Bradford Reporter.

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REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR,
GEN. JOHN F. HARTRANFT,
Of Montgomery.
FOR STATE TREASURER,
HENRY RAWLE,
Of Erie County.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY TICKET.

FOR SHERIFF,
ANDREW J. LAYTON,
Of Litchfield.
FOR PROTHONOTARY,
CAPT. BENJAMIN M. PECK,
Of Towanda Borough.
FOR REGISTER AND RECORDER,
CEPHAS E. ANDRUS,
Of Canton Borough.
FOR TREASURER,
MAJ. J. C. ROBINSON,
Of Ridgbury.
FOR COMMISSIONERS,
CAPT. GEORGE W. KILMER,
Of Asylum.
MORRIS J. COOLBAUGH,
Of Wysox.
FOR AUDITOR,
DANVERSE BOURNE,
Of West Burlington.
J. R. BRASTED,
Of Wells.
FOR CORONER,
D. B. WALKER,
Of Ulster.

Republican Mass Meetings.

Republican Meetings will be held at the following places, on the dates indicated. The meetings will be addressed by able speakers, whose names will be announced on posters previous to the day of each meeting:

THURSDAY EVENING, Oct. 28.
Athens.
FRIDAY EVENING, Oct. 29.
Granville Center.
Wellés.
Grover.
East Smithfield.
SATURDAY EVENING, Oct. 30.
Bentley Creek.
Wysox.
M. E. Church, near Stones LeRoy.
MONDAY EVENING, Nov. 1st.
Barclay.
East Spring Hill.
Bumptown Church.
Moore's Hill.
Hornet's Ferry.

THE VICTORY IS OURS!

With the opportunity of obtaining the most reliable and trustworthy information, we are gratified in being able to announce to our Republican friends in Bradford, that the indications point with the utmost certainty to a GRAND REPUBLICAN VICTORY on Tuesday next. The Democracy, demoralized by the candidates and platform of the Erie Convention, and paralyzed by the result of the Ohio election, have virtually given up the fight. The question is no longer as to success, but how large shall be the majority for HARTRANFT and RAWLE.

The only danger to be apprehended is, that victory may seem so certain and to be so easily accomplished, that our exertions shall be relaxed, and over-confidence bring disaster. Every Republican should desire to have a part in the glorious triumph which certainly awaits us. Let every vote be polled, and the majority will be counted by thousands.

SHALL MONEY CONTROL OUR ELECTIONS?

The voters of this county are to decide on Tuesday next one grave question, which concerns very materially the political morals of the county. It is, whether the free use of money shall be permitted to control our elections. We have now the demoralizing and unseemly spectacle of a Democratic candidate seeking to overthrow a majority of 4,000 by the free use of money, aided by the unscrupulous falsehoods his glib tongue can utter. It is for the people of this county to say whether they are prepared to endorse this illegal and dangerous practice. Shall the fact be established that money is all that is necessary for success—that the candidate with the largest purse is to succeed, and that a poor Republican cannot be elected because his opponent comes into the canvass with his thousands to corrupt the mercenary and debauch the selfish and greedy?

The honest, intelligent voters of the county, who would preserve the integrity of the ballot-box, who would stamp with disapprobation the system of using money in elections, have now an opportunity to vindicate the cause of public morality, by voting for ANDREW J. LAYTON for Sheriff.

STORRS is endeavoring to find some professed Republican in each election district base and venal enough to "peddle" his tickets. We regret to say that he has succeeded in one or two instances. Some of these men, whose "divies" depend upon their success in securing converts to STORRS, are exhibiting long lists of names of Republicans who have promised to vote for the Democratic candidate for Sheriff. Perhaps these dupes will be gratified to learn that the gentlemen who are so zealous in laboring for STORRS, get a specified sum for every Republican voter deceived into voting for him.

WE HAVE received several long letters in the interest of Mr. CHUBBUCK. With due deference to the authors, we must decline lending our columns to advance the cause of the Democratic party, under any guise whatever. Mr. CHUBBUCK has an organ in this place—"the only free press in the county,"—and we have no doubt it will be only too proud to have the honor of being the only and efficient champion of those earnest Republicans, STORRS and CHUBBUCK.

THAT AFFIDAVIT.

The affidavit of W. R. STORRS in last week's REPORTER, instead of proving his malicious charge against our candidate, A. J. LAYTON, only demonstrated, if entirely true, the fact that he himself had been guilty of an attempt to "plow with our *heifer*." In the affidavit he admits having several "conversations" in regard to political affairs with Mr. GRIFFIS, and in the light of subsequent developments, no unprejudiced man will deny that suspicion attaches to Mr. STORRS' conduct throughout. Notwithstanding his repeated and emphatic denial almost daily for several weeks preceding the Democratic Convention, that he was not a candidate for the office of Sheriff, his intimate friends knew that he was prevaricating, and his manifestations of friendship for Mr. GRIFFIS were not looked upon as entirely unselfish and disinterested. Although the Democrats succeeded last fall in electing several of their candidates, it was not so certain that the same thing could be accomplished this fall; and STORRS, than whom a more unscrupulous and venal politician never resided in the county, presumed upon the personal friendship existing between himself and Mr. GRIFFIS to induce that gentleman to sell out his party in order to compass STORRS' election. We have assumed thus far that STORRS' affidavit is true; admitting this, his base betrayal of GRIFFIS ought to consign him to an ignominious defeat and the contempt of all honorable men. If GRIFFIS was guilty of an attempt to desert to the enemy, STORRS, by his own confession, was accessory to the crime, and his conduct more contemptible, from the fact that he was to reap the benefit of his friend's treason. But there are several points in the affidavit that give it the appearance of being a "set up job."

In the first place, Mr. STORRS swore positively that at the interview on the 30th of August, the light of the moon reflecting on the window panes made objects in the room discernable. When a gentleman who read the affidavit, thinking it the wrong time in the month for a moon at the hour when the meeting was held, consulted the almanac and discovered the fact that the moon "went down" on that evening several hours prior to the interview, Mr. STORRS suddenly recollected that it might have been gas light,—although he had related the circumstance to "friends" shortly after its occurrence, stating that the moon was shining brightly. If Mr. STORRS actually made an entry of the secret conclave in his diary the next morning, it appears very strange that he should have written that the moon was shining, particularly as he drove to his home in Asylum the same night.

Again, he says GRIFFIS told him, "MONROE SMITH had weakened." How does this sound, in the face of the previous allegation that SMITH was "rafted deeper," and was to have $2,500. Men who have $30,000 to exhibit on the streets, and so much business they cannot afford to accept so lucrative an office as that of Sheriff, may think the paltry sum of $2,500 an insignificant figure; but we do not believe that MONROE SMITH, if he were base enough to enter into a corrupt combination by which he was to profit by that amount, would "weaken."

Taking either view of the case, Mr. STORRS has placed himself in a most unenviable position. If his statement is true, himself and WILLIAM GRIFFIS are the only parties affected by it, and the public will hold them responsible for the crime attempted to be perpetrated—and his betrayal of his confederate to screen himself is inexcusable. On the other hand, if his affidavit is false he has placed a stain upon his own character which years will not eradicate.

In the meantime, Mr. LAYTON is pursuing the even tenor of his ways, happy in the consciousness of his own rectitude and honesty of purpose, his character untarnished by the dark plot of his unscrupulous opponent; and the people are preparing to say to him on Tuesday next "We like your work, and you shall find we like it." After the first Tuesday in November, Mr. STORRS will have plenty of time to reflect over the great injustice he has done an upright, honest man during the canvass; and contrasting his own disgraceful conduct with the honorable and upright course pursued by his successful rival, will realize that "honesty is the best policy" in politics as well as business.

DON'T TRADE!

Now that the Democracy have given up all hope of electing their State ticket, an attempt will be made to secure votes for STORRS by promising votes for HARTRANFT. Don't be caught in any such trap! Our State ticket is already assured of success, and will have a majority of at least 30,000.

MAJ. ROBINSON.

our candidate for Treasurer, is a most capable and worthy man; who carries in his body lead, received from rebel guns while he was fighting for the Union. See that he gets a full vote.

BE SURE

that your ticket contains all the names of the Republican candidates. Every device will be resorted to in order to cheat and defeat some of our candidates.

THE ELECTION

of our County Commissioners and Auditors is of great importance to the interests of the county. See that they receive the full vote of the party.

BEWARE OF FALSE AFFIDAVITS.

This is a canvass, on the part of the Democratic candidate for Sheriff, in which all the disreputable weapons of the most dishonest party tactics are used. We caution our friends to beware of false affidavits which will be circulated when too late to be answered.

The trick of making oath to a falsehood, to give it an appearance of solemnity, is shallow. Such an oath has no legal weight, and no force.

MR. STORRS has publicly boasted that *ten* prominent Republicans—"no d——d common fellows," as he remarked—("in the interest of labor," of course,—came to him prior to his acceptance of the nomination forced upon him, and begged him to accept the position. He is now looking for the ten, but not even *one* can be found.

SMALL majorities may not tickle the ear, but they secure better laws and a safer administration than large ones. In the Presidential year, Pennsylvania gave 137,000 majority for GRANT. The Republicans staid at home last year; they were too strong to work well, and of course we were *defeated*. This year we are aroused, and the result will be a reversal of last fall's verdict.

A DESPERATE effort is being made by the Democracy to elect two Commissioners, in order to control the appointment of collectors, &c. We hope our Republican friends will be on the guard, and not permit any trickery or personal jealousy to defeat either of our candidates. They are both honest, upright, judicious men, who would fill their positions with credit to themselves and honor to the county.

MR. CHUBBUCK has persistently denied having said, three years ago *when soliciting the delegates of Orwell*, that he would oppose Mr. SMITH'S nomination. We last week published a letter from Mr. ROCKWELL, a well-known and reputable citizen of Orwell, in which Mr. CHUBBUCK is charged with making such a pledge to that gentleman. To-day we print several others from men of the highest credibility, alleging the same thing; and yet Mr. CHUBBUCK and his special organ claim that he is about the only honest and truthful man in the Republican party.

BEWARE OF TREACHERY.

The large sums of money lavishly used to elect STORRS, may possibly debauch some greedy Republican. We advise the Republicans of the county to be on their guard. If it becomes manifest that a mercenary Republican has pocketed STORRS' money, brand him as a traitor to his principles, and make him answerable to the penalties of the law. The moral sense of the community should unite in frowning down all such baseness and dishonesty. Let the Republican (if any such exists) who will attempt to sell his party, be exposed and publicly denounced at the polls.

MR. CHUBBUCK is strictly honest and entirely truthful, because he says so himself, and the boast is endorsed in the *Journal*: but what we want to know, is, how this brace of consistent (?) politicians reconcile CHUBBUCK'S charge that ANDRUS, his competitor, is incompetent to discharge the duties of the office by reason of deficient education, with the *fact* that Mr. ANDRUS holds a certificate of fitness to teach in the common schools, signed by O. J. CHUBBUCK. Did Mr. CHUBBUCK violate his oath as Superintendent, or does he misrepresent his competitor now? Will the independent *Journal*, circulated in the interest of labor (?), and Mr. CHUBBUCK please answer.

LIKE the candidates for Governor and State Treasurer, the Democrats of the county have selected the most bitter and violent Copperheads for the prominent offices. It is well known that STORRS sympathized with the ultra-anti-war wing of his party, and said many bitter things against LINCOLN'S administration. The candidates for Commissioners were also "Peace Democrats," and rejoiced over Union reverses whenever they *occurred*. One of them (INGERSOLL) on election day, 1863, joined with other secessionists, in the township of South Creek, in drinking to the health of JEFF. DAVIS. This is the character of the men whom the Democracy ask the loyal people of Bradford county to support.

IT IS greatly to the credit of our candidate for Sheriff, that not a word is said in disparagement of his fitness for the place, nor of his character. Even the most unscrupulous of his opponents pay him the compliment of admitting that he is fully competent to fill the office, and worthy of support. Failing to find any fault with LAYTON, he is made to bear the imputed sins of others. All that can be invented as a reason that he should not be supported by Republicans, is, that he is in the interest of a "Ring," or that somebody is to be benefitted by his election. All these falsehoods have been fully answered and refuted. ANDREW J. LAYTON is the nominee of the Republican party—fairly nominated, after a full canvass, and deserves the support of every Republican. He has said over his own signature, that no man has received, or been promised, any fee or reward for his nomination and election. He appeals confidently to the people for support in the interests of the Republican party, and against the attempt to buy the Sheriff's office by the thousands of a rich and unscrupulous speculator.

A LAST WORD!

Whoever has noted carefully the political occurrences of this county for the last two or three years, and particularly the canvass of last fall, has not failed to observe that a new element has entered into the contests—a power that has a certain potency on all occasions, and is particularly noticeable whenever party lines are relaxed. We allude to the free and unlawful use of money in controlling and influencing men. It is proper and necessary that our Republican friends should understand and fully realize to what an extent this use or abuse of money has grown. The canvass of last fall was fought by our opponents in this county, and successfully, too, by the free use of money. The same tactics are now being resorted to, to effect the election of STORRS. His emissaries are travelling over the county, making the most liberal offers of hard cash to Republicans, to secure their support for the Democratic candidate. The services to be rendered as an equivalent, are to CHEAT and DEFRAUD the Republican voters by spurious tickets, and by votes clandestinely secreted in the Republican tickets. It is by means of Bribery and by the use of Corrupt Traitors, that the Democracy hope to overcome the Republican majority and elect a Democratic Sheriff.

We make a last appeal to our friends throughout the county to fully realize the extent of this unlawful and disgraceful scheme, that they may be on their guard against the treason which would cheat the voters. It is high time that such an attempt at wholesale demoralization was exposed and frowned down. It is high time that the severe penalties of the outraged and violated law were put in force against those who so shamelessly attempt to debauch our elections, by an almost open and lavish use of money.

Fellow-citizens, if this attempt to again break down our majority by the use of money succeeds, where is to be the end? Who can put an estimate upon the flood of corruption which is likely to sweep over us in the future? The spectacle now presented is in itself humiliating and shocking to the moral sense of the community. The defeat of our candidate for Sheriff is attempted, not because of any deficiency of character, not for an alleged unfairness in his nomination—but the hopes of the opposition are founded solely upon upon the fact, that his wealthy competitor has his thousands to spare, and is putting his money with a lavish hand where he thinks it will do the most good. LAYTON is to be defeated, not that he is not a worthy and deserving candidate, but because STORRS has money enough to spare to corrupt and demoralize the voters! Shall such an insulting proposition as this meet with success? Has the Republican party of Bradford become so demoralized that it can be purchased by every Democratic candidate who has his pockets filled with money? Yet this is the assumed attitude and boast of STORRS. We shall look for such a rebuke at the polls as will teach him that he has placed a false estimate upon the party integrity and public morality, and will emphatically rebuke the system of retailing lies and purchasing votes now attempted, we trust, for the last time.

ISN'T it about time that Republicans began to make their own platforms and issues, and form their own opinions as to their prominent men? We submit that this thing of allowing such men as DANA and M'CLURE, and other renegades of that ilk, to depreciate the best and truest Republicans in the country, to their damage and disparagement with the party, should end. The business of defamation has been carried on pretty successfully, but there are gratifying indications that the good sense of the country begins to bring about a proper estimate of the business of crying down men whose consistency and integrity make them conspicuous targets for a subsidized and demoralized press.

The appointment of CHANDLER as Secretary of the Interior, has opened anew the flood-gates of falsehood and defamation. The President is assailed for the selection, and the new Secretary is covered with abuse and vituperation. Why? Because, in all the trying times through which our Nation has passed, CHANDLER has been the bold, defiant advocate of Freedom. He has stood up in the Senate when SEWARD cowered and SUMNER was stricken down, and bravely defied the Slave Power. Three men in the Senate were always treated with courtesy and respect by the Southern Senators—CHANDLER, CAMERON, and WADE—because they would fight. It was no matter how drunk a Southern man was, nor how arrogant and insulting he became, whenever he spoke to or alluded to these three men he realized that he must be courteous. The country should never forget how bold and true CHANDLER has been from the time he entered the Senate until this day.

Nor has any man in the country a better reputation for business qualifications and incorruptible integrity. His honesty is unquestionable. He will neither steal himself, nor permit others to steal. The State of Michigan has three times elected him to the Senate, and he was only defeated last winter by a corrupt combination, after receiving the endorsement of his party.

Now it may, or it may not, have been policy for Gen. GRANT to call him to his councils; that is a matter for the President to determine. But it does not become any Republican to find fault with the selection, in view of the long public service of CHANDLER, his courage, honesty and fidelity to party and to principles. His outspoken, perhaps rough, and fearless manner of advocating the truth, has made him particularly obnoxious to the so-called Independent journals, and to the M'CLURE-CURTIN class of renegades, whose vindictiveness grows larger daily as their prospects of destroying the Republican party become smaller.

THE ostensible editor of the *Journal* voted at the polls in the Third Ward of this Borough for the delegates favorable to the nomination of LAYTON for Sheriff; and that, too, when there was a contest. Usually, honorable men who participate in a caucus expect to abide the result. Not so with the editor of the *Journal*. He is fighting, guerrilla-like, and ready to take or make from either party. It may be a matter of surprise to some why the *Journal* is supporting STORRS for Sheriff. To us it is not. The consideration is the patronage of the Sheriff's office, if STORRS is elected. The *Journal* is trying to earn the Sheriff's advertising from STORRS. And it puts on an air of independence and honesty! "Assume a virtue if you have it not," is its motto. Is there a Republican verdant enough to be deceived by its cry of "Ring," when all the ring it knows anything about is the ring of STORRS' money?

THE "only free press in the county," in its last issue, vauntingly boasts that Mr. STORRS has answered the charge we made against him, of misrepresenting A. J. LAYTON. Mr. TURNER is not so stupid as to believe what he says to be true. Mr. STORRS in his affidavit does not charge that he has ever exchanged words with Mr. LAYTON; he only alleges that Mr. GRIFFIS told him certain things (in the moonlight). So if the *Journal* is as independent as it professes, it should at once correct its statement, and do justice to Mr. LAYTON and the REPORTER.

AFTER the publication of STORRS' affidavit charging WM. GRIFFIS with treachery and falsehood, it will sound a little strange to his friends to learn that STORRS visited Mr. GRIFFIS on Sunday morning last and used all the persuasive art, including tears, of which he is possessed, to get the latter to desert Mr. LAYTON and support STORRS. On Mr. GRIFFIS' promptly and preemptorily refusing to comply with the degrading demand, STORRS left him, threatening to crush him financially. Was ever such an arrant knave nominated by any party?

STORRS now seeks to secure votes by promising men in debt that if elected he will "carry them over." Such stories may be believed where he is not known, but men who have had dealings with Mr. STORRS have not found him more liberal or lenient than other men.*

IN ANOTHER column we give several letters from the people in regard to the campaign and candidates. They are entitled to great weight, inasmuch as they were unsolicited, but were written by honest, reliable gentlemen simply as acts of justice.

THE outside Democrats, when it was thought that Ohio had gone from twenty to thirty thousand majority for HAYES, claimed it as a Democratic triumph, because many of them were opposed to inflation. If the latest returns had shown ALLEN to be elected, what kind of a triumph would it have been then?

BEFORE the nominations CHUBBUCK said WALKER was the "Ring" candidate, and voted against the WALKER delegates and for LAYTON'S.

A SPLENDID ENDORSEMENT.

The Pittsburg *Leader*, a journal of the most conservative character, and one that never bestows praise in any direction except where there is no question that it is merited in the highest sense, gives Governor HARTRANFT the following endorsement.—The *Leader* is not a party organ, and its commendation of the Republican candidate for Governor is all the more worthy on that account:

"INVULNERABLE.—Governor Hartranft is having a fortunate time of it. Here we find him, in the heat of a campaign, riding on his way, conquering and, we may add, to conquer, right into the ranks of the enemy, and yet that enemy does not seem to care to even so much as make the feint of an attack personally against him. It apparently has come to the conclusion that there are no vulnerable points about him, not even his heel, and that, therefore, it is neither prudent nor profitable to waste ammunition on him. No doubt the enemy is right. The time was, three years ago, when the case was different.—Then a band of unworthy and corrupt followers had taken possession of the Republican camp for purposes of plunder. Because Hartranft was one in a bundle with these spoilers—a necessity growing out of his official position—he was naturally supposed to be tarred with the same stick with the rest. But with his election soon came the proof that this was a mistake. The discovery was made that it was possible for him, as it is for any public officer, to be thrown into bad company; but then it was also found that it is sometimes also possible to be thrown into bad company and yet not catch contamination from it. A man may be found among thieves, like that very young man Oliver Twist, but surrounded though he be with Fagans, and Sikeses, and Nancies, and Artful Dodgers, he may turn out just as did that victim of untoward circumstances, the charity boy, after all. When he does, people think all the better of him for it. If a man won't steal when the inducements and the chances are all that way, he is by so much the more to be trusted on that account. Hartranft, with the drift of popular suspicion strong against him, when put to the proof was found to be honest. The State's pocket, full to the mouth with silver and gold, was there at hand waiting to be picked, but he wouldn't pick it. The soldier who had been so true to his country could *not be false to himself*, and he kept his palm—that wouldn't catch the prevailing itch—to himself. The consequence is that he has won the confidence of the people, and that his old party enemies of three years ago are his best friends of to-day.—The same reasons reach farther, possibly across the lines into the camp of opposition. They see no evil in the man, and therefore cannot so far outrage their sense of propriety as to make him the chosen target of their shots."

FATHER HUNT ON THE SITUATION.

REV. THOMAS P. HUNT, or Father HUNT, as he is often called, well known to most of our readers as a life-long advocate of temperance and a most untiring and efficient lecturer for the cause, has written a letter to the Scranton *Republican*, which appears in that paper of the 20th inst, giving his reasons for not deserting the Republican party to support the Browne or Third party. Among other things he says:

"There are other interests besides those of prohibition committed by God to every free man, and which must be taken care of. As a patriot I can never either directly nor indirectly help place in power or authority a party whose politics or principles favored rebels in the south and copperheads in the north seeking to destroy this Union.

"As a christian I can never favor a party governed by elements openly and professedly opposed to the Lord's Day, to the Bible, and the public recognition of Jehovah. I am greatly mistaken if in this state a large and preponderating element of the Democratic party is not of the class I object to. I know that to elect the Democratic party in this State is to put into power elements that are inimical, not only as to temperance but as to all other principles dear to me as a citizen. If both parties are rum and ruin, yet the one party has more ruin and less of truth than the other. I prefer that party that has most of civil and religious liberty in it. *If the Third party had the strength to elect its prohibitory friends and they were all Democrats maintaining secession and copperhead principles, I would certainly vote against them.*

"The repeal of the Local Option law, done by the Democratic influence in the House, and signed by the Governor, is just what I desired to do myself, and one of the first things a genuine Prohibition party would do if in power, for Local Option continued the license system and under it licenses were granted and the traffic continued. I am opposed to that system and principle. Why then blame the Governor for doing what we all as Prohibitionists would do and must do if we are consistent. The law repealing Local Option contains the very best provisions in the right direction for Prohibition ever yet made in the State, and such as Prohibitionists would or ought to make, and secures all the prohibition yet obtained by law. Why blame the Governor for approving it?

"Keep politics out of temperance. Let the temperance men work for prohibition in their parties. Let prohibition be the result of public demand and it will be safe and permanent. A Third party defeated at the polls cannot expect or ask any legislation in its favor from parties opposed to it. What temperance men most need is a revision of the common laws and a public spirit to sustain the laws. Let us labor in the right direction and prohibition is certain. But for prohibition let us not sacrifice other interests of vital importance. T. P. HUNT."

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

A CARD FROM SHERIFF SMITH.

[The following card from Sheriff SMITH was hardly necessary to satisfy the public that all the stories circulated by the opposition, as to the nomination for Sheriff, or his connection therewith, were false. But the Democratic candidate for Sheriff having traveled through the county, circulating his tales about the indebtedness of LAYTON to Sheriff SMITH, the latter thinks it of enough importance to make answer.—ED.]:

The Democratic candidate for Sheriff having dragged my name into the canvass, I am reluctantly obliged to appear before the public, to vindicate myself and show the falseness of his assertions. The statement that Andrew J. Layton is indebted to me, is untrue. He does not now, nor has he ever, owed me one cent. I have no claim upon him in any shape, nor shall I profit in the least degree pecuniarily by his election.

Mr. Storrs in his published affidavit brings in an allusion to some pecuniary advantage which was, or might occur to me, by the nomination or election of Sheriff. I declare all the statements contained in that affidavit, so far as I am concerned, absolutely false and unauthorized. No man can truthfully say that I expected or desired to profit by the nomination for Sheriff in any manner, directly or indirectly. No man ever intimated to me, nor did I ever intimate to any man, that they or myself might or would profit by the nomination.

I have no interest in Mr. Layton's election, except my desire to promote the prosperity of a worthy man, who has been a true and active Republican—and my belief, that in so doing I shall advance the success of the Republican party, to which I am so much indebted.

J. MONROE SMITH.

C. H. ALLEN—*Dear Sir:* Your letter to PIOLLET, in last week's REPORTER, brought to my mind the MASON board bill, that he promised to pay me the next day after poor MASON went home, in that same 1857: but which he got out of by pleading the assumption act in open court, as the record will prove. Some years after, when I lost one of my limbs, and found myself in very straitened circumstances—even want—I went to the Colonel and begged him to pay me a part of the amount; but instead of paying me, he abused me in a manner that I can never forget. Yours, etc.,

GEORGE H. ESTELL.

Canton, Oct. 20, 1876.

ROME, Oct. 25, 1875.

EDITOR BRADFORD REPORTER:—The very remarkable and unmanly course that O. J. Chubbuck is taking in doing what he calls "unearthing such vast dishonesty of his predecessors in office," is a subject to grave to be overlooked. People begin to ask themselves whether Mr. C. has always done things on the square since he has occupied the office which he now holds, and nearly every man who compares receipts and papers, find Mr. Chubbuck has in nearly all cases, excelled any of his predecessors in charging.

About a year ago Rome township came in possession of a certain mortgage, and I being town clerk, into my hands; for record and safe keeping I took it to Mr. Chubbuck, and he charged the town two dollars and ten cents for recording, for which I have his receipt, and my order book shows that an order was drawn for the amount in his favor. Now, either the statement he makes is not true or he took about forty cents more than he had any legal right to do, which, if so will refund to me, I will see that the case is carefully lodged with our Town Treasurer and that officer will cheerfully account for the same. Now, Mr. Chubbuck had held the office about two years, and must have known what amount he had a legal right to charge. Surely he is a type of honesty and a real reformer, and, I might add, ought to be repudiated by every honest man at the polls. Mr. C. should remember the adage that "people who live in glass houses should not throw stones." JAMES C. FORBES.

CANTON, Oct. 25, '75.

MR. EDITOR:—We are informed that Otis J. Chubbuck is reporting that Cephas E. Andrus is incompotent to perform the duties of the office of Register and Recorder. This we all know to be false, and know that Mr. Chubbuck is well informed to the contrary, for at our request this morning Mr. Andrus has exhibited to us two certificates given to him by Mr. Chubbuck, one dated Nov. 1, 1865, and the other Oct. 2, 1866. These certificates give Mr. Andrus good qualifications as a school teacher, and it can hardly be presumed he knows less now, as he has attended the State Normal School at Mansfield two terms since receiving the certificates; further, he has been in my employ as clerk in a dry goods store, nearly three years, and I can certify to his being fully qualified for the office asked for or any other ordinary business.

S. J. HICKOK.

ORWELL, Oct. 20, '75.

MR. EDITOR.—*Dear Sir:* I had a conversation with O. J. Chubbuck, three years ago, previous to the caucus. He said that he would not give J. M. Smith his delegates on any consideration.

Yours Truly,
D. F. BARTON.

POTTERVILLE, Oct. 20, '75.

MR. ALVORD.—*Dear Sir:* In conversation with O. J. Chubbuck, three years ago, when he was asking for the delegates of Orwell he said to me in my shop in Potterville, that he would not consent that they should support J. M. Smith upon any consideration whatever, if we would give him the delegates.

Yours Truly,
WM. D. CHAFFEE.

EVERGREEN, Oct. 25, '75.

FRIEND ALVORD—*Dear Sir:* It has been currently reported throughout this section that Mr. Layton had borrowed $300 of Dr. Park when he (Layton) was under age, and that Layton has always refused to pay the amount on account of his being a minor when he obtained the money. Thinking this to be one of those *political dodges*, I made it my business to see Mr. Park in regard to the matter. Mr. Park says there is no truth whatever in the report. J. E. PATCH.

"BRING IN THE MAIMED."

It would seem that Mr. O. J. Chubbuck is arguing his cause with the voters of *Bradford county in this wise:* "I have been a good civil officer, own a house in Towanda, can attend to the business conveniently, and therefore wish to be elected again." And the voters say: "Our Great Master hath said, 'bring in the maimed' (Luke xiv:13-21), what would thou have us to do?" And he says, "Give me the office for life and it suffices me." And they say unto him, "Thou art an ungrateful, wicked man; thy name ought to be changed to Money Love; thou hast been fed at the public crib nine years and we will feed thee no longer; thou mayest take up the song so well adapted to persons of your disposition, which begineth thus: 'Of all my father's family, I like myself the best,' and while you are humming this over to yourself, we will 'bring in the maimed,' and he shall have the office which thy soul covets."

JUSTICE.

SHESHEQUIN, Oct. 23, '75.

EDITOR REPORTER:—The evils of the times in which we live, seem to spring from no defect in our Government, but from the want of true patriotism on the part of aspirants for place and power; from a want of devotion to the country, and loyalty to principle. This creates personal strife, prompted by jealousy, envy and hate. Madness and folly seem to rule the day. That candidates for office have different modes of electioneering is quite apparent. Some will meet one with a smile, which, if caught in time, might illuminate the blackness of darkness. Should the experiment fail, however, a cigar taken from a box under either arm, when lighted, would evidently create light to some considerable extent, if not enlightenment. Others, of a more egotistical nature, endeavor to succeed by way of reporting dishonesty of predecessors. What success the latter mode of warfare will meet with, we are unable to determine—suffice it to say, however, that false charges and misrepresentations to prejudice the public mind, will gain but little credit in the end. As to the former mode, it appears most "too thin" in the eyes of an intelligent people, and will probably terminate in a handsome majority for his opponent in November.

The Democratic candidate for Sheriff visited our town last week, escorted by a Republican renegade from modern Rome. They were *entertained over night* by a Republican. The impression made was not very flattering to Democrats.

The Temperance Prohibitionists held a meeting in Osborn's Hall, Sheshequin, on the 20th inst., for the purpose of organizing a Lodge, and received forty-nine names. The persons who gave their names were mostly ladies and prominent Democrats, the latter of whom were very anxious for the furtherance of the cause. H. B. Benson, who has made himself famous in the Third party, favored the audience with a goodly number of songs. It occurs to us that the Prohibitionists, as well as Victor E., are assuming success in advance of the public verdict. They say anything to put down the "Ring," and at the same time are organizing a "Ring" which may prove a greater evil to the interest of the people than all the whisky in the country. Let every temperance man who is cherishing the idea of voting the Prohibitory ticket, stop and consider. Lay aside all personal prejudices and cast your vote where it will aid the temperance cause, and not assist a party whose object has ever been to kick against the irrepressible wave of human liberty. Look over the sad field of the past, and stand by those principles in behalf of which so many of America's bravest sons have given their lives. It is not our desire to chastise, but would ask you kindly to study well the issues at stake.

OCCASIONAL.

EDITOR REPORTER: V. E. Piollet, the Democratic nominee for State Treasurer, is before our people asking for their votes. If a man cheat you once, shame on *him*; if he cheat you twice, shame on *you*. He cheated us beautifully once; will we permit him to do it again? In the fall of 1855, the great question of dividing this county overshadowed all others. The Democrats nominated V. E. Piollet and S. W. Shephard for Representatives; the Republicans, B. Laporte and Judson Holcomb. During an excited canvass it was claimed, and strongly maintained by central and eastern men, that Piollet was in league with western men, and if elected would favor division. The people of Towanda were particularly sensitive on that subject, and by a system of careful inquiry and close observation, became satisfied that he had entered into an agreement with the divisionists of Troy to do all in his power, if elected, for division. His Democratic friends in the center told him squarely that unless he gave his positive assurance that such was not the case, they should withhold from him their support. He came to Towanda, and in the most public and solemn manner assured his friends that there was no such agreement or understanding; and as he waxed warm and eloquent, he exclaimed, with tears in his eyes, "Do you believe I could be base enough to deceive you, friends, with whom the happiest days of my life have been spent? Men for whom I cherish the warmest affections and sympathies; neighbors to whom I am bound by the strongest social ties and personal interest. I will never deceive you!" The people of Towanda took his word, and on the 9th of Oct., 1855, gave him the usual party vote. While Republicans claimed he was a division man and Towandians ought not to vote for him, the Democrats said they had it from his own mouth that there was no agreement with the divisionists, and supported him. When the election returns came in the figures were thus:

TROY TOWNSHIP.

Piollet	328	Laporte	2
Shepard	330	Holcomb	2

TROY BOROUGH.

Piollet	212	Laporte	1
Shepard	213	Holcomb	0

—thus, conclusively showing it to be true which had been charged upon him: that there was an agreement, signed and delivered, to favor division to the extent of his ability, if elected. All of which he had positively and solemnly denied. While smarting under the wounds and bruises of defeat, he invoked the powers of the law to cure his lacerated feelings. He commenced suits for slander against the following named gentlemen—many of whom are well known in this county, and their names stand on the records of our court to-day as defendants in libel and V. E. Piollet as plaintiff, to-wit: E. A. Parsons, M. C. Mercur, B. F. Powell, John A. Codding, Allen McKean, E. R. Myer, Joseph Kingsbury, Burton Kingsbury and John Holmes.

After commencing the above libel suits, he went to the State capital and there labored and bored all winter to get a law passed by a Democratic Legislature to change the venue and carry his victims to another county for trial, appealing to members for assistance and claiming as a reason, that he could not get a fair and impartial trial by the court and jury in Bradford county. He did not succeed, and all who were tried in the above cases by jury obtained a verdict in favor of the defendant. The others were non pros'd. The same gentleman has shown his appreciation of the honesty and integrity of Bradford county jurors in his many affidavits to remove causes from this to be tried in other counties. We will quote one: In Bradford County Common Pleas, No. 273, Feb. Term, 1869. This affidavit is made, as Superintendent of Construction of the Pa. & N. Y. Canal & R. R. Co. In his affidavit in the above case, he says "he *desires this cause removed to Sullivan Co., and that such removal is not made for the purpose of delay but because he believes a fair and impartial trial can not be had in Bradford county.*" The above is only one of many cases. The exceeding hardship in all these cases is that upon the oath of one man the court must certify the case to another county for trial, the court having no option in the matter, thus *compelling an honest suitor to take his* witnesses and counsel to a strange county for trial. Voters of Bradford County, what do you think of the man who thus says you will perjure yourselves? If you are sworn as jurors to try a cause he says you will not do so impartially; after taking your solemn oath to do so. Will you trust the man who is so unwilling to trust you? Will you vote for the man who cheated you once? If he cheat you twice shame on you! REPUBLICAN.

FRIEND ALVORD: Having seen some sharp things in regard to our friend Layton, from S. S. Bradley, perhaps a little explanation why Mr. Bradley takes the position he does may change the complexion of the thing. Mr. Bradley says if Bill is elected Sheriff he will never sell any poor man's property, but will pay the debt for them; but the rich will get no favors from him. Just as consistent as we could expect from a man like Mr. Bradley. As long as the loyal people of Windham fed Mr. Bradley, he was a Republican; but things have changed, and Mr. Bradley is getting childish. Mr. Storrs and his friend Walker have pretty thoroughly canvassed this portion of the county; the success they have met with will be told in November. I have heard some Democrats say, they don't like to hear men talk naturally to defeat a better man than they are themselves. Mr. Storrs, I think the money you have left in our section will be lost; honesty and uprightness generally suit the people better than deceit. And now, fellow-voters, where was Bill Storrs and his party during the struggle which our country has just passed? Was not Bill found with the Fishing Creek Confederacy, with his friend Buckalew? Ah, Mr. Storrs, there are loyal people yet in Windham that will rebuke the lies and scandal you and your friends are reporting about my friend Layton. You may ask, where was Mr. Layton during the struggle of our country for life? We answer, he was at home helping the soldiers' families, taking from his own means provisions when they were destitute; Mr. Layton came to their aid. Mr. Layton has always been a reliable, responsible Republican, and a gentleman. Bill Storrs or any of his clique well might envy him. Why is it that they (the Rebel party) make no fight against any one except Layton? Was he the only man on our ticket that was loyal? Can the honest men of Bradford county afford to elect such a man as Storrs? No. Why? Because he has piles of money, and will urge all the collections he can. As Bradley says, he will have a chance to sell and have his friend Walker, or some other of his aids-de-camps, bid for him. But enough. Bill can't have Sheriff this fall.

Yours etc., J. J.

WINDHAM SUMMIT, Oct. 16, '75.

AN OPEN LETTER TO MR. WM. R. STORRS.

SIR: In a country whose officers are chosen by the franchises of the people, the position of a candidate is one which invites examination. The private life of such a one, is a fair and necessary subject of inquiry; for, between competitors, choice should be made of the worthiest. The qualifications of one who should receive the respect and confidence of a people whose officer and servant he would be, are, a quiet modesty and dignity, which command that respect; a life free from *reproach, and a character above suspicion*, which command that confidence. He should come before them with no insincere protestation of reluctance to receive that nomination, which—when conferred by a free choice fairly made, and with pure motive on the part of those who choose—is an honor to any man; and his course, between the day of his nomination, and the day of election, should be one which should alike display the dignity of a man, and the magnanimity of an antagonist.

You have passed the prime of life, and judging from appearances, your financial success has been gratifying. You have recently completed a spacious mansion upon a slope overlooking that beautiful river upon whose generous bosom the products of your mills have been borne to market; and had you not been tempted by the emoluments of office, your declining years might have here been passed in the enjoyment of that affluence—the mode of acquisition of which would have passed without criticism, while it passed without observation. The new friends your success would have called around you, careless to enquire, in the comfort of your hospitality, how that hospitality had become possible, might have pronoun