Republican candidates, are connected. All this is done under the cry of retrenchment and reform. The Democratic party once in power will restore your rights, give you the freedom of the ballot, bring thieves and public plunderers to *speedy punishment*, pay the debt in the currency in which it was contracted, *break up rings, destroy ring masters*, and preserve the dignity and honor of our great Commonwealth.

To do all this she presents to you for your suffrages at the coming election men of the highest character and strictest integrity. In General William *McCandless we have at once* the gentleman, soldier, patriot and statesman. Few men have made so brilliant, honorable and lasting a record, in the annals of their country, so early in life. He comes from among the people; he is one of them; their interests are his. He is a son of toil, and whether in the machine shop earning his bread in *the sweat of his face*; or grasping the throttle of his engine, to guide it with its precious weight of living, trusting freight, in safety through its incident danger; or pleading a client's cause with eloquence and minute precision; or leading the brave boys of the Pennsylvania Reserve into the hottest of the battle of Spottsylvania, or down *the slope of the 'Round Top' at Gettysburg, fearless* and *undaunted*; or raising the *voice of warning* or *advice* in the Legislative Halls of the State, it has all been for the safety, *prosperity* and *welfare* of the people.

In 1866, General McCandless was the Democratic nominee of the first senatorial district. Notwithstanding the district usually gave *over 1600* Republican majority, so popular is he *among his immediate fellow citizens*, that he carried the district by over 1700 majority, and for three years served the *party* and *people most faithfully* in the State Senate. His integrity and just popularity extends throughout our broad Commonwealth. He was the unanimous choice of the Democratic party for the position it *asks the people to give him standing* on a most righteous platform, if you would have a man for Auditor General who is not in any way or manner by affinity, consanguinity or otherwise connected with the ring that *robs* the *people* of their *money, plunders* the Treasury of the *State*, and *steals the* State securities, give your suffrages to *General William McCandless.*

In Captain James H. Cooper, we have a young man of great moral worth, and political strength. The Captain is a native of Allegheny county, but now resides in Lawrence county In very early life, at the country's call, he was among the first to *respond*. During that long and bloody conflict *he commanded 'Battery B' more* generally known as 'Cooper's Battery' of the first Pennsylvania Revenue Corps. Cooper's Battery took an active part in every battle from 'Mechanicsville to Spottsylvania, North Anna River, and the battles in front of Petersburg' General Reynolds says of him, 'Captain Cooper is one of the coolest and most efficient officers under fire I ever saw Since the close of the war Captain Cooper has devoted his energies to the development of the mineral, lumber, and mechanical interests of the Beaver and Chenango Valleys. He is as sincere, earnest and honest in politics as in every department of life. So justly popular is Captain Cooper that Mr. Allen, *Republican Senator* from Mercer county, says of him. 'I *know the gentleman well*, and know that he was a true and faithful soldier in the war, following all its successes and misfortunes, and is one of the best young men in the State. No Democrat can do himself injustice—no Republican can do himself injustice by voting for so deserving a *young man* as this.' Thus we have both Democrats and Republicans *testifying to the* worth of Captain Cooper as a man and a *Democrat*. *He is a special favorite* in the western part of the State, and at the very home of one of the Republican candidates will run far ahead of his ticket. It remains for us in the central and eastern part of the State, to up roll for him such a majority as will scatter the broken and shattered ranks of Republicanism, rotten as it is in its *own corruption.*

HON. P. GRAY MEEK.

As to our candidate, for the legislature, scarcely anything can be *said* that you do not know. His *record* is before you. *To receive the endorsement* of the *Democratic party* in convention assembled, twice by acclamation, and twice by goodly majorities, should be sufficient to satisfy the most *scrupulous democrat. If more is* needed, we have it in the fact of his overwhelming vote at the polls last fall. But, even that, is not all. His whole legislative career is before us, as one who was earnest, honest, and labored continually for the welfare of his constituents. The character of legislation introduced and passed by him, *was such as to benefit and protect* the laboring classes, and of his record in standing by the toiling tax-payers of the county, he, as well as the party that he represents, may well be proud. In every contest where the interests of the *Democratic* party were at stake, Mr. Meek *was never found wanting*, always at his post, ready to do battle *for the Democracy.*

The Democratic press from all parts of the State hails his re nomination with such a degree of satisfaction as should make the Democracy of Centre county proud of their nominee To show how our candidate is endorsed by the *Democratic press of the State*, we give a few of the many notices that have fallen under our observation:

[*From the Erie Observer*]

HON P GRAY MEEK, after serving three terms in the House, has again been nominated for re-election by the Democracy of Centre county. The lawyers of the county opposed him because he objected to furnishing them with a law library at the public expense They put up one of the strongest men in the county against him, but Meek walked over the course with ease Mr Meek is a man of decided talent, and one of the kind who should be sent to the legislature by his county as long as he will consent to serve

[*From Zeigler's Democratic Herald*]

HON P GRAY MEEK.—This gentleman, who is the able and fearless editor of the WATCHMAN, Bellefonte, Centre county Pa., has been re nominated for the Legislature by the Democracy of that county Mr Meek has served several years in the Legislature and he is one of the few men who is unapproachable by the horde of lobbyers who infest Harrisburg every winter We rejoice that such men as Mr Meek are sufficiently appreciated by the people as to ensure a re nomination In these days of wire pulling an honest man has a hard row to hoe Mr Meek will be triumphantly elected

[*From the Williamsport Sun*]

HON P GRAY MEEK *of Bellefonte, has been* again renominated, by the Democracy of Centre county, for the Legislature This will be Mr Meek's fourth consecutive term at Harrisburg, and he is one of the most honest and efficient members of the *General Assembly*—Such men are creditable to the Democracy of Pennsylvania

[*From the Cambria Freeman.*]

P GRAY MEEK—It affords us double-breasted gratification to announce that this gentleman has for the fourth time been nominated for the Legislature by the gallant *Democracy of* Centre county, and for the fourth time will be triumphantly elected beyond a doubt Mr Meek is a fearless, honest and capable representative, and being a clever gentleman and the able editor of a live and *efficient Democratic* newspaper, we rejoice with becoming joy at this additional evidence of his great *popularity He will*, in all probability, be the next Speaker of the House of Representatives

[*From the Sunbury Guard*]

HON P. GRAY MEEK—The Democracy of Centre county nominated Hon. P Gray Meek, of that staunch Democratic journal, the Bellefonte WATCHMAN, *for Assembly on Monday* week Mr Meek has represented Centre county three times in the Legislature, increasing his majority each time Last fall he carried his county by over seven hundred majority, and we *predict that this fall he will* swell his majority to one thousand Success to him, no better representative is sent to Harrisburg from any county in the State He is small in stature but large in Democracy, and strong when wrestling with radicalism.

[*From the Huntingdon Monitor*]

P GRAY MEEK *has been nominated by the* Democracy of Centre county for a fourth term in the Legislature It is evident the Democracy of Centre know how to appreciate honesty, ability and courage when they find it Meek will doubtless be *the next Speaker* of the House of Representatives, and he deserves the honor

[*From Pomeroy's Democrat*]

MEEK—We are glad to learn that Hon. Perny Meek, the brave and talented editor of the DEMOCRATIC WATCHMAN, Bellefonte, Pa., was again nominated by *the Democracy of* that district, a few days since, for the Assembly In the State of Pennsylvania are many thousand people, brave, fearless and reliable Democrats and no one of all the number is more worthy *of public confidence than the* above named whose majority we hope, will be larger and larger each year, so long as he will consent to serve the people in legislative capacity

We should elect him by a larger majority than ever.

COL. JAMES F. WEAVER,

the candidate chosen for the office of Treasurer, is so well known to the people of the county, that it will be difficult to mention him in a way that has not already passed through the minds of the people. He enlisted as a *soldier* in the 148th P. V. For three *years he served with distinction* and honor, leading the boys under him, of *that* far famed regiment through many of the bloody conflicts it passed through, serving his country so well, that time and again he was promoted, till he reached the high position of a colonel The people of the county need not be afraid to trust him with the *position the Democratic* party have chosen him to fill. The treasury will not be robbed and plundered, like in days of Republican rule our interest will be zealously guarded Colonel Weaver is an honest, upright, temperate, christian gentleman, worthy the suffrages of every honest man in the county, be he Democrat or Republican.

LOVE & DOPP,

the candidates for Associate Judges, are men whose reputations are almost as broad as our great commonwealth, citizens of the *highest character*, men of noble integrity. Of the large number *of candidates presented to the con*vention they were the ones chosen. They, like an aged christian who has gone through many trials of his faith, have gone through many fiery trials for their political faith, and have never been found wanting They will be an ornament to the *bench and an hon*or to the Democracy of the county.

SAMUEL F. FOSTER,

our candidate for County Commissioner, is well fitted for the position, not only by experience, but *also by natural* ability He served out the unexpired *term of William Keller.* During that time he gave general satisfaction, winning the confidence and respect of his associates, as well as of the people of the county. His honesty and integrity never has been and never can questioned. His highest aim as a servant of the people will be to *relieve them of* the burdens imposed upon them while the county *was under Republican* rule some ten years ago.

JOHN F. POTTER,

the candidate for District Attorney, is yet a young man. Mr. Potter spent many of his younger years in institutions of learning. During the first year of his legal studies he was under the tuition of John H. Orvis, Esq., whose legal learning and ability is known *everywhere, and* in this case the student partakes of the ability and *shrewdness of* the tutor. Mr. Potter, spent the last year of his course at the Albany Law School, New York, of which he is a graduate. His training in this school, as well as what had gone before, fits him well *for the* position to which the democracy have called him.

For County Surveyor we present one *of the best* men and most practical surveyors in the State,

WM. P. MITCHELL, ESQ.,

a man of large experience, and fine education in the science of surveying. Mr. Mitchell was the choice of the Democratic party in 1868, and was elected by a large majority, running far ahead of his ticket. This fall we know he will be chosen by a larger *majority than ever.*

For Auditor we have

R. F. HOLMES, ESQ.,

a good accountant, an honest upright christian gentleman, who elected, as *he will be, will discharge* the duties of his office carefully and for the interests of the people.

Such is the ticket we present for your suffrage voters of Centre county. It is a ticket that every *honest intelligent* white man of the county may *take a just pride in supporting*

D. F. FORNEY,
Chairman Co. Com.

GRANT'S MILITARY USURPATION.

From a Speech at Loveland, Ohio, on Aug. 21, by George H. Pendleton.

The present Congress passed a Ku Klux bill. Do you remember its provisions? Whenever the President shall believe that in any State a *combination* of persons shall seek to deprive any *man of his rights*, the President may take jurisdiction of the subject, and if in his opinion the State authorities shall be unwilling to redress the wrong, he may suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*, declare martial law, oust the authorities of all their powers and functions, shut up the courts, dismiss the juries, unseat the judges, and take *redress and punishment* into his own hands.

Gentlemen, do you appreciate this law? A month ago a mob entered a jail in Illinois and hung one of the prisoners. The President might under this law suspend the writ of *habas corpus* in the State and establish there a martial government. In the city of New York a riot occurred and lives were lost. The President might under *this law suspend* the present government of that State, and govern it by the army and his generals. Gen. Grant will never use these powers wrongfully, say his sycophants. Gentlemen, this is the insanity of folly. He will apply it wherever passion is to be gratified or elections are to be *carried. He has* never refused to exercise power. When *Georgia voted against him* for President, he asked authority to suspend the State government. When Congress delayed, or in the end refused it, he sent Gen Terry to play dictator there.

When North Carolina did not obey his wishes, he sent a military force to uphold Gov. Holden. *When he wanted* a delegation in the next Republican *convention for the State of Louisiana*, he dictated that the convention should be held in the United States Court room, and that no one should be admitted except on authority of his marshal, and that a file of soldiers should maintain that authority. When he desired to secure the *annexation of* San Domingo, he did not hesitate to take *money from the Treasury* in defiance of the law, and pay it in advance of the submission of the treaty to the Senate. He did not stipulate that he would keep its existence a secret until he had, by use of his personal and official influence, secured its ratification by the Senate.

When Sumner stood in his way, he *did not hesitate* to eject him from the Committee on Foreign Relations. And now, while the Senate is considering the treaty, he secures from private persons the money, and pays the second installment of the purchase. There is a party in San Domingo opposed to annexation. It begins to make *bad*. Thereupon Gen Grant uses the army and navy of the United States to protect his vendor and power.

I need not characterize these acts, Mr. Sumner, in his place in the Senate, said.

"All this has been done by kingly prerogative alone, without the authority of an act of Congress. If such a transaction, many headed in wrong, can escape judgment, it is *difficult to* say what securities remain. What other sacred obligation of international law may not be violated? What other foreign nation may not be struck? What other belligerant menace may not be heralded? What other kingly *prerogative may not be seized?*"

Mr Schurz, in his place in the Senate, said:

"To further by force of arms a bad scheme of the White House, in *which* neither Congress nor the people of the United States had evidenced the least interest, the war powers had been usurped, the Constitution invaded in one of its most essential and vital features, the peace and dignity of the *country put in jeopardy.*" In the manner in which he described "He would *say to Senators* who had undertaken to defend these, that they had undertaken an utterly hopeless task, and, to all appearances, an impossible one. It was time now to dispel that confusion of ideas which could not distinguish between the authority of the United States and the persons of the President, and to arrest that usurpation of power which was *secretly*, and with cat like step, creeping upon the country. Congress had been called upon to con-