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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1871.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

FOR AUDITOR GENERAL,
GEN. WILLIAM McCANDLESS,
OF PHILADELPHIA.

FOR SURVEYOR GENERAL,
CAPTAIN JAMES H. COOPER,
OF LAWRENCE COUNTY.

A FULL FOLL OF THE DEMOCRATIC VOTE WILL SECURE THE ELECTION OF OUR STATE TICKET BY A LARGE MAJORITY. LET EVERY DEMOCRAT REMEMBER THAT AND IMPRESS THE TRUTH OF IT UPON THE MINDS OF HIS NEIGHBORS.

The Soldier's Ticket.

For Auditor-General.
GEN. WILLIAM McCANDLESS.

For Surveyor-General.
CAPTAIN JAMES H. COOPER.

For Mayor.
COLONEL FREDERICK S. PYFER.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

Judge.
DAVID G. ESHLEMAN, Esq., Lancaster twp.

Assembly.
EMANUEL P. KELLER, Manheim twp.
WILLIAM SPENCER, Strasburg bor.
SANDERS McCULLOUGH, Drumore.

District Attorney.
ABRAM SHANK, Esq., Lancaster city.

County Treasurer.
JOHN S. MANN, Manor.

County Commissioner.
HON. WM. ELLMAKER, Earl.

Prison Keeper.
GEORGE DILLER, Paradise.

Prison Inspectors.
DR. J. L. SHOBER, East Earl.
DR. JAS. CUSHMAN, Marietta.

Directors of the Poor.
GEO. F. SHULTZ, Salisbury.
JOHN A. BRUSH, Washington bor.

County Auditors.
WASHINGTON WHITAKER, Fulton.
JOHN M. MARTIN, Manor.

County Surveyor.
ROBERT EVANS, Eden.

An Extra Issue.

In order to give the readers of the WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER the earliest news of the election, an extra will be mailed to them on Wednesday morning.

To the Polls! To the Polls!!

Democrats of Lancaster county, from all parts of the State we have the most cheering news in relation to the canvass. The prospects are that the vote of our party will be more fully polled than it generally is in what are called "the off-years" in politics—the years when neither Gubernatorial nor Presidential elections occur. It is important that the Democratic vote of Lancaster county should be fully polled. This can only be done through the exertions of individual Democrats in each election district. To you who read this, our last appeal, we say Go to Work! See your neighbors! Urge them to be at the polls early, and to stay there all day! Give one whole day to your country! Get out your team and let it be used to convey voters to the polls! Remember that the preliminary battle in the coming Presidential contest will be fought next Tuesday. A full vote on that day will give Pennsylvania to the Democracy, and will do much toward deciding the destiny of the nation. The incentives to action are powerful, and if every Democrat does his duty, a glorious victory is absolutely certain.

The Time for Action.

The time for argument has gone by, and the hour for action—prompt, vigorous, determined action—has arrived. Democrats of Lancaster county you cannot fail to have been fully impressed with regard to the importance of the issues involved in the present contest, the principles which are to be decided by it, and the influence to be exerted by the result, not only upon the weal of your State, but upon the prospects of a change in the National Administration of the Government. Being thus impressed, it is your duty, during the few working hours which intervene between this and the day upon which you will be called upon to deposit your ballots, to unceasingly labor for the success of your candidates. You have, both upon your State, County, and City tickets, good and true men—men of political and moral integrity, fitted for the respective positions for which they are named, and who, if elected, will ensure to you a faithful administration of their offices, and that reform in your State, County and Municipal governments which is so much needed at their hands.

There is work for each one of you to do. There is not a single Democrat, however humble, who cannot make his influence felt, if he will exert it—not one who cannot control a vote, if he will but ply the proper means to secure it. Let each one go to work at once, if you have not already done so. Labor in your townships and wards, individually and in concert with your Fellow-Democrats. See that your neighbor is interested. If he is a Democrat, stimulate him with the hope of a certain triumph. If he is a Conservative, in reality opposed to the corruptions and extravagances of the State and Federal Administrations, point out to him the reforms which are sure to result from the success of the Democratic ticket. Plead the bright record of the Democracy in the past, as a guaranty of its sincerity and a pledge of its honesty for the future. If he is a Radical of the ultra stamp, wedded to his idols, serve up to him the bitter pill of thievery, defalcations, and official corruptions of which his party has been guilty, and leave him to roll it as a sweet morsel under his tongue, and digest it at leisure. If he is a foreigner, tell him of the Know-Nothing leaven which exists in the Radical ranks, and of the dark-lantern, midnight meetings and secret oaths which are pledged to his disfranchisement. If a Catholic, inform him of the crusade which is to be preached, and the fight which is to be made against his church and religion by such renegades as Arthur P. Devlin, in the interest and with the sanction of the Radical leaders. If a native-born, ask him to remember the glory which has been achieved under Democratic rule, in the long years of its brilliant reign, and arouse his patriotism by depicting the beneficial results which will enure to the county by a return to an old-time, honest administration.

Work! work! But a few hours of actual time for labor remain to you. Employ them, judiciously, energetically, and with all the might which you can command. Do it, and a full and complete victory will reward your efforts.

Everything along the line, and in the Democratic camp, wears an auspicious and encouraging look. The camp-fires burn brightly. Every Democrat is bivouacked for Tuesday's fight; and from every battlement comes, borne upon the breeze, the cry of "All's well!" We have everything to cheer us, although the Radicals are rallying in force, and resorting to every sort of strategy to take us by surprise, and secure our defeat. Elated, as we cannot fail to be, by the cheering signs in the political heavens, and by the evidences of weakness, dissensions and desertions which distract the Radical camp, we must not permit ourselves to be lulled into too great security, nor abate one iota of that watchfulness and determination which are always necessary to the safety of the lines and camp. Victory is not complete until the enemy is totally routed, and our banner waves triumphantly from his captured ramparts. Democrats, your banner now is proudly borne in the very front of your ranks. Upon it is inscribed "Democracy and Reform," and the names of those whom you have selected as your standard-bearers. Let each man rally to its support and victory will perch upon it.

What is It's Significance.

An increased Democratic vote in Lancaster county will be far-reaching in its results, and help to relieve the State from the ten years of its Radical thraldom and misrule. Let every Democrat make the success of the State ticket, as well as of the County and City ticket, a question of personal concern, as affecting his interests alike with the weal of the State and the nation. Let the young Democrats be hunted up and enlisted in the fight. Let the old men be brought into counsel, and let union, harmony, and an increased Democratic vote be synonymous terms in every township of the county.

Let it be impressed upon every man's mind that a vote cast for the Democratic ticket is a rebuke of the monstrous corruption of the times;

Let it be borne in mind, that every vote cast for the Democratic candidates is a rebuke of the wholesale robbery at Harrisburg by prominent Radical officials;

That a vote cast for the Democratic ticket is a rebuke of the Radical Internal Revenue Collectors, who have stolen twenty million dollars of the people's money—not one of whom has been made to disgorge or been brought to punishment;

That every ballot you secure for the Democratic ticket is a rebuke of a corrupt Congress, that has stolen the public lands from the people and bestowed them upon soulless corporations, for which Radical leaders have lined their pockets with thousands of dollars in the shape of bribes;

That when you cast your vote for the Democratic State ticket, you signally condemn that miserable nepotism which gives the public patronage into the hands of the President's impecunious relations, and makes his family the recipients of official positions so long as there is one found unprovided for;

That the success of the Democratic ticket will be taken and felt as a signal condemnation of the Radical Congress, which year after year, piles higher and higher the burdens of taxation upon an already over-burdened and impoverished people;

That every Democratic freeman's ballot is a rebuke to the grasping, selfish greed of the Chief Magistrate of the nation, which disposes of the highest and most lucrative offices to the shoddyites and speculative sharks who pave their way to official favor by means of presents and bribes;

That it is a rebuke of the debauched Congress which has created the President a military dictator, and made the rights and liberties of the people subservient to his individual and despotic will;

That it is a rebuke of the grasping, corrupt monopolies which have been created by a subsidized National Legislature;

That it is a rebuke of the infamous bayonet election law, by which Gatlin guns and other cowardly missiles are made the instruments for controlling the popular will, and for foisting upon the country a government and rulers whom the honest sentiment of the people condemn;

That it is a rebuke of the wholesale corruption which characterizes the Carpet-bag rule of the South, and of the still more infamous Ku-Klux bill which is designed to fetter, humiliate and disgrace a people already driven to desperation and despair by the unrightteous persecutions to which they have been subjected;

That it is a rebuke of President Grant for the free use which he has made, and is still further prepared to make, of the bayonet in the hands of his military satraps, for the purpose of retaining his relatives in office and paving the way to his own re-election.

That it is a rebuke of extravagance everywhere, and that once the Democracy are crowned with success, the blessing of national peace and prosperity will flow with the richness and sweetness of milk and honey throughout the land.

Let it be borne in mind, that a triumph in Pennsylvania presages a National triumph in the Presidential canvass of 1872; and let every Democrat be stimulated to activity and renewed zeal by the hope of once more seeing our old Commonwealth take her proud position, not only as the Keystone of the National Arch, but as the base of that noble Democratic pyramid of States which gave her such proud position in the days of Jackson, Snyder, Shultz and Wolf.

Remember that the ballot is the most potent weapon in a freeman's hand—one which

"Executes a freeman's will,
As lightning does the will of God."

Exercise the privilege vouchsafed you as becomes a freeman. Cast your vote for the party of progress, the party of reform, and the only one which can point to a national record, which is identified with, and inseparable from, the country's history, as a guaranty of its sincerity and a pledge of its faith.

Do this, Democrats, and all will be well.

GERMANS, Irishmen, Welshmen, remember that the Radical party of to-day grew out of the grave of Know Nothingism, and is but another name for the same old snake, which was scotched, but not killed. The same proscriptive party exists to-day, which recruited its members in the darkness of night, holding its dark-lantern meetings in lime-kilns, barns, under haystacks and in fence-corners, with no other object than a crusade against foreigners and Catholics. The oath which Know-Nothings took then was to be kept through life, sacred and inviolable! Foreign-born citizens, can you vote for men who are pledged to such proscriptive principles? The Know-Nothing party and the Black Republican party are the same. Their leaders, their newspapers and the great mass of the party are the same who urged on the warfare against every man of foreign birth; and they would, to-day, disfranchise every foreigner and Catholic, if they had the power. Will you, by your votes, give them that power? Decide that important question on Tuesday next.

VOTERS of Pennsylvania, do not forget that fifty-five millions have been taken from the people of your State by the Radical party during the last ten years, of which sum only about seven millions have been paid on the State debt. Do you ask where the other forty-eight millions have gone? We answer, in reckless extravagance of the administration of the Government, and to satisfy the corrupt demands of Radical officials. Elect McCandless to the office of Auditor-General, and these corruptions will be exposed, and properly redressed. Bear this in mind on Tuesday next.

WHAT is done with the money? The receipts from internal revenue taxes, from July 1, 1868, to June 30, 1869 $100,000,000; receipts for the year ending June 30, 1870, $185,000,000, or an increase of $25,000,000. That is the way the Radicals have reduced the taxes.—Can the Radical journals inform the people what has become of the money?

THE defaulters are not yet all found out. An additional Radical defalcation has turned up in the person of another army paymaster, who has cheated the government out of a large sum of money. His name is withheld for the present. The accounts of paymasters are being overhauled, and it is not known how many more defaulters may be found.

BEAR it in mind, voters of Lancaster, that every vote you cast for the Radical ticket, endorses the infamous San Domingo job, by which millions of dollars are to be taken from the pockets of the people for the purchase of a worthless and desolate island, inhabited by ignorant and indolent negroes.

Concealment and Falsehood, Its Weapons.

The *Express* in its vain effort to defeat Col. Pyfer reprints a lot of stuff which it manufactured for its columns in 1861, at a time when it was as malignantly disposed to defame Col. Pyfer, the Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, as it is now when he is the Democratic candidate for Mayor. The *Express* can scarcely ever tell the truth when it is perfectly unbiased, and never thinks of doing so when it has an object to serve by perverting it. As evidence of its chronic love of falsehood, we need only point to the brazen effrontery with which it stated a few days ago that Col. Pyfer had never starved in a rebel prison, when everybody knows that he was confined in Libby Prison for nearly eight months; and that statement it has not yet corrected in its columns. If it has the impudence to suppose that any one will believe what it said, or what it reported others to have said of Col. Pyfer in 1861, when he was the leader of its political opponents, it confides too far in the credulity of its readers. They have learned long ere this to largely discount the statements which appear in its columns. Its malignity and unfairness are strikingly exhibited in its stopping the re-publication of its garbled report of the proceedings in Council, just when it comes to the report of the committee which was appointed to settle the dispute between the City Solicitor and Councils. It did not want to publish what that committee did, because it reported that it had allowed a part of Colonel Pyfer's claim, and that he was willing to pay the balance of $95 which they thought was due. And it has not yet told its readers that he did pay that balance. It can make no capital by stating the simple truth, that the disputed account between the Solicitor and the City, was amicably settled by each party surrendering a portion of their claim, and that Col. Pyfer paid the small balance of $95 agreed upon. Thus does it conceal the payments and ludicrously strive to corroborate its present falsehoods by its other falsehoods of ten years ago. It then put remarks in the mouths of members of Council which they never uttered, and misrepresented in that way, no one more than that estimable man, Godfried Zahm, now deceased, who was for many years before his death the warm friend of Colonel Pyfer, and his ardent advocate when he was a candidate two years ago, for the nomination for Mayor; he afterwards expressed to us and others his deep regret that the Colonel did not get the nomination, and that he was thus deprived of the opportunity of voting for him for an office which he felt sure he would fill to his own credit, and to the great advantage of the city.

The editor of the *Express* who owns that he himself manufactured his pretended report of Council proceedings in 1861, had at that time not very long been graduated from the State Penitentiary, where he had been incarcerated for a lengthened term for forgery and cheating a poor washer-woman out of her hard earnings, which we have never yet heard that she has received from him, and it rejoiced his wretched soul, then, as now, to bespatter his fellow-citizens with his slime, and to strive to draw them down to his own level.

ONE fact, mentioned by Hon. George Sanderson, last evening, is worth pondering by the tax-payers of Lancaster. He showed that the increased debt of the city, fastened upon it by the Radical city administration, in its reckless expenditures, would have to be paid, indirectly, by the laboring masses, who are necessarily tenants, and not by the wealthy real estate owner. Increased taxation of property is met by increased rents, which must be paid by men of moderate means, the mechanics and workingmen of the city. You, tenants, who are groaning beneath heavy rents, bear this fact in mind—that you owe this onerous load to the extravagance and reckless use of the funds of the city by the present municipal authorities.—Vote for Col. Pyfer, and thus take one step toward redressing your wrongs.

SHOULD George K. Reed be elected Mayor, the Gas Company of which he is the President and Manager, would be in the delightful position of being both buyer and seller in its dealings with the City of Lancaster, which is its chief customer. It would no doubt sell a quantity of gas satisfactory to it, at a price satisfactory to it, during the time its Manager would be Mayor. There will be one consolation in it, however, to the citizens of the luside wards, even if they have to pay dear for their whistle, they will be apt to have gas-light all night long irrespective of the phases of the inconstant moon; but the poor people on the outskirts where oil lamps prevail, will grope their way in darkness, for the less oil that is burned, the more of the appropriation will be left for gas.

"UP, Guards, and at them!" is the expression attributed to England's great warrior, the Duke of Wellington, at the battle of Waterloo. This seemed to be the spirited sentiment of the Democratic masses who met, last evening, in the Eighth Ward; and it is that spirit which will carry the works of the Radical enemy on Tuesday next. Let the rallying cry be "Pyfer and City Retrenchment," and the stimulating charge—"Up, Guards, and at them!" and worse than a Waterloo defeat of the Radical ticket will be ensured.

LET it be remembered that Col. Pyfer will act the part of Mayor in person and not by proxy. He will have no Recorder's Court, no substitute to attend to the ordinary duties of the office. He does not seek the office as a sort of appendage to his other occupations, and will not be content to enjoy the title and to draw the salary. He will be a responsible, competent, honest, intelligent and impartial Mayor. He will be Mayor himself and not a mere figure-head to the city government.

GATLIN guns and the military satraps are to rule the country. Grant has approved the use of the military in New Orleans, to break up the anti-Administration Convention, by retaining his brother-in-law, Casey, and his appointees in office, and dismissing those who disapproved it. Remember, Democrats, that every vote for the Republican ticket on Tuesday next, is a vote to sustain Grant's policy of military despotism.

VOTERS of Lancaster, remember, that every one of you who votes the Radical State ticket, votes four hundred millions of dollars per annum out of the pockets of the people of the United States, a great portion of which goes into the greedy maws of such men as Hodge and Evans, and those who are implicated with them in crime.

REMEMBER, that over twelve hundred millions of dollars have been collected from the people of the United States by the Grant administration, and of this vast sum Secretary Boutwell claims to have paid but $217,000,000 on the public debt. The remaining $950,000,000 were absorbed in defraying the exhorbitant expenses of the Radical government.

LET every voter remember that the Radical City Government has purposely concealed the extent of its expenditures. If you want to know how much the debt of Lancaster city has been increased within the last two years, you must vote for Colonel Pyfer and for Democratic Councilmen.

DEMOCRATS, rally for your State, County, and City Ticket—the whole ticket, and nothing but the ticket. In union there is strength—in division and apathy, nothing but defeat.

EVERY vote cast for the Democratic ticket is a rebuke of the corrupt Radical Congress which has stolen the public lands from the people.

Col. Pyfer as City Solicitor.

The *Express* responds to our call upon it to state in plain terms what it referred to in its insinuation against the conduct of Fred. S. Pyfer as City Solicitor, by declaring "that he had retained a certain amount of the outstanding taxes collected by him as Solicitor," and instead of "honestly admitting the defalcation, attempted to conceal it by trumping up an outrageous bill for special services rendered." It does not mention the amount of money so alleged to have been retained, perhaps, because it did not think the size of the figures would add weight to its charge.

The simple facts of this matter are as follows: On going out of office as City Solicitor, ten or twelve years ago, Col. Pyfer had in his hands a balance of moneys collected by him for the city, amounting to $149; he presented a statement thereof to the Finance Committee, as likewise his bill for one quarter's salary and for extra services rendered and commissions on moneys collected by him, amounting altogether to the sum of $152.50. The Finance Committee declined to allow the charges for extra services and commissions, and Col. Pyfer, believing that they were fair and sanctioned by usage, claimed them as proper. The Finance Committee presented the matter to Councils for their instructions, and a committee was appointed to arrange it. That committee reported that they had allowed a part of Col. Pyfer's claim, and that a balance of $95 appeared to be due, which he was willing to pay. The report of the committee was accepted, and Col. Pyfer paid the $95; there this matter ended, and he afterwards satisfactorily closed up the unfinished business of his office.

Col. Pyfer was at this time the Chairman of the Democratic County Committee and it is quite possible that there was strong enough feeling of political hostility towards him on the part of some Radicals to make them willing to injure him. That influence, probably, caused his enemies to abuse him then, as it causes them to malign him now.—But the bill rendered by Colonel Pyfer for extra services and commissions was a fair and legitimate one and was sanctioned by the prior and subsequent practice of the City Solicitors.—The salary at that time attached to the office was but fifty dollars, and it is now but one hundred dollars. It is considered by the Solicitors of the city to be little else than a retaining fee for their services to the city and to cover nothing but the customary retaining fees in suits in which the city is concerned, and such ordinary legal advice as the officers of the city may desire to be given them.

For other than ordinary services, extra charges are habitually made and commissions on the collections of moneys for the city are invariably charged. The bill presented by Col. Pyfer was the only one presented by him for extra services during his term of office; whereas City Solicitors before and since then have made from $300 to $700 per annum out of the office. The reports of the Finance Committee for the past twelve or fifteen years, with scarcely an exception, show credits taken for moneys paid as compensation to the Solicitors of the city outside of their salaries. It has even been customary for several years past for the Solicitors to receive from the County Treasurer the proportion of the Road and Bridge Fund which is yearly assigned by the Commissioners to the city, amounting to several thousand dollars, and to charge their commission for such collection; except this year, when the Chairman of the Finance Committee himself collected the amount due from the county.

We have given a plain statement, in their full length and breadth, of the facts upon which is based the charge made against Col. Pyfer's conduct as City Solicitor; and we are quite willing that his fellow-citizens shall judge between him and his defamers as to how far he has been guilty of what the *Express* calls "malfeasance in office."

THE Radical party, everywhere, rely upon the free use of money to carry the elections. Having possession of the offices and all the avenues to the treasury, they are determined to make free use of this advantage to gain their end. It is by this means, alone, that they hope to maintain their ascendency. A correspondent of the New York *Tribune*, whom the editor vouches for, says that a year ago Mr. Thomas Murphy levied a tax on the salaries of the Custom House clerks, and collected from $30,000 to $40,000 for political purposes.—Every clerk, to the number of one thousand or upwards, paid one-fourth of his monthly salary into the fund. Not one dared refuse, for fear of removal. In Philadelphia the same screws are being applied to the Federal employees. The rate of assessment is three per cent., and if the money is not promptly paid, a resignation or removal is expected. The *Tribune* publishes and vouches for the truth of the statements with regard to Murphy, whom it has denounced for the grossest frauds, and yet supports him and his faction, after having been unceremoniously snubbed and kicked out of the Syracuse Convention. And yet, when Democrats charge upon Radicals dishonesty in the administration of the government, and the employment of the most reckless and dishonest means to secure success, they are met with brazen-faced, indignant denial. Out of their own mouths they stand condemned; and we must take for truth the charges and exposures which they make, even though it be the result of family quarrels, for there is a significant truth in the homely adage—"When rogues fall out, honest men get their dues."

GEORGE K. REED was the father of the Water Street Railroad project. He favored the scheme because he wanted to lessen the cost of carrying coal to the Gas Works. The people of the city would never have been benefitted to the extent of a penny if the project had been put through. With his peculiar facility for turning every source of revenue into his own pocket, Mr. Reed would have made profit for himself out of the Water Street Railroad, and there would have been no reduction in the price of gas. If he should be elected Mayor, the Water Street Railroad will be laid within six months, provided there is a Republican majority in Councils.

Do Not Scratch the Legislative Ticket.

We understand that Dr. Gatchell is begging votes from Democrats. We can not conceive how any Democrat could listen to such a proposition without feeling insulted. Let every one vote the ticket as it stands, without a scratch upon it. We repeat that there is good reason to believe that Gatchell can be defeated by a Democrat. We may do still better, but that would be a notable triumph in itself.

FOR three days past the Radical City Regulator and a corps of assistants have been engaged in deciding, with the aid of theodolites and other scientific instruments, what shall be the grade of a sixty-foot pavement in front of "Senator" Johnny Martin's hotel on North Prince street. The cost to the city has been between fifty and sixty dollars, more than one-half of which has gone into the till of Johnny's bar. That is the way the money wrung from the tax-payers of Lancaster city goes under a Radical administratiop.

THE city is so deeply submerged in debt that the Radical Finance Committee dare not publish their report until after the election. The Treasurer's report up to the close of the fiscal year on June 1st last, was long ago made out by that officer and handed to the Finance Committee, but they are afraid to publish it. The total amount of the city debt is fearful and exceeds $300,000, but how much nobody knows.

How Radicals Repair Streets—A Nut For Tax-payers to Crack.

At the regular meeting in August, Mr. C. A. Bitner, an extreme Republican member of Common Council, laid before that body a communication in reference to the action of the Street Committee, of which he is a member. In that communication he boldly charged that a majority of the Committee had put the City of Lancaster to great and unnecessary expense in doing work on the streets and furnishing material in such a way as to make it cost fully twice as much as ought to have been paid. He went into particulars and instanced the paving of gutters, the breaking of stone and other work which had been paid for at the most exorbitant prices. He backed up his allegation in regard to the extravagance exhibited in the furnishing of material by figures which showed conclusively that broken stone of proper size had been offered to the Street Committee for fifty cents a perch, measured upon the ground, when the Committee was paying out of the funds of the City $2 and $2.50 per perch for similar material. Mr. Bitner is a man whose word no one will pretend to doubt, and the allegations which he made against his associates were never denied. They stand to-day as a damning proof of the corruption which has prevailed in the government of this City since the Radicals obtained complete control of it.

A spicy debate followed the presentation of the communication of Mr. Bitner. Mr. John W. Jackson declared that the existence of such a state of things was truly deplorable, and Mr. Pearsol, one of the virtuous editors of the *Express*, who has been rewarded for his honesty by being beaten at the nominating Convention of his party, spoke from the chair, which he temporarily occupied, in denunciation of the course which the Street Committee had pursued. He also stated that he knew of an instance in which a man with a cart in the employ of the City had been engaged in hauling ashes for private parties with the team for which the City paid and while he was in the employ of the city. It was also stated during the debate by Mr. Price, and the statement was not denied, that the work done on the streets at the extravagant rates alluded to had been nearly all done on squares and crossings in front of and near to properties owned by members of the Street Committee; that the work so done had not been authorized by Councils; that work ordered to be done had been utterly neglected, and that, out of $6,000 spent upon the streets since the last report of the City Auditors, but $500 had been spent upon unauthorized jobs, for the benefit of properties belonging to members of the Street Committee.

At this meeting Mr. Price offered a resolution providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee to investigate the action of the Street Committee. It passed Common Council, but, when it went into the Select branch, it was defeated by Republican votes—and, when Mr. Morton desired to have a call of the ayes and noes on the question, Mr. Evans, the President of that body, who has been furnishing stone to the city, and who is now having a road made at the expense of the city for his private use and benefit, decided that the call came too late. This was a deliberate attempt to stifle investigation, and it delayed action for one month.

At the September meeting of Councils, Mr. Price endeavored to meet the emergency by securing the appointment of a committee composed exclusively of members of Common Council. He succeeded in getting his motion through, and a committee was appointed.

That committee should have reported at the meeting of Councils, which was held on Wednesday evening last, but only five Republican members put in an appearance, and there is good reason for believing that they purposely absented themselves so as to leave the Common Council without a quorum, and to prevent the presentation of a report, which, if truthfulin its statements must have proved very damaging on the eve of the election.

We ask the tax-payers to look at the facts which we have set forth, and beg them to remember that they are all derived from Radical resources. And, let it also be borne in mind that George K. Reed, as President of Common Council, appointed one-half the members of the Street Committee, and that he never made the slightest effort to check them in their rascalities. Is such a man fit to be made Mayor? Would the interests of the city be safe in his hands?

WHILE the contest for nomination was going on Dr. Gatchell subscribed ten dollars toward the building of a Methodist Church in Millersville.—Since he got the nomination he has refused to pay his subscription, alleging as an excuse that the pastor "went back on him" at the primary election. How any minister of the gospel, or any other man who makes the slightest pretension to morality or respectability, can vote for a convicted legislative thief like Gatchell is something we cannot comprehend. We presume the Methodist Church at Millersville can get along without Dr. Gatchell's ten dollars, but the Doctor cannot be elected if the religious and moral people of Lancaster county do their duty. They must vote for him, if they vote for him at all, with the consciousness that they are helping to send a man to Harrisburg who openly boasts that he will use every opportunity to make money in a corrupt way. They cannot shirk that grave responsibility.

Do the hard-working voters—the tax-ridden people of the country—ever stop to consider the extent to which they are swindled? They are taxed more than they ever were before—more than any people upon the globe—and yet a Radical Congress has given away enough of the public lands to make four States as large as Pennsylvania to railroad monopolies. Every acre of this land was free to actual settlers—now every foot of it has to be paid for by the citizen who would settle upon it—all to swell the wealth of railroad companies; and yet these corporations did not pay one cent—except what they paid to corrupt the representatives of the people—for their possession. Voters, remember this on Tuesday next, and place your seal of condemnation upon the Radical leaders by whom this wrong has been inflicted upon you and the country.

THE telegraph informs us that large numbers of government clerks are leaving Washington to vote in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Not one of them should be allowed to deposit a ballot without being made to swear that he has not voted in Washington. At the municipal election held there last Spring all the clerks were ordered to turn out and vote. Let all who come back for the purpose of voting be subjected to a rigid examination under oath. Many of them can not vote without perjuring themselves if their votes are challenged.

Cock Gatchell Can Be Beaten.

Dr. Gatchell seemed to be only slightly relieved from apprehensions of defeat by the action of the Democratic County Convention. He declares that he would rather be beaten by a Democrat than by what he styles "a renegade Republican." If the Democracy of Lancaster county do their whole duty this corrupt rooster and pincher can be accommodated. He can be beaten, *and beaten by a Democrat.* Let that inspire the Democracy to put forth every effort. Sending an honest Democrat to Harrisburg in the place of this champion of the pasters and folders would be a glorious triumph.

The Pensioned Soldiers.

The organ of the Radical candidate for Mayor, got itself into a hornet's nest when it attempted to make capital against Colonel Pyfer, out of the fact that he was drawing a pension from the Government, for injury received in the service. One of its correspondents very pertinently asks it how it happens that it is a high crime and misdemeanor in Col. Pyfer to draw a pension, when it is perfectly right and proper for several Radical friends of the *Express*, residing in this city, to do the same thing. We have not published the names of these gentlemen in the INTELLIGENCER, because we did not think it proper to drag them unnecessarily into this controversy, and parade their wounds before the public; they are richly entitled to the pensions they receive, and none the less because they are industriously and honorably pursuing their daily avocations, and have enjoyed offices conferred by their party, for which they were specially championed by the *Express*. That paper attempts to wriggle out of the imputation upon its Radical friends, contained in its attack upon Col. Pyfer, by elaborately stating the difference between their cases and his; the sum and substance of its explanation being that he gets,—owing to his superior rank in the service,—twice as large a pension as they do. It will strike every one but the author of this brilliant explanation, that it scarcely relieves the pensioned friends of the *Express* from the effect of its original charge; which was that the soldier who draws a pension while he is still able to follow his business commits "a fraud upon the government of which no honest or honorable man would be guilty."

The *Express* will not be able to excite the public mind against the pensioned soldiers of the government, who so justly deserve every dollar they receive, by its broad allegations against them of fraud and perjury. The people know these charges to be false and malicious. They will not believe that in Col. Pyfer's case, Col. Rose, now Major in the regular army, who was Col. Pyfer's superior officer, swore falsely as to the time and the circumstances attending Col. Pyfer's disability, and as to its being received in the line of his duty as a soldier; nor that Surgeon McCandless, of the 77th Regiment, perjured himself in his testimony to the same effect; and that two other witnesses swore falsely to the general facts. Neither will they believe that the reputable examining surgeons of the county, Drs. Levergood, Blackwood and Clinger, have been guilty of perjury in attesting Col. Pyfer's disability; nor that Dr. Oliver, who was sent here by the Pension Office to examine a number of cases, committed the same crime.

The envenomed shafts of the *Express* have missed their mark, and its atrocious calumnies will recoil to its own detriment and that of its candidate.—There never surely was a more mean and despicable attack made upon a gallant body of men than has been this charge of perjury and fraud brought against the pensioned soldiers by the organ of the stay-at-home money-changer, who is the Radical candidate for Mayor.

Democracy vs. Radicalism.

The old Whig party was wont to boast that it was the silk-stocking party—the party embodying all the decency, all the intelligence, and all the wealth of the country; and the Democrats were sneered at as rowdies, as the mud-sills of society, and as the social off-scourings of the body politic. True the Democratic party has always been composed of the honest, working masses—of men whose only wealth consisted in the hard earnings of their daily toil—in great part of our adopted citizens, who, experiencing the crushing effects of despotism and of aristocracy and wealth at home, naturally identify themselves with the Democratic party in the land of their adoption. But as it is the party which embodies the principles of the masses, so it is the party of progress; and it is every day demonstrating that intelligence and order are not exclusively confined to the Republican ranks. The Democratic and Radical parties have changed positions in that respect—the former has become the party of order, the latter of rowdyism and disorder, the moving impulses to which are intelligence and morality on the one hand, and a disregard of decency or morality on the other.

We need no better illustration of this than the proceedings of the two Conventions in the State of New York. That of the Radicals at Syracuse was characterized by rowdyism, disorder, the language of the brothel and the actions of the mob. The Democratic Convention at Rochester, composed of equally discordant elements, was harmonious in its action, reconciling all minor differences as gentlemen and patriots should—merging all local disputes in the more absorbing ones of State and National measures, and making the success of their ticket paramount to the conflicting claims of ward or city delegations.

This action on the part of the New York Democracy, and the noble stand which they have taken in regard to the Tammany frauds, is the surest guaranty of their success in the approaching campaign.

Another Base Charge against the Soldier.

There is a growing intensity of feeling among the soldiers and their friends at the base attack which has been made by the *Express*, the organ of the little shaver who is the Radical candidate for Mayor, upon those soldiers who have been physically injured in the service of their country, and whom a grateful nation has sought in a measure to compensate, by awarding them pensions. This feeling will not be modified by the latest insult which is heaped upon them by this malignant sheet, which, in its issue of yesterday, broadly charges that many of them have been guilty of perjury, in making the affidavits upon which they received their pensions.—This charge involves not only the soldier, but the witnesses who testified to the time, place and circumstances of the injury which he received. This reckless charge, wholly without foundation, as its authors know it to be, will surely recoil to hurt the interests of the candidate whom it was intended to serve. It is but another of the false and malicious accusations which the *Express* is now grinding out by contract, at so much for so many per diem. It will tend still further to convince the few who still need convincing, of the wholly unreliable nature of the statements that appear in that unscrupulous sheet, which seems to have bargained to freely bear false witness against its neighbor, but not to have stipulated that its falsehoods should bear even a semblance of plausibility. Its statements that Col. Pyfer was in default to the city, that he never was confined in a rebel prison, and that the soldiers get their pensions by perjury, are sample bricks of the bald falsehoods with which it is now daily regaling its incredulous readers.

ON last Sunday morning, as two Republicans were walking by the Moravian church in this city, the organ discoursed sweet music. One of them stopped and called upon the other to halt a moment. "No," said he, "I do not want to hear a note of that instrument." "Why not?" said his friend. "Because George K. Reed cheated me out of the seemingly liberal sum he subscribed toward paying for it," was the prompt reply. This is one Republican vote lost to the Republican candidate for Mayor for sure—and there are lots more of the same sort.

Atlantic Coast Oysters are now being planted in Oregon.

Well-trained monkeys are in demand by lazy organ grinders.

THE mean and malignant attacks which the *Express* has been making upon Col. Pyfer, have aroused indignation in the breasts of every soldier who has read them. We publish elsewhere a letter from Captain Stern, who commanded Company G. of the 77th. It shows how a Republican soldier felt after reading the *Express*.

What an Army Comrade Says of Colonel Pyfer.

The following letter from Captain Henry Stern, a Pennsylvania Republican, who commanded Company G, of the 77th Regiment, shows how the villainous course of the *Express* is regarded by soldiers:

GIRARD HOUSE,
Philadelphia, Oct. 3, 1871.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer:

SIR: By chance I noticed to-day in the Lancaster *Express* an article on Col. Pyfer and the Mayoralty of your city. Let me give you a few facts which the editor of the *Express* does not appear to know. On the 7th of April, 1862, the second day of the "Battle of Shiloh," Col. (then Captain) Pyfer went into action in command of his Company, though the Surgeon had declared him unfit for duty two days before. Col. Pyfer kept upon the march and went into battle, so as not to have the name that he had gone back while a battle was expected. Scarcely able to stand and attacked by fever, nothing but his moral courage carried him through. When the right of the regiment turned on that day, it was Col. Pyfer who acted most nobly and prevented the same catastrophe on the left. I was near him at that time and saw it. If you want any more witnesses, here they are: Col., now Major Rose, of the Regular army and Col. Robinson, now residing at Pittsburgh, and Major Bradford, residing in St. Joseph, Mo. The editor of the *Express* falsely asserts that Col. Pyfer never starved in prison. It is true. Had he then been starved, he would not have been living to-day, but does the editor of the *Express* know what Col. Pyfer suffered in Libby prison? I suppose not; for if he did, he would not broadly make such an assertion. Let him ask Col. Rose who engineered the tunnel, Col. Robinson of Pittsburgh, and Lieut. Kreps, of the same place, what Col. Pyfer suffered, and then make a true statement. The *Express* appears grieved, and sorely too, about the pension Col. Pyfer is drawing. Ten times that amount will not compensate him for the loss of his health. I have never agreed with Col. Pyfer in politics, nor have any of the gentlemen named above; but, I consider it due to Col. Pyfer, to tell the truth and to shield your community, that all his old comrades have the highest regard for him. As to the assertion that Col. Pyfer does not belong to any army organization, is simply absurd, for he belongs to the Re-union association of his old Regiment, the 77th Pennsylvania; and thousands of others besides Col. Pyfer have not joined the Grand Army of the Republic, though they are Republicans. I have nothing to say, either *pro* or *con* in your election, for it does not concern me; and, as I may not be enabled to carry on the controversy, because I may never again see a Lancaster paper, I beg to refer to the gentlemen above named to corroborate my statement.

Very respectfully,
HENRY STERN,
Late Capt. Co. G., 77th P. V., now residing at No. 10 Second street, Louisville, Ky.

WE publish below a communication from a Union soldier who suffered at Belle Isle. It is but one of many instances going to show the want of sympathy between poor soldiers and rich bankers:

MESSRS. EDITORS:

I never voted for a Democrat in my life, but I intend to do so on the 10th. I served four years in the army, and can never discard a soldier (disabled or not disabled) for a man who staid at home, living at his ease and growing rich while his country needed his services in the field. Had the Republican party nominated a soldier for Mayor (and there is no scarcity of them who would be competent to fill the office) I should have given him the preference. When an office is to be filled my motto is, and always shall be, "Republican soldiers first, and next soldiers." I shall vote for Colonel F. S. Pyfer in preference to George K. Reed, or any other stay-at home candidate.

BELL ISLE.

The City Finances.

There appeared in the *Express* of Wednesday an article, the object of which was to show that the administration of the city finances during the past two years has been economical, and that the debt