

THE CAMPAIGN.

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THE SECRETS OF THE CONSPIRACY.

MURDER WILL OUT.

Tate, Jacoby, and Doctor John Working Together.

Jacoby to Print the Regular Republican Ticket with Tate's Name Added, and Doctor John to Send Them Out with the Tickets.

Doctor John to Print the Democratic Ticket with Mercur's Name Substituted for Judge Elwell's, and Tate's Name Substituted for Captain Chaffin's.

TATE MAKING WAR UPON THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

The Bolters to Trade Judge Elwell for Mercur and Tate.

The Circular of Samuel Knorr, Esq., late Colonel of a Negro Regiment, and now Chairman of the Republican Standing Committee of Columbia County.

The following circular was printed at the office of the Columbia County Republican, and sent out by Doctor John along with the bogus Democratic tickets and regular Radical tickets printed by himself, and the regular Radical tickets printed by Jacoby, with Tate's name added.

The Bogus Democratic tickets printed by Doctor John are for the purpose of enabling the Bolters to trade Judge Elwell for Mercur and Tate.

So we find what claims to be the regular Democratic press engaged in printing the regular Radical ticket. Thus the plot thickens. But it would not do for Jacoby to send such tickets to his former Democratic friends.

By section one hundred and ten of the election law above mentioned it is provided that:

"If any person shall use or practise any intimidation, threats, force, or violence with design to influence, or to prevent any election, or to prevent the freedom of choice, such person on conviction shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars and be imprisoned for any time, not less than one, nor more than twelve months."

By the act of Assembly just recited it appears that the vote of every person qualified under the State constitution and laws must be received, that its rejection is an indictable offense.

This question has been fully decided by the Supreme Court of this State, and therefore cannot come within the province of an election board. No man's private feelings can be consulted in a matter. We have laws laid down for your guidance and control, and we must observe them in determining the qualifications of a voter.

It is desirable that election officers and citizens should pay due attention to the laws of this State regulating the right of suffrage. It is the duty of all good citizens to observe the laws of the land and see that no qualified voter is denied the privilege of the elective franchise.

In all cases where there may have been a rejection of legal voters, or an intimidation of voters, it will be incumbent upon me as representing the interests of the Commonwealth to see that prosecutions are promptly instituted and due punishment inflicted.

- STATE. Governor, Heister Clymer. JUDICIARY. Associate Judges, Peter K. Herbelin, Iram Derr. COUNTY. Congress, Ulysses Mercur, State Senator, George D. Jackson. Assembly, Levi L. Tate. Prothonotary & Clerk of Court, Jesse Coleman. Register & Recorder, John G. Freeze. Commissioner, Montgomery Cole. Auditor, John P. Hannan.

On Monday afternoon a very large and enthusiastic meeting of Democrats assembled in Benton. Abram Young, Esq., was President. The meeting was addressed by Colonel John G. Freeze at length on all the issues of the day. He urged the voters to be out on election day early, and see that no vote was left at home.

The Right of Suffrage.

As District Attorney for this County, and under obligations such to prosecute offenders against the laws of the Commonwealth, I deem it my duty, to call your attention to a question of voting at the approaching election.

In the Constitution of the State, you will find the qualifications of an elector, plainly set forth; and until there be some Radical change in that instrument, we must accept it as it is.

The General Election Laws more fully recite these qualifications, and these laws must be our guide in demanding who shall, and who shall not participate in the privileges of the ballot-box.

It has been maintained by some, for political effect, that a class of persons commonly called "deserters," are not entitled to vote at State elections, and that an election board must reject their votes.

On the eleventh day of June, 1883, an act of Assembly was passed intended to carry into effect the act of Congress passed on the third of March, 1865, depriving certain persons commonly called "deserters" of the right to vote. Subsequent to this, the Supreme Court of this State has pronounced that the act of Congress cannot be enforced by election boards, they can only act after trial and conviction by competent tribunals.

The act of Congress means that the forfeiture which it prescribes, like all other penalties for desertion, must be adjudged to the convicted persons, AFTER TRIAL BY COMPETENT TRIBUNALS AND SENTENCE APPROVED. For the conviction and sentence of such a court, there can be no substitute. They alone establish the guilt of the accused, and fasten upon him the legal consequences, such, we think, is the true meaning of the act, a construction that cannot be denied to it without losing sight of all previous legislation respecting the subject matter, no part of which does this act profess to alter.

The ground taken by Judge Strong is, that there must be an accusation—a trial—a conviction—a sentence—an approval of that sentence; and a record showing all these named precede the punishment. Not until all this has been gone through with, can an election board legally reject the vote of any of that class of persons called "deserters."

All persons are presumed innocent until they are proven guilty. They are not to be punished without a record evidence of conviction. By the one hundred and third section of the General Election Law of second of July, 1890, it is provided:

"If any Inspector or Judge of any election shall knowingly reject the vote of any qualified citizen, or each of the persons so offending, shall on conviction, be punished in the manner prescribed in the one hundred and seventh section of the act, to-wit: by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred."

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- M. M. TRAUQUIL, District Attorney. BLOOMSBURG, October 2, 1890.

A New Candidate for Assembly in the Field. The following we clip from the Montour American:

Tate's Object.

The conspiracy between Tate, Jacoby, and Doctor John, has some special object not yet fully developed. That is evident to every man in the County. Tate was a candidate for the Senate. Before the meeting of the convention Doctor John expressed a preference for Tate. The people wondered and pondered. When the Convention met, the leaders of the Conspiracy proceeded a step further in their plot. They had the following resolution passed, to-wit:

Resolved, That John Snyder and Robert C. Fruit be the Representative Congresses to support the choice of Montour County, provided they support the candidate of this county for State Senator.

The object of course, was to force on the district the nomination of Tate, as had been previously arranged between the high contracting parties. The scheme failed, because Judge Oaks, who knew Tate well, would not be induced to support him.

They became desperate in their despair. Tate and Doctor John, after long conferences with the Republican leaders, obtained the engagement of Doctor John, C. F. Knapp, and the Rev. Rowley Beckley, that no Radical candidate should be nominated, and that they would support Tate. The chairman of the Standing Committee was organized upon, the Berwick paper was secured, and the party bound hand and foot and handed over to Doctor John.

Thus Tate having failed in his Senatorial aspirations, was, for a consideration, induced to bolt the nomination, and (upon the assurance by John, Knapp, and Beckley, of Republican support) withdrew for Assembly.

Now, why does Tate so persistently seek to secure a seat in some branch of the Legislature, and why do the Republicans enter into a bargain with him to give him their vote? Of course it is not for the mere honor of a seat there that Tate persists—that, by the favor of the party he seeks to destroy, he has once enjoyed. Nor do the Republicans vote for him out of love for the man, however much they may love the treason of which he is to be the chief instrument.

Wounded Birds Plunder. Just look at the insolence of this man LITTLE. He calls the whole Democratic Standing Committee of Columbia County, the Representative Congresses, and those persons who signed a letter to the Committee, asking the nomination of Colonel Tate, for Representatives, THE WHISKEY BRIGADE!

This is the secret, and accounts for the great industry of the Bolters in bagging names to the Tate bill-papers; in hopes thereby to divide the responsibility among so many, as to save their own necks. When we christened them as the "Whiskey Brigade," they knew perfectly well that we referred to the Bolters; and in the same paper we explained as follows: "Under this designation (Bolters), we do not intend to include the great majority of the short list of names appended to the statement published, but only the leaders, by whose influence all the others were obtained, and whose determination to rule or ruin the party is now manifest to the nearest equality."

It has turned out just as we expected, that the Whiskey Brigade, would take refuge under the cover of the names of respectable persons they had extorted by begging and deception; notwithstanding it is well known that a large portion of this small number are doing all they can for Captain Chaffin and the whole Democratic ticket.

"LITTLE, in his CAMPAIGN, says that Doctor John is to print Colonel Tate's name along with the Republican ticket for circulation. This is not the fact. Doctor John has nothing to do with Tate's ticket."—DEMOCRAT AND STAR.

No, of course not. After the CAMPAIGN issued, Tate, Jacoby, and Doctor John made different arrangements. Jacoby printed regular Radical Republican tickets, with Tate's name added, and delivered them to Doctor John or Samuel Knorr, who sent them out along with the tickets Doctor John printed himself and the circular of Samuel Knorr contained in another column. Doctor John did also print falsely, a bogus Democratic ticket, with Mercur's name substituted for that of Elwell with Tate's name substituted for that of Chaffin; as seen in another column. The ticket and circular referred to can be seen at the office of the editor of this paper. So friend Jacoby, don't keep your paper back from your town subscribers any longer on our account. Your paper circulated in Catawissa yesterday, and you see we have got a copy somehow. We go to press now, so send us your paper.

We allow the abuse and slander of individuals in the Democrat and Star to go unmentioned for the present. We are too busy with the election to spend time in relating the falsehoods and slanders of that sheet, which has grown desperate and reckless under the general condemnation of the Democracy. But we shall hereafter vindicate the true men of our party who have been assailed by it. That concern is giving its last desperate kicks, premonitory of death, against the party which has given it generous support and confidence.

On Friday evening the Democracy of Millin Township assembled at the academy in Millinville. John Michael was chosen President. The meeting was addressed by Colonel J. G. Freeze. The Democrats of old Millin will be out in their strength and will support the ticket, the whole ticket, and nothing but the ticket! Look out for thunder.

WHAT will the old Simon Cameron do to carry the Bolter's Candidate, and thus secure his election to the United States Senate? He tried his hand when Senator Buckalew was elected, and failed.

The Market Street Colonel.

In the last Democrat and Star, Colonel Tate says: "that letters were signed by myself, John G. Freeze, and others, years ago, to Oaks and Jackson, but never was it then thought or supposed by either of us, or even Members themselves, until the bill had passed the House of Representatives, that it was to be at the expense of the taxpayers of Columbia County." Now it will be seen by Colonel Tate's letters to Jackson, in another column, that like his letter to Oaks, they were signed by no person but himself. And we would inquire how the bill for opening and widening of Market Street at the expense of the County could have passed the House of Representatives without the knowledge of Colonel Tate, or even the Members themselves? Certainly the Members who passed the bill knew what it was. Again, where did Colonel Tate suppose the money was to come from to widen Market Street and pay for six or seven dwelling-houses and land, to at least the amount of ten or twelve, and perhaps fifteen thousand dollars? If the people of Bloomsburg were to have paid for it, they certainly had no occasion to apply to the Legislature. Colonel Tate and every body else in Bloomsburg knew perfectly well that the whole object of the bill was, to get Bloomsburg improved at the expense of the County. That was the plan long before Colonel Tate's bill was sent to Harrisburg, and the Editor of the Columbia Democrat was expected to have sufficient influence with our Representatives to hurry the bill through before the people in the County could hear of it. Hence he wrote to Jackson to "take hold of it as soon as it comes from the Senate. It must be done." Certainly, our neighbor did not expect the people of Bloomsburg to pay for it. The people will believe about as much of his explanation as they do of his denial contained in the Democrat and Star of the twenty-second of August, 1890. Writing over his own signature, and referring to the charge that he had been in favor of opening Market Street, he said:

"I had fondly hoped that this ancient bugbear of ever recurring BLENDED, TO WHICH I HAVE EVER BEEN OPPOSED, had vanished and gone to the Tombs of Capulet!"

When Colonel Tate was up Fishing Creek, procuring names to his bill-paper, they refused to sign on the ground that it would split the party and give the Radicals a chance. Thereupon the Colonel pledged himself that if the Radicals should nominate a candidate he would immediately withdraw, and throw his influence in favor of Captain Chaffin. He also told them that "the understanding was that the Republicans should not nominate a candidate for Representative." This he said in the presence of Cyrus Robinson and others. Now the Colonel claims that he is the regular nominee of the Democracy, and says in his address contained in the Democrat and Star of last week as follows: "In a word, I am the only regular nominee of the Democracy of Columbia County for Representative to the Legislature in the district composed of the Counties of Columbia and Montour." What, the regular nominee of the unfeeling Democracy withdrew in the event of the opposite party having a candidate? As it is denied by everybody except Bolters themselves that Colonel Tate is the regular nominee of the Democracy, we naturally looked for some proof of such a bold assertion, but in vain. In all his lengthy address he does not attempt to show when and how such nominations first became regular, nor give a single instance when the Democracy of Columbia made nominations in the manner he claims to have been nominated. On the contrary, the uniform practice has always been in conformity to the following rule of the Democratic party, regularly adopted and in force, viz: "All nominations of candidates shall be in County Convention." Unforeseen contingencies might happen when it would be proper for the Standing Committee to call the Democratic County Convention together; but if such event had happened, there would have been other candidates, and the Convention would have appointed Congresses in favor of some man other than "the Market Street Colonel."

More of Tate's Letters in favor of Market Street. BLOOMSBURG, MARCH 19, 1892. HON. G. D. JACKSON, Dear Sir:—Accept my thanks for the notice of the Sullivan Standing Committee. I hope to see you next Tuesday. Colonel Freeze will come with me to Harrisburg.

Friend Jackson, you can do us all a great favor by pushing the bill through the House of Representatives for widening and straightening the Bloomsburg Market Street. Take hold of it as soon as it comes from the Senate. It must be done. Yours, very sincerely,

LEVI L. TATE. BLOOMSBURG, MARCH 22, 1892. G. D. JACKSON, Esq., Dear Sir:—Colonel Freeze sent a letter to Harrisburg post-offices to my address last week too late for me. His letters enclosed explains, please get it and return to me here. Yours very truly,

LEVI L. TATE. P.S.—Also inform me in that connection, if you please, in what state our bills are in—PUT THEM THROUGH. T.

DEMOCRATS inform us that Tate is traveling the county and abusing and denouncing President Johnson. He is carrying out Doctor John's instructions, and fitting himself for re-election into full communion with the Radical Republicans. Good-by, Levi!

It is said that Mercur is using his extra two thousand dollars as an electioneering fund. Does anybody know whether that helped the bolt in Columbia County?

LATEST NEWS.

THE CONNECTICUT ELECTIONS.

THE CONSERVATIVES CARRY THE DAY BY LARGE INCREASED MAJORITY.

The following dispatch has been received at the office of the Times in this city.

HARTFORD, October 2. We have returns from one third of the town elections of yesterday. The Democrats and Conservatives have decided gains over the Republicans in Glastonbury, Sanbury, Middletown, Canton, Granby, etc., where strict political tests were made.

The Republicans were defeated, and every one of these towns was gained to the Democrats and Conservatives.

COLONEL TATE said to Sheriff Samuel Snyder and others as follows, viz: "I have no assurance that if I am a candidate for Assembly, the Republicans will not have a candidate." When another man told the Colonel that he would get nothing but Republican votes, Colonel Tate replied: "I do not care what votes I get, only so I get enough to elect me." So Colonel Tate is doing the story about "once when he was the Democratic candidate for Assembly he took Andrew Greeving into his buggy to ride with him, when Mr. Greeving told the Colonel that he believed he would vote for him, Colonel Tate replied that he did not want him to vote for him, nor any other Republican. All that he wanted of him, and all the like of him, was just to vote against him and talk against him, and then he would do him (the Colonel) a favor." Oh, Levi L. Tate! The man of "much consequence!" How hast thou fallen to the ground!

Prior to the election last Fall the editor of the Columbia County Republican instructed the election officers to reject the votes of certain persons denominated deserters. By acting on this advice some one or more of this editor's friends was subjected to the costs and expenses of a prosecution resulting in their conviction. Most men would have been satisfied with one effort to get their friends into trouble, especially if they had been successful in doing so as was this effort. But we are sorry to see this is not the case with Doctor John. He repeats his advice to the election officers and begs them to obey a law which even his able lawyers will tell him, if they know anything, is clearly unconstitutional. We advise our Republican boards of election before acting on the Doctors advice to consult Mr. Bok, of Harrisburg. He can tell just how much it costs an election officer to follow this advice.

Who are the Bolters? In looking over the list of names we find some who took money from Swanton and electioneered with it against Hon. John M. Reynolds when he was a candidate for Congress. Will the people permit this? Will the people permit that these same men to defeat Captain Chaffin, the Democratic candidate for Assembly, as they defeated the Congressmen? Is somebody in Tate's interest furnishing the money? Is the Whiskey Brigade always in the market?

The Democracy of Robinson and vicinity held a large and enthusiastic meeting on Friday evening last. They were addressed by General W. H. Ent, Captain George W. Pitt, and Charles G. Barkley, Esq. Judge Evans, the President, made a few very appropriate remarks, urging the Democracy to be true and steadfast. Altogether the meeting was a success.

A MAN in Millville sends by Captain Williamson for Tate tickets. He is informed that they will be sent out by Doctor John, along with the regular Radical tickets. Tate has an arrangement with Doctor John, by which Jacoby is to print the regular Republican ticket with Tate's name added, and the Doctor is to send them out along with the regular Republican ticket, which he prints himself.

It is now certain that Mercur lost at least twenty or thirty votes by speaking his piece in the Court House. It was prepared for Bradford County; and had he kept it there, many of those who were his friends could not have been made to believe that he was in favor of negro suffrage. Mercur is evidently fit for nothing more than a county politician.

MR. DEAS was originally talked of as a Candidate for Assembly, but finding that Captain Chaffin would beat him in Montour, he concluded, against the wish of Chaffin's friends, to run for the Senate, and thus secured the control of the conference. They were never under the influence of Mr. Chaffin or his friends, but always antagonistic to them.

WHAT BECOMES of Hon. Butler, Dan. Dickerson, Ed. Stanton, Joe. Holt, Dave. Whitout, Ulysses Mercur, also Democrats, after they began to associate with Republicans? Every one knows they went once and a body. What is to become of Bolter Tate and his friends, judging them also by the company they keep?

A DEMOCRATIC meeting was held at the public house of Mr. Israel Mumman, in Esopus, on Tuesday evening last. It was addressed by M. M. Traugh, Esq., District Attorney, and by Colonel Freeze. There is a very good prospect of a conservative gain in the township; and a similar sentiment is to be observed everywhere.

COLONEL FREEZE addressed a large Democratic meeting at Williamsport, on the evening of the twenty-second ultimo.

POSTSCRIPT.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 5. We stop the press to insert the following letter of declination from Colonel Tate, just handed us. We are glad to see that he discovows all complicity with the scheme of trading votes stated in Colonel Knorr's secret circular. Democrats, close up the ranks and move forward united, firm and exultant in the certain triumph which awaits us! EN, TO THE DEMOCRACY OF COLUMBIA COUNTY.

It having become "patent" to us all that the contest on the Representative question, if continued in this district, would be likely to complicate, to some extent, the general questions involved in the coming election, and to some extent to jeopardize the value of the vote of the Democracy here, and being exceedingly anxious, as I have always been, for the success of Democratic principles, and that nothing on my part should be done to impede the onward march of the moral and political forces which must eventually control the country, I deliberately and thoughtfully retire from the field, as a candidate for Representative in the State Legislature. This I do for the reasons above assigned, and not because I was not fairly the choice of the Democracy. Leaving this question undiscussed, I shall be found now, as at all former times, holding holdly for the principles of our time-honored party. Thankful for the ardent support of my numerous friends, I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant, LEVI L. TATE. BLOOMSBURG, October 5, 1890. TATE will be very badly beaten. He is running now simply as the tool and victim of Doctor John and of the Whiskey Brigade. He will get neither Democratic nor Republican votes in Montour, and in this county but a small portion of the Democratic vote, and a part of the Republican vote (in case a Republican candidate is not sprung upon us on the eve of the election). He is run for purposes of cheating and trading in the interest of Mercur, the Negro Suffrage candidate for Congress, and that is the whole of it unless the Radicals conclude to run a man of their own and slip him in on the split.

The Democrat and Star is Sinking. E. R. ICEBERG has sold out his interest in the concern, and W. H. Jacoby is discouraged. He says in his paper of last week that "we care little how many papers are printed—misery loves company—as publishing a country newspaper is a thankless, shabby business, to make the best of it." What else could be expected when the Democratic organ makes war upon the Democratic party? Let him learn to never again betray his friends; and like the other rat, let him hasten and desert the sinking ship.

The Bolters talk about the people, desiring and urging the bolt. Why bless their simple souls, there are in Columbia County over three thousand Democratic voters; and, deducting electioneers, less than one hundred and fifty appear to Tate's manifesto. And they are the people! Did anybody ever hear such impudence? One swallow does not make a summer, nor does one Bolter, in more than twenty honest Democrats, make the people.

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, a Democratic meeting was held at Shabtown. We did not learn the names of the officers. The meeting was addressed by Colonel Freeze, E. R. Ikoler, Joseph Campbell, and by Captain Thomas Chaffin, the Democratic candidate for Legislature. The ball is rolling on. There will be a glorious victory for "the whole ticket."

We advise our political friends throughout the county to keep up a keen look-out for bogus tickets on election day. There are desperate men about who will bear watching. Let all cheating and trading of votes be prevented by vigilance and a stern determination among Democrats that there shall be an honest election.

A DISPATCH was left at the telegraph office, at Bloomsburg, last Saturday, before three o'clock, P. M., directed to Hon. Paul Leidy, Danville, informing him that Mr. Buckalew would speak in Danville the same evening. The dispatch was not received in Danville till about seven o'clock P. M., four hours after. Can anybody tell the reason?

A VERY large meeting of the Democracy of Danville and vicinity was addressed, on Saturday night, by Senator Buckalew. His speech has been reported by D. F. Murphy, and will be published. We bespeak for it an attentive perusal by all into whose hands it may fall.

ON Monday evening the Democrats of Montour Township assembled at Dietterick's school-house. They were addressed by Doctor P. H. Freeze and Charles G. Barkley, Esq. We are told the speeches were to the point and well received by the audience.

At the Radical meeting held at Orangetown on Monday evening, to make up an audience the children from the "Soldiers" Orphan School were brought in, an outrage of no ordinary character when it is remembered that this school is supported from the hard earned taxes of Democrats.

Go to the polls early on Tuesday next, and remain active and vigilant during the day. Look out for bogus tickets; send for voters who are not early in attendance, and see that no intimidation or undue influence is exercised over doubtful votes. Work will win.

In the next number of the "Campaign" we shall give the result of the election, and shall endeavor to do justice to several deferred subjects.