ROBERT H. COWAN, Editor.

VANCES GREAT SPEECH.

[Continued from last week.] We give below copious extracts from Senator Vance's great speech in

support of his bill to repeal the Civil

Service Law.

"The reply to this and all other ob jections to this law is almost invaibly the application of epithets. The President himself has not refrained from this. In his tender and touch ing farewell to the putative parent of this great sentimental humbug, Comemissioner Eaton (who alast lingered instead of going), he spoke of those who opposed this law as 'the worst elements of both parties." However little this unflatering clasification may disturb me, it would be rather serious, if true, when applied to the party which put him in the position to say it officially. For there is no earthly doubt in my mind but that a large majority of the Democratic party are opposed to the whole schemfrom begining to end. If its wors element then is in a majority the par

ty is in a bad way - so bad, indeed

as to be beyond the reach of suc

feeble remedies as this diluted reform

In the discussion upon the passage of the bill the term of reproach. "spoilsman," was frequently used and is still being used against its opponents, chiffy by Republican orators and Mugwump papers. Having bad an uninterrupted swig at the Treasury for nearly a quarter of a century, during which time there was more money expended and stor Jen, ten times over, than in all the life of the Government before; and having excluded their adversarie from participation by test oaths, constitutional amendments, and unconstitunional laws so long as possible; and having finally, in the last hours before death, provided for the reten tion of their friends in office, even af ter the people had solemnly decreed their ejection, they now sit benignly in their places and, under the shelter of this act, cry "spoilings" at every poor Democrat who may say a word in opposition.

The behavior of the Republican advocates of this law about the time position,' of its passagu was not only remarka. ble; it was shameless. In the face of their allegations that the spoils system was corrupt, and that by it we could not possibly get good and competent officials, they not only defeated by a solid vote in the Senate the amendment of Mr. Pugh, as l have stated, requiring their friends already in to submit to examination, but they made harte to fill every pos sible vacancy with their partisans before the law took effect. It is an open secret that on Saturday the 14th of July, some of the heads of Departments in this city spent the entire day and night, far into Sunday morping, in filling every vacans cy, promoting their friends and kin and degrading their political enemies. The law was to go into effect on the 15th of July. Quite a number of new clerks had been provided for by the appropriation bills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, and a full supply of applicants had already passed the civil service examination and stood by waiting for the law to go into effect. But when the offices opened on Monday, the 16th, not a vacant place was anywhere to be found; every one was occupied by a Republican or kinsman of the ap' pointing officer. And the men who perpetuated this fraud on their own law, with the cheek of a town cow, cry "spoilsman!" at every man who denounces their hypocrisy; and Democrats are found who by their votes here sustain these men in the retention of their illigotten spoils, and who seem to think that fraud and hypocrisy constitute the necessary overture to the grand symphony

of reform. The meaning of all this is, the Reto wish to get one after the people you! Away with you! have declared for him is reprehensible and base. Now, grant that the iron which enters his soul, and he reholds on to them in defiance of the better man than himself. wishes of the people? It the owner of a house desire his two guests to to be kicked out?

for it when it had no offices to give; many times when it was buried behead, rebel, and traitor-fancy his will not continue to rally to the bu-

unconquered and undismayed soul gles of the party and win hardstill working for his principles, still fought battles merely that their energy watching for the dawn, still waiting mies may remain in possession of the with prayerfulness for the hope of field. They will not preserve the his political Isreal, thanking God for discipline and organization of their each town, township, or county viet splendid line of battle and charge tory which showed that his princi- with their ancient courage if the epples still lived in the hearts of his aclets and honors which they win are countrymen, and were growing be to be bestowed upon their adversacause they were immortal-quicker ries, or the cowards who skulked in and quicker throbs his heart, higher the rear, or the mercenaries who and higher rises his joy as strong- hung upon the flanks of the contend hold after stronghold is carried, as ing parties, alternately firing upon State after State is captured in spite each host. The mass of the people Oct. 1st tf. of unconstitutional laws and govern- on both sides demand an open fight mental interference, in spite of bayo and upright and downright dealing nets glittering at the polls, in spite of after the fight. They believe, too, that gross and unblushing fraud in the common virtues of humanity. which is the supplement of despair; among the most noble of which is and, lastly, imagine if you can the reckoned gratitude. And so do I .not tide of triumphant joy with They believe that if a man's friends which he saw in November, 1884, the take him up and enable him after a IRONMERCHANTbanners of Democracy full high ads great struggle to arrive at the point vanced and successful over all the coveted by his ambition he owes Union, and his party once more in something to them. And so do I .control of the great destinies of his they believe that, others things becountry. When the hope of his soul ing equal, in the bestowal of favors had thus been at last realized, and that man should give preference to his old eyes had been permitted to his friends over his enemies. And so behold the great salvation, when the | do I. They believe that the man who bonfires kindled in a thousand cities is lacking in the ordinary sentiment and hamlets had burned down, and of gratitude may be likewise wants the feasting had ended, and the ora tory and all the elements of rejoicing | virtues. And so do I. had subsided, and the new administration had begun its career amid the in reform-such reform as the peoprayers and biessings of all Demo- pie want and have been wanting for ratic hearts, imagine, I say, this ten years or more. Between those old, faithful, and honest man of who call me a sponsman and myself principle coming to Washington, in there is perhaps only a difference of the simplicity of his heart, bringing definition. They believe that 'reform

make application for some position beneficiaries thereof; I do not. And Grocery.
Our Cotton and Naval Stores Department under the government which I am lastly, I believe that as good mite- is complete in all its branches, and we solicit

old are not permitted to take office.' here who are sixty years old.'

G. R. 'O's, they were in when the law was enacted, and it does not op-

O. D. 'Well, if such be the law, I submit, it may be that I am too old ut here is my boy; he is young and active and well educated; give him a

O. D. 'No vacancy? Well, make

one. There is a rank Republican .-That man has been our bitterest eneny. He has denounced me and my party as traitors to our country again my son or my neighbor's son,

law forbids it. And, besides, if there fled, or as the grass widows of poliwere a vacancy your son could not get the place unless he stood an ex amination by the board of Civil Serv vice Commissioners and secured the favor of the board over many others,"

Republicans in there have to stand such an examination and get their ments. places in the same way? If so, and Let such a God's name on fine wheat they were smarter than the Demos crats, again I say, I will have to sub-

G. R. 'Oh, no, my dear sir, no .-You see they were all in when the Northeastern Railroad Company. law was enacted. They got in by that old corrupt method which we call 'the spoil' system. But being in, will be run: you see they had a sort of vested right to their places, and the law does not disturb vested rights, that is Republican rights, except for very Leave Florence. serious cause.

O. D. 'Then, it seems to me there is nothing here for me or mine, and all that talk during the campaign about corruption in office and turning the rascals out was a trick and a lie. It appears that there were no rascals in, or if there were, you like rascals better than you do honest men, and so you keep them.'

G. R. 'Old man, you had better go home; you are behind the times .-Tous is an age of civil-service reform. Men can no longer be rewarded by office for party work; that is, numble publicans desire office from pure men like you and your son. The patriotism, the Democrats wish office big ones may be paid that way; for simply for the emoluments. For a that is true reform. But when such Republican to hold office after the men as you confess that they want people have told him to leave is com- office they are spoilsmen, and that is menable and pure; for a Democrat what you are. I am ashamed of

This final and insulting reply is the offices belong to neither party, but to tires crushed and wounded beyondthe people, for whose benefit they recovery. The sense of disappointwere instituted; when the people ment, of injustice, of humiliation, have once spoken and declared by a the ingratitude of those for whom he constitutional majority that the Re- labored, are too much for him to publican must go out and the Demos endure, and the enthusiasm of his crats come in, which of the two diss life is quenched forever. The man plays the most attachment to the who calls him a spoilsman, and charspoils; he who desires them with the ges that he served his party for the consent of the people, or he who sake of office only, foully belies a

This, Mr. President, is no fancied picture. There are thousands and depart, whether of the two is the thousands of just such men, and we gentlemen, he who retires on the meet them or hear from them every first intimation of his host, or he who day. They are the strength of the lingers, claims the house, and waits Democratic party to-day; they have been its refuge and its shield in the \* past; they preserved it from annihi-Conceive of an old fashioned, lation in its darkest hours. I am not fighting Democrat, who for forty quice sure that they will continue its years had stood by his party through | champions in the future. I can well good and evil report, because he be- see that they might be willing to conlieved in its principles; who battled cede any fair and impartial distribut tion of the places under the Govern ment on principle of merit or anyneath such vast majorities as left thing else that patriotism might descarce a prospect of earthly resur | mand of them, but they will not subrection; often oppressed by a weight mit to the disfranchisement of themof odium sufficient to cow the bravest selves and their children. Mark spirit, under the influence of which what I say! And you will not imthe faithful became even as the "few | prove the matter by impeaching the names in Sardis, who had not defiled | purity of their motives and bestowing their garments'-when the very epithets upon them. They will not name of Democrat became a con fight to win great Democratic victor yertible term with that of copper- ries for Republican benefit, They

ing in other kindred and cardinal

And yet, Mr. President, I believe certificates from his neighbors of his consists in a Democratic administracharacter and services, and modestly | tion operated by Republican agents; asking for a position, naturally sup | I do not. They believe in keeping posing that the king in making up Republicans in office by law after his jewels would remember his faith the people have declared they shall ul servants. But imagine that old go out; I do not. They believe in ig entleman's disappointment when noring the people and their repreomething like the following occurs sentatives as far as possible in the between him and the Government's selection of officials; I do not. They believe toore can be no sincere re-Old Democrat. I have come to form unless Republicans re the chief rial for all civil officials is to be found consignments. Government Representative. 'You in the Democratic party as in any are too old; under the laws of the other, and that it is the right and with any market. Republic men over forty-five years duty of a Democratic administration to select that material and none oths O. D. 'But I see men in places er as the implements of reform; they

Let me warn men against those who assume to be above the homely virtues and common frailties of our race, and who affect to inhabit the untrodden altitudes of a world different from the one where our Creator has placed us, and deny being of the earth, earthy. A man too good G. R. 'We can not do it; there is in politics or religion is quite as reprehensible as one too bad, and I am quite sure he is a greater nuisance.-For the most part they are men who have failed in securing the objects of their own ambition, and may be described either as political old maids and again. Turn him out and put in whose blood has been turned to vinegar by a failure to secure lovers be-G. R. It can not be, sir. The fore their unappreciated charms had tics who have failed to retain the fraud. They are men who desire to conduct politics without the aid of the politicians; who believe that the O. D. 'Well! well! Did all those most successful way to operate mechanics is to work without imple

be fed. And let us honest Democrats eat bar-

ley bread.

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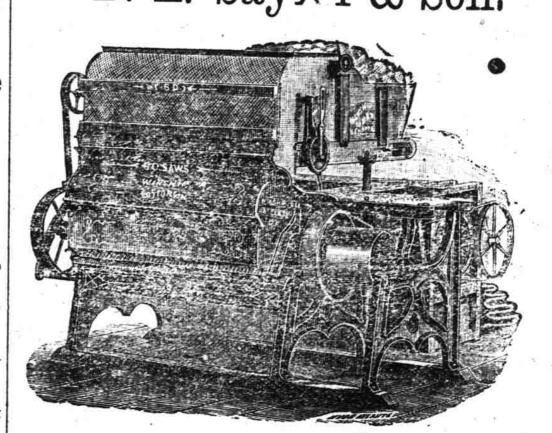
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