

THE REPUBLICAN.

CLEARFIELD, PA.
WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 26, 1872.

What might have Been.

The Altoona Sun appropriately says: Suppose the investigations of fraud and corruption now making at Washington was being made by the Democrats, as would be the case had the Democrats triumphed last fall, how different would it be the developments. It must be remembered that the present investigations are being made by the warm personal and political friends of the accused, and that the effort has been rather to conceal and cover up the frauds, or to extenuate the acts of the guilty. But with all these advantages possessed by the robbers against the people, enough has been exposed to show that men occupying the highest positions in the country were guilty of the grossest frauds—that the public lands have been squandered to enrich members of congress; and that they not only robbed the people in their stealing the public lands, but they robbed the government as well. All these charges of fraud and corruption were made against the radical party last fall, and the people earnestly besought to look to their own interests and the honor of their country by turning these vandals out of power and filling their places with Democrats and Conservatives. But Vice-President Colfax, (who at this stage of the exposure stands at the head of this class of criminals) Speaker Blaine, Congressman Schieffelin and Kelley, and many others of the convicts, went before the people and pronounced the charges false and malicious. The people believed them, and voted with them. Now they see the result and must suffer the consequences of their credulity. We repeat, the efforts now making by these investigating committees are rather to cover up than to expose, and the enormity of their frauds and peculations, of bribery and official corruption, will remain hidden until the Aegean stable is cleaned out by a change of rulers and a change of investigators. As they are, they appear bad enough. But they are a mere nothing in comparison to what they would be if the whole truth were told, as it would have been had the Democrats been successful last fall, or as it will be when this important trust is committed to their hands.

In view of what the Radical leaders knew must be the result of their defeat is it any wonder that they spent fifty millions (which having been stolen from the people and the government they could well afford to spend) to retain this power? It was money wellspent so far as they are concerned; and until the people, whom they have thus wronged, threaten them with something else, that ballot is not likely that any change will be effected.

We hope—So—the Philadelphia Press of Thursday asks this question: "Shall we have honest elections?" We should say it is about time there was a movement in that direction. Col. Forney then proceeds to say: "It is a most significant fact that a Republican Senate committee, with Senator Fitch at the head, should put itself squarely on the record in favor of honest elections in Philadelphia. It shows conclusively that the better class of Republicans throughout the State sincerely sympathize with reform and will have no political affinity with the pollution of the ballot-box, no matter under what party flag it may be perpetrated." It certainly is a "significant fact," and if repeating and ballot box stuffing is broken up in Philadelphia, Pittsburg and other localities where it has been practiced for ten years past, the "old Union Savers" will soon take charge of the government again. And when that time arrives, it will not take a dozen committees to investigate the corruptions and frauds of Congressmen.

"Carrie" advertises in a London journal that she speaks three languages and is generally accomplished. "I wish," she adds, "to hire out my society to some pious gentleman or lady, as I am without friends able to help me."

The Louisville Courier Journal remarks: "It is pretty generally believed now that Oakley Ames, after all, did not put the Credit Mobilier stock 'where it would do the most good,' and adds that "it has proved a source of great amusement to the boys, but the Congressional frogs have suffered heavily."

It is taking a good number of the members of the House of Representatives at Washington to investigate the rascality committed by the rest of them. Never, since the formation of the government, was there such a spectacle as that now presented at Washington investigating corruption in Congress, and how corrupt men get into Congress.

A pious New York firm has robbed the government of over a million dollars and now offer to compromise by refunding \$200,000 of the amount. One of this innumerable Radical busi-

nesses—Young Men's Christian Association—Pious rascals are great favorites with the Grant administration and many find it pays to put on "the livery of Heaven to serve the Devil in."

The Philadelphia Press says: "By the way, there is some trouble in Kansas about the disposition of the \$8,000 Pomeroy is alleged to have paid York for his vote. It has been turned over to the State, but the State does not want it. The best disposition, perhaps, would be to give it to the Home Missionary Society to be expended in the distribution of tracts teaching political morality."

General McMillan, the "Fusion" Senator elect from Louisiana, is a brother-in-law of Governor Dennison, of Ohio, in which State he formerly lived. He served as a surgeon in the Russian army during the Crimean war, and was decorated by the Czar for distinguished services. During the late civil war he commanded a regiment of Ohio volunteers. After the war he settled in Louisiana as a cotton planter.

A company consisting of Thomas A. Scott and S. N. McCullough, of Pennsylvania, J. P. Morgan of New York, General Burnside and others, has been formed with a capital of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of tunnelling the Ohio and Mississippi rivers at Cairo, for railroad purposes. Congress has been asked for an act of incorporation. This is a gigantic enterprise, as the rivers at that point are several miles wide and very deep. It will afford a much needed outlet for the west and furnish a short six-line road to the sea.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF CLEARFIELD CO. FOR 1872.

SAMUEL P. WILSON, Esq., Treasurer of Clearfield county, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in account with the funds of said county from the first day of January, A. D. 1872, to the thirteenth day of January, A. D. 1873—

To aggregate amount of outstanding taxes January, 1872, vis:

Amount of uncollected County tax for 1870—

Amount of uncollected County tax for 1871—

Amount of uncollected County tax for 1872—

Amount of Registry tax 1870-71—

Amount of Registry tax for 1872—

Amount due from Groves, Lighter & Co.—

Amount due from collectors' returns—

Total amount of tax for 1872—

To amount of stated duplicates for 1872, vis:

State, —

Do. Larish 92 70

Do. Lovinger & Johnson 5 46

Do. Michaels 17 05

Do. Parker 8 75

Do. Pyles 12 20

Do. Ryan 84 88

Do. Rafferty 10 72

Do. Smith 29 39

Do. Snyder 270 23

Do. Smiles 68 95

Do. Steinman 4 26

Do. Steiner 1 20

Do. Tracy 21 51

Do. Whitesides 7 60

Do. Waple 3 20

Do. Whiting 1 05

Do. Williams 18 65

Total 1,012 94

To election boxes in Brady & Houtz, vis:

By express and telegram 2 00

By express 4 55

By express 17 05

By jury's wages, vis:

Grand Jury, term 2268 27

Do. March term 178 05

Do. November term 178 05

Do. December term 192 69

Travelers—Jan. term 437 76

Do. March term 268 54

Do. June, 1st wk 121 95

Do. July 121 95

Do. August 121 95

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