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RADICAL WASTE AND DISHONESTY.

If there were no other reason for a change the extravagance and unfaithfulness of the Republican party would be enough to cause the people to rise up in their might and drive the plunderers from power.

The student of Roman history knows how the consuls and satraps of Rome grew rich out of the spoils of the people they conquered and governed.

The fortunes they gathered were something fabulous. The robbers of the American people have emulated the ancient Roman and have gone beyond.

They have not only plundered the enemy but they have plundered those at home. Look at the figures; not our figures, but their figures.

During the nine years succeeding the war, and ending June 20, 1875, the ordinary expenses of the Government cost the taxpayers \$1,396,808,348.57.

Can you take in this vast sum? Do you know what such enormous figures represent? Now, mark you, in this vast expenditure not one cent went to pay the war debt, or to pay pensions, or to pay interest on the public debt.

It went in the way of ordinary expenditures. During the entire life of the Republic, from the beginning until the war commenced in 1861—a period of seventy-one years, during which the United States had a war with Tripoli, with Great Britain, with Mexico, and any number of wars with the Indians, and during which large sums were paid in the purchase of Louisiana, Florida and California—during this long period of time the total expenditures were but \$45,000,000 more than the ordinary expenditures under Radical rule for but nine years of peace.

But this is not all. The annual expenditures for ordinary purposes under Radical rule were nearly three times greater than they were in 1859 or 1860, just before the war. Since Rome there has been no such rascality and plundering. No wonder Grant is rich, and John Sherman is rich, and the other fellows who have their arms deep down in the money-bags of the fleeced and despoiled people.

When public officials are corrupt the people's money flies. When public officials are public plunderers then all public life becomes demoralized. Then is the time when lobbyists gather as birds of prey around the capitol. Then it is that rings abound. Then it is that Congressmen become corrupt and are bribed. Then it is that professional subsidists hold seats in both Houses. Then it is that the Garfields and Belknap and Blinghams and the rest of the bribe-taking tribe flourish. Then it is that the Oakes Ames's have a good time, and the country is shocked at the Credit Mobilier Rings, and Whiskey Rings, and Indian Rings, and Pacific Railroad Rings, and District of Columbia (De Golyer) Rings. Then it is that the land mounds and the people are plucked and vice and immorality run riot.

The American people are now called on to put back in power the Radical party that has wasted their substance, stolen their money, debauched the country and placed a stigma of reproach upon the name of American citizens abroad. They are called upon to vote for men who are known to be corrupt officials and personally. Both Garfield and Arthur are known to be men of no personal honesty or political virtue.

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The STAR has not approved always of everything Gov. Jarvis has done. Possibly if we had occupied his standpoint and had had a knowledge of all the facts as he had we would have acted as he did.

From the New York Tribune, Feb. 19, 1873. JAMES A. GARFIELD, of Ohio, had ten shares; never paid a dollar; received \$320, which, after the investigation began, he was anxious to have considered as a loan from Mr. Oakes Ames to himself.

From the Indianapolis Journal, Republican organ, Feb. 26, 1873. GARFIELD not only handled the stock, but lied about it. It is not "UNWORTHY OF FUTURE CONFIDENCE."

From the New York Times, Feb. 19, 1873. Messrs. Kelly and GARFIELD present a most distressing figure. Their participation in the Credit Mobilier affair is complicated by the most unfortunate contradictions of testimony.

From the Utica Herald, Feb. 23, 1873. The Republicans are not only in favor of the expulsion of Ames and Brooks, but of severely censuring, if not expelling, Kelley and GARFIELD.

We have dozens of other opinions of the same sort and from Radical sources. It was because of Garfield's well known bad character—his bribery and corruption—that the leading Republican paper of Cincinnati, the Commercial, published the following editorial during the session of the Chicago Convention, and just before the nomination was made.

"The most contemptible thing that has ever happened in the history of the Republic is the election of GARFIELD. He has not a record to run on for President, and it is extreme foolishness to be wasting time on him."

And now that same paper is supporting the corrupt fellow and doing all it can to defeat Gen. Winfield S. Hancock, a soldier without a stain and with a record without a blemish.

There is no doubt of the genuineness of the Garfield letter in favor of Chinese cheap labor. Mr. Abram S. Hewitt, in his Cooper Institute speech, said:

"Some people may incline to pronounce it a forgery. I have seen it. I am familiar with Gen. Garfield's signature. I have compared it with letters in my possession and I have no doubt it is genuine. It is a forgery if it is the work of a consummate artist; but if I thought, after examination, that there was the slightest doubt of its authenticity I should not refer to it, but it accords with the course Gen. Garfield always took on questions affecting the interests of employers."

Chairman Barnum said to-night that the letter was undoubtedly authentic. "Denial on Garfield's part is worse than useless," said he. "It means, the Republican hollow and hypocry on the labor question through their chief."

The State Fair on Thursday was attended by a very large crowd. The Raleigh News and Observer estimates it at 10,000. It also pronounces the fair a great success. The attractions were varied and interesting. There were twenty-eight entries for the pigeon match. A fine gun was the prize. There were ties which will be shot off. The races were four in number and were spirited. Four teams entered for the match for the prize flag. The Lafayette Light Infantry, of Fayetteville, were the winners. The prize plume for the best single shot was won by a member of the same company. The winning team was composed of Thomas Lewis, H. M. Devo, B. T. Beasley, Joseph Flowers and W. R. Clark. The score was 22, the target being a United States regulation. The winner of the plume was Thomas Lewis.

Garfield is no friend of the laboring man. In fact he is adverse to his interests and is in favor of the employers' union. He advises the great manufacturers to employ the cheapest labor possible, and to secure that end advocates a continuance of Chinese immigration and Chinese cheap labor. And that's the sort of fellow J.—Ames A. Garfield is.

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He would be a very blind man, a very prejudiced man, a very unwise man who would quarrel with Gov. Jarvis because he disagreed with him as to the wisdom of a given act, and support a man with whom he must disagree as to all acts.

It would be strange if one hundred men gathered in one assembly should think precisely alike on a dozen questions of public policy, or indeed upon any topics that can appeal to intelligent, educated beings. It is equally strange that a hundred qualified, conscientious, reflecting editors, living at one hundred different towns, should all agree heartily on a dozen questions, or should all think alike as to the wisdom of this or that line of policy.

And yet all Democratic editors are expected to chime in on all questions in which the public weal is involved, and to indorse without mental reservation every official act of the representatives of the party.

We do not believe that men of brains and of conscience can thus agree. There must of necessity be a difference of opinion. We do not believe that men who do their own thinking can be led with leading strings or be made pliable and obedient. Men may and do agree as to essentials—as to underlying principles. It is because of this agreement that there are parties in politics and denominations among Christian professors. But men with minds will disagree often as to the propriety and wisdom of a given action or measure.

The STAR has not been able to indorse every thing that Gov. Jarvis has done officially, as we have said. But it never accused him of corruption or of neglect of the public interests. We suppose the STAR could not conscientiously indorse all of the official acts of any Chief Magistrate. We suppose that our judgment would vary some times from his judgment. But this would never lead us to abandon our party or our principles. Principles are eternal; the same yesterday, to-day and forever. We would no more think of turning our back upon the Democratic party because one of its servants performed an act that was in opposition to our judgment and wishes than we would think of deserting our mother in the hour of need and calamity because we did not agree with her as to the number of bushels of potatoes in the cellar.

While we would not have acted probably always as Gov. Jarvis acted, we would not for one moment question the honesty of his motives, the general wisdom of his administration, the fidelity and devotion with which he has discharged his public duties. He has made an efficient Governor. It is not an office requiring very high abilities. Good common sense, fair capacity, an ordinary education, experience in public life, familiarity with the State, habits of industry and a willingness to do right, assisted by judicious advisers, are all that are necessary probably for a man to have that may discharge satisfactorily and with credit to himself the duties of the Chief Executive chair. In saying this, we in no sense underrate Gov. Jarvis. He has made an excellent Governor—probably one of the best. He has administered the State Government with economy, honesty and efficiency. There can be brought no charge of dishonesty or extravagance or of abuse of authority against any member of the present Democratic State Government as far as we know. The STAR is glad to be able to make this statement so unreservedly, so emphatically, so truthfully. The officers are capable and honest, and if

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