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WHILE J. M. Reynolds was in one of Bedford county making speeches, denouncing Gen. Garfield a perjurer, Hon. J. H. Longenecker was following him up, denying the charge and defending the fair name of General Garfield.—*Bedford Republican.*

LET Republicans read what Mr. Maine said in a speech at Portland, the 29th day of last August. He said:

No candid man believes that a protective tariff would be upheld for a single year if the opponents of the republican party should come into power, and by just so much as any other helps to elevate the free traders to power, by so much he aids to imperil the manufacturing and agricultural interests.

WE ask Republican soldiers who shouldered their guns and went forth to fight Democratic traitors, to come to the election and help to quell the traitors at home. Jeff Davis and his colleagues plotted treason in Congress and pretended to be still for the Union, until they had their plans arranged for its overthrow.

So with the traitors at home, they went to the primary elections and voted, professing all the time to be Republicans, but as soon as they were not ready to bolt, they forfeited their pledge of honor, marched out of the party and combining with our old enemies, set up an Independent ticket. What is the difference between Jeff Davis' treason to the Union, and theirs to the party? Turn out, soldiers, and prove to these traitors that treason is, and always will be, odious.

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In 1880 until August 1st, Mr. Reynolds was editor of the Gazette, and our readers will examine the files of that paper during the month of July, 1880, they will see how bitter the fight was waged against General Garfield by Mr. Reynolds. "Credit Mobilier" and "DeGolyer" Garfield were the names he called him, and the columns of the paper were filled from week to week with the effort to blacken the character of General Garfield. Mr. Reynolds was chairman of the Democratic County Committee during the whole campaign, and Republicans will remember, how in the darkness of the night, the door steps and front doors of Republicans were placarded with the infamous label on Garfield in big letters, "329." Now Mr. Reynolds is asking Republicans to support him, and is spreading broad cast over Bedford and Somerset counties a speech he purports to have made praising Garfield after his death. Let Mr. Reynolds publish and send out some of his speeches of 1880 in which he called General Garfield a perjurer and denounced him as a bribe-taker. Republicans will remember Mr. Reynolds and "329."—*Bedford Republican.*

## General Campbell and Polygamy.

The democratic newspaper can always be depended on to do absurd things in New York one of the speakers alluded to the democratic party as "an organized mistake" and this happy remark is likely to become a national proverb. The leaders and organs are perpetually showing what adept hands they are at blundering and how sadly they are at sea in estimating the intelligence of the voters. A recent notable example of the lack of common sense displayed by the average democratic newspaper is an article in the last issue of the *Somerset Democrat* wherein it is charged that Gen. Campbell voted to sustain polygamy. The official record shows that General Campbell not only did not vote to sustain polygamy but that he steadfastly voted for the Edmunds bill, which is now the law of the land and which disfranchises polygamists. The record further shows that while every Republican in the house voted for the Edmunds bill at every stage of its passage through that body, over forty democrats voted as steadily against it. For instance, the eighth section of the bill disfranchises polygamists and declares them ineligible to any office in, under or for any such territory or place, or under the United States. A democrat, Mr. Mills of Texas, moved to strike out this section. Forty four Democrats and not one republican voted to so strike out. General Campbell and all the other republicans present and voting, supported the section and it stood as a part of the bill. And on the final passage of the bill forty-two democrats and not a single republican voted against it. The anti-polygamy bill became a law in spite of the strenuous opposition of a large body of democratic representatives, and yet a democratic paper in this district has the audacity to charge the sins of its own party to the accounts of Gen. Campbell!

But the point of the *Democrat's* article, if it can be said to have a point, consists in its attempt to make it appear that Gen. Campbell's vote on the resolution to seat George Q. Cannon, as delegate from Utah, was a vote in favor of polygamy, whereas the question of polygamy did not enter into the matter at all. The facts in the case are as follows:

George Q. Cannon, who had already sat in congress eight years, six of them under a democratic majority, was re-elected from Utah in November, 1880, by a vote of 18,565 to 1,357 over A. G. Campbell. At the time of his re-election there was no law making a polygamist ineligible to a seat in congress. It was not on the ground that he was an alien. Now it so happened that a previous congress had passed upon this question and had decided that Cannon was a duly naturalized citizen of the United States. There was no attempt to deny that he had received an immense majority of all the votes cast, and the Edmunds bill did not become a law until about eighteen months after Cannon had been elected. While this law would prevent his election in the future it could not affect the validity of his election in November, 1880, since the constitution expressly forbids *ex-post facto*

legislation. Convinced that Cannon was a citizen of the United States, that he had been duly elected and that he could not lawfully be prejudiced by legislation which had occurred after his election, General Campbell obeyed the dictates of his conscience and voted for the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That George Q. Cannon was duly elected and returned a delegate from the territory of Utah, and is entitled to a seat as delegate in the 47 congress.

Seventy-seven members of the democratic party voted with General Campbell for the above resolution. Whatever may have been their motives he was actuated by an honest purpose to judge fairly. He had previously voted to place on the statute books a law which would render it impossible for Cannon or any other polygamist to get back into congress. But he was unwilling to do a wrong to any man, however unpopular or despised.

The democratic party which championed the cause of polygamy in congress and bitterly opposed the passage of the Edmunds bill had better be careful how it attempts to handle this polygamy question. It will probably burn its own fingers and certainly do no damage to Gen. Campbell.—*Altoona Morning Tribune.*

Although the *Democrat* went to press at the usual time last Tuesday morning its editor refused to allow the paper to be circulated until after dark and instructed the carrier not to go out until the *HERALD* was carried around. This is not to be wondered at as it contained more lies to the square, including the fraudulent O'Connor card, than any paper it has issued during the campaign. Such papers ought never be circulated till after dark.

## Sixty Thousand Families Rendered Homeless by the Typhoon.

MADRID, Oct. 24.—An official dispatch from Manila dated the 21st inst. states that the typhoon destroyed all the wooden and thatched houses and carried away the iron and tiled roofs of the others. Sixty thousand families are homeless. The barracks, hospitals, government offices and factories are destroyed. The loss of life, however, was relatively small. Malacan and Boulacon were also destroyed. Communication is interrupted between Manila and the other towns on the Island of Luzon.

ED. *HERALD*.—The *Meyersdale Commercial* of the 27th inst., takes the liberty to refer to my speech at the Weller school house, in this county, in which the statement is made that my speech was mainly a personal tirade against Gen. Koontz, F. J. Keoser, Esq., and other prominent members of the Independent Republican party. In reply I would only say that the statement is an unmitigated falsehood, manufactured out of whole cloth. As for the other epithets applied to me in the same and other articles, they are personal, to which I would disdain to reply, since it is but the upheavings of troubled waters and the foul tongue of slander. Yours respectfully,

Confluence, Oct. 28. B. A. FIGHTER.

Take it straight: don't scratch.

Hon. J. H. LONGENECKER stumped Bedford county for Garfield and exposed and denounced the venomous lies heaped upon him by Mr. Reynolds.—*Bedford Republican.*

The Republicans of Jenner X Roads and vicinity propose holding a rally and having a torch-light procession on Monday evening, Nov., 6th. The procession will form at Jenner X Roads and march to Jentertown and back to Cross Roads where the meeting will be held.

Mr. J. M. Reynolds is saying very sweet words to the Independent Republicans of this and Somerset counties trying to capture their votes with taffy. If these men had been in Bedford county two years ago and had heard Reynolds defame and slander General Garfield from the platform calling him a corrupt and perjured scoundrel, they would not be long in deciding for whom to vote.—*Bedford Republican.*

## A drover Waylaid and Robbed.

FRYEBURGH, Me., Oct. 26.—John Q. Mason, a drover of Albany, was waylaid and robbed about dusk last night near Lynchville. The robber addressed Mason in a familiar tone, saying: "Give me a ride, John;" then threw pepper in his victim's eyes, while an accomplice bound his arms and relieved him of \$1,061 and a watch.

## Murder Near Johnstown.

JOHNSTOWN, Oct. 23.—Near South Fork, this county, about ten o'clock on Saturday night, Steven Moore shot and killed Daniel Finnegan. The Moores keep a disreputable house. Finnegan and others went there and were ordered away. All walked away except Finnegan. Moore then took up a gun and sent a load of buckshot into Finnegan's head. Moore gave himself up and is now in jail.

## Terrible Place for a Fight.

LEWISTOWN, ME., Oct. 29.—Matthew Connor and Patrick O'Connell, hod carriers got into a fight on the wall of a new building at Auburn, where they were working this morning, and closed in conflict on the edge of the third story wall. They lost their balance and fell, clasped in each other's embrace fifty feet to the ground, being instantly killed. Both leave large families.

## Enticed from His Home and Murdered.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26.—Advices from Christian county, in Southwest Missouri, say that Daniel Stephenson, a young son of a widow lady, was enticed or forced from his home last Saturday night by two men, named Bill Wilson and A. J. Iaman, and murdered on the roadside, his head being crushed with a wagon stake. No cause is assigned for the deed. A posse of enraged citizens is scouring the woods for the murderers.

The Republicans of Confluence will hold a grand rally and will have a torch-light procession Monday evening November 6th.