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FIVE DOLLARS A YEAR

TELEGRAPHIC.

GENERAL NEWS.

Wylie Names Ingersoll.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Judge Wylie, in further instructing the jury this morning, said: "I wish you to believe that if these defendants, or any of them, are guilty of this conspiracy, that one step is settled. When you reach that conclusion sink a post there, and that question becomes settled. The next one is as to overt acts, and there are forty or fifty pages of this and comment employed in settling out the distinct overt acts. Any one of those overt acts is correctly set out, and if such an act corresponds with the indictment it is enough, though all others may be inaccurately set out." Ingersoll said: "I would like the court to further instruct the jury that it is impossible to make one defendant responsible for the acts of any other, unless the fact of a conspiracy has been established beyond a reasonable doubt." "And further," exclaimed the Judge, "I am not going to have this question argued any more. This is a talk between the jury and myself. The time for argument has passed. In regard to overt acts on the Vermillion and Sioux falls route, if there is a paper in the case requiring interpretation, that interpretation belongs to the court, and there is no question between court and jury on such a proposition as that, and it is absolutely the business of the court to interpret written instruments." The counsel for the defense excepted to almost every word the Judge uttered, and Judge Wylie remarked: "Of course if you don't like the law, every word I say is objectionable to you; if I make mistakes, however, you have the right to appeal." At 2 o'clock, the jury not being ready to report, a further recess was taken until 6 o'clock.

The Jury Report.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—At ten o'clock this morning the jury in the Star route cases reported they had been unable to agree, and asked further instructions. Judge Wylie instructed them at considerable length, and they returned. They will report again at two o'clock.

THE JURY SENT BACK.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Shortly after six o'clock the jury in the Star route cases came into court and reported that they had agreed upon a verdict only as to some of the defendants. The court refused to accept such a verdict, and the jury were directed to retire for further deliberation, despite the opposition of Col. Ingersoll, who held that those persons whom the jury already found to be innocent should be discharged at once. A recess was then taken until seven o'clock to-morrow morning.

Cost of the Trials.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—It is stated that the total cost of the Star route trials will be over \$8,000,000.

The Vermont Election.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Sept. 9.—A careful computation made to-day from official returns, by clerks and other reliable sources, on the gubernatorial vote of the 240 towns so far received, gives to Bartow, Republican, 35,152; Easton, Democrat, 14,107; Martin, Greenbacker, 1,391; making Bartow's majority 19,652. There are 100 towns to hear from. On the gubernatorial ratio of these towns, those to hear from will make Bartow's majority 20,000. In the first district with two towns to hear from, Stewart, Republican, 9,580; second district, seven towns to hear from, gives Poland, Republican, a majority of 1,150.

The Earthquake at Panama.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—The New York Herald's special says: The effects of the earthquake are very severe on the whole. Ten miles of the Panama railroad are impassable. Bridges are damaged and abutments cracked. The damage amounts to over \$100,000. The rails were bent in places by the earthquake; in other places the track was sunken. The stone freight building at Aspinwall, is reported destroyed. One man was killed there, and several injured. Several small shocks occurred during the day in Panama, yesterday. Another at 3 o'clock this morning brought down more ruins. There were no lives lost in Panama. The ocean at 6 a. m., at Aspinwall and Panama was quiet.

A Pretty Official.

PUTNAM, Conn., Sept.—Intense excitement has been created by the arrest of G. F. Widom, trial justice and deputy United States marshal, on a charge of burning a block of stores, to defraud the insurance companies. The trial developed the fact that the accused has for years been connected with a gang of bank thieves of Boston. He confessed that almost from his cradle he has been an incendiary and thief.

Progress of Yellow Jack.

BROWNSVILLE, Sept. 9.—Seventy-nine new cases of yellow fever to-day and four deaths, three Mexicans and Colonel J. D. Grosly. There are five cases in Fort Brown. In Matamoros the fever is decreasing. Three deaths there to-day. The weather is cloudy and a norther blowing.

Panama, Fla., Sept. 9.—Thirteen new cases of yellow fever and two deaths, within the past 24 hours.

Railroad Progress.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 9.—The Utah division of the Denver & Rio Grande railway was completed to-day to Montrose on the Uncompahgre river, 352 miles from Denver. The link necessary to connect the Colorado and Utah systems is now reduced to 275 miles, for which distance work will be vigorously prosecuted.

Diphtheria in Virginia.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 9.—Reports from Spotsylvania county, state that diphtheria is prevailing to an alarming extent. In some cases whole families have been carried off.

The Star Route Gang.

WASHINGTON, September 11.—At five minutes past two the Jury entered and through the foreman reported that they were unable to agree. The court stated it had come to the conclusion to accept a partial verdict. The roll of the defendants was called and all answered "here." The jury then rendered a verdict of acquittal as to Turner and Peck and guilty as to Miner and Reredell. As to the others they were unable to agree.

On objection of Merrick, Peck had not been arraigned and consequently could not be included in the verdict. The foreman repeated the report as to the others but left out the name of Peck. The jury were then discharged and Henkle and Williams for Miner and Reredell respectively moved for an arrest of judgement and for a new trial.

COURT ROOM SCENE.

That public curiosity in regard to the Star Route trial has not abated was manifested by the large crowd which thronged the court room this morning. Miner, Reredell, Turner, Vaile and J. W. Dorsey were in attendance and the Judge having taken his seat the session of Friday closed and the session of Monday was entered upon. The jury entered, looking fatigued and generally worn out. In answer to the question of the clerk whether they agreed upon a verdict, foreman Dixon said "We report that the jury stands the same as they did when the report was made Saturday."

HOW THE JURY STOOD.

WASHINGTON, September 12.—After an angry passage between Ingersoll and Merrick, and earnest statements on both sides, of an intent to probe the matter to the bottom, the court adjourned until Wednesday, when argument on the motion to arrest judgement, will be heard. One of the jurors says, as to all defendants, with the exception of Turner, the vote stood for conviction eight, and for acquittal four. The final ballot stood as to Brady, conviction, ten, and for acquittal, two. The vote as to S. W. Dorsey, stood nine for conviction, and three for acquittal. The vote as to J. W. Dorsey, stood ten for conviction, and two for acquittal. The vote as to Vaile stood eleven for conviction and one for acquittal.

The Maine Election.

PORTLAND, Me., September 11.—At 11:30 o'clock tallies show quarter of city vote to be standing with a Republican majority for governor of 48; in 80 it was 185, so the present majority indicates a substantial victory.

At Calais the election is progressing quietly. Robie will carry the city by from 300 to 400 majority. At Damaris Cotta many Greenbackers are voting the straight Republican ticket. Dexter reports gains for the Republicans. At Gardiner a full vote will be polled. Betting is near two to one in favor of Robie. The Republicans will probably elect the representative to the legislature, although there is strong opposition.

3 p. m.—Tallies show that two-thirds of the Portland vote stands; Republican, 2,483; Democratic, 2,130. A Republican majority of 344 against 185 total last year. The Independent Republican and Greenback vote is insignificant and may be considered simply scattering.

LEWISTON, Sept. 11.—The vote at 1 o'clock stood: Robie, 1042; Plaised, 865.

ATHENS, Sept. 11.—Four down town wards gave Robie 733, and Plaised 577. Brunswick voting is progressing quietly. The indications are that about an average vote will be thrown with very little gain by either party.

AUGUSTA, Sept. 11.—The election here is progressing quietly. Quite a heavy vote is being polled. The Republicans are sweeping every ward at the rate of two to one. A heavy vote is polled.

BELFAST, Sept. 11.—The interest is very animated here, and a larger vote than ever before is being cast. The Republicans are gaining largely.

BRIDGEMOOR, Sept. 11.—Up to noon only about one third of the total vote cast will be thrown. The vote between Plaised and Robie is very close. Very few straight Greenback, Independent or Temperance votes being cast.

Suspicious Death.

PORTLAND, Or., September 11.—The Oregonian's Salem special says: At about 1 o'clock this morning, the wife of John C. Long was shot dead. Long awakened the neighbors, who found Mrs. Long in her night clothes, with a bullet hole in both temples. At the inquest, the husband testified that his wife committed suicide, though the examination showed conclusively that she could not have fired the shot. Long and Bingham, a lodger, were placed under arrest.

The Pedro Mining Company.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 11.—The Pedro Consolidated Mining Company of Tombstone, Arizona, which was incorporated last week, has been organized by electing John Landers, President; J. Stadfeldt, Jr., Secretary; Donohoe, Kelly & Co., Treasurer; C. G. Billee, Superintendent. The following Executive Committee was appointed: John Landers, P. J. McMurray and A. M. Lawler. The company is organized on a basis of \$60,000, fully paid up stock. The property consists of six claims.

Major Reno Heard From.

CHICAGO, September 11.—A Cape May special says: Major Reno, who has been lost sight of since his dismissal from the army, turns up here as the escort and devoted attendant of a Philadelphia widow, who was engaged to a Philadelphia broker named W. C. Howell. The latter compelled his affianced to dismiss Reno, and was challenged by the dashing ex-military "masher." Howell is likely to accept the challenge, but may be thrashed openly, as Reno is very mad and a much larger man than Howell.

Alarm in a Church.

CINCINNATI, September 11.—A children's mass in St. Thomas' church this morning, there was a panic caused by a neighboring fire and several hundred children became involved in a scramble in which some were seriously bruised but none killed.

International Controversy.

ROME, September 11.—A conflict of jurisdiction in Tunis, between Italy and France is considered incident of the gravest character tendering aggravated and restrained relations between the two countries.

Railroad Inspectors.

CHICAGO, Ill., September 11.—Forty prominent Chicagoers started this morning to inspect the Mexican Central Railroad at its opening from El Paso to Chihuahua.

Heavy Failure.

LONDON, September 11.—Samuel Clay, a railway carriage maker of Long Eaton, Derbyshire, has failed; liabilities 200,000 pounds.

Severe Storm.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—A heavy wind and rain storm did much damage to the river front basements.

The Maine Election.

PORTLAND, Me., September 12.—Twenty towns give Robie 46,429; Plaised, 38,685; Chase, 653; Vinton, 192; scattering 163, against in 1880, Davis, 47,025; Plaised, 44,593; Joy, 109; Nye, 23; scattering 64. Robie's plurality is 7,744; against 2,232; Republican gain of 5,312. The towns to be heard from gave in 1880, Davis 26,519; Plaised, 19,177; Joy, 20; scattering 8. If the Republican gains in those towns are in the same ratio as the vote received, the total vote will stand Robie 72,683; Plaised, 62,924; scattering votes, Solon Chase, straight Greenbacker, should have about 1,000, and Vinton, Independent Republican, about 300. The Republican Congressmen are all four elected by nearly the same plurality. A gain of two Congressmen, or net gain of one, allowing for one lost by the new apportionment. Returns for Legislature, show a net Republican gain of six Senators and fourteen Representatives—giving the Republicans the majority on joint ballot.

Colorado Notes.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 12.—The Crescent mills and elevator were burned this morning. An estimated loss of \$225,000. Fully insured. They were the largest in the state and full of grain. It is thought the fire originated from a spark from the lime kiln across the street, which burned early in the evening.

Denver, Sept. 12.—Arthur Brooks, a prominent stock broker of Richmond, Ind., was arrested here to-day for the murder of Thomas D. Gauze, at Richmond, August 29. He confessed.

George Nesbit, a ranchman living in Tularosa Canyon, started for Las Cruces in a wagon, accompanied by his wife, Miss Woods and a stranger. The bodies of the three were found to-day. It is thought that Nesbit, who had been drinking, murdered them and then drove off, as he has not been heard of since.

A Novel Railroad Disaster.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 12.—Last evening the track of the South Pacific Coast road sank under a freight train on the tide land between Alameda and San Leandro. The engine was overturned and the cars piled on it. Brakeman, Daly was killed. The fireman Dan Driscoll, was caught under the engine. He retained full consciousness. The tide rising, his comrades tried to move him, but without avail. They threw up the levee around his head and bailed out the rising water for two hours. When the levee broke, they raised his head as far as possible, while the water slowly crept over his face and he drowned in their arms.

Mail Destroyed.

NEW YORK, September 12.—At half-past 9 o'clock this morning, a fire was discovered in the mail-room of the steamship Alaska, where three hundred sacks of mail matter from Australia, which arrived here from San Francisco on Monday, had been deposited. Ten sacks of newspapers and two of letters were partially destroyed before the fire was discovered. It is believed that the fire was caused by some combustible matter included in one of the sacks.

A Tough Bite of Affairs.

FAYETTE, Ark., 12.—A terrible state of lawlessness exists in the southern part of the State. Recently a United States Marshal and a posse in attempting to arrest two or three bad characters at the house of Jeff Gillian, were fired upon and two of them wounded. Since then the members of the posse have been fired upon mysteriously and are in constant fear. Last Friday night, an old emigrant camped on the roadside, with a little boy, and was killed by Jim Webb without the slightest provocation. Since then the citizens have become aroused, and the Sheriff, with a posse of two hundred citizens are scouting the country. Two men have been arrested, but Webb has not been found.

Another Bank Busted.

RICHMOND, Va., September 12.—The Richmond Banking and Insurance Company this morning posted at their counter the following notice: "The President and Board of Directors are compelled to suspend business for the present. Trustees will be appointed, and it is believed that depositors will receive dollar for dollar. (Signed.) John B. Davis, President." The bank officers state that the cause of suspension is due to a number of large depositors recently withdrawing funds, which action so materially contracted and embarrassed business that they were forced to the step taken.

The Color Line.

EAST ST. LOUIS, September 12.—There is much trouble here on account of the action of the school board in refusing colored scholars permission to enter the white schools. They have built a school house for colored scholars, and refuse to go, applying to the regular school, where admittance is refused. Several street fights resulted, and the schools have been twice closed, the white children being afraid to go. The excitement is increasing.

Searching for Chipp's Party.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 12.—Lieutenant G. Harbar writes from Yakutu, June 22: I have reached a tall called Matri, near the centre of Lena Delta, about July 3. Here I will establish a provision depot and at once commence search for people who were in Lieut. Chipp's cutter. I propose now to make our first search to westward of the depot it will probably occupy the greatest part of July. During August I will search eastward as far as Keanaria if necessary.

Dickson's Little Piece.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Foreman Dickson, in an interview, urges Merrick to reform the department of justice of its numerous abuses and scandals instead of attacking its integrity. He denounces as newspaper lies the stories of the jury lurching and brokering with the defendants. He tells a long story of the manner in which shooters and testers pursued the jury, and how some of them were snubbed by the jurors.

Severe Storms in Dixie.

COLUMBUS, Ga., September 12.—Much damage was caused to cotton and corn by the storm Saturday night and Sunday. Fences were blown down and forests uprooted.

LYNCHBURG, Va., September 12.—The rains yesterday and last night, caused a great rise in the Jamer river and tributaries. Streams are overflowing the lowlands and destroying property.

Political Economist.

CREASON SPRINGS, Penn., September 12.—The National Convention of iron and steel manufacturers and iron ore producers was called to consider the duty on iron and steel and to adopt a tariff, which will be submitted to the Commission which meets this afternoon.

An Embarrassed City.

MILWAUKEE, September 12.—The city is in financial straits owing to the gross mismanagement of former officials and concealment by the present ones of their neglect. There is no money to carry out the necessary improvements or pay interest until next year.

A Big Heist.

WEST BRIGHTON, Staten Island, Sept. 12.—Burglars got \$14,000 in cash and bonds from Edward and Owen McGorkey, brothers, by opening a safe while they were away. Ten thousand dollars in bonds were registered.

A Communication from Bill Nye.

LARAMIE, Wyoming, September 12.—Kitty Stewart, the Cherokee bride of Bronco Sam, a prominent rancher of Colorado, died this morning. While in a jealous mood, Sam shot her and then killed himself.

A Jersey Cyclone.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., September 12.—A cyclone struck this town this morning, uprooting trees and demolishing fences. Considerable damage was done.

Murrah for Tombstone.

SAN FRANCISCO, September 12.—Contention has declared a dividend of twenty-five cents per share.

Business Failures.

CONCORD, N. H., September 12.—Several failures are reported at the New York Produce Exchange on account of a decline in breadstuffs and provisions.

Watching the Enemy.

KASSASSIN, Sept. 12.—Wolsley, by personal reconnaissance to-day, got a clear idea of the enemy's position. A battle is now expected.

War Notes.

KASSASSIN, Sept. 12.—The campaign has demonstrated the vast superiority of the Schiapped over the Krupp Prussian shells. The English fired without haste, as the consumption of ammunition by rifles averaged eight pounds per man. The English soldiers showed great kindness to wounded Egyptians. Many gave away their water-bottles, which, under such sun, were a prime necessity for their own use. The prisoners all expected instant death.

A Happy Family.

LEWISTON, September 12.—James A. Arnett, a prominent farmer, quarreled with his wife and son, Jacob, about his (Arnett's) scandalous relations with a young widow, and as a scuffle was proceeding, a younger son, Cyrus, rushed in with a revolver and shot Arnett fatally. At last accounts he was still alive.

Anti-Prohibitionists.

OMAHA, Sept. 12.—The State Anti-Prohibitionists met here yesterday with a large attendance. Resolutions were adopted against voting for prohibitionist candidates, and requiring all who receive support of the convention to give a pledge to work against prohibition.

A Passenger Train Attacked.

PAISON, Kan., Sept. 12.—Reports are received of an unsuccessful attempt to rob the north bound Missouri Pacific train in Indian territory, about midnight. In the encounter Conductor Chick Warner was shot, probably fatally. Warner killed one robber.

More Trickery.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., September 12.—Mrs. Wm. Vail, wife of the Star-route Vail, has gone to join her husband in Washington. The residence was conveyed to her to-day by deed; consideration, about \$22,000, which is about one-third its value.

England and Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 12.—The grand council was summoned yesterday to discuss the relations between Turkey and England, and decided that the military convention must clearly indicate the landing place of Turkish troops in Egypt.

Republican Estimates.

PORTLAND, Maine, September 12.—The Daily Advertiser makes a careful estimate of the Legislature, as follows: Senate—Republicans, 28; Fusion, 3. House—Republicans, 87; Fusion, 64.

Lost at Sea.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 12.—An American bark and ship were lost off Port Eads. The crew of the latter were saved. Nothing heard of the crew of the bark.

FOREIGN.

A Battle in Progress.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—The News received the following account to-day of a fight at Kassassin:

KASSASSIN, Sept. 9, 9:20 a. m.—After 6 o'clock this morning the Bengal lancers and scouts came in with news that the enemy was approaching in great force on the north side of the railway. Our army was at once put in motion, and by seven o'clock an artillery duel began with Arab's troops. All our guns are spread over the entire ridge, and a mile and a half up the line a train, heavily armed, has appeared. Close to where I stand our forty-pounders and Krupp guns are placed, shelling the enemy's right. There is a 25-pounder a few hundred yards off, playing on the same position. We have the enemy's range exactly, our shells bursting right over their ranks. The Egyptian artillery have got our distance very well, and their shells are dropping steadily into our camp. Up to this moment no casualties have occurred. Reinforcements are just coming up from Mishames. A Krupp gun recently captured from Arabi sent a shell nearly in front of his train. Our infantry is advancing and the enemy slowly retreating.

The English Account.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Gen. Wolsley telegraphs the War Office from a point three and a half miles west of Kassassin Lock, the following: Sept. 9, noon.—The enemy reconnoitred our advanced posts with considerable force. All were armed at daylight this morning. General Willis advanced and attacked them, driving them back with loss. We have taken four guns. Our loss very trifling. The enemy have retired into their forts from which they are now firing.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

KASSASSIN, Sept. 9.—The attack of the enemy has been repulsed, but firing still continues along the front, which extends a distance of three miles. All the troops are out from a British camp, and the wounded are now being brought in, but the total casualties are not yet exactly known. The British loss, at a rough estimate, is about 100 killed and wounded. Many shells fell in the British camp before the enemy was repulsed.

The Chinese Taking a Hand.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Pekin dispatches of the 5th state that the Chinese have reinstated the king of Corea, and seized his father, who had usurped the throne, and taken him to China.

Want it Private.

LIMBRICK, Sept. 9.—The authorities have refused to permit any reporters to be present at the execution of Haynes.

CANDIDATES are getting anxious.

TRITTE has taken to letter writing. God help him.

THE Courier is one of the ablest papers in Arizona.

DELEGATE OURY will soon open the campaign, at Prescott.

THE Independents are the nymphs du pave of Arizona politics.

NARROW minds, ignorance and ingratitude go hand in hand.

TOMBSTONE DISTRICT is filling up with new mines and mining districts.

How charmingly disinterested most reformers are. Quite poetically so.

THOSE on the Great Register last year, cannot vote unless they re-register.

THE Republicans of Arizona are not suffering from an overdose of enthusiasm.

THE nominees of the Democratic convention will be the next officers of Cochise county.

NINCOMPOOPS and cranks should not be entrusted with the management of public affairs.

WE never take medicine, except from a competent doctor strong enough to administer it.

THOSE indebted to the EPITAPH will please remember that it takes money to run a newspaper.

THE EPITAPH proposes to preserve its dignity, no matter how heated the campaign may become.

A GOOD deal is said about the Ring. Who is it, what is it, and what does it do for a livelihood?

IT is rumored that Porter has the gout. The shock of Oury's political battery will soon limber him up.

THE Tombstone journals contain more original matter than those of any other section of the Territory.

AT the Democratic convention, the nomination of predict officers should be left to the precinct delegations.

THE citizens of Prescott are being badly held up by foot-pads. There is not enough employment to fit the census.

THE clerk of the Board of Supervisors should have published a list of precincts in the county, and the registering officers thereat.

GEN. CROOK is polishing up his sword, preparatory to exterminating the Apaches. If he succeeds, the EPITAPH will do its best to write him into a Major Generalship.

A THOROUGH and vigorous investigation of the charges made by Judge Wylie regarding the attempted bribery of the star route jury is now in order.

THIS journal is published in the interest of the public, and will not descend to personalities; neither will it attack the private character of anyone.

AS soon as the Democratic nominations are made, the editor of the EPITAPH will make a tour over the county. He would have started sooner, but was afraid that some desecrated idiot might accuse him of electioneering for some ambitious politician.

NOW that the Independent has swung into line, there will no doubt be a wholesale slaughter of corrupt county officials and rings. In the interest of true reform, of course there will be no favoritism shown—no predilections in the way of a clean sweep of the Augean stables.

THE Miner should not forget that Wm. M. Buffum, who is a Republican, is also a member of the Territorial Prison ring. The question at issue in the premises, is simply a matter of official fraud and corruption that should be ventilated by the press, and investigated by the legislature.

SOME of the Arizona journals seem to delight in abusing each other. It may be fun for the editors, but the public generally looks for news. Belligerent journalists should settle their differences in the good old-fashioned way, and not annoy their neighbors like a lot of scolding women.

OUR POLICY.

During our management of the EPITAPH we have endeavored to so conduct it, that it might be, to the public, an exponent of news and ideas. Under the old regime this city was kept in a ferment of excitement and agitation, that indirectly led to disturbances of the peace and crimes. Tombstone acquired a reputation for lawlessness that reverted against the prosperity of the camp, and the latter is only beginning to recover its natural buoyancy. Recognizing these facts, we have carefully avoided agitation of dead local issues, believing it the duty of a public journal to foster and protect the private and public interests of the community in which it is located. The result of this course of the EPITAPH has been good in the fact that there is to-day an entire absence of lawlessness throughout the county. Investors are not kept away through fear, hitherto idle mines are being developed and all classes of business consequently are reaping a good profit. We have been urged to attack various interests and persons, but have steadily refused because the requests have been traced to selfish motives, and we believed the best interests of the business men of this city would be subserved by an entire cessation of injurious recriminations. The camp is now in an exceedingly healthy condition. The bullion producing mines never looked better nor yielded more, and in almost every direction new and rich strikes are being constantly made. With all these facts existing, it would certainly be suicidal for this, or any other local journal to do ought that would tend to cloud existing prosperity.

Politically, the EPITAPH will sustain the principles it believes in, rationally and reasonably, insulting no one and fearing none. It will support or oppose candidates in a dignified and firm manner, upon their public records, leaving their private characters to their Maker.

THE STAR ROUTE FIASCO.

The jury report in the star route cases was exactly what every intelligent citizen in the country anticipated since the commencement of the legal comedy. The jury disagree in the principal cases. Two of the lesser thieves, whose money sacks were not very extensive, are found guilty, one figurehead was acquitted, and the Dorseys and Brady stand in the same position they did before the trial began. It is reported that in the case of J. W. Dorsey and Brady the jury stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal, and slippery Steve walked forth, with nine of the jurors declaring him guilty, while three professed to believe in his innocence. It would be interesting to learn the exact amount it cost the conspirators to buy the jury. We have no doubt but that the two or three men who held out and cheated the penitentiary out of a couple of prominent lodgers were well paid for their labor. The freedom with which the jurors and defendants mixed together, dined and wineed, and had good times, was a subject of scandal in Washington for a month back. Even the judge on the bench found it necessary to rebuke the shameful attempts made to buy the jury bodily. As it is, there is not a doubt but that the conspirators got their work in on at least three of them. The record is indeed shameful. There is not a sensible man in the country, but believes that Brady and the Dorseys were guilty of entering into a conspiracy to cheat the Government; yet, in the face of this fact, they are turned loose, or the next thing to it, for a jury disagreement now-a-days is as good as an acquittal. The trial cost the Government \$8,000,000, and all its powers were introduced to punish the rascals, yet, in the face of all this, the graceful sliding of a few thousand dollars into the pockets of a juror, can defeat the most perfect legal machinery known to civilization. Of course, the result of the trial will lessen the respect for law, and