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The Express.

☞ We this week publish our paper several days in advance of the usual time of issuing it. This is done for the double purpose of keeping important facts, heretofore given, fresh in the minds of the people, and to afford ourselves time to participate in the out-door labors and duties of election day. After the contest shall have terminated, we will wipe the dust of battle from our eyes, clear our columns of the "grape and canister" of the campaign, and resume the "even tenor of our way." So, if your work be well done, nothing in connexion with the canvass will remain for us to do, but to congratulate you upon the success of your candidate, and assist in giving "three times three" for the new Representative in Congress, the patriot, statesman, and orator—GEN. JAMES M. LEACH.

Work While Ye May!

It is only about one week till the Election, and we implore every man belonging to the Opposition, to bestir himself in mixing with his neighbors and impressing upon their minds the importance of each one attending at the polls on the 4th of August next and then and there vote for Gen. Leach—the man who is opposed to Scales and *corruption*.

To the Polls! To the Polls!

Let every voter in Iredell, every one in the Sixth District, rush to the polls on the 4th of August and vote for Gen. Leach, the friend of the people, the enemy of extravagance and corruption in the government, the friend of low taxes and just laws, and the friend of the poor man who toils hard for an honest living. One and all, go to the polls, dovote one day to the welfare of your country, and vote for Gen. J. M. Leach.

Recollect,

That Mr. Scales voted against the Pension Bill—against the Agricultural College Bill—voted to raise the price of Letter Postage—is in favor of Buchanan's fraudulent administration, and endorses the Mormon war, which is costing the country untold millions—will support Stephen A. Douglas, a rank Abolitionist, for the Presidency, &c. Recollect all these things, and cast all your votes for Gen. Leach, the friend of the people, who is opposed to all these measures.

Scales' Friends Buying Certificates.

The lowest and meanest resort that we have yet heard of, is the fact, that Mr. Scales' friends, are engaged in *hiring* unprincipled men to give *certificates* charging Gen. Leach with offering them money to vote for him.—Is it by such scoundrelism that Mr. Scales hopes to succeed in the election? People of the Sixth District, look out, and brand the falsehoods as they deserve!

Five Dollars Each for Certificates.

So desperate have become the fortunes of Mr. Scales, that every mean resort is being practiced to injure Gen. Leach, as if the people would be influenced in their choice of the former by mendacious falsehood and deception, the covering of which is flimsy as gauze, and, therefore, cannot change a single vote. The latest device is the meanest and lowest of any thing that villainy has yet concocted and put forth, and is in the form of a "certificate," published in last week's Sentinel, to which is attached the name of one "Brodway." For this precious piece of villainy, we understand the sum of *five dollars* was paid to the signer, (Brodway) who deliberately told and signed a *lie* for filthy lucre! The falsehood is, that Gen. Leach offered the poor defamer one or two dollars if he would vote for him. It is by foul appliances like this, that Mr. Scales' friends hope to secure his election. Was there ever any thing more reprehensible? Fellow-citizens of the Sixth District, be on your guard against all manner of defamation and falsehood betwixt this and election day, for a hundred other slanders will be circulated—all of them *lies*—at $5 each, more or less, to be paid for out of the corruption fund. *Believe them not!*

Miserable Secret Committees!

A friend writes us that he has seen two letters from undoubted sources, announcing the disgraceful fact, that Mr. Scales' friends at head quarters have appointed *Secret Committees* to superintend every precinct in the District and spend money, treat, buy up votes if they can, and fabricate and tell falsehoods on Gen. Leach, to suit the different localities.

Will the voters of the district allow themselves to be imposed upon and humbugged in this manner? No, no; rally, voters, to Leach's banner, and let principle and truth triumph. The corruption fund which has accumulated at Washington, will be spent freely to carry the election for Scales, and we call upon the true hearted, honest men of the country to plant themselves firmly against the iniquitous fraud that will be attempted to swindle them out of their dearest rights at the ballot-box. Let not a man stay away from the polls—no, not one who loves the Union, the purity of the elective franchise—but all, go and vote for Leach and in doing so uphold the integrity of the country, and rebuke corruption.

Mr. Scales and that $400,000 Speculation in Mormon Flour!

It has now been several weeks since we propounded to Mr. Scales, through the Express, whether or not he was a partner in the $400,000 Flour speculation in Utah? But to this time Mr. Scales has not made a response to our question, although he has made speeches near us since, but said yea nor nay. We take it for granted, therefore, that Mr. Scales was one of the parties that shared in the enormous amount of extra pay allowed by the Government in this swindle, or he would not remain mum upon the subject.—Does not his silence give consent? If he was not concerned in it, why does he not speak outright and say so? Voters of the Sixth District, make a note of this!

Mr. Scales' Newspaper Bill.

In order to create the impression that he did not share in the wasteful expenditures cited in the report of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Mr. Scales says in his speeches that those expenditures were incurred before he went to Congress. Gen. Leach deliberately opens the report and reads as follows:

112.	Mr. Scales received for newspapers		$22 00
124	"	" " "	10 00
135	"	" stationery,	7 86
145	"	" "	7 00
165	"	" newspapers,	2 00
171	"	" "	6 00
172	"	" ½ 24 Congress. Globes	144 00

And then requests Mr. Scales to inform the people whether these articles were furnished him before he became a member of Congress. The wo-begone and despondent appearance of Mr. S. upon such occasions may be more easily imagined than described. Poor, poor, imprudent Mr. Scales!

Another Small Batch.

In addition to the items of extravagance we have already published, as given in the report of Mr. J. C. Allen, the Clerk of the last House of Representatives, we respectfully submit the following for the consideration of our many readers, both Democratic and Whig:

1 Mirror for Seargeant at Arms,	$30 00
2 fine black Chairs, at $48 each,	96 00
4 fine walnut Chairs, at $33 each,	132 00
1 Walnut Desk,	95 00
2 doz. English Hair brushes at $18 per dozen,	36 00
2 doz. Buffalo Combs, at $9 per doz.	18 00
1 Washstand, with marble slab, basin and silver plated cock,	68 00
1 Walnut Book-Case,	280 00
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1 " " "	485 00
1 large French Mirror,	425 00
12 fine Chairs at $46 a chair,	552 00
4 Lounges at $95 a piece,	380 00
1 large French Plate Mirror,	560 00
1 Marble-top Wash-stand,	18 00
2 Tables at $75 each,	150 00
2 more French Mirrors, one at $85, the other at $185,	270 00
1 marble Clock for Clerk's Office,	80 00
2 more French Mirrors, one at $425, the other at $560,	985 00
18 fine Lounges at $110 each,	1980 00
1 more fine marble clock,	115 00
4 more chairs at $33 a piece,	132 00
2 fine Chairs, at $50 a piece,	100 00
1 fine Mosaic Rug at	38 00

Now, wasn't that going it with a perfect looseness? But, unfortunately, *their looseness* has got the country into a confounded *tight* fix; so that the only way to give it freedom from embarrassment is to cut it loose from Democratic control. Let the people see that they attend to this job of work.

Keep it Before the People,

That there are 1,360,000,000 acres of public land belonging equally to all the States—that North Carolina's share is 58,000,000 acres—one half at least may be set down as good tillable land, to-wit: 29,000,000 acres, which, at $1.25 per acre, is worth $36,250,000—costs of surveying the same but 7½ cents per acre. This sum at 6 per cent. would annually yield by way of interest $2,175,000. Apply $600,000 of this to pay the taxes of the whole State and we have a balance of $1,775,000, which would in six years pay off our entire State debt, $8,000,000. Then this annual interest of $1,375,000 could be applied towards railroads, education, &c. Here is a policy which every unbiassed mind would at once say should be adopted; yet, remember that A. M. Scales, rather than support North Carolina's just claims to her share of the greatest heritage which God ever blessed any nation with, would silently submit to see the whole of it lavished on the new States.

Keep it before the People,

That a Democratic Congress granted to the Illinois Central Railroad 2,500,000 acres of land, which has built the road and paid into coffers of the company besides, about $20,000,000, and several hundred thousand acres of the land remain yet unsold.

Keep it before the People,

That a Democratic Congress granted 4,500,000 acres of public land to Iowa, estimated at this time to be worth $45,000,000.

Keep it before the People,

That a Democratic Congress granted to Minnesota for railroads 7,000,000 acres of public land, worth at present $56,000,000—enough to build her 965 miles of railroad, and relieve forever her people from taxation.

Keep it before the People,

That A. M. Scales approves of these grants, and is opposed to North Carolina receiving one dollar of the proceeds of these lands.

Keep it before the People,

That A. M. Scales session before last of our General Assembly, voted to tax you $40,000 to build a fence around the Lunatic Asylum, while he approves of President Pierce's veto, by which the State was deprived of $500,000 worth of public lands for the benefit of this very same Asylum, which had passed both Houses of Congress. Remember, that though Mr. Scales voted to heap up taxes on you, yet he declares if elected to Congress, he will vote against your getting one dollar for the benefit of this Asylum.

Keep it before the People,

That A. M. Scales voted in the last Congress against the Agricultural College Bill, appropriating to North Carolina 200,000 acres of the public land, to educate and instruct the children of the laboring classes in the agricultural and mechanic arts, and which bill passed Congress and was only prevented becoming a law by the President's veto.

Keep it before the People,

That Gen. Leach, at each session during his ten years' service in the State Legislature, introduced and ably advocated bills instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to demand our share of the public lands, whereby the people of North Carolina would have been relieved from the present high taxes.

Keep it before the People,

That Scales voted to pay a salary of $1,500 to a gardener to plow up the beautiful grass lawn surrounding the capitol, and to lay it off in a flower garden, which will be an entire loss, unless each successive Legislature make a like appropriation.

Keep it before the People,

That A. M. Scales made speeches for and voted to tax you $300,000, to be given to the Deep River Company to improve the river, which Mr. Settle and Gen. Leach opposed after it had been proved by witnesses on oath that there was not six inches of water in the channel at many seasons of the year. And, remember, that he gave these votes after Major Gwynn, the engineer selected by Governor Bragg, had made his report to the Legislature that it would cost $1,200,000 to complete the work, and after a select committee had reported that the company had forfeited their charter by a misapplication of the funds of the State.

Keep it before the People,

That A. M. Scales, four years ago, avowed himself at Yadkinville, in favor of a dissolution of the Union, should Kansas apply to Congress for admission into the Union as a State, with a slave constitution, and be refused. Judge Douglas was the leader to the opposition of its admission, and Mr. Scales now openly avows himself in favor of Judge Douglas for the next Presidency.

Keep it before the People,

That A. M. Scales, at the session of the General Assembly for 1856–'57, supported and advocated one of the most outrageous tax bills that has ever oppressed the people of North Carolina, and under which the people have been taxed for the last two yers.

Keep it before the People,

That A. M. Scales, while receiving at Washington last winter $40 per day, voted against allowing the old soldiers of the war of 1812 a pension not exceeding 25 cents a day.

Keep it before the People,

That A. M. Scales voted against the soldier, but in favor of giving privateers each 160 acres of land; being persons who refused to enter the army and fight for our country, but who fought for plunder on the high seas, and captured unarmed merchant vessels, many of which were worth millions of dollars, and every vessel and cargo became the property of these privateers.

Keep it before the People,

That Gen. Leach, if elected to Congress, pledges his word and honor that these gallant soldiers shall have a pension, if it can be procured by his faithful exertions in their behalf.

Keep it before the People,

That Gen. Leach, throughout the District, has denounced the extravagant pay of $40 a day to members of Congress, and pledged his word to go for cutting it down to $8 per day, the old rates.

Keep it before the People,

That while the expenses of Mr. Fillmore's administration did not exceed $40,000,000 per year, the administration of Mr. Buchanan has exceeded $80,000,000 per annum. Remember that Alfred M. Scales apologises for and defends these enormous expenditures, and that Gen. Leach denounces them, and declares that fifty millions is more than enough for any honest and economical President.

Keep it before the People.

That Alfred M. Scales voted for raising and sending an army to Utah, which has already cost the people over ten millions of dollars;—that Brigham Young is still at large, enjoying the society of his 40 wives, and that no proceedings have been taken against him for his treason and other crimes.

Keep it before the People,

That Alfred M. Scales made a speech for and voted for the Washington Police Bill, which, if it had passed would have cost the people from one hundred and fifty to two hundred thousand dollars a year.

Keep it before the People,

That Alfred M. Scales voted for Faulkner's bill, which authorized the President to add five Regiments to the regular army; and which, if it had passed, would have increased the present enormous expenses of the government, six millions five hundred thousand dollars, per year.

Keep it before the People,

That this same Faulkner, who was a Democratic member of Congress, from Virginia, and late a candidate for re-election in his strong Democratic District,—was beaten by a Whig, on account of his attempt to fix upon the country, in time of peace, a large standing army. Should not Alfred M. Scales share the same fate?

Keep it before the People,

That Alfred M. Scales has favored every proposition before Congress to increase the number of Government employees, and thus has been in favor of increasing the outrageous expenditures of the Government, and thereby adding to the burdens of the people.

Keep it before the People,

That Alfred M. Scales, during his two years service in Congress, at a cost to the people of more than six thousand dollars, introduced no bill and made no speech for the benefit of this District.

Keep it before the People,

That Alfred M. Scales has voted for the enormous appropriations for the Army and Navy; and that these appropriations, by extravagance and corruption, are more than double as much as they were during Fillmore's administration.

Keep it before the People,

That in the better days of our government, it was considered the duty of the Representative to give an account of his stewardship; but that the modern Democracy hide and conceal from the people the true amount, and the object for which their money is expended.

Keep it before the People,

That if Gen. Leach is elected, he will sustain the President when right, and will boldly and fearlessly denounce him, when wrong.

Keep it before the People,

That Gen. Leach is opposed to high salaries; and when a member of the Legislature of '56–'57, a bill to increase the pay of the members from three to four dollars per day, was, on motion of Gen. Leach indefinitely postponed, killing the bill.

Keep it before the People,

That Alfred M. Scales, two years ago, when a candidate in opposition to Col. Puryear, promised the people that the eighteen millions of surplus money then in the Treasury ought to be distributed among the States; and if he was elected, should be, if his efforts could effect it. He was elected, went to Washington, and neither by speech nor resolution, did he make the first effort to carry out his pledge, but joined in with the administration in spending it, and aided Buchanan in borrowing forty millions of dollars more, all of which has been extravagantly spent, without Scales making the least objection.

Keep it before the People,

That the editor of the Sentinel is an interested witness for Alfred M. Scales and the government, he having received from the government through Mr. Scales, several hundred dollars of the people's money as extravagant pay for advertisements for Naval Supplies and Mail Routes. As a bribed and interested witness, in Court, is not entitled to credit, we leave the reader to draw his own inference in this case.—PRESS.

Communications.

For the Iredell Express.

JONESVILLE, July 4th, 1859.

Messrs. Editors:—I regret very much to appear before the public columns of a newspaper, but I see a communication in the Winston Sentinel of July 1st, purporting to be from Yadkin, and signed by one "Dark Corner." Now who this Dark Corner is, I do not know, neither do I care! But he has seen fit, in his darkness to make an attack on me in that communication, to which I think I have a right to reply and defend myself.

The object of the communication is intended to prejudice the minds of the people against Gen. Leach. And after making his charges on Leach, he sees proper to bring me in the range of his gun.

In his charge against Leach, that he voted against the bill in the last Legislature for the opening of the Yadkin River for the free passage of fish, he *lies* most corruptly; for Gen. Leach was not a member of the last Legislature. He says then, that I am making strong efforts for the election of Leach. Whether I am making strong efforts for Leach's election, is for others to know; but if voting for Leach, and getting all others to do the same, that I can, fairly and honestly, is making a strong effort, then I am making a strong effort. But he says, that he has been informed by one who knows, that I was honey fuggling with Esq. Glenn, last winter while he (Glenn) was in Raleigh trying to defeat the passage of the fish bill. And that I was acting pig and puppy, both trying to keep on the good side of Esq. Glenn, and the mill owners; and also of my constituents. Now, in all these low-down contemptible charges, he has again lied like a dog. While I was a member of the last Legislature, I voted and acted boldly and independently upon every thing that I promised the people of Yadkin. I told them that, if elected, I would vote for a bill to remove the obstructions out of the Yadkin River, for the free passage of fish, which I did; and the Journals and papers will show it. It is true that Esq. Glenn did come to Raleigh, and I treated him like a gentleman as well as I knew how; for I knew him to be a gentleman of the highest character, and respectability. A man for whom I had the greatest respect; for he had always treated me respectfully; and kindly, and I had no earthly reason to treat him otherwise. I did not promise the people of Yadkin, if elected, to go to Raleigh, and there, in my seat get up, and denounce Esq. Glenn as a usurper and a rascal, as well as the balance of the mill owners on the Yadkin. And if the people wish that done, they must get some one else to do it; for all of my constituents who own mill property, on the Yadkin River, I know to be men of the highest character and honor, and as good citizens as the county of Yadkin has in her borders. And sirs, when it becomes necessary for a man in a legislative body to get up, and denounce as good and loyal citizens as he has in his county, as scoundrels and usurpers of the public peace, before he can make his constituency believe that he himself is honest in what he has promised to do, then sirs, I do not want to represent such a people in any legislative body. I did my duty, as I promised the people I would do; and whoever asserts I did not redeem my pledge in that respect, lies willfully, corruptly, and knowingly.

I have given my reasons for treating Esq. Glenn, and the balance of the mill owners as I did, because they were high, honorable, and respectable men, and I had no cause to treat them otherwise; and I think the reasons will satisfy all unprejudiced minds. But why the attack and effort to misrepresent me? I am no candidate. It is only, Messrs. Editors, for the purpose of prejudicing the minds of the people against me. He has the right name, Dark Corner, for he is a very dark man; no doubt of that. And no man, only a liar, scoundrel, and coward will attempt to publish such falsehoods over his real name or any assumed name. And when men have to resort to such tricks as these they have but little to do, or they are hard run for something to say, or write. And I have been misrepresented and belied by low down cowards long enough; and I want it distinctly understood from henceforward, that I shall say and publish what I think proper about those who see fit and proper to misrepresent my course, while a member of the Legislature; and that I hold myself responsible for all I say, and ready to settle with them at any time.

I am sorry, Messrs. Editors, that I have had to extend this article to such length, but I think it is a matter in which I am interested.

Respectfully yours &c.

W. H. A. SPEER.

For the Iredell Express.

JONESVILLE, July 24, 1859.

Messrs. Editors: I see a communication in the Western Sentinel of the 22d July, hailing from Dobson, signed by Messrs. J. E. Reeves, J. R. Waugh and H. C. Bray, in which they say that I, at the Hotel tax-gathering, did say on the 13th inst., while defending Gen. Leach's course on the fish bill, against the attack of Mr. L. J. Norman, who made a speech for Democracy and Hon. A. M. Scales, "that there was so much money at the helve the supreme court would be bought up, and it would be decided, I had no hesitation in saying, to be an unconstitutional bill," and that they gathered from what I said that Esq. Glenn's money would sway the supreme court at his pleasure.

Now, Messrs. Editors, so far as my saying that there was money at the helve to buy up the supreme court, or that the supreme court could be bought up by money, or would be swayed by Esq. Glenn's money at his pleasure, is an infamous falschood and lie, and as corrupt as Hell itself. I said no such thing about the supreme court, I meant no such thing, I never alluded to Esq. Glenn's money, and did not use his name only in mentioning his mill-dam, and whoever says I did tells a falsehood in toto. They charge me in their card with having said there was money to buy up the supreme court, and then acknowledge that they inferred or gathered from what I said that Glenn's money would sway the court, virtually acknowledging that they are mistaken in their first charge, and that they only gathered from what I said that there was money to buy them up, or sway the supreme court. Messrs. Reeves, Waugh and Bray are mistaken in their assertions. Why they wish to misrepresent me I know not, for I never said aught against either of them in my life, unless it is the only way they can defend a bad cause. I am the last man who would cast any or the least imputation of wrong of any kind upon the supreme court, for one of the court is a countryman of mine who, I am proud to say, stands in his profession as high as any man in the United States. One of the others (Hon. Thomas Ruffin) I voted for to fill the seat he now occupies; the other (Hon. Judge Battle) is by no means behind in talent and character. North Carolina in her legal talent, and her supreme court for its high dignity of character, cannot be surpassed in the United States, and the man who would reflect on such a body ought to be treated to a coat of tar and feathers and drummed out of the State.

My object in this communication is to set myself right before the public. Below I give you a certificate signed by as respectable men as Surry and Yadkin affords, certifying what I have said to be true. Two of the men will vote for A. M. Scales, and are as good Democrats and as respectable men as Messrs. Reeves & Co. or anybody else, and I leave the matter with the public to be the judges.

Your friend,

W. H. A. SPEER.

JULY 23. 1859.

Messrs. Editors: We, the undersigned, citizens of Surry and Yadkin counties, do certify that we were at the Hotel tax-gathering in Surry county on the 13th, and did hear the discussion between Messrs. L. J. Norman and W. H. A. Speer, and at no time in the discussion did Speer say that there was money at the helve to bribe, and that the supreme court would be bought up: and if he said any such thing we did not hear it, and the report and certificate of Speer having said any such thing is false and untrue—that he never cast any reflections on the supreme court whatever.

(Signed:) J. S. CLAYWELL,
JOHN H. HUNT,
E. D. NICHOLSON,
E. P. WOODRUFF,
AARON WOODRUFF,
WILLIAM BURCH,
M. T. GREENWOOD,
HENRY D. MOSLEY,
JERO. HENDRICKS,
JOHN A. MOCK.

Messrs. Editors: Urge every patriot to go to the polls on August 4th.

For the Iredell Express.

Messrs. Editors:—Believing that your readers feel interested in every movement that has for its object the promotion of the best interests of man, and has a tendency to keep him in that proud and elevated position, which he was intended to occupy by his Creator. I have concluded to give them a short account of the meeting of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of this State; which convened at White Hall, in Mecklenburg on the 20th inst. The G. D. convened on Wednesday, organized and proceeded at once to business, the details of which would not interest you or your readers.

On Thursday there was a public meeting and public speaking. The Sons formed a procession at the Hall and marched to the stand, preceded by a Brass Band, every member of which is a Son of Temperance. Public Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. W. Cummings, D. D., A. M. Gorman, Editor of the "Spirit of the Age," Prof. Sterling, and Mr. Moore, Editor of the "Son of Temperance, and Col. Beaty of S. C. After the speaking we were invited to partake of a public Dinner given by the Divisions of Mecklenburg. The number of persons present was estimated at from 3000 to 5000. They all eat and were filled, and several baskets full of fragments were taken up.

Mecklenburg is the banner county as far as Temperance is concerned she having eleven Divisions. The Order throughout the State is in a more flourishing condition now than it has been for several years, the number of its members has very nearly doubled in the last six months. Sixteen new Divisions have been chartered, and fourteen old ones reorganised since the annual meeting in December last.

The most liberal hospitality was extended to all the delegates to the G. D., and all fared sumptuously.

July 25, 1859. A S. of T.

For the Iredell Express.

Warning to Threshers.

Messrs. Editors: Mr. David Smith, one of the most respectable citizens of North Fork, in Ashe county, while engaged in threshing his wheat on Friday 22d inst, met with a most serious and painful accident. While in full operation the horses got entangled, and it became necessary to arrest the progress of the machine as soon as possible, to accomplish which Mr. Smith seized a sheaf of wheat and thrust it in the machine, and having his attention directed to the horses unfortunately pushed his hand too far, it was caught by the cylender and in a moment torn to atoms.

The forearm was drawn in, and although the machine was being stopped, the wrist and both of the ends of the bones of the arm were so much contused and lacerated, that Dr. A. A. Scroggs, of Wilkesborough, who was called to see the case, found it necessary to amputate the forearm just below the elbow joint.

Believing, Messrs. Editors, that the cause of humanity may be subserved by the publication of the above incident, I have sent it to you.

WILKESBORO', N. C. N.

The Growing Extravagance of the Government.

Ex-Senator Borland, formerly of Arkansas, now one of the editors of the Memphis Enquirer, supported Gen. Pierce upon the ground that the expenses of the Government under Fillmore exhibited a rate of increase calculated to alarm every citizen. He made a speech in the Senate to show that Fillmore's Administration cost of the country more than Polk's. Upon the accuracy of his figures, as contained in that speech, we do not propose at present to comment, but merely to call attention to his argument, showing conclusively the enormous and wicked extravagance of the present Administration to be far greater than was ever charged upon any of its predecessors. In alluding to his position in support of Gen. Pierce, Mr. Borland, the editor, says:

But were the leaders of that Democracy, with whom we were then united, and co-operating, in denouncing and opposing the 'enormous extravagance' of a Whig administration—were they equally sincere, or have they been at all consistent in their course? Let us examine the record, in order to get a truthful answer to this question.

First, there was Gen. Pierce (mentioned by name, only as the representative head of his party,) who, lifted upon the wave which the "cry" of *Whig extravagance* and *Democratic economy* had raised, was swept into power on its crest. It had been the "cry" of him and of his party, that Mr. Fillmore's expenditure of $40,000,000 *per annum* 'was enormously extravagant,' and, unless reduced (as they pledged themselves to reduce it,) would very speedily ruin the country; be it remembered having been reached by an increase of 100 *per cent. in every period for twelve years*—or at the rate of 8⅓ *per cent. per annum*. But when Gen. Pierce, at the head of this party, of "rigid economy" came into power, did they redeem their pledges, and reduce their expenditures? Far from it. On the contrary, during the four years of his administration, instead of reducing, he *increased* the expenditures from $40,000,000, to $60,000,000; that is, 50 *per cent. in four years*, or at the rate of 12½ *per cent. per annum*, at which rate, the expenditures of the Government, instead of increasing, as always before, 100 per cent in twelve years, would actually increase 100 per cent. (or become double) in eight years. That is *Democratic economy* did the same amount of evil in only eight years (or two-thirds of the time) which it had required Whig extravagance 12 years to perpetrate!

Next came *Mr. Buchanan*, himself, the author of the cry, who although left out in 1852, was chosen in 1856, and in the language of a cotempory, "has lived not only to be President, but to fulfill his own prophecy," as to the ruinous extent to which extravagant expenditures might be carried, under a corrupt administration of the Government. He not only raised this cry, but he swelled its notes, and lengthened it out, by declaring not only that the expenditure of $50,000,000 was already too great, but could be *considerably* reduced with advantage both to the Government and the people." Upon this loudly reiterated and long drawn out, he went into power. Has he reduced expenditures below the $50,000,000, as he declared, before his election, they ought to be reduced, and could be "considerably," with "adyantage to the Government and the people?" NOT SO! On the contrary, he has gone farther and more rapidly in the career of increased expenditures, than any of his predecessors. For while Mr. Fillmore only went to $40,000,000, per annum; and Pierce went to $60,000,000, which is an increase of fifty per cent. during his whole term of four years, Buchanan has already gone up to $83,000,000 which is more than *fifty per cent.* increase during the first *two years*, or only *one-half* of his term!! This increase is at the rate of about *thirty per cent. per annum*; which would double the expenditures in a little over *three years* instead of *twelve years*, as under *Fillmore*; or in about one-third of the time!! This is the same Buchanan who, before he was President, and in an orgasm of anxiety to become so, originated the cry, not only that a Whig administration was ruining the country by expending $50,000,000 and ought to be turned out for it, but declared that the Government ought to be, and could be, administered with increased advantages to the people, for a "considerably" smaller expenditure. And yet, when he, himself becomes President—as a Democrat, of the "rigid economy" school hushes his own cry, violates his own pledges, and, in the short space of two years, instead of reducing, actually adds more than *fifty per cent.* to the expenditures, even as compared to the extravagance of his immediate predecessor! Pierce's last year (1856,) consumed $60,172,401; Buchanan's first year consumed $64,778,828—and his second year (1858,) $83,856,727.

In his letter, above, Mr. Buchanan, in a most refreshing tone of patriotic solicitude, gives the prophetic warning to his countrymen that, unless arrested by the strong arm of Democracy, the expenditures, at the extravagant rate at which they were then going on, under a Whig administration, would reach *one hundred millions in a few years?* He was right; for, at that rate, they would have done so in about *twelve years*. But, under his own "rigid economy" Democratic Administration they will reach that amount at the rate of 30 per cent. per annum; and starting at $83,000,000 last year, they will fulfill his own horrific prophecy, at least by the end of the present year, even if they had not done so, and reached $100,000,000, or more, already. What have *Democrats* to say to this? Have their leaders been sincere and consistent? The facts we have stated are beyond dispute. The inferences which logically flow from these are no less irresistible. What have politicians, sound economists, frank, fair-minded, patriotic, honest men, of all parties, to say to these facts and these inferences? We pause for a reply.—*Nashville Banner.*

In a recent speech at Charlottsville, Va., Hon. A. H. H. Stewart showed that instead of the administration of Mr. Fillmore being responsible for the heavy outlays on the public buildings, the Democracy had departed from the plans and specifications then given for the works. Mr. Stuart said that a visit to Washington recently put him in possession of these facts; and that since he was Secretary of the Interior the authorities were paying for the one item of flagging $2.50 per foot, which Stuart himself had bargained for at 28 cents per foot—a little increase to favorites of $2.22 per foot.

The Merchants of New York have presented Lieutenant Maury, U. S. N., with $7,000, as a mark of their appreciation of his labors in behalf of commerce and navigation.

A national encampment of the Sons of Malta is to commence on the 21st of July, at the Falls of Minnehaha.

A man in Buffalo, N. Y., is about to walk sixty hours without sleep or rest, for $200.