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If you wish to vote for a man who has been false to every pledge and promise, and who is now engaged in an effort to foist himself upon an unwilling people, vote for Pettibone.—Mountaineer.

A Section of the Republican Platform in 1860.

That the people justly view with alarm the reckless extravagance, which pervades every department of the Federal Government; that a return to fiscal economy and accountability is indispensable to arrest the systematic plunder of the public treasury by favored partisans; while the recent startling developments of frauds and corruptions at the Federal metropolis show that an entire change of administration is imperatively demanded.

Our Sentiments Well Expressed.

Pettibone has had ample time to exhibit his ability in the lower House of Congress. With an arrogance and egotism that is disgusting, he claims that he has manifested the most brilliant qualities of a leader and that he is equal to Reid, Hancock, Kelly or Kansas. The records are against the Major, however, and show that voting when his time came was the only thing he attempted to do, with the exception of making a few windy and pointless speeches which invariably caused the House to doze off into dreamland. Pettibone is not a leader and never can be. He does not measure up to the standard of Congressional mediocrity. He is simply a disagreeable compound of egotism and arrogance, bereft of brains and breeding.—Mountaineer. (Rep.)

HELL.

The hour for the united action of men of all political beliefs, has come. The most unblushing affrontery of the most unholly trio of political vandals that ever strangled the will of the people must be rebuked. The name of Pettibone has become the synonym of corruption and rottenness. His two pals are as mean and devilish as he himself is. The one will ever be known as a deserter from every political faith and from both armies in the last war, and the boss stranger of his party's wish. The other is the most splendid liar on Gods habitable globe. Are these three men controlling spirits of the Republican party of the first district of Tennessee? Are they the representatives of Republican principles? God save the country! Are the people so lost to self respect that they must cover now, and lick the feet of these impostors? Will the voters of this district listen to the damnable lies that come swarming like green carrion flies from the slimy lips of these bosses, who live on slander and calumny? Will our good people believe the nasty circulars in-

vented by "brains" as desolate of truth as hell is of holy anabel? God save the people!

There is a place prepared for such murderers of truth and honor, and that place is below Hell, where it is so hot that if they should ever have a chance to come back through Hell, they would have to put on overcoats to keep from freezing to death.

Nov. 4th, King will "walk Jawbone" and the people will "Jump Jim Crow" and we'll all "cut the pigeon wing" and down will go the Pettibone ring.

TAYLOR NOT FOR THE PRIMARY FRAUD.

A LIE NAILED TO THE WALL.

A Letter From a Leading Republican of This County.

TO THE COMET.

JONESBORO, Tenn., Oct. 31.

As it is currently reported by Pettibone's followers throughout the First District that all the Republicans of Washington county, including Hon. A. A. Taylor, are now supporting Pettibone, in behalf of truth and in justice to all I would say that such is not the case. Mr. Taylor is at home, has taken no part in the campaign and will take none in behalf of Pettibone.

The opposition to Pettibone is more vigorous to-day than at any time during the campaign. Many who, at first, declared their intentions to merely scratch Pettibone, are now making an open fight for King.

King will get three hundred Republican votes, and two hundred more will scratch Pettibone in this county. The Republicans of this county are determined that Pettibone shall be beaten. They say "Kill the man and save the party."

WM. G. MATHES.

Vote for King for he is an honest man. Vote for King, for he is a business man. Vote for King, for he is down on fraud. Vote for King, and shame the devil.

Pettibone was quite unhappy when he called O. C. King, Oliver Chilled, King said he cheerfully accepted the name, and on the 4th of November, 12,000 Democrats and 5,000 unought and unpurchasable Republicans would be hitched to this Oliver Chilled plow and would plow through Pettibone's fallow ground, and would put the small bone under so far that the arm of the resurrection would never reach him.

The rally at Jonesboro, last Monday, well Browned hung his head. The thing smelt of Pettibone, and the Republicans wouldn't rally.

Will the young men listen to Pettibone's promises to give them office? Remember that the devil took the Savior up on a high mountain and offered him the whole world, if he would fall down and worship him, when the old rascal didn't have a foot of land on earth.

The Taylor men everywhere are down on Pettibone. King will be elected by a very handsome majority.

Let there be no swapping.

In another column we print a communication from a Taylor Republican of Hancock. One remark is worthy of special notice. Speaking of Pettibone, the writer says:

"To support him now is to support him two years from now, for he boasts that he has said nothing to retract and done nothing to make acknowledgements for."

Dr. Dobson is a pure, good man, and is well worthy of the support of the voters of Washington county.

We saw a letter Thursday from R. M. K. Deakins, addressed to one of the leading Republicans of this place, advising him not to be too pure to vote for a Democrat, for Pettibone must be put down at all hazards. If anyone desires to see the letter we can name the Republican who will show it.

The County Election.

Our readers will bear us out in the statement that we have made personal war on no one. While some of the candidates for the legislature have brought us prominently before the public, we have pursued the even tenor of our way, content to let an intelligent public judge between us. For a number of years we have been Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of the county. We have worked for the good of the party, paying the necessary expenses of the position out of our own means, and asked for nothing in return. Some of our friends, in view of our long service, have seen fit to dub us a "boss."

Why didn't they call us a servant of servants? It would have been nearer the mark. But let this pass: we started to write of the county canvass. Three gentlemen, all claiming to be Democrats, are before the people for their votes. Believing that Dr. Nat. T. Dulaney was the best qualified to serve the people, we have placed this name at our mast-head. Dr. Dulaney is a cultivated gentleman; he would

be at home in any body; he has experience as a legislator and can be trusted to faithfully represent his constituency. The next legislature will be an important one. Efforts may be made to re-open the State debt question; the regulation and subordination of the railroads will come up, and other grave questions will have to be considered. Let our Sullivan choose a public servant who will stand the peer of the representative of any county. We believe that Dr. Nat. T. Dulaney is the man.—Bristol Courier.

Legislature Candidates.

Messrs. Brabson and Dobson, candidates for the Legislature spoke at Jobe's Hall last Monday night. Dr. Dobson opened the discussion and defended the Democratic view of the State issues, the R. R. Commission, the Penitentiary lease, etc. He showed in a plain, practical way that the Commission would be in the interest of the people of East Tennessee and prohibit unjust discrimination against our own people in the way of freight rates. He favored amending the present bill, if unconstitutional, so as to make it just to the people and acceptable to the railroads. He showed that the penitentiary lease originated under Brownlow's administration, and that whereas it used to cost the State \$100,000, it now paid the State \$101,000.

Mr. Brabson charged that the Commission would destroy the railroads, but did not show in what way. He wanted to know how his competitor was on the "extension of slavery into the territories" and the "Dred Scott decision," and declared to the amazement of all, that "these were issues."

He lost his temper and so forgot the dignity of his position as to insult his hearers by declaring to his opponent that "that's a lie." Dr. Dobson paid no attention to his oft repeated remarks of the above character and made friends by his cool and gentlemanly deportment. We have no unkind feelings toward Mr. Brabson, but if his speech at Johnson City was a sample of the canvass he is making we are sorry for him. His rough and insulting language was absolutely inexcusable. We know of one of his supporters, at least, who will not support him on that account. We doubt not that there are others.

Mr. Taylor's Position.

The following letter, which correctly defines the situation in this county, was sent by a leading Republican of this county to a friend in one of the lower counties. We withhold the name of the writer, as we have not yet consulted him as to whether we should use his name.

At Jonesboro, Tenn., Oct. 29.

DEAR SIR:—I have been currently reported throughout this Congressional District by Pettibone's followers, that all the Republicans of Washington county, and even Hon. A. A. Taylor, were now supporting Maj. Pettibone. I deem it the duty of some one to correctly state the facts.

Hon. A. A. Taylor is at home, has taken no part, nor will he take any, in behalf of Maj. Pettibone.

While it is true that a few—a very few—who openly opposed Pettibone after the Primary, will now vote for him; it is also true that the opposition to Pettibone is now greater than ever in this county.

One month ago there were not 50 Republicans in this county who would vote for King—now there are not less than 300, and 200 more who will scratch Pettibone. This change has been brought about by the action of some men, who at first organized the Anti-Pettibone movement, and then stopped.

The Republicans of this county are determined to rid the party of this corrupt element, even though we send the *Es-Rel* to Congress. How is your county? Very truly yours, W.

A Question for Every Voter.

The question is whether the people of this country still control it, or whether they are the slaves of speculators and tricky politicians.

The Blaine men have been in power since 1861—twenty-four years nearly. They have committed all manner of misdeeds; the monstrous carpet-bag corruption in the South, the star route corruption in the West, the navy corruption in the East, are only samples; and they have not punished any Republican corruptionist. On the contrary, Kellogg, Dorsey, Robeson and all their helpers are at large and vigorously and desperately supporting Blaine.

They deny the right and the power of the voters to make a change. Yet it is "Time for a Change." They refuse to let the people "have a look at the books." If Cleveland is elected dozens of them will join the Republican Envo in Canada, or go off to Europe.

When a bank cashier absolutely refuses to take a vacation, the directors, if they are prudent business men, force him to do so, and take a look at the books while he is away. The Blaine men refuse to take a vacation; but it is time to get a look at the books, which they have been keeping out of sight for nearly a quarter of a century.—N. Y. Herald.

Dobson and Brabson.

We listened to the discussion between Messrs. Dobson and Brabson at Harmony in the 13th district on Thursday night the 23rd.

Mr. Brabson opened the debate, devoting the most of the time in discussing national issues, and expounding the tariff bill he proposed to present

to the legislature if elected. He hurled a tirade of invectives at Mr. Clery & Co. probably because Mr. Clery has seen cause recently to renounce the Republican party. In his manner of debating he was nervous and excitable and often resorted to absurd assertions and bitter and unbecoming language. He declared that the present R. R. Commission to be receiving a salary of \$8,000 per year. The law says they shall receive \$2,000 and if the law is stopped the salary shall be withheld. He declared that between Pettibone and Taylor he had no choice, when it is well known that all along he has been a strong advocate of Pettibone.

Dr. Dobson, in reply stated that while he was a Democrat, he was not a partizan, or a politician, but a farmer and as such desired to appeal to the reason of the people and not their prejudice. He showed that he has been identified with the farming interest of the county for several years, having represented the county in her conventions and fairs. Dr. showed by his manner of debate that he was a gentleman in every respect. The people of Washington county now have the opportunity of electing a man that will represent them ably and well.

Mr. Dobson did not seek the nomination nor was he nominated by the Jonesboro ring as his opponent charged, but he was nominated because he was considered the strongest and best man the county.

If the farmers of Washington are not well represented in the legislature of the State this time it will be their own fault. We believe if the people do their duty Dobson will be elected by a handsome majority.

Morning Star, Tenn., Oct. 28.

From Union, Tenn.

EDS. COMET:—Allow me, through the columns of THE COMET, to answer an article from Bristol and signed by "Steele" which appeared in your last issue.

This venerable prophet and corrupt slanderer needs some comment. His article is introduced in slang, which shows the writer's want of proper culture, and concludes in slanderous epithets which always emanate from the low, degraded and vulgar. I presume the gentleman writes under a non-*de* plume. A coward will never come out under his true colors, and the name selected by him is fitly appropriate for it is clearly shown by the tenor of his article that he would unjustly and by dishonorable means, or *steal* that which would not enrich him but make the owner poorer—there anything more disputable?

As to the rumors of purchases in the gentleman's article by Masengill from Paw, I have the authority to say is a base falsehood and bears its falsity on its face. Masengill is too well known in Sullivan County to be injured by such a charge as this and coming from the source it does. Masengill makes his race upon his own merits, and if elected, will be honorably elected in his merits.

He has not the least idea of purchasing a seat in the State Legislature. Although I presume he is financially able to have made the purchase from Paw, and had enough left to purchase "Steele" if put on the block at public outcry.

He is an honorable, upright man, of unswerving character, and if elected to the Legislature, which he will be, his acts of legislation will reflect credit upon himself and his constituency.

I close this article by assuring "Steele" that his poisoned shafts of slander fall harmless at the feet of their intended victims. The voters intended to be drawn from him he has fully counted the closer.

Respectfully, OBSERVER.

The above article signed by "Observer," but coming from the source it does, is not bad corroborative evidence of Steele's statement; for, when one is guilty of a charge, the truth often hurts worse than falsehood, and it is clear that a sore place has been touched. The writer got his information, that Jim Masengill had tried to buy out Jack Paw, from one of the best citizens of the county—from a man who will not be so easily deceived as is substantially true, and if true, the people have a right to know it, for the presumption is that a man who will "buy out" will "sell out."

Both the name of my informer and my real name have been given to Mr. Masengill.

No End to the Anti-Pettibone Clubs.

BROWN'S SCHOOL HOUSE, Oct. 24, 1884. The Republican voters of the 5th civil district organized a Blaine and Logan and anti-Pettibone club here on the 24th inst with 28 members, all in good standing. Ed H. West, President; C. W. Smith, Secretary. Mr. A. B. Bowman addressed the club, his remarks were of interest.

FROM OVER THE DISTRICT.

WASHINGTON COUNTY. JONESBORO, Oct. 30. It is safe to say that Washington county will give at the very lowest estimate a majority of 450 for King. Yours, R.

FROM JOHNSON COUNTY.

TAYLORSVILLE, Oct. 29. King will poll the full Democratic vote and will get quite a number of Republican votes. Pettibone's majority in Johnson will be greatly reduced.

FROM UNION COUNTY.

Pettibone and his gang made their boasts that they could beat yet without the tag rag Taylor men, but after reflecting they say all the Republicans must vote for Pettie, which means primary fraud. We will vote for King and cut and scratch till we think King is 200 ahead.

TAYLOR REPUBLICAN.

FROM GRAINGER COUNTY.

RUTLEDGE, Tenn., Oct. 28, 1884. EDITORS COMET:—I thought as the election was close at hand I would give you a few lines from Grainger. All efforts to drive the Taylor men into line has failed, there is at least 100 Taylor men in Grainger who will not support Pettibone and will support O. C. King. If all the counties will do as well as Grainger King will be all (O. C. K.) Yours, &c.

FROM HAWKINS COUNTY.

ROGERSVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 27, 1884. EDITORS COMET:—After a careful review of the present state of feeling as between Pettibone and King in this county, I think it entirely safe to give King a majority of 250, at least. Pettibone's majority in '78 was 91; in '80, 85; in '82, 77. The Taylor Republicans in this county are such men as cannot be bought or driven, and the greater number, as given above, who stand firm against Pettibone at the ballot box. Very Respectfully, TAYLOR REPUBLICAN.

From Sullivan.

Oct. 28, 1884. EDS. COMET:—We noticed in a recent number of the Jonesboro *Herald & Tribune*, edited by one of Pettibone's campaign liars, to wit: Eli Perkins, the second, that the Anti-Pettibone Club, of Sullivan, spoken of in THE COMET some time since, was a hoax. We have five Anti-Pettibone Clubs in old Sullivan, which have enrolled 287 members, principally made up of ex-federal soldiers, who done as much hard fighting as Pettibone, or any of his henchmen, except Tom H. Reeves, who if we remember correctly, served on both sides in that struggle for the supremacy of the Union in 1863.

And if the Taylor "squirts" in the other counties composing the 1st Congressional District will stand as firm on Nov. 4th, as his friends in our county in their opposition to the Maj. and assert their rights, as freemen, we will teach the Maj., though, as he has said, we may not have sense enough to lay out one of our Taylor friends if he were dead, that we can, nicely and politely, lay him at full length on his political cooling bed, and being peacefully dead, though physically alive, we will turn the scales in the deer Major, and feed him on what he said in one of his speeches in this county before the primary, he would feed us Taylor Republicans on, to wit: "flap-doodles, food for fools," upon which we are satisfied, the Major will grow fat, as whiskey don't agree with him. Fellow soldiers, let us beat the Major, and he will, in all probability, join the Prohibitionists and will, doubtless, be their candidate for the Presidency in 1888.

A BLAINE REPUBLICAN.

An Interesting Letter From a Taylor Republican.

ALABAMA HILL, Tenn., Oct. 21. EDS. COMET:—On last Saturday, the 18th, a "poster" was placed on the store house door at this place announcing that on Monday, the 20th, a Republican mass meeting would be held at Jonesboro, Tenn., at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that H. C. Jarvis, Maj. W. J. Davis, Joseph Baker, A. J. Tyler, John W. Brown, of Hawkins Co., and our own Tyler Campbell would make speeches. Now it will be remembered that Maj. Davis was formerly a Democrat; last spring he "flipped" in time to get on the Pettibone side of politics in the Republican ranks, which by the way all our sleek twisted converts from Democracy happen to do; and also that H. C. Jarvis stands accused of being bribed in the primary of Sept. 6th. Well, one can see at a glance the importance of announcing that Joseph Baker and Tyler Campbell would be present. They were among the leading Taylor men of Hancock county, in our recent struggle against money, lies and whiskey. And they are Taylor men yet. Monday came and with it came H. C. Jarvis and Maj. Davis, but the crowd was small, composed chiefly of the Pettibone element. Taylor Davis gave in the evening of the primary of Sept. 6th, and he was the only one of the other speakers. The last and most unreasonable of all was placed in for Mr. Tyler Campbell—he couldn't get a horse to ride, said the Major, and blushed as he gave it in. The son of the leading merchant in Sneedville, a prominent young lawyer, couldn't get a horse to ride? Too thin, Major. The store house is an old fashioned, counter on one side and one end only, a stairway on the other side, the space between the counter and stairway about six feet wide and fourteen feet long, and this space was at least "half filled with leathers. From behind the counter Mr. Jarvis began with the tale of the crow that cussed at a Methodist revival, which we presume he thinks the "best joke of the season." Said he was like the old Baptist lady who, under the seats frightened half to death, said: "Damn you too, for I had no hand in getting up this Methodist meeting." He spoke for Blaine, Logan, Reid and Pettibone. After he had finished, Major Davis spoke. But his attempted imitation of Nasby failed to produce its desired result. The speaker's horses were not fed, and the orators ate with a relish that night, if fasting sharpens the appetite.

The object of the announcement that Joseph Baker and Tyler Campbell would come was to induce the Taylor Republicans to attend the meeting and be whipped into line for Fraud Pettibone, who has violated every pledge he has made, gone back on honor, and willfully and maliciously tried to slander and break down the very men to whom these pledges were made, and who had twice done all in their power to elect him, and without the aid of whom he could not have been elected.

We, as true Republicans, will support Blaine, Logan, Reid and our candidates for Elector, Mr. Tyler. But we cannot support the man who has so repeatedly made solemn pledges to men in order to get their support, and then curse these same men when they ask him to perform his promises.

We will not support Pettibone, who tried to deny these four promises being made, for good and honorable Republicans have testified they have heard them made by his own chosen friends and at his request. We believe the Republican party in this Congressional District demands of us, that we defeat such a man as A. H. Pettibone has proved himself to be. He has caused our Republican banner to trail in the dust, and has tried in every possible manner known to his perverted imagination to trample under foot every honest Republican

who could not do as he had done, save eye to eye with him. To support him now is to support him two years from now, for he boasts that he has said nothing to retract and has done nothing to make acknowledgements for."

What may we expect when he has so promised to break? What has he done when called upon to redeem promises made on his honor? To support him now is to say that bribery, intrigue, slander and falsehood are right and that defaming and breaking down of Republicanism and distinguished Republicans are perfectly honorable.

Republican principles and honor will be vindicated when we cease to support men who are devoid of both, and not fit them!

In full assurance of victory for J. G. Blaine, J. A. Logan, Frank T. Reid and honorable Republicans, we denounce A. H. Pettibone as unworthy of support and confidence, and pledge ourselves to now and forever withdraw from him our support, and leave him alone with his errors.

A REPUBLICAN.

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