

The Columbian

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The Conduct of Campaigns. We have heretofore pretty fully discussed the short-comings of this in charge of recent political campaigns on the part of the Democracy.

We believe that the way to have obtained victory would have been to expose the wrong action of the Radicals.

Of the robbery by the Freedman's Bureau throughout its ramifications: Of the unnecessary, extravagant and wasteful salaries paid to useless hordes of officers and employees.

Of the appropriations in money by Congress, with detailed statements of its prodigal expenditure:

Of the various appropriations by Congress of public lands to States and corporations:

Of the burden imposed upon the people by the National Banking system and the financial operations of the Federal Treasury department:

Of the unfair and burdensome system of taxation by which labor and industry are compelled to bear the burden of our enormous Federal debt:

A complete list of the public property received by the President and the office he has given as consideration therefor and to encourage the same:

And a thousand more oppressions, robberies and rascalities not necessary now to rehearse.

What we assert that full exposure of these, with denunciation and proof therefor, would crush and destroy any party.

What did it do? We assert it was necessary to have in the campaign. We point out nothing of the fact that in nearly every strong party was divided, and distracted and weakened by division.

An address written by Judge BLACK, it is true, was published in the papers, but was suffered to fall without attention.

What is wanted in the future is one of our first men at the head of the State committee. Give us Judge WOODWARD, or HERBERT CRYMER, or Judge BLACK, or Mr. BURKLEW, or if victory does not follow, then, at least, the idea that the first intellect at the head of affairs is the true road to success.

This article is growing too long. In the future we will point out some further reformation that ought to be made.

It appears from their investigation that in "killed, wounded and missing" the workingmen in Paris have decreased in number to the extent of 100,000.

The Pardoning Power.

There is no prospect for the exercise of which Governors and Presidents are more roundly abused than the pardoning power.

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Constitutional Amendment.

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Appointment of Prothonotary.

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History of the Prothonotary Appointment.

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The Elections.

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It Has No Light.

It has no light that ex-Senator E. H. MORGAN of New York and the Hon. OAKES AYER, member of the House of Representatives from Massachusetts, who were made trustees to sign the first mortgage bonds authorized to be issued by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, the ultimate payment of which is guaranteed by the United States, got very well paid, to say the least, for attaching their signatures to these securities.

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EXECUTIVE NOTICE.

NOTICE OF FREDERICK SHAFER, DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS OF LANCASHIRE COUNTY, Pa. I have granted by the Register of said county the following description of land...

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Letters of administration on the estate of JOHN J. HARRIS, deceased, have been granted by the Register of said county to JOHN A. BISHOP, Administrator.

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