

The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

AN OTHER HALF MILLION STOLEN BY A RADICAL OFFICIAL

He Makes a Full Breast of H. Tho Radical Treasury Department Responsible. Let the Tax-payers Reflect.

WASHINGTON, September 14.--The following is a complete copy of Major Hodge's letter of confession:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday, Sept. 10th, 1871.

Gen. B. W. Brice:

SIR:—I have to inform you that I am unable to close my account, and that I owe the frightful amount of about \$450,000, which sum I have lost during the last few years in stock speculations, going deeper in the hope of retrieving myself. I have no excuse or mitigation of my course to offer, and propose to take the full consequences of my sin. I had thought a week ago of escaping from New York, but believe I have done better in returning here to deliver myself up as I felt I was bound to do. I can of course make no pretence of excuse for the systematic default. I have practiced on you and the advantage I have taken of the official position I have held, and feel that you especially have cause to be justly indignant against me. I have been led on by the information that always attends the course I entered on, hoping always to recover my loss and conceal my crime. I believe it is really a relief to be forced to discover for I have been in a hell on earth for years, and the alternations of hope and fear I have gone through and the constant care to avoid detection, were becoming too strong. I desire to turn over all my property that I have, as a small set off against my deficiency, and after giving you a full and complete account of my accounts, or if possible in recovering a portion of what I have lost I expect to take the full punishment awarded for my offense.

In justice to two parties in this city, through whom I had some speculations, I wish to state that they are perfectly innocent of any knowledge that I was using public funds. There are small balances with each of these parties in my credit, whenever the accounts are closed. The losses I made were almost entirely in New York with one house there, whose accounts I hold subject to your order. I endeavored to induce them to make good the amount lost with them, which they knew was public money, but they have refused.

I have been trying to make up my mind to this confession for some days, and was on the point of doing so this morning in your office, but I could not bring myself to say it, and wanted time to write. My innocent wife, whom I thought I could trust, will kill me if I tell her what I have done.

A letter from you or the authorities that it is possible, some small sum may be left her. I enclose the keys of my safe and a box containing all my accounts, &c. My present vouchers, receipts, &c. are in the hands of my clerks, who are all of them perfectly innocent of any knowledge of my deficiency. I shall remain at my house, No. 1424 K street, till informed what action you have taken concerning me. There is no fear that I will go away now.

(Signed) J. LEONARD HODGE. Paymaster General Brice says, this morning, it will appear upon investigation that the Treasury Department is responsible for the failure of the Government to discover the defalcation sooner. General Brice also denies the report that Hodge, after suspicion had first been attached to him, was allowed to draw any checks, even such as were necessary to transfer the balance to the proper officers.

Hodge's disbursements during the last six years since the war have amounted, as the records show, to the enormous sum of \$29,371,450, for payment. The treasury certificates for bounty alone, for a considerable time, ranging from four hundred to five hundred thousand dollars per month. These large disbursements, with the necessary credits, have afforded him opportunity for the stupendous frauds which he covered up by means of false and fraudulent official returns, statements and accounts. For every amount of \$1,125,000 he drew, determined by careful examination, is \$473,939.

—Get registered, in order that you can vote against EVANS, the radical evildoer, and his radical backers.

—A nice young man at Portland kept looking into the window of a married lady until he saw her wave a handkerchief, when he called at her room. After having his bones set, it was explained that she was only shaking some apple peelings from a napkin.

Put it at them, Democrats! This is Evans' fraud. Let the people know all about it. Wake up your neighbors to its importance. Don't let the Republicans sleep till they investigate the whole subject. Show them the figures bringing the matter home to our tax-payers. Make it tell. Leave nothing undone that may give us back, once more, an honest and constitutional government.—Eric Observer.

—We always have had had wealthier Easter. We have noticed it a hundred times.

—EVANS, the radical State agent, stole from the tax-payers of the State \$391,000. The radical officials who knew of the theft refused to have him arrested. He has left the country with his share of the stolen money. A vote for the radical candidates is a vote to endorse such outrages.

New York Fairly Beaten.

Our great Democratic city of New York, with all its wicked expenditures—and some of them are wicked—is fairly eclipsed by the new Government at Washington, a city of 109,199, and of 131,700 in the District, to nearly 1,000,000 here. Here are the facts: The old debt, and pretty much like our old Supervisors' debt, was estimated by Governor Cooke at \$3,335,121, including 1,000,000 floating debt, although claims for only one-half that amount have been presented. Since that time or in 100 days, appropriations and bills have been passed which cover the following programme of expenditure and debt:

Table with financial data: Temporary Loan \$250,000.00, Loan for Public Works \$500,000.00, Sewer Water main \$4,000,000.00, Appropriations \$1,292,665.95, Appropriations for salaries \$275,000.00, Loan for improvements \$4,000,000.00, Special taxes for public works \$2,000,000.00, County of Richmond and Potomac Railroad \$50,000.00, Public works prior to July \$3,000.00, For Board of Health \$3,000.00, Total \$12,550,819.41

In the short term of one hundred days, the Legislature, manipulated by the Board of Public Works, have actually voted away and passed bills involving a debt and outlay of SIX AND A HALF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, for which the people must answer in taxation. Governor Cooke estimated the expenditures at \$300,000, which, upon the basis of a revenue of \$1,500,000, would leave \$700,000 for improvements. The ordinary expenses largely exceed double his figures, and his present plans should be carried out, the interest alone on the existing and proposed debt would require over half a million of dollars.—N. Y. Express.

—Go and get registered at once! The vote of every white man in the county is needed to defeat niggerdom and its thievery backers, GEO. O. EVANS' friends.

—Senators Sherman, Morton and Harlan are foremost among the men who talk about the dishonesty of Democrats, and warn the people against placing power in their hands. How stands their own record? Let the Free Press of Detroit answer. "Take Senator Harlan, for instance, who went to Congress a few years ago from Iowa as poor as a church mouse, and on the salary of a Congressman and Secretary of the Interior, has become one of the millionaires of the country, and has elegant residences in both Iowa and Washington City. And Senator Sherman is reported to have accumulated a good deal of money during his Congressional term. One of our shrewdest bankers places Morton among the wealthy men of Indiana, even ranking the Senator as the wealthiest. Yet it is well known that he came to Indianapolis in 1861, pretty well used up financially. These are the men who say it will not do to trust Democrats. The people will interpret their words by their acts."

—You have only a few days left to be registered in. If you fail to attend to it NOW, you may forget it.

The Commercial, Radical, gives its opinion of Grant's reputation in the following words:

In our judgment this drove of relations of the President and the family, batten, to public places, is an evil spectacle. The general sentiment is that it is at least in shameful taste. Republican editors and editors, a full, make excuses for the President about this business, but they do it with hostility & shame. It is a usual claim that it is a business of a man who has done so much for his country that he is entitled to a few frailties. They exemplify the Chief Magistrate, however, doing mischief. Our public places are full families. Drunken sons and stupid fathers-in-law, and worthless cousins abound in the Federal offices through the land, and greatly demoralize the public service.

—Get registered! Get registered at once! You have only till the 30th of this month to attend to it.

—A rural youth of about eighteen summers invested in a banana in the cars the other day. He curiously remarks the peculiar put it on the seat by his side, then he broke the fruit up in small bits, eating it anxiously as he did so. When this was done he picked up the peel, shook it in his lap, and finally threw the pieces out of the window, remarking as he did so, "That's the best of them prize packages I ever bought, an' it's the last, you bet."

—Remember that the Registry list closes on the 30th of this month.

BAD FOR THE REPRESENTATIVE.—Col. James S. Morgan, an ex member of the Legislature from Allegheny county, was last week sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for having defrauded Uncle Sam out of some internal revenue.

—One point about some murderers is that they 'take life' cheerfully.

GARTERS.—Some New England lady Mrs. Daniels, we believe—another of the Daniels come to judgment—has invented a new fangled apparatus for keeping the ladies' stockings up, which is to supersede the time honored and hoistly garter. It may do well enough for those in New York, but our Virginia women are not content in any of the necessary adjuncts that go to make up the perfect mold of form, and can keep their garters on and stockings up without resorting to any new inventions. What will the Yankees ask us to surrender next? The garter is an old and cherished institution; and, although the elastic invention with the buckle has been invented by many city belles, the free born and independent country girls still stick to twine and tape, and other strings—some even using as a tie the primitive wisp of straw. We will have none of this new fashioned hip attachment gearing. We are true to our ancient ties. It is a direct assault upon our civilization—a blow aimed at our garter rights—and we will resent it while we have a leg to stand on. Ladies be true to your stockings. Until the banner of the garter, and by scribble upon it that grand motto of the grandest order of knighthood ever established: *Honi soit qui mal y pense*—and there is not a man, young or old, in Virginia, but will rally round the flag, and shed his last drop of blood in defence of the garter rights of women, and cry 'Down with the Yankee hip-pancy!' Richmond, Va. Enquirer.

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—Gen. Grant has been President now for two years and a half. With in that period there has been collected in taxes not less than \$1,000,000,000. In addition he has had \$100,000,000 more from the sale of government property, making \$1,100,000,000 in all. It is claimed by the friends of the President that he has paid off \$200,000,000 of the public debt. Granting that, what has become of the other \$900,000,000? Can any one tell \$700,000,000 a year used, by Democrats, to run the Government?

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—It is the duty of every true woman to look as beautiful as she can. It is her duty to brighten and gladden the world with her loveliness just as the flowers and trees, the skies and water brighten and gladden it. Her sense of the beautiful should always and everywhere be cultivated, for thus will her thoughts be made pure, and her mind be the home of sweet and lovely things. Refinement comes of a love of all things beautiful.

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—An exchange tells us that twenty-one years ago, DeLard Standard arrived in California with only one shirt to his back. Since then, by close attention to business, he has contrived to accumulate a fortune of ten millions. What the difference can be made with ten million shirts?

—The *Ballou* says that the reason why the Vermont and New Hampshire boys are so good is because they are in the habit of drawing themselves up so as to peer over the mountains to see the sun rise.

—George, asked a teacher of a Sunday school class, "who above all others shall you first wish to see when you get to heaven?" With a face brightening up with anticipation the little fellow shouted, "G. r. i. h."

—Some of the judges in St. Louis have found it necessary to inform the lawyers that they can not serve two bars at once. The recent appearance of some of them during court proceedings has led to this dictum.

—Squabbles, an old bachelor shows his stockings which he had just darned, to a maiden lady, who contemptuously remarks, "Pretty good for a man darning." Whereupon, Squabbles rejoins, "Yes, good enough for a woman darn her."

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—DEMOCRATS! the time for action has arrived. You are called upon to do your duty, and your whole duty. The campaign has fairly opened, and the day of battle approaches. If you would achieve victory, go to work at once. What is wanted is complete organization. See to it that this is effected. With it the pay is our own.

—A householder, in filling up his census schedule, under the heading "Wero born," described one of his children as "born in the parlor," and the other "up stairs."

—A client remarked to his solicitor "You are writing my bill on very rough paper sir." "Never mind" was the reply of the latter, "it has to be filed before it comes into court."

—President Grant shows a tender of hospitality to the Lincoln Club of Pittsburgh, that he will reach Pittsburgh about the 12th or 15th of September, but is not yet decided whether he can stop long enough to accept it.

—A lady friend of ours is about to marry the man who made her husband's tomb-stone. We think he did a favor which deserves such a reward.

Dry Goods, Groceries

GREAT EXCITEMENT ABOUT TEAS AND COFFEES! JUST OPENED A NEW LOT OF TEAS AND COFFEES AT STILL LOWER PRICES. BEST GREEN AND BLACK TEAS ESPECIALLY Sold at \$1.50 we are selling at \$1.25 1.25 " 1.00 1.00 " .85 Best 35 cts Java Coffee, reduced to 30 cents 20 Rio Coffee " 28 " 28 " 25 " CALL AND TRY THEM and we will guarantee you can save 25 per cent. Sold only at the Agency of the

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Having purchased the extensive store of Levi A. Miller, the proprietors take pleasure in announcing to the public that they will keep constantly on hand, the choicest

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, FLOUR, SPICES, FRUITS, &c. to be found in the market.

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A full line of Cloths, Cassimeres, Satinets and Vestings, all kinds and pieces, which will be sold cheap. We have constantly on hand a large and well selected stock of all kinds of Crockery, Glassware, Mackinac, Salt, &c., &c. Which we will dispose of at the very lowest cash prices.

ALWAYS AHEAD! ALEX. ALEXANDER & SON, Mifflin, Centre Co., Pa. are now offering to the public at the lowest cash prices.

GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION ALEXANDER & SON. Take this method of announcing to their numerous friends that they have just returned from the East with a new assortment of seasonable

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC GOODS, Which they are selling at such prices that purchasers will find it to their interest to buy of them. Their stock consists of: DRESS GOODS, MILLINERY GOODS, HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES

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Insurance. EDWIN H. KINSLOE, Successor to Sam'l L. Barr, dec'd. CLAIM AND INSURANCE AGENT GOOD COMPANIES. LOW RATES. PROMPT SETTLEMENT OF LOSSES

Cash and Mutual Fire, Life and Accident Policies written Prompt attention given to the collection of Bns. Dvgs, Pensions and all other claims. Soldiers who enlisted before July 22d, 1861 and were honorably discharged without receiving the \$100 Bounty are now entitled to it. EDWIN H. KINSLOE, Box No. 73, Bellefonte, Pa. Successor to Sam'l L. Barr, dec'd.

Miscellaneous. OFFICE OF THE LEWISBURG CENTRE AND SPRUCE CREEK R. R. CO., Philadelphia, June 13 1871. Notice is hereby given that the first installment of Five Dollars per share to the Capital Stock of the Lewisburg, Centre, and Spruce Creek R. R. Co., authorized in the Townships of Harris, Potter, Gregg, Penn and Haines, Centre County, will be payable on the first day of July, 1871, and the subsequent installments of Five Dollars per share will be due and payable on the first day of each succeeding month, until the whole is paid. Payments of the above installments are hereby required to be made to the Treasurer of the Co., at the office of the Centre County Banking Company, Bellefonte, Pa. JOSEPH LESLEY, Treasurer.

N. B. Any person desiring, can pay the whole of at once, if payments are not punctually made the law allows one per cent per month to be charged in addition. 16 25 2m

Hotels and Saloons

BUSH HOUSE, BELLEFONTE, PENNA. This elegant hotel, having come under the supervision of the undersigned, they would respectfully announce to the public that they are prepared to accommodate them after the style of the best houses in the city. The Bush House is a magnificent building, splendidly furnished, and capable of comfortably accommodating

THREE HUNDRED GUESTS. It is situated near the depot, and convenient to all places of business, and is the best hotel in central Pennsylvania. Its waiters are obliging, polite and attentive, its tables are supplied with every luxury in the market; its saloons are first class, with attentive and humane waiters, and its bar supplied with the best of liquors. For guests from the cities to spend the summer it is just the place! The proprietor will be happy to receive the public as often as they wish to call. CLEMENTS & LOWRIE, Proprietors.

GARMAN'S HOTEL—DANIEL GARMAN, Proprietor. This long-established and well-known Hotel, situated on the southeast corner of the Diamond, opposite the Courthouse, having been purchased by Daniel Garman, he announces to the former patrons of this establishment and to the traveling public generally, that he has thoroughly refitted his house, and is prepared to render the most satisfactory accommodation to all who may favor him with their patronage. No pains will be spared on his part to add to the convenience or comfort of his guests. All who stop with him will find his table abundantly supplied with the most sumptuous fare the market will afford, prepared in style by the most experienced cooks. His Bar will always contain the choicest of liquors. His Stabling is the best in town, and will always be attended by the most trustworthy and attentive hostlers. Care has been taken, and he feels confident that all will be satisfied with their accommodations. An excellent Livery is attached to this establishment, at which stages from abroad will be glad to go to their advantage. 1871

CUMMINGS HOUSE, W. D. RIKARD, Proprietor. BELLEFONTE PENNA. The undersigned having assumed control of this fine hotel, would respectfully ask the patronage of the public. He is prepared to accommodate guests in the best of style, and will take care that his tables are supplied with the best in the market. Good stables attached to the hotel, with careful and attentive servants. The traveling public are invited to give the Cummings House a call. 16-20-ly

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