

The Beaver Argus.

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., October 23d, 1872.
On Monday, the 13th inst., Mr. Hart our Clerk of Court, was waited upon by four well known members of the bar, namely, Messrs. Wilson, Hice, Wickham and Moore, and by them earnestly urged to promptly tell the truth concerning the attempted fraud on the ballot-box in Beaver Falls. After these gentlemen had represented to him the importance, so far as his own reputation was concerned, of replying immediately to the inquiries contained in the letter published in our last week's issue, he delivered to him a paper professing to be a copy of the only correct copy of the original, and at once told him the whole of the very suspicious business. Yielding however to the solicitations of men whose only object it is to shield themselves from exposure and obloquy at whatever risk or price, Mr. Hart, a few minutes later, refused to answer for one week. The week has passed and still he has given no reply. It is very evident there is something wrong, and the public are rapidly coming to the conclusion that he has been colluding with other parties for the purpose of giving them time to prepare spurious explanations of their conduct. Sooner or later he and they must come out with some statement, and we trust Mr. Hart that he has not much time to lose. Delays are said to be dangerous; but delay in a matter of this kind is as Mr. Hart has been told over and over again, not only dangerous but criminal.

Since the above was in type, Mr. Hart has made an answer which will be found in another column.

When the outrageous villainies of public officers, and the assaults upon the purity of the ballot-box in New York city became intolerable some eighteen months ago, the people without regard to party, and in a public meeting appointed a committee of seventy persons—the best and ablest that could be found—to inquire into the conduct of their leading municipal officers, and requested them, if the evidence they could get hold of would justify it, to commence legal proceedings against the villains without delay.

That committee, which were several of which the tax payers of the city never dreamed. Legal proceedings were commenced against the scoundrels at once, and in a short time those of them who were not tried, convicted and thrown into prison, had fled the country and leave their ill-gotten wealth behind.

"Rings" which are now in vogue for little more than a year ago is to-day completely broken, and its members' names are a reproach wherever heard. That was the way they dealt with high-handed villainy and organized crime there, and that committee of seventy is now very properly looked upon as having saved New York from financial ruin, and a still lower deep in political infamy.

In Pennsylvania, we have as infamous a "Ring" as ever existed in any State or any people. Cameron is the peer of Tweed in official rascality and political debauchery. All the tools are scattered all over the State. They demoralize our young men by setting an example to them whenever in their presence, in order to obtain their "good will" and help, and in this manner make moral wrecks of all who come within their reach and pass under their influence. They buy with money the votes and influence of all who will sell, and pay the price with money taken unlawfully from the State Treasury. They bribe election officers, and are named in every corner, and when all other means are likely to fail they import sound-blasts to vitiate our ballot-boxes. Is it not high time, that something be done to check this carnival of villainy in Pennsylvania? Should not the people band together, without distinction of party, and looking only to the public good, by threats and throats they have fastened upon the Treasury of the State, and who have made its politics a reproach all over the country? Might not a "Committee of Seventy" do for Pennsylvania what a similar committee did for New York one year ago? We throw out the suggestion merely for others to think about it.

Cameron and his friends already claim the Republican State victory a Cameron victory. Before the election there was not a Cameron paper or a Cameron man in the State. It is time to admit that Simon was to be honored by the success of Hartman.

Hox, Sam'l T. Randall, Chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, has brought suit against several prominent Republican leaders in Philadelphia for libel.

It is not a little strange that of all the newspapers printed in Beaver county, the Argus is the only one that has published the letter of the editor of the Beaver Argus addressed to J. C. Hart, asking for information touching the attempted election fraud in Beaver Falls.—The rest of them have been silent as the grave on that subject. The Argus being independent, and subject to no control save that of its editor, has insisted upon the right to publish the letter which made that attack upon the sanctity of the ballot-box in our midst, should be dragged to the light, let them in the end prove to be Liberal Republicans, Democrats or Straight Republicans. It makes no difference to us who these villains are or to what political party they belong. They were engaged in a business, which, if extensively prosecuted, would result in the ruin of the county, and to expose them, is the bounden duty of every friend of the country. Honest men of Beaver county! whether you be Liberal Republicans, Democrats or Straight Republicans, let us ask you to watch this Beaver Falls matter to the end. If you are seeking to keep up your libelous and trying to screen and shield the guilty ones who "sell it out," and rest assured that these persons themselves will be very close watching.

If the voters of Beaver county are anxious to know what the result of the election in this State on the 8th inst. will be, they are respectfully referred to an article in these columns headed, "The Legislature of 1872." That article is clipped from the Harrisburg State Journal, one of the Ring newspapers of Pennsylvania. In it the editor writes that the people decided by their vote on the second Tuesday of October, that General Cameron should be returned to the United States Senate, and that they desired Mr. Mackey's re-election as Treasurer of the State. Not only this, but he goes further and declares that the measures which Messrs. Hartman and Mackey brought before the Legislature that winter as Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and which were then being read, and which were then being digested it.

If you would succeed in the world and be rewarded with public trusts, make yourself the companion of fortune's State in gambling with the State and place nothing so low as virtue and integrity. If you would fall to be honored by your fellow-citizens, devote your life to a thorough study of the science of government and the needs of your countrymen; keep your character spotless and your in-

tegrity above reproach, place honor and virtue above all else, and determine you will have no success unless it be good and right. This is the lesson of the late election in this Commonwealth.

The people of this county are waiting with intense anxiety for the result of the investigation instituted by the Legislature relative to the attempted fraud on the ballot-box in Beaver Falls on the 8th inst. Messrs. Hartman's citizens of this county are deeply interested in your movement. They want you to probe that premeditated fraud to the very bottom, and to take no care about what persons of party you probing may affect. Unearth the villain or villains, wherever they be, who were tampered with our ballots and thus rob us of one of the most inalienable rights we possess. It cost blood and treasure to establish a free ballot in this county, and if we have in our midst who are so unparliamentary and so desperately wicked as to attempt to wrest it from us, let their names be known so that the people may accept their true positions in the country forever. Let the "Committee of Seventy" broke up a nest of scoundrels in New York some eighteen months ago, and held them up to public view; your committee of sixteen can, and we trust will, ferret out this intended and daring attack upon the sanctity of the ballot, and hold the wretches up to merited scorn, who conceived and executed this infamous scheme.

OTT in Minnesota there is a great excitement over the case of a county treasurer who uses the public money for private speculations. A beautiful country paper, published in the county of Ulmstead, asks, "What is the country coming to?" "What would it ask if it were published in Pennsylvania, where men are promoted for actions like this?"

OFFICIAL integrity being at an exceedingly low ebb in Pennsylvania, individuals in their private capacities begin to "take" all they can get their hands on. Here is a fine instance: A former member of Congress from one of the districts in Philadelphia has disappeared, taking with him considerable property belonging to two widows and one or two other persons. The statement is that he became attorney for the widows and persuaded them to place their stocks in his keeping, promising to return them to them. He made one or two payments and has disappeared, since which they have heard nothing of their stocks or custodian. The value of the stock is about twenty thousand dollars.

These ministers and laymen who could pray for the gift of the Holy Ghost to give us pure and God-fearing men to rule over us, and then themselves vote for Hartman and Allen, on the second succeeding day, have manifestly consciousness of the India-rubber mould. Their Christianity, we take it, will hardly be revealed by having several of them themselves, much less endeavor to make their neighbors and the world better.

It seems to indicate peace. Peace is the echo of the conference of the Emperor at Berlin. It is well that the Sultan should be assured that the Berlin Conference no harm to Turkey. All this is well; but somehow our faith in princes is not great. Friendly visits have too often proved serious wars. What with the settlement of the Geneva Court of Arbitration and the peaceful results of the Imperial conference, there is really some good reason to hope that an era of peace has dawned upon the world. This visit of the Russian Prince to Constantinople is in good time and in good taste.

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FRAUD.

Old Cameron's Corrupt Confederates! Alleged Accomplices Arrested! BRIBERY, FORGERY AND CRIME! United States Officials and Municipal Officers in Trouble!

BEGINNING OF THE REFORM MOVEMENT.

A Pennsylvania Congressman and U. S. Revenue Official Arrested on Charges of Bribery.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—A dispatch from Wilkesbarre, Pa., says that the Revenue Collector Hoyt, L. D. Shoemaker, (candidate for Congress), ex-Mayor Lorius of Scranton, and Revenue Assessor Gaines, of Pittston, have been arrested on a charge of bribing voters at the recent election.

The Mayor and Postmaster of Scranton, Pa., also arrested for bribery.—Scranton advises of same dates above, report the Mayor and Postmaster of that city, with several prominent officials, on a charge of ballot-box stuffing and bribery.—These men alleged to have bought voters and bribed judges. Affidavits in the cases are already in hand.

The prominent Lancaster Politician Held for Trial, Charged with Issuing False Naturalization Papers.

LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 17.—Capt. McMen, member of Select Jury, and a member of the Republican Committee, also John Wittenger, a prominent broker, have been arrested and held in \$1,500 bail to answer a charge of issuing fraudulent naturalization papers.

—A Russian Grand Duke has arrived in the city of Constantinople. What does mean many persons asking, "Is this the first visit of the kind made by a Russian Prince since the Crimean war?"

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It is curious that the great, as some say the "wholesale" poisoners, should be so often women. The English newspapers mention the case of Mary Ann Cotton who is in Darham jail on a charge of poisoning her husband, by the administration of arsenic. It is now supposed that the woman had done a great business in that way before. She had a lodger, who died some time since, in whose body arsenic has been found, and whose speedy death she had prophesied to the neighbors. Now, the Secretary of State has issued orders for the exhumation of Cotton's husband, and the woman is being held in prison for the purpose of being tried for the murder of her husband. The woman appears, frequently changed her residence, and wherever she lived the deaths are stated to have been numerous among those about her, and small sums were in most cases obtained from the burial societies. The woman has had four husbands. Nos. 1 and 2 are dead. No. 3 is still living, though not with his wife.

OAKLAND GROVE, BEAVER CO., Pa., NEW BRITTON, Oct. 19, 1872. Col. J. W. Hart, Auditor of the County of Beaver, Pa., and to the honest citizens of your county, GENTLEMEN:

I will not fail to redeem my promise in the performance of my duty as a citizen. They have a right to elect from one who has been a public servant, not only that he has performed his public duties, but that he should warn them against the intrigues and machinations of the man who is now in office, and who continues to do so, notwithstanding a full exposure of the faithless and corrupt character of the man—in the face and despite of facts—who has elected J. S. Rutan to the office of Auditor of the County of Beaver, Pa. I should here be closed from reporting complaints when it shall be made appear that he has been instrumental in filing vast sums from the State Treasury to relieve Mackey and reward ring parties, and to reward the dishonest and unprincipled man who has been appointed, your State debt augmented and the burden of your taxes are largely increased.

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of Charles T. Yerkes, the banker of Philadelphia, who failed with the bank for the purpose of speculation. The facts are these: Messrs. C. T. Yerkes & Co. were bankers in very good standing in that city, who failed to meet their obligations on the 20th inst. The great fire in Chicago. The city Treasurer of Philadelphia had money deposited in the bank; and when it failed, the Treasurer and the banker were arrested. They were not State Treasurer Mackey arrested. Simply because he drew his worthless check on a bank where he had not one dollar on deposit, for \$165,000, and placed it in the vault of the State Treasury and counted on cash. The Treasury was all O. K., because Mackey so reported to our office. Wall, Mr. Maree, city Treasurer, and Mr. Yerkes were both sent to the penitentiary because they could not pay their obligations. A check for \$165,000, which was issued by Mackey, was "scot free," with a chance for further favors, because he had the power to cover tracks by issuing his private check as an individual, to himself as State Treasurer. The check was \$165,000, placed in the vault of the Treasury, and reported it under oath to the Auditor General every month since as cash assets. That check is still on hand, unpaid to the State, and is why the paper is written on. Knowing the above facts, as I did, I believed that Yerkes—only operating for Mackey on money deposited with him, and charging the depositor one-quarter per cent. interest on the money, and a fine of one month imprisonment for a crime which the real guilty party (R. W. Mackey) was not even censured. I therefore gave Yerkes a letter to the Governor, for the whole amount of his conviction.

We have just found out up here why the title of "Pigs" says you can imagine that the Police (Pigs) is so ready to do dirt for anything. He wants to be elected Provisionary next year. If he is elected, I want you Beaver people to take a vote in six months after he comes to your town, and if he is elected, you will have him, the itch, cholera or famine among you. He has not paid \$20 tax, nor worn out a pair of boots yet in the county, and wants an office! When I read Mr. Edgar's article in the Herald, an article clipped from a paper of January 19, 1872, which explodes a lie manufactured by R. W. Mackey and Butler Swopce to cover up their tracks. This was long before Yerkes was arrested, and before Mackey was arrested. Swopce attempted to make it appear otherwise.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 30, 1872. Editor of the BEAVER ARGUS, BEAVER COUNTY, Pa. I have just read your paper of the 23rd inst. and I am glad to see that you have published the following which is a true statement of the facts in the case. I have them in my possession, and am glad to see that you have published them. I am glad to see that you have published them.

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