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We defy Treasurer Rye, or any other man, to deny these propositions. Why is the Richmond press silent on this question?

THE ELECTION.

At sunrise to-morrow each of us will stand face to face with duty, duty which we owe to ourselves, our posterity, and our country; and that is, having the privileges of freemen, *to exercise those privileges*, and whatever influence we may be able individually to exert upon our fellows, we exert that influence wherever it may be most effective for good.

Although, as our friends are well aware, we present, as Republicans, the names of gentlemen as candidates for the responsible position of legislative representatives of the capital of the State, whose character, intelligence, and thorough identification with the interests of this city and the State render them worthy of the honor conferred, it is not merely on personal grounds that we ask united and earnest support of the nominees. There is a principle to be vindicated—a great underlying principle of our government, which has been outraged at former elections in this city—that in our popular government the majority of votes cast by the people shall elect the candidate for whom they are cast.

We ask the people to-morrow to render their verdict, condemning the infamous actions of ballot-box-breakers, and the bold but equally unscrupulous officials who have nullified the rights of the people, by keeping them from the polls, until too late to deposit their ballots before sunset.

This verdict can only be rendered in an effective manner by voters giving one day to country, and presenting themselves early at the polls, prepared to defeat the schemes of those who are ready and willing to repeat the outrage, while they seek to cover up the fraud, by seeming desire to do only what is prescribed by law.

The election of the Republican candidates to-morrow, will not only place the stamp of popular disapproval upon the frauds and tricks by which former victories have been wrested from us; but it will be of incalculable advantage to our city. It will show that the sectionalists, who would perpetuate discord and bitterness, between Virginia and her sister States, north of the Potomac, who would aggravate the alienation which resulted from attempted and defeated secession, are no longer the controlling element in our midst; and the now receding tide of peaceful immigration, carrying to us new enterprise, quickened industry, and increasing wealth, would be checked and ere long return as a flood tide, floating off the flats and bars of ruin upon which they now lie hopelessly stranded, thousands of impoverished citizens and stagnated enterprises.

We desire an emphatic condemnation of the narrow bigoted spirit, whose blighting influence has shut up the avenues to success in city and country; has discouraged new comers, who have settled in Virginia; has kept back thousands who would otherwise have cast their fortunes with us; and worse still, has driven out of the State many of our most energetic and capable young men, in search of more liberal and enlightened places and people, where competition, if free, is fair; where speech and action are as free as thought and air.

As we above remark, though we point with pride to our candidates, as men who are eminently entitled to our support, we urge upon every voter that their election, important as it is, is of secondary consequence to popular assertion—that henceforth Richmond is the Free Capital of a Free State.

We intended to have noticed a question put to us by the STATE JOURNAL about the Funding Bill, but other matters have pressed on our columns and our attention. We have simply to say that we think the course of the Republican members of the Legislature in voting for the bill was right. We are opposed to all forms of Repudiation. We think it was right to make the coupons receivable for taxes. If you intend to pay the interest on two-thirds (and it is only two-thirds) of the debt, what difference does it make? and if you are not going to pay—that's repudiation.

The *Enquirer* creeps through a very small knot-hole in the above paragraph, and plants itself conveniently on the fence ready to utter its oracular—"I told you so!"—as circumstances arise in the future.

We regret the *Enquirer* has been so pressed with other important matters, that it has been unable to carry out its intention—"to have noticed a question put to us by the STATE JOURNAL about the Funding Bill."

As this insignificant question involves some $50,000,000, principal and interest, a present annual taxation amounting to some $2,000,000, and prospective future taxation amounting to some $1,000,000 more, the *Enquirer* must be giving "our attention" to very grave affairs of State, if it cannot pause a moment to notice questions propounded as to the Funding Bill.

Has the *Enquirer* not looked into that small compound interest charge of $600,000 per annum, which the State was not chargeable with before the Funding Bill threw it upon an already overburdened people? If not, we do hope it will, and notice this, perhaps trifling matter, in its issue to-morrow, so that voters may know what is before them. And if the *Enquirer* can rise to explain what is the exact meaning of the words in parenthesis "(and it is only two-thirds) of the debt?" and, what has become of the other one-third of the debt? we shall hold ourselves indebted to that journal.

Up to this time, the oracles of Democracy are more indistinct and unintelligible in their utterances on this important question, than any Pythones who spoke from the tripod in the days of Greek idolatry.

DEAR friends to the breach to-morrow. The old State looks fondly upon those who love her and would guard her dearest interests. Surely, says she, my sons will no longer leave me to be plundered by thieving Democrats—the hirelings of that prince of rogues—Boss Tweed. Up, and to the rescue. Our sister State of New York will strangle the monster and clothe him in striped linen; let us discard his progeny in Virginia, and do honor to ourselves.

IT ALMOST HEAVES US TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF A DIRTY SHEET, AND YET WE MUST FIGHT THE DEVIL WITH FIRE.

THE colored people are urged to vote for Democrats because they employ them.—Was ever greater impudence exhibited? Suppose they do, do not their employers get value received for all they pay them? What would Judge Crump think of the jack-ass, who, because he employed him to attend to his law business, would demand that he vote for him? The cases are analagous, and the man who asserts the colored man ought to vote so and so, because Mr. Gilman gives him a quarter to black his boots, writes himself an ass.

TO-MORROW the election takes place, and no Republican should fail to vote. Indicision is the meanest of traits. The man who is undecided now must be lacking in personal independence in the last degree. The general interpretation will be, that he favors Democracy, yet is not bold enough to brave the ignominy he will bring upon himself by voting the Democratic ticket. Such a man would be more respected were he to vote the dirty thing. Every man with a brave and honest heart will vote. There is no ground for indecision to rest upon.

IF we strike Democracy a blow now, it will never raise its filthy head again in Virginia.

With money stolen from the city of New York, by Tweed, Sweeney and Company, it has been able to buy Chinese lanterns, burn tar barrels, and swindle the Republicans out of the offices; but, thanks be unto the Most High, Tweed and Company are on their way to the Penitentiary, and Virginia Democracy to ruin. Strike the monster now, and his slime will no longer retard the prosperity of the State.

SOME few poor negroes, are the deluded victims of villainous Democrats, whose stolen plunder have induced them to desert their friends and the only political party which has ever attempted to battle for their rights. Even this few are becoming disgusted with their associates, and at times show fight when their bad company is thrown up to them.

Six or seven, embraces all there is of colored Democracy in this city, and even they are becoming ashamed of themselves.

THE candidates, both in the city and county, of the Republican party are entirely unexceptional in all the qualifications necessary to a faithful and honorable discharge of the duties which will devolve upon them, if elected. They should receive the united support of the Republican party, and of all who are in favor of the progressive ideas of the age.

REMEMBER, poor men of Virginia, that Democratic rule, with Boss Walker at its head, has brought upon the State untold miseries. The debt of the State has been almost doubled, while the credit of the Commonwealth is going downward and still downward. This is but one of the results of thieving Democracy. More of them will be enumerated.

A VICTORY for the Republican party in this State to-morrow would largely enhance the value of every tract of land in the Commonwealth. How? Why, such a victory would be an invitation to capital and immigration to enter the State, assuring them of protection, and the peaceable enjoyment of the fruits of their labor.

DON'T scratch your ticket. It is sometimes justifiable, but when the choice is between honest and respectable Republicanism and dishonest Democracy, having the power to elect Democratic judges, who regard neither law nor justice, to scratch the ticket is to commit political murder.

"OPPOSITION to Radicalism" is a very poor battle cry. We ask the honest men of this State if it promises them any substantial benefits? "Opposition to Radicalism" means offices for Democratic leaders. This, and nothing more.

THE redemption of Virginia to-morrow from Democratic misrule will do more for the material prosperity of our State and the whole South, than any other act within the power of the people to accomplish. Let it be done.

IF you don't want fair representatives of the scum of Northern Democracy, composed principally of trash, t-weeds, &c., to rob the State of her credit and the people of their liberties, vote against Democracy.

IF you don't want the same sort of cattle to rule over you, that have done so since the "True Republican" success, go to the polls and vote the straight Republican ticket.

IF any body wants to be ruled by the thieves who are attempted to be imposed upon us by the rogues of Tammany, let him vote the "Conservative" ticket.

A VOTE for the Republican party to-morrow is a vote for a homestead for the poor man and free schools for the children of the State.

BE IN the field by sunrise to-morrow morning, and stay in it all day. See that there are no stragglers. Have every man out.

A VOTE for the Republican party to-morrow, is a vote for free farms, free schools, and free speech in Virginia.

ELECTION LAW.

We lay before our readers extracts from the election law, and ask their careful attention to the different sections. Our space forbids publishing the law in full, or even in the strict language of the text, so far as we present it, and if doubts arise, we trust our friends will procure copies of the Act 1869-70 and 1870-71 and effectually forestall any effort on the part of judges to prevent opening of polls at the time specified by law, and proper canvass of votes and making up returns after close of the polls.

[EXTRACT.]

Qualifications.—§ 21. Every male citizen of the United States, 21 years old, resident of the State twelve months, and of the county, city or town, in which he shall offer to vote, three months, and who is a registered voter in and resident of the election district in which he shall offer to vote.

Judges of Election.—§ 24. Three competent male citizens, from each voting district, constitute the judges, who have power to appoint two clerks. If any judge fails to attend at voting place one hour after the time prescribed by law for opening the polls (sunrise) the judge or judges can select from among the bystanders. Should all the judges fail to attend, any justice of the peace in a township or mayor of a city shall appoint three judges. Should no judge of election be appointed, or if appointed, refuse to act for an hour after sunrise, any three competent free-holders of the district may act, having first taken prescribed oath.

But no person shall act as judge of election who is a candidate for any office to be filled at that election, nor unless he shall take and subscribe the following oath: "I, (A. B.,) judge (or clerk) of the election (as the case may be) do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will perform the duties of judge (or clerk) according to law to the best of my ability; and that I will studiously endeavor to prevent fraud, deceit, or abuse in conducting this election—so help me God." If no one present authorized to administer oaths, the judge of election may administer to each other and their clerks.

§ 30. Before proclamation is made of opening the polls the judges of election shall open their ballot-boxes in the presence of the people, turning them upside down, then lock them, and ballot-boxes shall not be opened except for the purpose of counting the ballots after the close of the polls.

§31. The ballot shall be a white paper ticket, and containing on the inside of it, written or printed, the names of the persons for whom the elector intends to vote, and designating the office to which each person so named is intended by him to be chosen; but no ballot shall contain a greater number of names of persons designated to any office than there are persons to be chosen at the election to fill such office, and the names of all persons voted for by an elector shall be on one ballot.

§ 32. The judge to whom ballot is delivered shall then pronounce in an audible voice the name of the person from whom it is received. If the name of the person is found on the registration book, and there is no objection made, the judge shall, without opening said ballot, or permitting the same to be opened (except to ascertain whether it is a single ballot), deposit the same in the ballot-box.

§ 33. Any elector may, and it shall be the duty of the judge, to challenge the vote of any person who may be known or suspected not to be a duly qualified voter.

§ 34. Persons challenged shall be informed by the judge what are the qualifications of an elector, and if the elector insists that he is qualified, and the challenge is not withdrawn, one of the judges shall tender to him the challenge oath. If he refuses to take such oath, his vote shall be rejected; if he does take it, his vote shall be received, provided, that the judges may still refuse to receive the vote if satisfied from record evidence, or their own knowledge, or other legal testimony adduced before them, that he is not a legal voter.

§ 35. As soon as the polls are finally closed, (of which closing proclamation shall be made by the judges fifteen minutes previously thereto,) the judges shall proceed to canvass the vote, continuing such canvass, without adjournment, until completed, and the result thereof declared.

§ 40. The county or corporation courts, in the order appointing judges of election, shall designate five of these persons, so appointed, to act as commissioners, three of which said commissioners, when so designated, shall constitute a board, (of which the clerk of the court so appointing shall *ex officio* be clerk, whose duty it shall be to meet at the clerk's office of the county or corporation for which they are appointed, on the second day after any election held therein, (Sunday excepted,) and proceed to open the several returns, which shall have been made at that office; and the said commissioners shall determine the persons who have received the greatest number of votes, &c. Such returns shall be reduced to writing, and signed by said commissioners and attested by the clerk. * * If from any cause the number of commissioners in attendance at the time and place for opening returns be less than three, it shall be lawful for the commissioner or commissioners in attendance to select from among the voters of the county or corporation one or more persons having the qualifications of judges of elections, who shall act as commissioners. Should all the commissioners appointed fail to attend at the time and place for opening the returns, it shall be lawful for any justice of the peace of the county, or mayor, if the failure occur in a city or town, to appoint from among the votors of the county or corporation three persons having the qualifications of judges of election, who shall act as commissioners. Persons so appointed shall take an oath faithfully to discharge the duties as commissioners, the fact of such appointment and the oath taken shall be noted by the clerk at the foot of the abstract of voters.

§ 41. Prescribes that the person having the highest number of votes for any office shall be deemed to have been elected to such office, but if two or more persons have an equal number of votes for any county, city or town, or township office, the commissioners shall determine by lot in the presence of the candidates, or their proxies if desired, which of the candidates shall be elected.

§ 42. Prescribes that the clerk shall make out abstracts of the votes, which abstracts being certified and signed by said commissioners and attested by the clerk, shall be deposited in the office of the latter.

§ 43. The clerk shall make out certificates of election and deliver the same to the person elected for application therefor.

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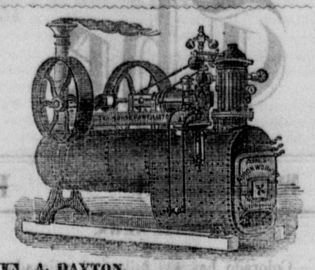

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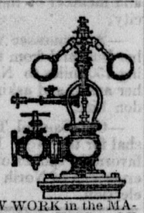

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