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The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* reproduces this article, copied by the Jefferson City, (Mo.) *Examiner* of December 12, 1857, from the Albany, (N. Y.) *Argus*. Its perusal recalls the principles and practices of the last Democratic National Administration, that of James Buchanan:

Postmasters are not bound to aid the circulation of any newspaper, and it is their duty to furnish the accommodations of the mail to all. But they are indebted for their offices to their political friends, to which they belong. Their duty to that party—simple good faith to their political associates—requires that they should, so far as they reasonably can, reciprocate the kindness of the party which has conferred office upon them by aiding in upholding its principles and perfecting its organization and contributing to its success. In no way can this so conveniently and efficiently be done by them as by extending the circulation of Democratic newspapers.

There is not a postmaster at the smallest country hamlet who can not, by a small amount of labor and a little tact increase the circulation of Democratic newspapers in his neighborhood. Where postmasters refuse to recognize their obligation to their political friends to do this, and especially where they engage in circulating black Republican newspapers, it is perfectly fair, nay, it is the duty of self-preservation, for the Democratic party to dispense with their services, and bestow their offices upon those who have a more correct appreciation of political duties.

More than this, these Post Office appointments, as long as it is agreed they are political ones, should be in efficient hands. They should be bestowed upon those who have the disposition and the skill to aid and strengthen their party in the locality, and where they are now in the hands which fail to accomplish this end changes should unhesitatingly be made. On no other principle of distributing political patronage can a party be sustained. In the case of postmasters, a pretty good index of their political efficiency is afforded by the number of Democratic newspapers circulated through their respective offices.

Recently several friends of Mr. George H. Stuart proposed to that gentleman the idea of starting a new bank, to be known as the Mechanics' National Bank, or such other name as might be agreed upon. Its capital was not to exceed \$500,000. To this proposition Mr. Stuart acceded. Without any publicity or any very special effort the subscriptions commenced the first day with over \$100,000 and coming in daily for more or less the past week, and by yesterday the whole sum of \$500,000 was subscribed, with more applicants at the last than could be supplied.

There are eleven subscriptions of \$25,000, one of \$30,000 and one of \$20,000, with a large number of \$10,000.

The subscription list represents some of the largest banking, commercial and manufacturing firms in the city, several of which firms will be represented in the new board of directors, soon to be chosen. The committee have already leased the building, on Fourth street, one door below Chestnut, owned and recently occupied by the Provident Life and Trust Company, and as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed the bank will be ready for business. This building is admirably adapted for banking purposes, having every convenience for directors, officers and clerks, and an excellent fire and burglar proof vault, put in by the

owners for their own use at a large expense. Four of the firms alone represented among the shareholders sell goods to the amount of twenty millions of dollars annually.—*Philadelphia Press*.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Monroe county Mississippi, lately passed a resolution "that there should no longer be any Radical school teacher employed in the capacity of school teacher" and requiring a certificate from an applicant as follows:

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