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furnish funds to prosecute Senator quay's detractors will be declined with the usual dignity and silence. But if Mr. Blankenburg will keep himself and all other reputable Republicans quiet on the subject of Quay's detractors until after the election, for a consideration, he can name his own price and the amount will be forthcoming, even if the State Treasury has to be plundered again and the Standard Oil Company bankrupted to reach the result. It isn't money that Quay wants in the present emergency. It's deep, broad, solid and substantial silence.

What can the country think of a United States Senator who rises in United States Senator who rises in State Road Commission.

"Puck" On the Republican Pars.

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borrowing money. At the present time the road supervisors are, as a rule, totally unfit for their duties. The counties should appoint some man or men who are practical engineers, and who would do this work as county officials. The State should help in this matter, and distribute the money appropriated in the same manner as the school money is distributed now. The State should help only those townships which help them solves. As to the system of "working out" the taxes, the gentleman declared it a fraud. When farmers go out to work on the road they are out on a pic-nic; at least he used to so consider it.

Andrew Patterson, of Idlewood, objected to the Road Supervisor being the supreme creature he now is. He is actually the only man in the United States who levies taxes and spends the money without giving any more account than can be shown on the face of a receipt. The Township Auditors ought to make the assessment, or less a local Commission should be appointed for the paragraph of the supreme was the suprementation of the supervisor should be appointed for the paragraph. borrowing money. At the present time the road supervisors are, as a rule, totally unfit for their duties. The counties should appoint some man or men who sh

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control of the townships.

Mr. Patterson is strongly opposed to convict labor as being demoralizing and expensive. Other gentlemen expressed similar views.

Chairman Harlan appointed the fol-

lowing sub-committee to prepare a bill for submission to the Legislature: Messrs. John G. Foight, Westmoreland, Chairman, A. S. Mylin, Lancaster; H. K. Sloan, Indiana; Cyrus Gordon, Clear-field; H. S. Goowin, South Bethlehem.
The committee is believed to favor State appropriations for roads and county control.

Motive of the Force Bill.

One political iniquity is sure to beget another and a greater in the efforts of partisans to protect themselves against the consequences of their acts. Out of a wanton crime against the just rights of representation has grown the Devenport-Lodge Force bill. At the opening of the present session of Congress the Republican leaders resolved to eject a sufficient number of Democratic members to se cure a reliable working majority in the House. To this end the Committee on Elections was packed by Speaker on Elections was packed by Speaker Reed with unscrupulous partisan at-torneys, ready to commit any iniquity against the rights of representation and able to invent plausible pretexts for the wrong. Upon one pretense or another ten Democratic members, most of them chosen by large majorities, have been ejected from their seats, and more would follow if any occasion should be thought to exist for increasing the Republican force in the House.

Up to the time when this policy of wholesale decapitation of Representa-tives was carried out the Lodge and Rowell Election bills were treated with indifference and neglect by the majority of the Republican members. But in the fear of retaliation, should the Democrats obtain a majority in the next House, a bill combining Coercion with Corruption was deemed a party necessity. Then it was that Jno. I. Davenport was summon-confusing. ed to Washington to aid Representative Lodge in preparing the details of a measure for depriving the people of the im-memorial right of conducting their own elections

The Committee on Elections has furnished more than one iniquitous pre-cedent which could be employed by a Democratic majority in the next House to plague the inventors. This motive of fear, more than any other, impelled the Republican leaders of the House to secure machinery for use in Federal elections, which is so contrived as to encourage the systematic corruption of elections and the coercion of voters. The supervisors, deputy marshals and Returning Boards can be used to promote fraud in the interest of the dominant Iraud in the interest of the dominant party in one district, and to oppress its opponents in another. In its practical working this tremendous enginery of Federal power would enable its operators to control the elections for Congress in some portions of the country by fraud and in others by force with the same impunity.

impunity.

That the fear of vengeance on the part of the Republican leaders for their outrages upon the right of representation is groundless is shown by the moderation of the results of ton and impartiality with which Democratic Houses have decided contested elections. Though the temptation to employ Republican precedents for partisan retaliation has been strong, the Democrats have manfully and patriotally residual in the property of the design of the day.

That is the way Democrats meet i they have strained a point in favor of their political opponents, so as to avoid the appearance of infleting a wrong upon the sacred principles of representation. But the Republican leaders in the House could not give the Democrats credit for higher political motives than their own, and they resolved to put themselves by this Force bill beyond the nents or of the

reach of the vengeance of their opponents or of the power of public opinion.

Fortunately the Senate of the United States is inspired neither by the motives What can the country think of united States Senator who rises in his seat and uses the following language: "While I favor passing the Tariff bill, sooner than that this Congress should not pass the Federal Election bill, I would prefer to see every manufacturing establishment in Massachusetts burned to ashes and the people of that State required to labor in callings, in which they could not make more than 50 cents a day and be required to live on codish." Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, publicly made this declaration in the Senate. He is an excellent specimen of the present Republican leaders.

Trace a word that has been borne with honor by men who lived and died for the highest aims of patriotism.

State Road Commission met in Pittsburg last week and heard the views of a number of gentlemen on the subject of improving the public roads of the State. Alba J. Gilulian, of Martha, N. Y., said he had traveled about the state considerably and found that the majority of the Senate would be defictively addressed to the Republican majority of the Senate would be that the bill would enable their political armajority of the Senate would be decisive. But it majority of the senate would be decisive. But it was not believe to the affair being taken out of the hands of the township. As to each township as a firebrand that would spread dissensible to the affair being taken out of the hands of the township. As to each township as a firebrand that would spread dissensible to the father that the same time it would be likely to fall in the accomplishment of its partises.

respectfully, RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG.
The letter to Delamater is also a sting ing rebuke to the candidate, and reads as follows:
HON. GEORGE W. DELAMATER:—Absence from my office when you called last week pre-why1 cannot support and vote for you for Governor of Pennsylvania, and I now do so in writing.

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You were openly and directly charged in April last by ex-Senator Emery, a reputable crimes against our free institutions—"purchasing your election and bribing citizens to yot for you," etc.—and you were challenged by Mr. Energy to bring an action at law against our free institutions—"purchasing your election and action at law against over the property of the pro

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Senator Plumb's Bolt.

Senator Plumb, of Kansas, took a hand in the Tarlff bill debate in the Senate one day last week, and gave his party no end of trouble. He was subsequently reinforced by Senator Paddock, of Nebraska, and both gentlemen voted with the Democrats on several occasions dur

ing the day.

Mr. Plumb submitted some interesting facts during the discussion. In reply to Senator Hiscock's claim that protection had resulted in the decrease of the prices of a commodity, he showed that the same commodity had materially declin-ed in price abroad, and asked whether the New Yorker attributed that fact to

confusing.

But the most remarkable confession which Senator Plumb wrung from the supporters of the Tariff bill was, that the ability of the consumers to pay the price of taxed articles was never considered by the framers of the bill. The manu-facturers' interests were alone considered, and the people, tax-burdened and oppressed, were left to suffer the evils of over-taxation. The episode was interesting, alike on

account of the promise it afforded of a break up of the Republican conspiracy to put further tax burdens on the people, and because it brought to light some next facts in the policy of the Republican leaders.—Phila. Evening Herald.

No Chance For Liars.

The campaign lies put in motion by the Republicans this year have a hard time of it. They scarcely get cold before they are rufuted. Democrats don't be-

they are rufuted. Democrats don't be-lieve in silence as a medium of meeting slanders. Conscious of intergrity they throttle lies at the start and strangle the liars before they get out of reach. Thus the silly story that Lieutenant Governor Black had written a letter to Chairman Kerr, threatening to with-draw from the ticket unless certain con-ditions, were compiled with had a short

The a pity that one who robs people by law cannot be treated as a highwayman. Robbery is robbery whether done by law or otherwise. But our laws, in the main, are for the protection of the rich in their robbery of the poor instead of for the protection of the weak from the rapacity of the strong.

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