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not because he doubts Steele's fitness for the office, as Rankin's own letter shows, but because Rankin is a father-in-law, and Rankin expects a consulship if Poland is elected. Which is the selfish one? Which shall read the other a lecture on "personal" reasons?

POLAND AND THE DEMOCRATS.

To make capital against Judge Steele,

Rankin says in his *Caledonian* that the

Democrats want Steele elected. Now the

fact is, they want neither of the two candi-

dates elected. But as they have no hope of

electing a man of their own complexion, they

prefer Poland or Steele according to each

man's individual choice. One circumstance,

however, is suggestive. The only Greeley

paper in the State which takes any part in

the Congressional contest is the *Woodstock**Post*, which divides its venom about equally

between Gen. Grant and Judge Steele. That

paper is controlled entirely by Judge Pol-

and.

The difference between the two men, so

far as Democratic proclivities are concerned,

is that Steele has always been a Republican,

while Poland used to be a Democrat, and

when he left that party, wrote a letter to a

prominent fellow Democrat, of Bangor, that

his only reason for leaving his party was that

he could get off by going over to the Re-

publicans. That letter is still in existence.

A CORRECTION OR TWO.

The series of falsehoods published in the

Caledonian concerning the Congressional

controversy, culminated last week in the

vildest and most shameful fabrications, know-

n to be such when written by Mr. Rankin,

purposely constructed to influence the cau-

suses to be held this week, and circulated

all over the district in thousands of extra

copies.

Mr. Dalton's letter to the *Vermont Jour-*

nal, which we publish in another column is

sufficient answer to these statements. If

anything is lacking, Dr. Bullard's letter

surely sets the matter at rest.

The facts can very briefly be stated. As

soon as Judge Steele's candidacy was known,

Mr. Dalton, in spite of the "pecuniary in-

document" offered him by Mr. Rankin,

which we mention in another article, decided

that he would gladly and freely give the

support of his paper to a gentleman so uni-

versally respected as Judge Steele, and in-

vited a friend to assist him in the editorial

work, just as Rankin became political editor

of the *Caledonian*.

A few weeks ago Mr. Dalton received an

advantageous offer for the *Times* and de-

cided to sell it. But in the midst of a contro-

versy, the *Caledonian*, which had the week

previous contained a short article favorable

to Judge Steele, came out in the following

week with Mr. Rankin's attacks upon Judge

Steele, and has ever since been edited by Mr.

Rankin.

A week or two ago, one of Judge Poland's

agents went to Wheelock and offered a re-

spectable citizen of that town money to come

out for Poland and work for him.

After the sale of the *Times*, strong pecu-

niary inducements were held out to the pur-

chasers to violate their agreement with Mr.

Dalton in regard to the support of Judge

Steele.

Judge Poland is President of the First

National Bank of St. Johnsbury. The pub-

lishers of the *Vermont Farmer*, when theypurchased the *Times*, applied to that Bank

to make a loan for the money with which to

make payment. Encouragement was given

that the accommodation could be had, but

when he applied for the money last week, it

was peremptorily refused, and accordingly

he ground that the paper opposed Poland.

The *FARMER* of last week was mailed Fri-

day afternoon, and should have reached our

northern subscribers the same night. In-

stead of being sent, the packages were open-

ed, the names of subscribers no doubt taken,

and copies of the campaign *Caledonian* sent

to our subscribers. On the following day,

Saturday, the *FARMER* was sent with the

bundles torn open so as to reach the readers

the same day as the *Caledonian* extras. We

have no means of knowing how extensively

this was done, but we know it was done in

some instances. We wish all our readers who

received the *Caledonian* extras to know how

they were placed in their hands, and to un-

derstand why our papers came so late.

By the United States Postal law, no

transient newspaper can be sent through the

mail without being prepaid in money, and

having sufficient postage stamps upon it.

The campaign *Caledonian*, not going to sub-

scribers, are being sent in great numbers all

through this country, without stamp or frank.

Such a proceeding is a direct violation of the

law, wronging the government out of hun-

dreds of dollars.

Every statement made above we know to

be true. If the political history of Vermont

can show a parallel in meanness and cor-

ruption, we have got to learn the fact. Cor-

ruption is one of the most difficult things to

discover. Those who accept bribes never

tell. But there are countless circumstances

which show money being used in Judge Pol-

HIGH-TONED POLITICAL TACTICS.

Our efforts to get our papers off on time

last week were nullified, so far as this Con-

gressional district was concerned, by the

necessity, on the part of post office offi-

cials, of opening our packages and taking the

names of our subscribers in order to send

them the *Caledonian*, in the interest of Judge

Poland. By a shrewd trick, surreptitious

access was also obtained to our subscription

books, probably with the same object. And

in the same spirit bank accommodation has

been refused to us on the same ground that

we have allowed our paper to be used by the

antagonists of Judge Poland.

We do not know how this method of con-

ducting the canvass will strike the independ-

ent voters of the district, but to it it resem-

bles too closely the way in which the Tory

nobility of England conduct their canvasses

against their radical opponents; although

they would never dare to go the length of

so openly using their control over a public

service like the post office. It is said that

Judge Poland has been often mistaken in

Washington for the British Minister, and it

would seem that his resemblance to a Noble

Aristocrat of that nation is more than skin

deep.

Not wishing to be in any respect inferior

to the *Caledonian*, which keeps Mr. Rankin,

we have decided to keep a post. The scene

which our post depicts is said to be an ac-

tual, of recent occurrence at White River

Junction. How that may be we cannot say.

PO—A RAVING.

Once, upon a midnight dreary

Four men, neither weak nor weary

Sat and played the game of chance.

One of them had served the nation.

Great, indeed, was his vexation.

As he thought, with indignation,

That he would never see his more.

Till he had fought and killed, and

And unjustly he swore.

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