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UNION REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- ASSOCIATE JUDGE DISTRICT COURT, JOHN M. KIRKPATRICK.

WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's Gazette—Second page: Poetry, Epigrams, Catholics and Their Difficulties.

U. S. BONDS at Frankfort, 66 1/2 @ 300.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 46 1/2.

Gold closed in New York Saturday at 139 1/2.

There are reports of the probable resumption of work in the anthracite coal-mining districts, this week.

The English House of Lords will reject the Irish Church Bill and precipitate a crisis on the Government and people.

A new petroleum district has been found in Utah, near the line of the Pacific railway. Its extent and positive value have not yet been fixed.

The tumultuous proceedings of the mob of Paris, perhaps, mean no more than our own political excitement and noisy partisan gatherings following elections.

The currency of the country has been contracted about seven and a half millions since March 1st.

The Republican Executive Committee for Allegheny county, which we announced elsewhere, has been judiciously and carefully formed, embracing the names of many of our most active and respected fellow citizens.

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have not been personally arraigned. They could not be expected to plead to an indictment which did not name them, since their very pleas would in that case have been taken as their own personal acceptance of the general imputation of corruption, upon the legislatures of which they had been members.

Take this county, for example. How much we have heard, here, of legislative corruption. The defamers of the party, as a party, have been repeatedly invited to support their sweeping denunciations, to name the guilty legislators and to cite the record-proofs which should convict or acquit them.

One citizen was named, W. R. FORD, a member of the legislature preceding the last, and that citizen appeared instantly to his right for a judicial enquiry into the facts, when his guilt will be established, or his libellers will suffer for an unjustifiable assault upon his good name.

Another citizen, RUSSELL ENBERT, a Senator last winter, was then specified, and he, too, resorted to the same legal redress, while his defamers—who were only safe so long as they libelled a party and reflected shame on a Commonwealth—made haste to print an abject retraction of their slanderous words, avowing that "they had no reason to suppose that he was ever influenced corruptly."

A third citizen was named. He, too, was a Republican Representative last winter, and was made for weeks the especial target for these scandalous libels, upon the honesty of a party which would dare to countenance his desire for a re-nomination to a legislative trust.

We are not the defenders of these three gentlemen; they require no advocacy of ours. Two of them need only point to the base charges swallowed by their slanderers themselves, and the third, doubtless, will place his personal vindication upon the judicial records of the Commonwealth.

So much for all the specific proofs as yet submitted to the people of Allegheny, to support these scandalous imputations of the Republican honor. Each "proof" has been squarely met, one by an appeal to the law, the two others by the amplest retractions of the charge from the accusers themselves.

And so it is all over our State. Whenever and wherever Republican journals have been found, to repeat these damning imputations upon the personal honesty of other individuals in our majority in the last Legislature, the charges have been equally vague, and not even supported, as in Allegheny, by any nominal specification.

We need not expect perfection, of Republicanism or of any other, form of human association. But we are sustained by the experience of American history, in declaring that no other form of politics has embraced so much of intelligence, of personal worth and of public

morality, as have crystallized around the Republican idea, and no party has ever so faithfully adhered to its ideas through all trials, and up to this hour.

Accuse us of defending public corruption! The charge is itself a vile injury, unless ample proof be forthcoming. Until then, we may afford to regard the accusation with the contempt which it merits.

For ourselves, we may frankly declare that we have no apologies for any form of public or private, political or social misconduct. Never have we written or printed a word which we did not ourselves believe to be the truth.

Here, in Allegheny, we have endeavored to set these questions in their true light. Our efforts have been partially successful; that they were not wholly so, was due to individual treacheries, which have been already exposed, and which are not likely to be repeated.

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- RUSSELL ENBERT, Chairman.
- W. R. FORD, Vice-Chairman.
- D. C. REPLEY, Secretary.

Washington Items.

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