Kent News

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EVERY CITIZEN should aid in securing a full and free ballot next Tuesday.

AFTER next Tuesday the people can think about something else beside the election.

BEAR THIS IN MIND, that no one is allowed to take a sample ballot into the voting place printed on *white* paper, because the official ballott is white. Any colored sample ballot can be used.

A TERRIBLE railroad accident is one of the events of the week. One of the greatest railroads in this country, and almost in sight of the great city of New York, a train of cars plunges from a bridge into the Hudson river and twenty or thirty human lives were lost! The cause? A mystery, so it is said by the president, Mr. Chauncey M. Depew. "Accidents will happen," but it is fearful to contemplate such as this.

### Sheriff Casey Investigated.

The grand jury at its recent session called Sheriff Casey's attention to the fact that it was against the law to allow a prisoner the freedom of the outer world. It seems that the Sheriff, like most of his predecessors, had utilized the time of one of the boy prisoners in domestic duties. He had no idea of violating any law, and it was indeed a good use to make of the boy's time. No one would have even thought of interfering with this innocent "prerogative" of our sheriff but for the very emphatic action of the courts in the Centreville case. That forced the grand jury to take cognizance of even a much more lowly beneficiary of a Sheriff's indulgence. However, our "Democratic grand jury" as some Republicans are pleased to term it, did not deal harshly with the sheriff, but met the case in the most lenient manner possible. So that the effort of stump speakers to make political capital of this will not be successful.

## MUDD FOR THE SENATE.

### And Yet His Party is Afraid to Openly Say So.

Mr. Russell, the Pro-Democratic-Independent-Republican candidate for the Legislature viciously repudiates the candidacy of Mr. Sidney E. Mudd as a successor to Arthur P. Gorman. He admits Mudd's bossism, and says he can never win because the Republicans will not tolerate a boss! My, my! has the Enterprise editor been asleep for two years? What political party in existence has ever been more perfectly bossed than the Republican party? First, it is Wellington—then Lowndes—and now the most perfect boss of all, Mudd! Both in State and county the rule of the bosses is supreme.

But the Enterprise editor is innocent and ignorant of it all.

We reiterate our firm belief, that should the next Legislature by any possibility be Republican, Sidney E. Mudd will be elected U. S. Senator, and if Mr. Russell is a member of that body *he will vote for Mudd*. There is no doubt of this, as Mudd is sure of a caucus nomination by any Republican legislature that could possibly be elected, and the bitterness of the pill would not prevent a Kent Republican from swallowing it.

We are not singular in our opinion as to the Mudd program. The best calculators in both parties concede his power. The following from the Baltimore *Herald* shows the opinion in the city:

"Still we hear no intimation of a desire on the part of the 'Independent Press' to interview the Republican nominees for the General Assembly as to their preferences for United States Senator. Sidney Mudd has them all tongue-tied. He is in great luck. They do not want to admit that they are favoring the most corrupt, unscrupulous and wily politician in Maryland for fear the people will revolt, and yet they know, as well as anything can be known, that *Mudd has the Republican organization from top to bottom in his control and at his command.* He has even forced many of the old 'Republican organizations,' the men who led the party to victory and tried to give it an air of respectability, to come to the front and do his work for him.

"He overthrew the regular organization and ran the Ocean City convention with the interest of Malster's voting faction—recognizing a delegation which had refused to go into the Republican primaries and had held private primaries of its own, filling the ballot boxes with bogus votes, being utterly unrestrained by any responsible vigilance or presence; he bargained with such irregulars while a delegation, elected by the regularly ordained Republican official primary, was thrown down; he has the State Central and the City Executive Committee of his party absolutely at his command, and he has, what he bargained for, a pledged delegation from this city to the General Assembly, and he is indisputably the choice of the Republican caucus for United States Senator. Some he has bamboozled with promises, but those who know Mudd know how much he cares for promises, and the colored voters have learned to their sorrow what dependence to put upon Malster's pledges—after his end is gained.

"They are ashamed of the fact, and are trying to dodge and conceal it, but Mudd is the man for the United States Senate if his party wins next Tuesday They may well be ashamed of it, for the State of Maryland will have greater cause still to blush and be ashamed if such a degradation should befall her."

## A BIG STORM.

### Damage Done to Shipping Along the Bay and River—Capt. Taylor Brings the Ford to Chestertown.

A terrific Northeast storm raged all night Sunday and Monday, doing considerable damage along the water front and elsewhere. We found the NEWS had broken her chain and drifted off. The skiff "Minnie" was turned over and caused her owner considerable trouble. The "Maskan" dragged her anchor as far down as Hubbard's wharf, clearing all the wharves. Many batteaux were swamped and somewhat injured.

The Emma A. Ford left town as usual Monday morning at 7 o'clock, Captain McConnor in command, and had a very stormy trip. Capt. McConnor, having been up all the previous night, was relieved in Baltimore and Capt. Taylor placed in charge. There were but four passengers on the return trip and but few stops were made, reaching town safely at 7 P. M. The Corsica also had a rough trip both Monday and Tuesday. Ten telegraph poles were blown down.

The storm at Ocean City was the worst in ten years. The boardwalk was torn up, a cottage valued at $2,000 destroyed and other buildings damaged.

Franklin City, twelve miles from Pocomoke City, was submerged and the inhabitants compelled to move into the second stories.

The schooner Mary Taulane sank in Magothy river and was deserted by her crew.

Two lives were lost at Norfolk and a number of vessels wrecked.

At all the seaside resorts great damage was done.

## FAIRLEE NOTES.

Next Tuesday and electioneering will end. The campaign has been a quiet one. So very different to prior ones.

On election day, next Tuesday, Mr. S. D. Leaverton will serve dinner on his lawn, adjoining the voting place. He will charge 35 cents for dinner, including oysters in various styles, meats, &c. Mr. Leaverton is crippled, but tries to do what he can in an honest way to make a living for his family.

There is only one potato in our neighborhood this year where there were three last year; so we will have them for dinner only.

Capt. Eames, of the "New York Mutual," has averaged one thousand dollars daily during the rainy season in the way of insurance, and has written policies to the amount of ninety thousand dollars in the county since last May. In Cecil county, in the last few years, he wrote policies aggregating four hundred thousand dollars. Truly his mission is one of mercy to the orphan and widow.

Postmaster John L. Lewis found his lost cow at Wm. Blakes, not more than one mile from the village.

The postoffice will change hands in a few days, we learn, and go to Mrs. Geo. W. Bramble. The retiring officer has been faithful in the discharge of his duty, very correct, and the patrons of the office can but say bravo, Mr. Lewis.

The Heptasophs kindly let the church here have the use of their hall, free of charge, and it was certainly duly appreciated by the church people. At a meeting of the Heptasophs, a few days after the festival, those having the matter in charge were highly complimented for the cleanly condition of the hall, left so by them.

The Junior Order Mechanics on last Saturday had a very inclement evening for their festival, but quite a number attended and a snug little sum was netted, to be distributed, as we have heard, among the poor and needy, if any there are, in our community,. A very commendable move.

The continued wet spell gave our merchants a boom in the sale of boots. Capt. Bramble sold two boxes, twenty pairs, last Monday, we have learned.

Rev. Frank Willis, of the Salvation Army, will have charge of the service at Salem to-morrow, Sunday morning at 10.30, for Dr. J. B. Merritt. Mr. Willis has been in Chicago for four years in the Army.

Some telephone poles blew down between here and Tolchester during the recent storm.

Mr. Clothier, near the public landing on Fairlee Creek, who moved here from Virginia last winter, has been quite sick for some time, and his family also.

Mrs. Williams, near the Fairlee mills, is very sick at this writing. WEST END.

## PEAR GUESSING.

For curiosity we have taken some of the guesses at the number of Keifer pears in a basket which were noticed by us last week as having been left at the NEWS office by Mr. Carson Harris, of Still Pond. The guesses, by persons who have been in our office the past week, are as follows:

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| Wm. H. Lambert | 50 | Wm. M. Slay | 34 |
| S. Burgess | 30 | Wm. F. Russell | 40 |
| W. E. Moody | 36 | John W. Hyrons | 48 |
| J. T. Dixon | 35 | J. N. Wheatley | 39 |
| J. K. Aldridge | 60 | Thos. G. Wroth | 30 |
| J. Evan Thomas | 50 | Geo. W. Smith | 55 |
| L. W. Wickes | 50 | J. W. Crouch | 52 |
| S. Vannort | 60 | Wm. Lusby | 55 |
| W. E. DeFord | 35 | John Brice | 45 |
| Col. W. J. Vannort | 45 | Wm. T. Matthews | 65 |
| Theo. E. Hayes | 33 | W. A. Wheatley | 35 |
| Walter Morris | 60 | Dr. T. H. Cooper | 39 |
| M. deK. Smith | 40 | W. R. Pippin | 65 |
| Dr. C. R. Twilley | 28 | J. A. Pearce | 50 |
| J. F. Howard | 35 | C. L. Dodd | 43 |
| C. J. Reiche | 38 | Joseph Guest | 71 |
| Prof. T. H. Topping | 48 | T. B. Elliott | 40 |
| J. N. Dodd | 30 | J. H. Baker | 40 |
| Geo. H. Watts | 40 | W. T. Hepbron | 47 |
| W. T. Maslin | 35 | R. C. Morgan | 30 |
| H. L. Boyd | 25 | J. C. Loud | 48 |
| W. J. Hudson | 36 | | |

The actual number of pears in the basket was 38.

## DIALOGUE IN CHESTERTOWN.

### An Easy Talking Chestertown Doctor Impersonating "Uncle Dick" and "Aunt Elmira."

Doctor C. has been writing political articles from *various parts of the country* under various names and has given the NEWS special notice. Knowing who the writer was we have been very much amused. The following dialogue will no doubt be of interest to our readers:

Uncle Dick—Hello, Tom, come up stairs, I want to show you some of my writings.

Tom—Want to show me some writings?

Uncle Dick—Yes and I will also introduce you to Aunt Elmira.

(Uncle Dick shows his letter for next week and also Aunt Elimira's answer.)

Tom—Why, doctor, I thought you had something else to show me. You certainly have mistaken your man. Don't you know I am a Democrat?

Uncle Dick—Why, I thought you were opposed to Gorman!

Tom—Yes, I was, but I have repented to the Democratic party more than a hundred times and I think Gorman one of the greatest men in the State.

Uncle Dick (in confusion)—I certainly made a mistake and hope you'll not give me away.

## *Pretty Weddings.*

Miss Florence Layton Hall, daughter of ex-Representative and Mrs. W. E. Hall, of Smyrna, was married Wednesday at 1.30 P. M. to Mr. James Henry Hurtt, Jr., formerly of Chestertown. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents and was performed by Rev. Adam Stengle, pastor of the M. E. Church of Smyrna. Promptly at 1.30 the march from "Lohengrin," executed by Prof. C. V. Gordon, of Philadelphia, marked the time for the wedding party. The bride and groom were preceded by Mr. Spencer M. Hurtt, of Chestertown, and Mr. Charles B. Raymond, of Smyrna, who acted as ushers, and Miss Harriet West Townsend, of Kemblesville, Pa., as maid of honor. The bride was very becomingly gowned in white satin, trimmed with Duchess lace *en train* and veil caught up with sprays of maiden hair fern, lillies of the valley and a white rosebud. She carried bride's roses. The maid of honor was attired in white organdie over yellow silk, and carried a magnificent bunch of yellow chrysanthemums. The presents of the bride were numerous and handsome. A reception concluded the ceremony and lasted until the bride and groom took the north bound Norfolk express for a short honeymoon. During the reception Caterer George M. Stevenson served a delightful repast. Mr. J. Henry Hurtt, Miss Mary Hurtt and Miss Alice Austin, of Chestertown, attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Hurtt will reside at 1404 Lenox ave., Tioga, Pa.

VAUGHAN—BOYER.

One of the most charming events which has occurred in Middletown social circles during the present fall, was the marriage on Thursday of Miss Elizabeth Irene Boyer, to Dr. Horace Vaughan, both formerly of Sassafras, at 2 o'clock P. M. in St. Anne's P. E. Church. The church was beautifully decorated. Within the chancel rail was an ideal bower of tropical foliage and gorgeously colored blossoms. Miss Nettie O. Crane, of Baltimore, a cousin to the bride, rendered selections on the organ in a most delightful manner while the assemblage was gathering.

A few minutes after the appointed time, the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march announced the arrival of the bride-elect and her maid of honor, Miss Amelia Sparks, of Philadelphia. The bridal party approached the altar in the following order:

The ushers first, Mr. H. Stacy Smith, of Newark, N. J., and Mr. Cecil Mullikin, of Baltimore; then Mr. Alex. P. Corbit, of Odessa, and Mr. Edwin R. Cochran, Jr., of Middletown. The maid of honor, Miss Amelia Sparks, of Philadelphia, came next; then the bride-elect leaning upon the arm of her uncle, Mr. Stephen Boyer, who gave her away.

The bride was beautifully attired in white satin with pearl trimmings and Duchess lace, with tulle veil and orange blossoms. She wore the bridegroom's gift, a pin set with pearls and diamond and carried a bouquet of bride roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Sparks, was robed in pink spangled poplin which was very beautiful, and carried a boquet of chrysanthemums. The groom was attired in a three button cutaway with gray trousers. His best man, Mr. E. M. Vaughan, as also the ushers, were similarly attired. They wore beautiful scarf pins, a clover leaf set with pearls, the gift of the groom.

The doctor and his wife left on the Old Point Express for a bridal trip.

Those from Kent who were present were: Mr. Bert Gilpin and Miss Anna Cacy, of Massey's; Mrs. M. O. Cacy, Miss Julia Cacy, Miss Maria Cacy and Miss Anna Meginnis, of Millington; Miss Grace Greenwood, Chestertown. The groom gave a farewell supper to seventeen of his bachelor friends on Wednesday evening, at the National Hotel.

THE newsboys couldn't supply the demand for *Morning Heralds* last Tuesday. The *Sun* is in total eclipse with our large Democratic population.

# THE REPUBLICAN PARTY.

### A Summary of Its Record in this State as Shown by the Democratic Editors' Association.

### INCOMPETENCY, HYPOCRISY AND CORRUPTION THE DISTINGUISHING FEATURES.

### The Sham Reform Election Law.

### THE UNFAIR ASSESSMENT LAW.

### CORRUPTION IN TOBACCO WAREHOUSES.

The Democratic Editors' Association during the past five months have been showing up the Republican record in this State. It has been a record of incompetency, hypocrisy and corruption. Those against whom incompetency and corruption have been charged have not even attempted any defence, and the Republican press of the State, as a rule, have passed the Association Articles by in silence, for no defense or plausible explanation was possible. Those papers that did come to the defence of the party record made miserable failures, and soon stopped following the Association Articles.

In 1895, during a season of excitement aroused by the misrepresentations, falsehood and hypocrisy of Baltimore papers masquerading as "independents," and claiming to hold to Democratic principles, the whole State government was turned over to the Republican party.

It is true the Senate was nominally Democratic, but the continued assaults by this "independent" press during the session of the Legislature of 1896 upon the Democrats of that body when amendments were proposed to the alleged "reform" measures, and the still disordered public sentiment, so hampered the Democrats that for all practical purposes the General Assembly was Republican in both branches.

The Democratic Editors' Association regarded all the important acts of the Legislature of 1896 as Republican legislation, and the Republican party holds to the same conclusion. Every Republican County Convention of 1896 that passed any resolutions at all pointed to the record of the General Assembly as a fulfillment of the party promises of 1895. The same was done this year, and the Republican State platform adopted in Baltimore on September 15, opened as follows:

"The Republicans of Maryland, in convention assembled, view with the utmost satisfaction the beneficent results so lately achieved under Republican administration in State and nation, and we regard a continuation of the Republican party in power as essential for still further enlarged public service and greater public benefit."

The fourth plank of the platform reads as follows:

"Fourth, That the election and assessment laws passed during the session of the last Legislature are great improvements upon former acts, and should be strengthened and perfected as experience may show it to be wise."

The Republican party, therefore, views with satisfaction Republican administration in this State, and particularly mentions the election and assessment laws as legislation it views with satisfaction.

As to the responsibility for the legislation of 1896 there is no controversy. The Republicans claim credit for it all, and the Democrats concede it to them. In closing the campaign the Editors' Association will briefly review the Republican record as it has been disclosed in the past five months, and ask a careful perusal of it by the voters of this State, so that they may the more intelligently cast their ballots next Tuesday.

REGISTRATION AND ELECTION LAW.

One of the acts of the Republican Legislature was the repeal of the very fair registration and election laws of the State, whereby all persons entitled to register could do so and could vote a secret ballot and be sure it was counted. As an evidence of the safeguards in the laws to insure fair registration and honest election, the Republican party, aided by misled Democrats, overwhelmingly defeated the Democratic party that had been successful in every campaign for nearly thirty consecutive years.

In the place of these laws one act was passed covering both registration and elections. It is a voluminous act, full of inconsistencies, and was made to cover both registration and elections, so that the repeal of the very essence of the Australian system of voting—the secrecy of the ballot—might escape detection. It did escape detection, and the honest people of the State, particularly those Democrats who made Republican success possible, were startled when the fact was brought to light by the Democratic Editors' Association. Under the Democratic law an illiterate voter could cast a secret ballot. Under the Republican law he can not, for the ballot clerk is not sworn to secresy, and all illiterates are subject to espionage and control. The design of the omission of the oath of secresy was the control of the thousands of illiterate colored voters, some of whom were growing weary of voting for "scalawag" whites, as Wellington designated them, in the counties where the negro vote constituted the bulk of the Republican strength. In order to better control the negro vote the colored voters everywhere were instructed to say they could not read when registering under this reform law, and instructions were usually obeyed, thus giving Republican election officials control of their ballots in marking them.

This law also provided for an entirely new registration throughout the State, a very unnecessary provision, and one that cost the people over $100,000 in taxation, besides subjecting the voters of the counties to much inconvenience, loss of time and personal expense. The law provides for annual registration in Baltimore city and every eight years in the counties. The original provision for the counties was a new registration every four years, but the Senate protested, and the law was amended so as to have new registration every eight years. In fact, the Democrats protested against a new registration in 1896, and for doing so were charged with being opposed to honest elections. There was no fraud in registration in the counties, and the money spent in having an entirely new one was money absolutely wasted.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM AND HYPOCRISY.

Among the Republican promises of 1895 was civil service reform. The Cambridge platform declared that "all public offices exist for the good of the people only," and Lloyd Lowndes, in his campaign, fairly scorned the idea that public patronage should be used for any but public purposes. Yet this same Lloyd Lowndes, a few months later, as Governor, prostituted the patronage at his disposal to make Wellington Senator and Sydney E. Mudd Congressman. And the Legislature passed an act submitting to the people a constitutional amendment, to be voted on next Tuesday, providing for civil service reform in this State. The amendment was the child of the Baltimore civil service reformers. It was bandied about the House of Delegates for weeks, and was finally altered, amended and passed. The change altered its effect to such an extent that the Baltimore News almost repudiated it as of no practical benefit in securing the "merit system," and the Baltimore Herald charged the alteration to trickery. This is the Republican record on this question upon which it won votes—a record of shameful hypocrisy upon the part of the Governor and the Republican Legislature.

OFFICIAL CORRUPTION.

In 1895 every Republican leader and speaker wrapped himself in a robe of purity, and with honied words, disclaimed partisanship and pretended he was only interested in good government. No sooner had the party been placed in power than official rascality became apparent. Mayor Hooper of Baltimore appointed a negro as superintendent of street cleaning. Every white man was discharged and his place filled by a negro, and the superintendent made each pay tribute to him out of his wages, and robbed the city by turning in false pay rolls.

At Annapolis legislation was bought and sold, and the State tobacco warehouses were filled with incompetents and dishonest officials, and with unnecessary officials, and in addition twenty fictitious names were carried on the pay rolls, the State thus being actually robbed. The tobacco of one planter was made away with. At least, after much delay, he called at one of the warehouses and inquired for it, and its receipt was acknowledged, but he was told the tobacco could not be found. In order to make the loss good to the planter the latter's name was placed upon the pay roll and a check was sent him monthly. This was another robbery of the State.

And the Hon. Sydney E. Mudd, who is to be chosen United States Senator in the event of Republican success, also received some of the State tobacco warehouse funds, although he held no position in any warehouse.

DEPOSITS OF STATE MONEY.

Under the last two years of Democratic rule sufficient interest was received on deposits of the State's funds to pay the salaries of the Comptroller and Treasurer. Under Republican rule, at least one bank, the Farmers and Mechanics' National Bank of Westminster, to which Attorney-General Clabaugh is counsel, is enjoying the benefits of a deposit of nearly $10,000, upon which no interest is paid.

THE NEW ASSESSMENT.

The new assessment has been particularly pointed to "with satisfaction" as a Republican measure, and yet it has been shown by the Democratic Editors' Association to be a very disappointing one to the people. The people wanted a law that would bring upon the tax books the millions of untaxed personal property and would require all persons to pay taxes according to their actual worth in real and personal property, as the constitution provides. Under this boasted Republicant law wealth still escapes its just proportion of the public burden and real property, particularly farming lands, is disproportionally taxed.

The law is far from being clear and explicit, and parts of it are declared unconstitutional by able lawyers. In the main act a "sliding scale" was adopted, assessing bonds, etc., that bear six per cent interest, at half their face value, and those that bear a less rate of interest at less than half their value. Those that had not actually paid interest were not to be assessed at all. This provision was repealed by a supplemental act, which provided for assessing bonds, etc., at their market value, and taxing them for county and municipal purposes at 30 cents on the $100, and no more. What injustice this fair and equitable assessment works! Six per cent bonds to be taxed at 30 cents on the $100, and farms paying not over four per cent taxed at a higher figure, from 45 cents in Carroll, which has the lowest county vote, all the way to $1.16 in Calvert, which has the highest.

In making the new assessment care seems to have been exercised to keep up real estate values, particularly farming lands, so that the basis would not fall and tax votes go so high as to react against Republican rule.

The mortgage tax is another discrimination in favor of wealth, and is also an unsatisfactory feature of the law. In fact, there is nothing satisfactory about this boasted Republican measure. It is essentially in the interest of the tax-dodgers, and makes the plain people bear an undue proportion of the public expense.

And the banks and financial institutions of the State, particularly in Baltimore, have had their assessments greatly reduced by Comptroller Graham and Treasurer Shryock, and that, too, when the market value of the same has changed little, if any, since the Republicans assumed control of the State. In the general tax-dodging done, under provisions of the assessment law, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has gotten its share of exemption, though it had always escaped tax upon its roadbed, stations, etc. This time the rolling stock was pulled from under the hand of the tax gatherer.

WANTED:

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## Final Stage of the Maryland Contest.

*Baltimore Sun, Oct. 25th.*

The campaign enters its final stage this week, and both parties will put forth supreme efforts to encourage their own followers and to bring to their support voters who may still be undecided. Owing to the conditions of the campaign, the proportion of the voters who have not yet fully made up their minds is probably larger than is generally the case so late in the canvass, and a good deal of missionary work may still be done. Not the sort of missionary work that is accomplished by means of bribery and upon which the machine is credited as relying greatly if not mainly for success, but that which is directed to the reason and conscience of reasonable and conscientious citizens. Voters of this class who still hesitate, drawn this way and that by conflicting sentiments and considerations, are not likely to be influenced in their final choice by partisan harangues or violent declamation. There will be plenty of this kind of thing this week, but such voters will make up their verdict quietly for themselves after a careful and conservative weighing of the whole case on its merits, without regard to party prejudices or narrow political sympathies.

This is a campaign in which the demands of patriotic duty make peculiarly strong and earnest claims upon every intelligent and public-spirited man. No man who loves his State and city can afford to close his ears to these demands or to surrender himself blindly to the leadership of prejudice or passion. The evil results which will surely flow from the triump of Gormanism and Rasinism will inevitably carry with them keen reproach and regret for all conscientious men who may be misled into helping to reinstate these dangerous and debasing influences.

In addition to the important point that the election of a democratic Legislature means the re-election of Mr. Gorman to the United States Senate, and means, therefore, a direct blow to the cause of a stable and sound currency, democrats should not forget what the supremacy of Gorman and Rasin means for the democratic party itself in this State. It means the indefinite continuation of the political absolutism and despotism which has so long prevailed in Maryland, the crushing out of all manhood and honorable independence inside the party, the re establishment of a cold yet corrupt tyranny under which no man can hope for preferment or prominence who is not willing to bend his knee and stifle his conscience. It means the revival in fresh strength and vigor of the shameful era of barter and sale, jobbery and corruption in Legislatures and City Councils, the hold up by political highwaymen of all public measures from which it may be possible to force a heavy monetary tariff, the shameless employment of public places and power f the enrichment of the machine and those closely connected with it. It means in time the permanent alienation from the party of its best intellectual and moral elements, who will inevitably be driven from it by the disgust which these things will create, Can true and thoughtful democrats lend themselves to such a consumation? Can they permit themselves to be induced to aid in handing over their party to those who have in the past proved so unworthy to be its leaders, and who in the future will more deeply sully its name and stain its honor? If they can suffer themselves to thank for the result, and will have no right hereafter to complain of what they may have to bear. If they vote to renew the Gorman-Rasin tyranny, they will be acting with their eyes wide open, against reason and experience, and they will deserve and will have to bear the consequences.

If the Gorman-Rasin combination is overthrown at this election, its fate will be sealed forever. It will fall to pieces, never to be reunited, and the democratic party, purified of corruption and relieved of this incubus, will have before it new hopes and aspirations and the prospect of honorable service and splendid public achievement. In no other way can the democratic party be delivered from its present bondage and enabled to stand erect once more as its own master, free to do the will of the people and to do honor to its great principals and traditions. It is the opportunity of a life time. Patriotic democrats who love their party truly and desire to see it great and useful in the future will not throw this opportunity away.

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