THE LIBERAL REPUBLICANS

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The Liberals Called Upon to Restore an Honest Government Controlling Gov. Tilden's with Grant's Administrations.

Many Liberal Republicans met at 1,776 Broadway on Saturday evening. Dr. W. W. Skinner presided. Dr. Skinner said that the Liberal Republicans would not forfeit their independency by voting for either the Democratic or the Republican candidates. Those who wished this week of purifying the administration of public affairs in this State to continue, and economy in the state's expenditures to be maintained, were to give their support at the polls to Samuel J. Tilden for Gov.

Col. Frederick A. Conkling was then introduced to the assemblage. He said:

FELLOW REPUBLICANS: Regarding the approaching election as no mere contest for political supremacy, I regret that a protracted absence on imperative business has prevented my earlier participation in the canvass. Even at this late day I gladly avail myself of the opportunity to raise my voice in support of the courageous effort of Gov. Tilden and his friends to restore a pure and economical government to the people of this State.

We are committed by our utterances in State Convention to the defence of constitutional liberty, to the right of local self-government, to the restriction of delegated power, to a strict accountability on the part of public officers, to economy in the public expenditures, to the restoration of the constitutional currency, and to the protection of the rights and interests of the masses of the people. In all these respects we antagonize the dominant party of the nation; and in all of them we find a bond of union with the organization of which Samuel J. Tilden is the recognized head.

In 1872 we separated ourselves from our former associates in the Republican party, because of the manifold corruptions of its leaders, the cause of their daring assaults upon the liberties of the people, and their flagrant disregard of the organic law of the republic. What was then but assertion and speculation has since become history, investigation, authority and testimony. The party in power, has disclosed the fact that fraud and peculation pervade every department of the national Administration. The President and the members of Congress have been individually inculpated in and convicted by the