

equal officers, and of the Executive Committee of the National Committee, and to his, Hadley, with the changes of the form of a letter, instead of a mere statement of a pretended interview with a person not named.

Mr. Hadley admits that after the changes were made in his original draft of the "Logder," he wrote the original draft of the letter, but, as he claims, he claims that it was to be used to the Democratic Committee and subsequently appeared in the "Truth" re-written, upon a sheet of paper, and in the shape in which it finally appeared.

So much for the authorship of the letter. In regard to its publication Mr. Davenport writes: "On Tuesday, the 19th of October, Truth printed on the head of its columns the following headline: 'WORKINGS OF AMERICA.'"

This notice fell flat, no morning paper in the city referring thereto on Tuesday, October 19, Mr. Edwin K. Rice, a former Democratic member of Congress from the city of New York, called at Truth for the purpose of seeing Mr. E. H. Hadley, a friend of his, and who had been in the city for some time.

On the afternoon of the 20th instant, Mr. Bradley B. Smallley called again upon Mr. Hart. At that time Mr. Hart was in the city for the purpose of seeing Mr. Hart, and who had been in the city for some time.

There were present at the time of the letter being shown at the Democratic headquarters—about 25 persons, including Mr. Hart, Mr. Bradley B. Smallley, Mr. William H. Barnum, Mr. Abram S. Hewitt, Mr. Samuel J. Randall, Mr. Orasmus Cleveland, Mr. Edward Cooper and others, most of whom were present at the time of the letter being shown.

In view of the facts, as they are now known, the publication of the letter in the "Truth" on Tuesday, October 22, must have been most interesting, and the inquiry as to the authorship of the letter, and the manner in which it was published, did not, like the Roman augurs of old, "look in each other's faces and laugh."

The exhibition having finally closed, Mr. Hart was taken by Mr. Smallley to Saratoga, where the letter was photographed. Preparations were then made for its appearance in Truth in facsimile.

Immediately upon the receipt of the letter the Democratic National Committee, through its chairman, sent the following dispatch to the country, and the same was printed in many of the leading Democratic journals on the morning of Thursday, October 24.

The following is published in Truth this morning: "The letter in question, which was published in the 'Truth' on Tuesday, October 22, is a forgery, and it is the duty of all Democrats to denounce it as such, and to advise their constituents accordingly."

It appears, therefore: First.—That before the letter was received by Truth, prominent Democrats and their allies and confederates had knowledge of the existence of the letter.

Second.—That following its receipt by Truth, prominent Democrats and their allies and confederates had knowledge of the existence of the letter, and that they were aware of its authorship, and that they were aware of its publication in the "Truth" on Tuesday, October 22.

On Friday, October 22, appeared the facsimile of both letter and envelope, and the consequent exposure of the errors in orthography. All who were really familiar with General Garfield's handwriting, and who were aware of the fact that both in body and signature the letter was a forgery.

On Saturday, October 23, 1884, Mr. Bradley B. Smallley, of the Democratic National Committee, gave a letter to Mr. Hart, of Truth, the original is written upon a letter sheet bearing the heading of the National Committee, and is now in my possession. It reads as follows:

JOSEPH HART, Esq., Truth Office. My Dear Sir: Permit me to introduce to you Mr. Davenport, who is a friend of mine.

players' Union, and has seen him and Garfield together in Washington.

To this message the answer was returned: "Obtain his address and send him along."

Both of these telegrams were from the office of the Rochester (N. H.) ally Union, of which Dr. J. C. Moore was the secretary.

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