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The Register's Charges—An Effort to Cover His Own Tracks—The Tactics are Old that It Employs—They were Used Years Ago by a Robber-Chief of Italy.

The Register still keeps up its cry that large sums of money have been sent into this county for electioneering purposes by Republicans. It has been challenged to produce the proof. It has not done so. It has not even attempted to do so. This failure to produce the mere semblance of proof that its charges are true, creates considerable suspicion that it has not been doing the fair thing itself, and that in order to hide its unfair work, it hurle all manner of unfair charges against its opponents. This, however, is no new dodge that the Register employs; on the contrary, it is an old one, and is forcibly illustrated by tactics employed by a famous Italian robber years ago.

This man, who was named Rinaldo-Rinaldini, was for years the terror of certain portions of Italy. His retreats were in the mountain fastness of the Apennines. He had scores of sworn men under his command, who obeyed him as implicitly as it was possible for men to obey a leader. If ever one by chance or intention failed to do so, the severest punishment was inflicted on the delinquent, and not infrequently the death of the unlucky wight was required by the relentless chief.

A favorite way of the robber chief to raise money was to carry off a member or members of rich and noble families to his hiding places, and there keep them prisoners, under guard, until a heavy ransom was offered and paid for their safe return to their families. He acquired vast sums of money in this way, as well as by house and highway robberies.

Great efforts had been made by citizens of towns to break up the band of robbers. The Princes, too, of the Italian States had repeatedly sent out expeditions to capture Rinaldo-Rinaldini and his band. Immense sums of money had from time to time been offered for the body of the chief, either dead or alive, by the authorities.

At intervals between his raids, Rinaldo disguised himself and visited the valleys and towns to spy out new prey and hear what was being said of him, and also to learn something of the plans and expeditions of his capture.

On a certain occasion he visited a town where a celebration in honor of some event was being held. He visited the square of the place, where a vast concourse was assembled, and, while there, mingled freely with the crowd. He justled a man who had known him years before, and who even now penetrated his disguise. The man instantly laid hold on him and cried out at the top of his voice, "Help! help! Here is the great robber-chief, Rinaldo-Rinaldini! Help! help!" A fierce struggle ensued. Rinaldo, too lustily cried, "Help!" so as to confound the crowd, and quickly tripped his antagonist, who fell to the ground with his face down. Rinaldo sprang upon his back and held him down, and called for help. The people rushed in and seized the fallen man and hurried him away to prison, regardless of his earnest protest that he was not the man. Rinaldo, in the meantime, quietly and quickly glided away, having, by his action, turned the attention of the people from his own guilty self to an innocent man.

The suspicion is growing stronger every day that when the Register charges the Republican party in this county—and produces no proof—with receiving large sums of money, and also charges Mr. Hertzler with lying and working unfaithfully against his neighbor, that it is playing the part of Rinaldo-Rinaldini when he sprang on the man's back, to draw the attention of the people from its own unfair work.

Steps have been taken to have an action brought in the United States Court of Utah against diguitaries of the Mormon church for adultery and bigamy. The question as to the right of men to serve as jurors who religiously believe in polygamy, is thus disposed of by Chief Justice McKean:

"The sophism by which polygamy is sought to be justified as being in harmony with American civilization is that polygamy is a religious practice; that religious toleration is one of the fundamental principles of American institutions and of the Federal Constitution; that therefore, polygamy is protected by the Constitution, and all laws enacted against it are unconstitutional. If the mass of the American people were barbarians, or if the patriarchal or the tribe system of government prevailed among them it is needless to say that our Constitution and institutions could not exist. It is not a little humiliating that it should seem to be necessary to add that our Constitution and institutions do not require, nay, do not permit the toleration of any practice which wages war against the existence of civilization. There have been religions which required the offering up of human sacrifices to the sun, and the casting of infant children to crocodiles of the Ganges, but if such deeds were done in this country, is there in all the land one so dishonest that he would attempt to justify them by the plea of its religious toleration? But why waste time in discussing such a proposition as that involved in this case? When the burglar is a fit juror to inquire into the crimes of burglary; when the robber is a fit juror to inquire into the crime of larceny; when the assassin is a fit juror to inquire into the crime of murder; then the bigamist, who swears in substance that crime is his religion, may be a fit juror to inquire into the crimes of bigamy and adultery; but thanks to centuries of Christian civilization, that time is not now, and judging from the steady progress of the human race, that time will never come. The challenge is sustained and the three jurors are rejected."

Mr. Anthony Wolf, of Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, while assisting to drive a bullock through the streets of West Newton, was turned up by the bull which knocked him down and trampled upon him, severely if not fatally injuring him.

Francis Joseph contemplates the abdication of his throne.

The Great Fire in Mifflin—The \$20,000 Appropriation—Mr. Elder, the Nominee of the Democratic Party for Treasurer, Gets a Share of It.

The effect that the burning of one-third of a town has upon its inhabitants cannot be understood by those who have not passed through such an ordeal. The sadness of the hearts of the citizens of Mifflin at dawn on the first morning of the year 1871, when one-third of the town lay in fiery embers, cannot be told. Hundreds of people came to town on that beautiful quiet wintery Sabbath day to see the ruins. On the Monday following the town was crowded, Monday of the people having come from neighboring counties; and how the town suffered, was apparent to them all.

Great distress of whatever kind, begets sympathy. Sympathy fully aroused, persuades people to work for the relief of those believed to be in need of relief. The people who visited Mifflin saw our distress. Their sympathies were aroused. They felt like extending aid to the sufferers, in money, provisions, and clothing; but no one had been authorized to receive and disburse contributions. Indeed, at that early stage of our distress, such blessings as contributions had not yet been thought of, and, if thought of by the sufferers, they were too delicate to put themselves immediately upon the charity of the community.

On Monday some persons—strangers to the town, we believe—suggested the propriety of calling a meeting of citizens of the place for the purpose of appointing a committee to receive and disburse whatever might be voluntarily sent to the sufferers. A number of our citizens acted immediately on these suggestions. A meeting was called to meet at the Court House on Monday evening; but, on learning the fact that that building was filled with the goods of the unfortunate ones, the meeting place was changed to the lecture room of the Presbyterian church. All who were there doubtless recollect the subdued and humble tone of that meeting. How thankful we felt toward every person who had aided us in any way whatever. How resolutions of thanks to the Railroad Company and to the fire departments of Lewistown and Harrisburg were passed. The meeting, too, in accordance with the object of the call, appointed a committee of six, including a treasurer, to receive and disburse whatever might be contributed for the sufferers. For days money, by voluntary contributions, came in, and at stated times it was distributed or disbursed as were also provisions, clothing, and other articles that were sent to the committee and to persons not on the committee.

In the meantime an account of our sufferings was carried to Harrisburg to the Legislature, and that body deemed it desirable to be of so serious a nature as to warrant it to appropriate \$20,000 for our sufferers and destitute and needy. The bill retained the committee appointed by the meeting of citizens, excepting the treasurer, for the disbursement of the \$20,000. The money was drawn and distributed, and of it Mr. Elder, one of the committee men, received one hundred dollars. His plea for taking that amount we have not learned. How he came to make this mistake we do not understand.

If the question had been raised at the meeting held in the Presbyterian church whether any one intrusted with the receipt or disbursement of money given for the sufferers, should receive compensation, such persons would have been justly, bitterly denounced.

It seems like a close shave to take one hundred dollars of a State appropriation for the relief of sufferers, destitute and needy—made so by a great fire—and yet the truth is that Mr. Elder, who is the nominee of the Democratic party for Treasurer, did take that amount from that appropriation fund. If Mr. Elder reaches his goal, the treasuryship, and shaves the county in proportion as he shaved the fire relief fund, the people themselves will be to blame, for they alone can put him into office.

A Kuklux Dress. A despatch to Furcy's Press, from Washington, says: "A North Carolina gentleman has left at the Star office a full suit of the dress, worn by the Kuklux Klan. It was captured upon the person of one of the members of the order recently arrested and tried in that State. The suit, which is of black cambric, is in three parts. The first is a covering for the head and shoulders, consisting of a long pointed cap, widening over the shoulders. The portion over the face is shaped into a mask with eye holes bound with white cloth and a mouth having a binding of red flannel. A false nose of red flannel, two horns of white cloth stuffed with cotton, whiskers and eyebrows of long white hair, are the other features of the face. Above the face appears the Greek Cross on white cloth, and yet above this the characters, K. K. K., No. 40. The other parts of this disguise are a gown and pantaloons, with a body faced with white cloth. The whole conceals looks like an absurd masquerading suit, but is undoubtedly the disguise worn by the North Carolina Kuklux gang when arrested, just as they were about hanging one of their victims."

Another company of United States troops arrived here to night from Fort Bridger. It is reported, and generally believed, that indictments have been found against Brigham Young to-day for murder.

"What's whisky bringing?" inquired a large dealer in that article. "Bringing men to the gallows, and women and children to want," was the reply.

THE CHOLERA.

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