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THE COUNTRY IS NOT SATISFIED WITH MR. BLAINE'S EXPLANA

It was the loftiest presumption in James G. Blaine to expect the people to place implicit confidence in his unsupported, unsworn ex parte statements ingeniously framed so as to dodge the real issue, where he could not gloss it over with make-believe endorsements. He seems to have considered himself equal to an emergency under which most men would have gone down with hardly a trace left at the place of disaster.,

It would be well for Democrats, who are indignant because of the efforts of Republicans to bolster up the sinking fortunes of their leaders, to reflect what a hold the idea of loyalty has upon the popular mind up North. The people there, as mass, no more endorse thieving than do the people of our section. But their bete noir is not dishonesty, but disloyalty. They will be silent in the presence of a great outperpetrated by thein | (leadif those leaders appear as the especial champions of that Union they profess to love and for which they fought or hired other men to fight. We will not judge them harshly. They think they are standing by the Union-or at least a majority perhaps so think-when they are merely standing by the Republican party which has dishonored further investigation of official the Union by deeds of corruption and acts of violence inconsistent with the intention of its founders and the nature of the Constitution, its sacred permanen for superior to the old alph-

These remarks may serve to explain why so many Republican and Independent papers have expressed themselves as satisfied with Mr. Blaine's statement. If these journals could wholly divest themselves of their admiration for the ex-Speaker's qualities and of hostility for those who would rejoice at his downfall, they would doubtless see that he has not eleared himself of the charges at all, but only postponed the matter to some other time, when the investigation must take place or Mr. Blaine must be damned in many minds with suspicion. In the face of Mr. Harrison's explicit challenge-and Mr. Harrison is the grandson of a President and popular hero, and is regarded as a gentlemanthese papers cannot safely maintain for their favorite such a position. Either Blaine is guilty or Harrison is a liar and a traducer. Will the journals who profess to believe that Mr. Blaine has exonerated himself completely meet this issue by joining in the general demand for an investigation by a Congress committee of the whole affair? Assumptions of innocence will not go down with charges are inspired by personal malice and for the purpose of defeating Mr. Blaine's "political" aspirations don't amount to the snap of the finger. Suppose the moving animus of Harrison is just as claimed, the charges may nevertheless be true. The question is not one of animus towards a candidate for the Presidency but one of guilty or not guil'y.

Let Mr. Blaine's, friends discuss that question and not shrink behind a sim ple denial, chowever elaborate and ingenious that denial may be or however boldly it may be uttered.

PRESIDENT BLOCKING THE INVESTIGATIONS.

We are not amazed at any course Grant may pursue. Baffled in his third term game by the iniquities that have been revealed concerning the Administration, at one time he threatened to tell all he knew, we suppose in anger at the course of his personal enemies in the Republican party. But instead of making a clean breast he has decided upon the press the inquiries so far as his there are several candidates to whom he authority to do so extends. We are told by the enterprising correspondent of the Baltimore Gazette that "all the committees on expenditures in the various departments of the government are practically at a standstill now, because the President has issued a peremptery order that no original papers shall be suffered to do by the characteristic departments

The rules of the House of Representatives require the committees fito examine into the state of accounts and expenditures taspectively submitted to them, and to inquire and report a presentative whether the committees in the state of accounts and expenditures taspectively submitted to them, and to inquire and report at the session of the Association in Bullimore may July. to which they belong. "Ju wao you

claims from time to time satisfied and discharged by the respective departments are supported by sufficient vouchers, establishing their justness, both as to their character and amount; whether such claims have been discharged out of funds appropriated therefor, and whether all moneys have been disbursed in conformity with appropriation laws. Now in many instances it is impossible to proceed, without the originals of documents. Copies, however well authenticated, will not answer. In such cases the purposes of justice are made to stand aside by the interested fiat of the White House autocrat. Not always has Grant been so careful of the precious pa pers and records in the Departments. We distinctly remember how h called down the censure once even of some of the truly loyal journals. It was, however, when a loyal historian wished to use the records for the special purpose of glorifying Grant's war record. De Peyster was permitted, not only to borrow the records of the War Office for a short while, but to make way with them entirely. Many of them, we think, have never been returned.

It is the deliberate intention of the Republicans to stop the further exploring of Republican rascalities. No more investigations, because that way lies the path that leads to destruction. The changed tone of the New York Tribune, from an extreme bitterness towards the Administration to a weak defence of the Davenport iniquity which it was the first to expose and condemn, indicates that the Republican leaders have resolved to do all in their power to thwart the fraudo

The question arises: Is the country prepared to follow the Republican party in all of its darkenings of counsel and tergiversations?

The New York Sun, in an article copied elsewhere, says "the Republican party must be ambiliated." The Sun seems to have struck the master chord with a master's hand. Verily, without destroying the Republican party what shall the country gain?

### NEWSPAPER OPINION.

The New York Times ridicules the finan-cial theories of the Bonanza Senator from

The New York Herald says it. would not be surprising to see Davis, of Illinois, come to the front as the Dark Horse of Democ-

The Atlanta Constitution would feel that a great blessing had been vouchsafed the whole country if we could secure for our next President either Tilden or Bayard from the East, Hendricks or Thurman from the West. It could trust either one of them on any platform or without a plat-

New York Herald: Louisiana proposes to name General Hancock as the Democratic candidate of that State for the nomination to the Presidency. This will not do. General Hancock is a gallant and true man, but he is wanted in the army. We have had enough of soldiers in civil life to last us for a few years. We propose to keep the army and the Bench out of politics for a day or two.

Chicago Tribune: It is unfortunate for Mr. Blaine that the delicate health of Mr. Hayes has necessitated this sudden sea voyage unfurtunate in any event, inasmach tion and a possible investigation is liable to give rise to the inference that is common in the case of all witnesses who place themselves beyond the reach of a subpœna. If the missing tourist is an enemy of Mr. Blaine, he has taken a mean advantage to

New York Sun. A respected correspondent in Stokes county, North Carolina, thinks that Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock is the man of all others to be the Opposition candidate for President, and that Charles Francis Adams should have the second place on the Hancock ticket. Now, these are very respectable gentlemen, both of them, but the views of our North Carolina friend seem to us impracticable. We don't want a military man for President just at present, and Mr. Adams will not be likely to lake on any ticket any place but the first. STAR DUST.

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San Antonia (Cal.) Herald: "Yesterday being the Lord's day we no ticed that the boys who were flying kites had good clothes on."

Beecher caused the New London Lecture Committee a loss of \$150. His audience was small, and he charged \$300 for the evening. Even New England can't

- The New York Heretal procamphor party," but camphor exterminates the moths, and the political moths are about to exterminate the country.

- Mr. Blaine announces positively would give his strength in preference to

- Mr. Bayard Taylor has completed the first draft of his Centennial ode, which will be read at the grand celebration on the Fourth of July. Its length is between two hundred and eighty and three hundred lines, and it will occupy about twenty minutes in its delivery.

from E. B. Washburne, United States Minister to France, has sent a telegraphic dispatch to bie friends in Illinois declining to become a candidate for Governor of that State. His appropriers however, will advecate his election to the Uni

|New York Sun.] Why the Republican Party Must be

It seems almost impossible to find a sound spot in Grant's Administration. In every department and branch of the public service rottenness is found whenever the searching probe of investigation is applied; and vet the discoveries thus, far made are in great measure due to accident and to the reckless habits of officials who, from long immunity and consciousness of power, exposed themselves to

The late Secretary of War is impeached; the Secretary of the Navy is likely to experience the same infliction; the Interior Department is honey-combed with jobbery in the Indian Bureau, the Land Office, and the Patent Office; the Post Office Department is stuffed with straw bids and collusive contracts; the Treasury upder Boutwell and Richardson was a mass of false entries, forced balances, overissues, and deceptive bookkeeping; the Department of Justice has been a political machine for persecuting opponents of Grantism, swindling the Treasury, and enriching the worst class of scoundrels that ever disgraced the American name; and the State Department has been used to betray American policy and to furnish enormous fees for the Secretary's son-in-law.

ary's son-in-law.
It was quite natural with a Presi dent who worships the golden calf, and with a Cabinet made up of sub-servient clerks, who were glad to register his edicts, that Rings should have been organized to control the political power of the Administration. The Babcocks, Shepherds, Kilbourns, McDonalds, Joyces, and that crew, formed the kitchen Cabinet, surrounded Grant socially and almost captured the Government. They had access to all the secrets, suppressed what they pleased and crushed out opposition. In Congress the voice of the minority was stifled by Blaine, who as Speaker was a despot. He had two motives to guide him, first, his own success, and, secoudly, the success of the party. Though the two were combined, he made the second always subservient to the first. The Senate was governed by a few leaders, whose rale of | can make them. The dispatches from action was to give a clean bill of health to every infected partisan like new Cabinet of the Colombian Presi-Pomeroy, and to whitewash every dent, the election of a President in subject of investigation like the sale of arms to France, or the Leet and

Stocking monopoly. Thus the Government has been run as a close corporation, in the exclusive interest of office-holders, Rings, contractors, and rascals. The greater the thief, the more recognized his position. Grant set the example of being a guest of Boss Shepherd, and drove through the streets of the capi-tal with McDonald by his side, who is now philosophizing over human vanities in the cell of a penitentiary. Grant knew him to be a thief, for his friend Ford had told him so; but that fact made no difference. As McDon-

ald said, the goose hung altitudiem. The chiefs who were highest in favor with Grant and his Senate at Washington planned the conspiracy by which the Freedman's Bank was plundered of nearly all its deposits, and the poor negroes were cheated out of their hard earnings. Henry D. Cooke, Gen. O. O. Howard, Hallett Kilbourn, John O. Evans, Lewis Clephane, Boss Shepherd, W. S. Huntington, George W. Stickney, J. W. Alvord, and other familiar Ring names, stripped this institution of millions, and left as "securities" Seneca stone scrip and other trash, in which Grant was a large stockholder without having paid a dime for his sbares. The conspiracy to rob the bank by these knaves, fully illuminated by the Sens years ago, is now plain to every eye, and every one concerned in it ought to be indicted. The books are mutilated, the accounts are purposely confused, and there is every token of a deliberate plan to steal the money, in which the officers and trustees of the bank were implicated. It is wholly impossible that there could have been any honest supervision or any desire to protect the unfortunate dispositors, in presence of the debrie, which tors, in presence of the debris which is left as the proof of organized rob-Liquors a Specialty, .vrsd

The Government printing office has turned out to be nothing but the same enormous fraud which the Sun has exposed repeatedly during the books, suppressed entries of sales, diversion of public money, and stealing on all sides, are but a part of the system which has long made that office a scandal and a shame, and cost the country millions of dollars. It has been maintained by corruption in Congress, and would have continued undisturbed but for the change in the House of Representa-

Yet with all these developments, and others which are sure to come, the surface has been barely scratched. The bottom facts cannot possibly be reached and the whole truth known until this Administration is driven, root and branch, out of power, and the Republican party is crushed into powder. The two are inseparably connected together, in spite of any personal antagonisms which may exist, or the individual purity of some leaders and many followers. Corrup-tion has so spread-through the whole machinery of Government that reform is impracticable without new heads and new hands. The Republican party must be annihilated. There is no other safety and 00%

At the request of Mr. Charles O'Conor a tribunal has been arranged by the New York Bar Association for the investigation of charges made against him in connection with the Forrest divorce case. The committee of investigation, includes Hon. John A. Dix and Rev. Dr. Adams.

The Issue Between Mesers. Clymer

he reigipder of Gen. Belknap to the replication of the impeachment managers stated that Mr. Clymer agreed to a proposition to suppress further proceedings against Belkuap, in case the latter would confess the charges made against him, and that Mr. Clymer said he would move for Belknap's impeachment in the House before noon, March 2, but a Washington dispatch states that Mr. Clymer denies these statements in toto. He acknowledges that he met Montgomery Blair on the day when the charges against Belknap were brought before the House, and told Blair that if Belknap was an official at noon of that day he would present articles of impeachment against him in the House.

President Tyler's Second Wife. President Tyler was married for the second time in 1844, just before the expiration of his Presidential term. He was at that time in his 55th year and his bride about twenty. His friends tried to dissuade him from the match, and one of them told him a story of a rich old James River planter, who called his bodyservant Toney into council on the ex-pediency of his marrying a miss in her teens. Toney shook his head, saying, "Massa, had you better?" "Yes, Toney," replied the infatuated planter, "why not? She is so beautiful that the sight of her would make one rise from a sick bed to marry her. I am old, to be sure, but I am not too old to make her happy." "Yes," massa," diplomatically re maked Toney, "you is now in your prime, dat's true; but, when she is in her prime, where den, Massa, will your prime be?" Mr. Tyler is said to have laughed at Toney's philosophy, but he nevertheless married Miss Gardiner, and the marriage proved a very happy one. Mrs. ex-President Tyler is now a guest at the Georgetown Convent, where she has a daughter at school.

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