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# POOR GEORGE!

Monday was another fatal day for the Thug leader—the distinguished District Attorney. Every proposition made by him in the County Committee was unocremoniously voted down. His friends described him, and he could not muster a corporal's guard. He denounces some of them bitterly, calling them such pretty names as "cowards," &c. Poor George —he has at last reached his level!

# LIKE THEM!

It is the subject of general remark that in the county committee, Monday last, every man in the interest of George Brubaker, led by the chief Thug himself, voted against every measure offered, which looked to an honest and fair expression of the will of the Republicans of the County, at the primary elections on the 28th of August. This shows who the parties are who depend on fraud and dishonesty to accomplish their object.

# PACKER'S CASH.

Had the Republicans nominated a millionaire for Governor for the purpose of buying up votes—were votes needed to elect—there would be some sense in it, as any number of Democrats are always on hand and for sale at prices varying from twenty-tive cents to a dollar and seventyfive, according to quality. But, the idea of Democrats trying to buy Republicans is simply a good joke on "Old Asey." All the buying will be among themselves to keep their own scalawags from bolting.

# BUTCHERING HIS FRIENDS.

It is reported, and it is no doubt true. that the Thug leader is engaged in slaughtering some of his friends-men who have stood by him and supported him through all the hard contests in this county for ten years, resulting in his own election as District Attorney. And this is all of being the most corrupt Legislative body done to help his pet-some say his owner \_into the Senate. Every man who stands in the way of any combination to procure the nomination of JOHN M. STEHMAN to the | George Brubaker, but we venture to sav Senate, must go overboard. His doom is sealed, and the secret conclave of Thuggery is at work to accomplish this result. The plot is thickening, and in due time all the tricks of these political bummers and cut-throats will be laid before the public. The people must be posted, and they will be.

Forney's Press comes to the rescue used against the Philadelphia "Demoerats," at the late Copperhead State Convention, by Frank Hughes and Hon. Wm. Hopkins, who styled them "pickpockets and roughs," and other unparliamentary names. The Press says:

"We are locally proud of our Democracy such as they are. We will pit the Fourth ward against the Five Points and ask no odds. We can show as noisy and dangerous a convention as New York. We have as many candidates who can boast criminal indictments as brevets for gal-lant and meritorious party service. The Quarter Sessions is almost as strong a ower in our local politics as in those of Jotham. We killed and wounded as many men last year on election night as ever did New York. We honor and regard a Democratic whisky still next to a Demoeratic judicial decision. The local reputation of the Democracy is second to none; and finally, to conclude the whole matter, we unhesitatingly affirm that at the worst they are not more disorderly or law-breaking or worthless than the Democracy of any other city of similar size."

### THE REGISTRY LAW.

The Copperheads howl dreadfully over the Registry law, on the principle that

"No rogue e'er felt the halter draw, With good opinion of the law."

A contemporary pointedly puts the case in this wise: The thief says that the law which makes stealing a felony has been framed in the interest of a party to which he is opposed, and is therefore unjust The murderer says that the law which punishes murder with death discriminates against him, and is therefore made in the interest of those to whom he is opposed. But if the thief and the murderer were virtuous, honest citizens, the law would be their protection and shield instead of their punishment. The inequality is not in the law, but in the parties. Just so in the other case. If the Democratic party puts its trust and hope for success solely in the superiority of its principles over those of the Republican party, and in the clearness and vigor and energy with which it presents them to the people, the Registry Law, which it so much fears and hates, would be as much to its advantage as to that of the Republican party. Jes so!

### GEARY AND PACKER.

Mr. Packer is said to be the wealthiest man in Pennsylvania. How much he is worth we do not know, or care to know. It is enough to say that he is a Railroad King, a contractor, and a stock-jobber, and has been eminent in the lowest order of intellectual ability—that of a money getter. While Geary was shedding his blood to preserve our government, Packer defeated, and our candidate was bearing the smarts of defeat and wounds with sol- terwards Bell was appointed President and buying in shares which our defeats in whose blood he traded will neither support his ambition, nor accept his blool- crat? money. They are made of sterner stuff than he and his managing bullies imagine, and the second Tuesday of October will teach the speculator how he has miscalculated the force of their contempt, and the power of his purse. Buying a Democratic convention, led by a law breaker, is one thing; buying the governorship of Pennsylvania is another matter, as he will find to his sorrow .- So says the Beaver Radical.

# DOCTOR GATCHELL.

This gentleman turned up once more, on Monday last, in the County Committee, of which he is a member. He made a speech in defense of the House of Representatives in appointing the twenty-seven extra pasters and folders, in open violation of law. He ridiculed the idea of newspaper publishers setting themselves up as reformers. And with all their clamor about the pasters and folders, he said there wasn't one—not even "Daddy Abraham" who could now tell how many of these officers were employed.

We admit that we do not know how many there were during last session. We 'sich like" openly disregarded and violated the law, by appointing twenty-seven additional pasters and folders, not because they were needed, but only for the purpose of filehing money from the public

Thus publicly to boast of being too who endeavored to expose the system of leader, and the whole mass of our citizens treasury robbing, which gave the last House of Representatives the reputation that ever disgraced Penusylvania, may have been fun for the Doctor, and commanded the admiration and respect of that he won't think it quite so smart and funny when he comes to foot up the primary election returns next month.

Attention is invited to the card of Major R. W. SHENK, published in another column. We are glad that he has placed a political temperance party in said city. himself right on the record.

Our Republican friends abroad must The New York World mournfully asagainst the "offensive language" so freely , not for a moment suppose that because serts that the election of General Sheridan we have a little local contest to attend to | to the Presidency of the Potomac Army | in Lancaster County, the glorious 'Old Association is only a preliminary to the Guard," that the interests of the Republicans running "Little Phil," for lican party are neglected. Before the President of the United States in 1872. close of next month, the little ring of poli- In fact, the World says the election of tical Thugs will have been effectually disposed of, when, after a short and sharp campaign of six weeks, the entire strength | Phil's" easy defeat of "Little Mack." of the party will be ready and made good | Well, if Sheridan runs in 1872, the Demo- of city officials. ITY FOR OUR STATE TICKET. But to him. enable us to win such a victory, Thugrer must be crushed out and entirely subaded by the Republican voters of the county.

### HE WILL COME DOWN!

For the comfort of Asa's friends hereabouts, we give to them the gratifying news that he has consented to come down with the stamps. He told the "Asa PACKER Club," which is made up largely of the boys who will not be put off with promises, in Philadelphia, the other night, that "if we fail it shall not be through anything wanting in me." This evidently means that he will honor all drafts drawn on him. So all the boys have to to do is to proceed to draw, and while they are about it, they should draw liberally. It is the only way to find out whether Asa means business.

### PACKER A BOLTER.

Hon. Asa Packer, as we have already stated, in 1860 bolted from the regular Democratic Convention at Charleston, and participated in the nomination of John C. Breckinridge, as the open and avowed secession candidate.

ed the regular nomination of his party. In 1855, when Hon. George R. Barrett | the Democratic vote in Philadelphia." was the nominee of his party for President Judge of the Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne districts, he, the same Asa Packer, of Mauch Chunk, did all in his power to defeat him, by running the late John S. Bell as an independent candidate, who also received the cordial support of the entire Know Nothing party of said district. Barrett, however, was elected by a little over 1500 majority, and he is now the Judge there, and enjoys the entire confidence of the people of all parties, who regard him as an impartial and competent official.

It will be remembered that Judge Bell, formerly of Chester county, although then a democrat—about the year 1850—took a very prominent part in defeating James Campbell, of Philadelphia, one of the Democratic candidates for Supreme Judge, because he was a Roman Catholic, and defeated he was by this Know Nothing elewas intent on pelf. When our armies were ment of the Democratic party, and Judge Coulter, on the Whig ticket, elected. Afdierly fortitude, Packer was keenly watch- | Judge of the Carbon (Packer's) district, ing the fluctuations of the stock exchange, by Governor Pollock, to fill a vacancy, whether as a reward for his support of the depressed. When victory rested on our | Know Nothing cause we are unable to banners and Geary was bending on the state. Be this as it may, Barrett was victorious field over the body of his dead nominated over Bell because the latter was soldier son, Packer was adding to his hoard not considered a sound Democrat, but a by sales of stocks which the wounds of our Know Nothing and supporter of Pollock, heroes had caused to advance in value. He | whereupon he was run by Packer and his traded in patriotic blood, and the patriots | Know Nothing allies against Barrett, as above stated. Is Asa Packer a Demo-

# GRANT'S ADMINISTRATION.

The beautiful organization composed of rebels and their sympathizers, who have stolen the name of "Democracy" to "serve the devil in," are constantly howling at Gen.Grant's administration, without sense or reason. THE PEOPLE are satisfied with it and it will be sustained everywhere except, of course, in Kentucky, Maryland and Delaware, for in these States the only feeling of the majority is, sorrow for the failure of the Lost Cause. But in the States where the love of the Union lives, there is no likelihood of a rebuke being administered to a ruler who has compelled peace, and staunched the wounds of the South; who holds the helm of state with so steady a hand that industry strives in sure hope of reward; who has infused into the public mind such faith that capital seeks investment, and even its sensitive pulse shows proofs of the public health; whose stern integrity has forced the collection of the revenues, where heretofore systematic plunderers reveled; and whose wise management has caused a stream of treasure to flow into the Treasury, until its plethora only do know that Dr. Gatchell and shows our magical wealth and its amazing

Nor will the nation quarrel with that other, and remarkable action of the administration, which cuts down the expenditures to the legal standard, and steadily refuses to reward its own partizans, by making places for hungry aspirants. The smart for the editors of Republican papers | soldiers have not tired of their successful, leader, and the whole mass of our citizens large as the New York Tribune, sell for three rest secure under a policy which accords Governor; while the other is an exclusively to every man his legal rights, and protects him in their enjoyment; which solves the problem of the payment of the Public Debt, by paying it at the rate of two millions & week, or one hundred and four millions per year. And while doing all this, does it so modestly and unostentatiously, that, while no shock is felt by the country, no vaunt announces the great result. Our enemies hope to make Pennsylvania rebuke this wise rule. Wait and see!

> Mr. I. Newton Peirce, of Philadelphia, has advertised his purpose to organize Is he a candidate for Governor?

Sheridan over McClellan means just that, so significant does it regard "Little for AT LEAST SEVEN THOUSAND MAJOR- cruts have Jubal Early to put up against

### "DEMOCRATIC" TESTIMONY.

The Pittsburg Leader, edited with as much impartiality as can be expected from a Democratic source, says of Packer's nomination and acknowledges its weakness as follows:

" Packer went through without difficulty. In the contest, the Cass men were poorly led, so far as Democratic political eadership was concerned. Philadelphians demanded Packer's personal influence and great wealth to help them elect a rascally and excessively unpopular county and legislative ticket. In short, it was not the man, but his wealth, that commended him to the most powerful interest enlisted in his support. Packer as a poor man would have been a nullity; as a millionaire he is the Democratic candidate for Governor. The outside pressure was for Packer, and it was great in numbers and zeal, and well supplied with the necessary appliances to produce a change of heart. Packer nomnated and Packer elected are two entirely different things. Packer will have against him the opposition of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, which will be used to its utmost limit to prevent his election; the fact that he is more largely identified with New York than Pennsylvania interests will hurt him in some sections; the But, this was not the only time he bolt terrible nominations of his party in the But, this was not the only time he bolt delphia may cost him several thousand votes; and the registry law will cut down

### THINGS IN PHILADELPHIA.

More troubles for the Board of Aldermen-The City contested election case—Democracy and its troubles-New papers and new parties— "Heavy" men, &c.

PRILADELPHIA, JULY 28, 1869. DEAR ABE: The Board of aldermen, who are engaged in carrying out the law preventing the copperhead "repeaters" from voting two three, and a dozen times throughout the city, find it a hard matter to get things in working | guished candidate continue their howl? order, owing to constant impediments being thrown in their way by our noble (?) board of city commissioners. Last week it was found necessary to again ask for the interposition of the court, in order to compel the commissioners to supply the canvassers with the necessary books and papers, they (the commissioners) refusing upon the flimsy pretext that councils had made no appropriation for the purpose. Of course, this is all gammon, and only calculated to retard the officers in the performance of their duties. Nothing was left the Board to do but make application to the courts, and on Monday last Judge Peirce, after hearing the arguments in the case, compelled the commissioners to knock under. The cops can't stand this Registry act, as they know that under its previsions the gallant (?) fourth ward can no longer roll up its three thousand fraudulent majority.

fraudulent majority.

In the contested election case, the examination was resumed on Monday, and testimony in rebuttal offered. To show you how the last election was conducted in our city, and to allow you to judge for yourself of our prospects for winning the case, I will show you how things were done in one precinct, as proven before the examiners. duced containing the ballots of the sixteenth division of the twentieth ward. The returns were referred too, which show that Mayor Fox received 61 majority, and Malloy, Receiver of Taxes, 50 majority, and the remainder of the Democratic ticket, (according to the returns,) elected by majorities ranging from ten to fifty. The ballot box was then opened and the tickets counted, when, lo and behold, it turns out that according to the votes polled. Tyndale has six majority, and Peltz, the Republican candidate for Receiver of Taxes jifty majority! and all this in a box which was objected to being opened by the Democratic counsel, "be-cause nothing was stated in the specifications

regarding the sixteenth division of the twen-Democracy is in a splutter. Joseph N. Peirsol, late candidate for City Treasurer, is out in a card, signed by one hundred and six-ty-one delegates to the late city convention, some of whom swear they saw roughs vote on some of whom swear they saw roughs vote on their names, whilst others affirm they saw men vote for Fry, then go into the back part of the hall, change hats, and come forward and vote a second time. In this, manner the whole democratic ticket, composed of the worst elements of the city, was nominated, so that it is no wonder that some of the more honest (!) should kick in the traces. Ward meetings, too, are being held nightly. more honest (!) should kick in the traces. Ward meetings, too, are being held nightly, and resolutions of the strongest kind, condemning convention, candidates and party, passed; all of which has the effect to make our demo-

cratic friends feel rather uneasy. On the other hand the Republican City Executive Committee is now thoroughly organized: its several sub-committees appointed, and work in earnest commenced. The first job undertaken is an effort to secure the removal of a few copper-Johnsons who still hold minor positions under the government. hold minor positions under the government. The Committee this year is composed of the younger portion of the party, and already such activity is displayed by all the members as will certainly result in doing much good to the cause. With such men at its head as John L. Hill, the president, our firm friends; Dr. Seltzer and John Donnelly, Vice Presidents, and its efficient Secretary, Robert T. Gill, the management of the City Committee is in the best of hands. best of hands.

Apropos of politics: Do you people up in the "Old Guard" know that no less than two new parties are talked of here? One, the "Conservative" party, is to be championed by the indomitable Joe Flanegan, of the defunct Daily News, who is to start a new organ on a step only—to be as large as the New York. temperance move, and none but total abstainers are to have a say. According to the programme laid down, the latter convention is to meet in Horticultural Hall in August—the fourth day thereof—and is to place in nomination an exclusively temperance ticket, whether general or only a city ticket is unknown. This latter move is by I. Newton Peirce, but whether any one else is connected with the affair the bills don't state.

Among the substantial men whose names have been particularly noticed in the published income lists during the past week, may be mentioned, H. C. Gibson, whose income is 220,000; S. P. M. Tasker, \$115,000; I. T. Tasker, \$149,000; R. I. Wood, \$127,000; J. Gillingham Fell, \$198,000. Weather hot, and still heating. Yours,

# father Abraham's Chips.

KANSAS claims to be receiving 1,000 new settlers a day. THE new Virginia Legislature has

seven colored members.

MIFFLINBURG, with a population of 1,000, has neither lawyers nor measles! THE Insane Asylum at Harrisburg has

over three hundred inmates. NEW YORK has 10,000 thieves, exclusive

THE proposition to introduce Chinese Coolie labor into the South is beginning to gain favor in the eyes of the Democracy —it has the look of their old idol, slavery. IF Packer had made \$20,000 instead of \$20,000,000, would be have been nominated last week by the Democracy as their candidate for Governor? Nay, verily.

ALBANY, N. Y., having been in the hands of the Democracy for several years, has reached the legitimate conclusion—a bankrupt treasury.

WHEN business men write their billheads, letters-heads, &c., instead of having them printed, it is a clear sign that 'time hangs heavy on their hands.'

THE last card of the Democracy is what to do with the Chinese. Having failed in their attacks upon the freedman, they are now arming for a crusade upon the Mongolian.

THERE are at the present time not less than 100 colored men in Rome preparing for the Catholic priesthood. The majority of them will become teachers of the Freedmen in the South. To LASH the party again to the old,

rotten, worm-eaten platform which has so many times carried the Democracy to the bottom, was downright cruelty in the leaders who engineered the late State Convention.

It seems to be everywhere accepted by the independent press, as well as Republican journals, that Unlimited Bank Account is in reality the Democratic candidate for Governor this fall.

FOR SALE-A number of coffee pots useful for naturalization purposes in the States where they have no Registry law. Apply to Wm. A. Wallace, late chairman Democratic State Central Committee. THE Democracy appear to be gradual-

ly going over to Grant. At the late Convention, in nominating Packer and Pershing, they emphatically say: "Let us

ASA PACKER, like the Hon. Henry W. Williams, is a native of Connecticut. Will the papers which two years ago raised the of carpet-bagger against our distin-THE Cops went for each others pockets

with a vengeance at the Harrisburg convention. They will go for Packer's the balance of the campaign. Money is the measure of merit with them. "SHALL my daughter marry a nigger?" has long been the orthodox Democratic cry. No, sir. Neither need you or your sons sleep in Bedford street, although all

its blear-eyed patriots consistently vote your ticket. A SMALL-BRAINED MAN is known by the amount of profanity he uses in ordinary conversation. The poor fool, having no other object of respect, makes a deity

THE Maryland Republicans are actively organizing with a view to securing bodily the negro vote, which will enable them to carry the State after the adoption of the fifteenth amendment. Large meetings, addressed by colored men, have been held

at Frederick and elsewhere. CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE has got Presidency on the brain very bad. He is in constant intercourse with the Rebel Conservative leaders, and daily using what-ever influence he possesses against his Republican friends.

GRANT's administration has been paying off the national debt at the rate of fifteen or twenty millions per month. The Copperhead convention is opposed to this kind of thing and demands reform. It is the true rebel idea they have got-they are opposed to the payment of the debt at

WM. A. GALBRAITH, of Erie, slitles into the chair lately occupied by the chainpion on "coffee-pots" and "coffgratulatory proclamations" over "brilliant defeats." Lawyer Galbraith first, "Alderman" McMullin second—greenbacks and pugilism hand in hand again.

FOR such men as McMullen, the Philadelphia bruiser, such pockets as "Judge" Packer's have irresistible attractions; that lust is, indeed, the highest motive of which such fellows are capable. The 'Democratic" party is made up of such.

ASA PACKER is M'Mullen's candidate. Whether this shall effect him favorably or ill, the fact remains. The greatest black-guard now outside the walls of prison rominated the candidate of the Democra-

SAYS a far off exchange: "Our lady SAYS a far off exchange: "Our lady read() flue said in the prevailing ashions, will be a far of the prevailing ashions, will be a far of the prevail the prevail that the prevai

sale, and Packer has the money to buy it, that at the end of his term nebody will be able fairly to accuse him of making a bad bargain.

To think of the eyes of three hundred thousand Damocrata—every one of whom expects "something to be done" for his ward or township set upon Asa's strong box, is enough to unsettle the reason of the strongest minded, if not produce a more fatal result.

WHEN buzzards are seen hovering about, it is generally a pretty good indication that carrion is near. When pickpockets and worse characters were observed on the outskirts of the Democratic Convention at Harrisburg, it was conjectured that there was corruption within, and the result proved the conjecture true.

HON. ULYSSES MERCUR, of Towarda, came on to Harrisburg, it seems, to look at the Democratic convention, and paid for his temerity by having his pocket picked of four hundred dollars. should teach him to be more watchful about the company he gets into.

### PRIMARY ELECTION FRAUDS.

As certain prominent Thugs have been at special pains to villify Mr. Billingfelt for the stand he has taken against the perpetration of frauds at our primary elections, in justice to that gentleman and the honest Republicans of the county who think with him in that important matter, we herewith print his remarks in full in the County Committee on Monday last. It will be seen that he fully makes out his case, and clearly establishes the perpetration of fraud, as frequently charged in this paper. With the facts now before them, it behooves the people to be on the alert, and see that the ballot-box stuffers are not allowed to repeat their nefarious work with impunity.

REMARKS OF MR. BILLINGFELT.

When I requested you, Mr. Chairman, to point out in what particular my proposition conflicts with the already established rules for the government of the primary elections of the Republican party, I did not expect it would bring out a discussion of this kind, and that the whole field would be gone over. The discussion has taken a wide range, but the question I asked has not yet been answered. It is not material, now, whether it is answered or not. The gentleman repreis answered or not. The gentleman representing the 5th Ward of this city (Mr. Brubaker) made a long statement and raised a great many points, to the greater portion of which I do not object, excepting one. That is in relation to the laws governing the elections of this Commonwealth. When I asked him whether the laws of this Commonwealth regulating our elections were applicable to our ulating our elections were applicable to our primary elections for nominating candidates for office, instead of answering my question he made a furious attack upon me and the proposition I introduced, in which there was proposition I introduced, in which there was pointed out an effectual remedy to prevent fraud and the stuffing of the ballot-box at our primary elections, denouncing them as "ridiculous," "nonsensical," and applydiculous," "nonsensical," and applying other inappropriate epithets. As a lawyer, he must admit that the laws governing our elections in this Commonwealth do not apply to our primary elections, and afford us no protection whatever. There is no law to punish any of the officers for violating their oath—even if taken; no law providing that each political party should have an inspector; no law compelling those officers to make out a true return. There is no law in existence which throws any protection or safeguard at all around our primary elections. There is even no opportunity given to investigate any alleged frauds, nor to control the same, since only Sunday intervenes between the time for holding the elections and the return day. Hence, sir, it must be apparent to every one that, in order to effectually prevent any ballot-box stuffing—any fraudulent counting, or making out fraudulent returns at our primary elections—it even requires more stringent measures in our rules than what the law affords to protect the elections held in pursuaffords to protect the elections held in pursuance thereof. Desperate cases require desperate remedies, and although I doubted the practicability of the plan proposed, believing it to be unpopular with the masses, yet having been repeatedly requested to suggest some plan whereby any future repetition of fraud might be prevented. I could suggest no other plan that would effectually prevent the stuffling of the ballotbox than the one proposed—namely, to count the votes before they are deposited in the box.

I contend, sir, that I always have been, am

now, and ever will be, opposed to repealing the secret ballot system, and will protect the sacredness of the ballot-box so long as there exists a law upon our statute books providing for the punishment of officers violating the same. In this case, as in all others, I am willing to bow submissively to the will of the masses—to strike out any objectionable provi-sion or withdraw the whole and support some other effective or acceptable plan to bring about the desired end. But here we have a system, around which the law throws no pro-tection, and is alleged to be openly violated to such an extent in some of the districts, as I thought would justify me in submitting those extraordinary measures to prevent it.

And though I never insisted upon their apoption, and will not new, and an willing to withdraw them to make room for some other plan less objectionable, I am glad to learn that my distinguished friend, Mr. Dickey, admits that the remedy therein proposed would be affected, and some larger and some larger. proposed would be enectual, and scarcely any one disputes it. It is casting no slur upon the Republican party, as some allege, to expose a fraud and endeavor to prevent it. Far from it; and the masses of our party desire that all our elections be fairly conducted, as I believe they have been and will be again in a majority of the districts. The question, however, arises is there any truth in those alleged frauds? If not, there is no necessity for any additional safeguards. If there is, we cannot too strongly guard against a repetition thereof. If self-confession is the strongest evidence, then there has been fraud; since, besides the information obtained from other sources, I was present when a prominent Lancaster politician admitted and openly boasted that he knew how cheating had been done, by stuffing the lining of the hat used as a ballet-box with tickets of a cerhat used as a hallot-box with tickets of a certain kind before the poles were opened, and at the close of the election the hat containing the tickets was up-turned and the whole counted and returned. Others have acisted in making out returns for several districts by adding over one hundred votes to each return more than were polled. We have shillavits to prove how in West Hempfield township a certain person statised the hallot-box whilst an expert official clork wrote down the names of persone as health would who did not atan expert official clerk wrote down the names of persons as having voted who did not attend the 'polts. Several other instantors I might name of fraud perpetrated. But the most astounding revelations of fraud, at our last primary election, was made to me by the senior editor of the Larcaster Inquirer, this day four weeks ago, in the train between Harrisburg and Lancaster, affecting more than one-half of the votes returned in some of the districts. of the districts Mr. Griest—Does the gentleman say it was

Mr. Billingfett-No sir; I stated distinctly the "action aditor of the 'Inquirer!" I meant the editor longest connected with that

Mr. Brubaker—There are some persons who accuse me of being connected with that paper accuse me or being connected with that paper.
Does the gentleman refer to me? [Laughter.]
Mr. Billingfelt. No, sir; in this instance
I excuse you, but in this alone. [Laughter.]
Yet that very same editor has devoted nearly
a whole column of his paper in abusing and
slandering me because I introduced a proposition to remedy the very evil of which he
himself complained. I know that my enemies
take advantage of the proposition I offered. take advantage of the proposition I offered, and try to make me appear ridiculous in the eyes of my friends—by men who would slander and abuse me though I were as pure and perfect as the angels in heaven. But, sir, they may villify, slander and abuse me and call me corrupt, as some are now doing, yet I dare them to point to one single act in all my political or official career that is tainted with any corruption. And so long as God spares my life and gives me strength, I shall continue to expose and denounce fraud and cor-ruption wherever it may be found, and shall use my utmost endeavors to protect, defend and advance the true interests of the people to the best of my ability.

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