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PITTSBURGH, MONDAY, SEPT. 22, 1890.

THE INDEPENDENT MOVEMENT.

The movement of the outside petroleum producers to organize competition against the Standard is steadily crystallizing in the direction of definite organization. Interviews with the operators show the opinion to be universal that the oil interests outside of the Standard must organize to secure competing pipe-line facilities, the only device of opinion being as to the form of organization.

With that object steadily held in view, and with the producers fully determined that the Standard emissaries shall not swerve from their purpose, the solution of the difficulty is certain. Every one who studies the oil situation knows that competition in pipe-line transportation is the key of the situation. Any plan which provides that will release the producers from the Standard's supremacy. To organize pipe-line competition reaching to all parts of the field, will require combined action on the part of the producers, although different companies might be organized for different districts.

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The very religious editor frankly tells how the leader of New York Republicanism made a bargain with Mayor Grant by which the number of police justices was to be increased to 15, and Mr. Platt was to have one of the new justices for a follower. On this agreement, Platt secured the passage of the bill, but the unscrupulous Grant

failed to deliver the goods and appointed a Democrat instead of Platt's man. "Thereupon," says the approving representative of professed piety in politics, "Mr. Platt justly reaped vengeance against Mayor Grant, and the appointment and work of the Fasset Investigation Committee was the result of his just wrath."

This sketch of the leader of the Republican party, through which, Col. Shepard informs us, municipal reform can only be obtained in New York, making a bargain with the Democracy for the creation of useless offices, is an instructive one. To learn in addition that the Fasset investigation was brought about, not for reform or the punishment of dishonesty, but for vengeance because the Republican leader was cheated out of his share of the political swag is an object-lesson as to the necessity of cutting loose from all political cliques in order to secure any reform.

For the detailing of these political bargains, in an approving tone, by the savvy Shepard, the public must thank the inveterate diabolism which created him for the display of that variety of foolishness so expertly and so abominably described by the primary Vanderbilt.

GENERAL HASTINGS' ARGUMENT.

The declaration attributed to General Hastings, that "even if it were true that the Republican leader had stolen money from the State Treasury he would still consider him better than the best Democrat," has been denied by him and is corrected by the papers which published the erroneous quotation, to what is given in the official stenograph report as follows: "If the Republican party or its representative had taken from the Treasury every dollar, I say that it would not amount in dollars and cents to one-half as much money as he (Patton) cost the people of this State by an extra session of the Legislature."

The false quotation put in General Hastings' mouth was doubtless produced by a confusion of what he did say with Senator Ingalls' declaration, at the same meeting, that "the worst Republican that ever lived is better by far than the best Democrat that ever lived." Senator Ingalls' sentiment sufficiently characterizes itself. Since General Hastings is rightfully acquitted of the brutal recklessness of the same assertion as was the Standard's supremacy. To organize pipe-line competition reaching to all parts of the field, will require combined action on the part of the producers, although different companies might be organized for different districts.

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