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On Their Muscle.

The attempt of the Cameron Ring to squelch the independent Republican press who refuse to wear the Klan collar, has put those journals on their mettle, and they are dealing heavy blows, which their assailants vainly endeavor to parry. While unalterably for Grant, they are striving to save him from defeat, by separating his cause from that of Hartranft and Allen. The Scranton Republican counters on the Miner's Journal in this style:

We do not care a feather's weight what any paper that wears the ring says about the Republicans. What we do regret is that the good name of the national party is continually being disgraced by such papers as the Miner's Journal. If there is a scoundrel in the party who betrays the confidence reposed in him the Journal cries: "Don't say anything about it!" If a thief in office is a scoundrel, the Journal will cry: "Hush!" The national leaders are exposed, and their punishment demanded, the Journal pads to them, and tries to cover up their rascallities. When a political ring of unscrupulous oil-seekers and party leaders pack a convention and outvote two-thirds of the Unionists in the party in the State, the Journal howls the knee of the scoundrel and tim-server, and merrily exclaims: "It is better so!"

It is a pity that such scoundrels like Geo. O. Evans, and corrupt and faithless officials, like Mackey, can flourish when journals claiming to be sound in the Republican faith, like our Pottsville enterprise, fly to their defense with such bold and independent new-papers of the past week.

It is such as the Miner's Journal that brings disgrace on our honored organization; it is they that make it possible for things to rule, and destroy the confidence of the people in the party. We heartily desire a ring politician, who despises a fraudulent ring organ like the Miner's Journal ten-fold more intensely.

Hit 'Em Again.

Hartranft and Allen were beaten when Buckalew and Hawley were nominated and their fortunes waned steadily ever since. No amount of money, stumping eloquence or political engineering can save them from merit and defeat. In the oldest and most staid Republican counties the revolt against the "Treasury Ring" is the greatest. The Press speaks of the Republican nominees as "Our Tammany at Harrisburg," and believes that the Republican party should sit in its overthrow, so that the Democrats may not claim all the credit.

In a late number it presents a sixth "indictment" with numerous counts against Hartranft, Mackey & Co. which the Ring organs have not even attempted to answer.

We have only space this week for the third count.

Erasions of Corporation Taxes.

Third. One other way in particular, there is every reason to believe, is by corrupt bargains with wealthy corporators. This is far easier than to offer to permit such corporations to escape with the payment of only a portion of their taxes in return for a consideration, and the report of a sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee, Mr. C. B. Buckley, April 3, 1872, raises the suspicion at least, that this is frequently done. The report speaks of several railroads operating which have not been required to render their return prompt and correct, and which have been allowed to get off with the payment of greatly less amount than they have lawfully paid.

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"MACKEY draws a check on a Pittsburg bank for the amount lost by the Philadelphia broker which check was never cashed, but deposited in a vault of the Treasury where it yet remains, with, innumerable other similar papers all covered as cash."

This is one of the most serious charges that has ever been made against an official in our state government. It is a well known fact that State Treasurer Mackey lost almost a hundred thousand dollars of the funds of the Commonwealth, through the failure of Verke the Philadelphia broker and stock gambler. A correspondent of the Philadelphia Press writing from Harrisburg makes the above charge. Is it true or false? It has never yet appeared how Mr. Mackey made up the loss sustained in the Verke failure, but we do not believe that he paid it over out of his own resources. If it is true as charged above, that he has simply charged his check in the treasury, and counts it as much cash, it is an outrage upon the people of this Commonwealth such as few men would have the impudence and effrontry to perpetrate. If the charge is false why does not Mr. Mackey, report it? He has two newspapers at Harrisburg that wear the pressure ring collar, and we have been expecting to see a denial of the allusion demanded, the Journal pads to them, and tries to cover up their rascallities.

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The new postal code, open circulars, composed entirely of printed matter, may now be transmitted through the mails for one cent postage. Although these card circulars must be printed, they may be addressed in writing and posted in the usual way. Open written communications can, however, only be sent on postal cards furnished by the United States Government. The postoffice department will, in about one month, be prepared to furnish postal cards at the rate of one cent each, including postage.

The apologists for the infamous Treasury ring beg the question. It may be difficult to connect Simon Cameron with Robert W. Mackey as it was for the outside world to define the exact relation between Fagin and the "Art Dealer," but what we charge and what we have proved is that there has been a wholesale speculation with the money of the sinking fund by the State Treasurer, and that Auditor Gen. John F. Hartranft has, from his official position, necessarily been cognizant of this state of affairs, if not actively a participant in it. No personal attack upon The Press will dispose of these facts, or those that are to follow them.

CIRCULARS are about to be issued to all money or post offices modifying the regulations in relation to the issuing of money orders. By the revised code the fee for a money order of ten dollars or less will be five cents; on other sums

the charge will be as heretofore.

Your fellow citizen,

DAVID DAVIS."

A LIVELY sort of a Mark Tapley, who edits the Norristown Herald, is not in the least discouraged, but while his courage up in this fashion: "The democratic newspapers have pretty much given up the idea of organizing anything like a formidable opposition to the election of General Greeley" and the other popular candidates associated with him on the repub-

lican ticket!

The Washington Daily Chronicle, the official administration organ, owned and edited by Senator Harlan, gives notice in an editorial that any persons employed in the departments who are found either publicly or privately advocating Greeley for President will be summarily dealt with.

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