

A Self-Convicted Party.

It is a curious fact, deserving more notice than it receives, that a very large proportion of those loud-smelling scandals which have made the Republican party both odorous and odious owe their exposure to Republican jealousies and quarrels. Usually it is the opposing party that does the exposing, but in this instance the Democrats have been spared the trouble, their antagonists taking it upon themselves, and displaying the soiled linen of the family to an astonished and disgusted public with as much nonchalance as if it were white as the driven snow and sweet as a bed of roses. All that Democrats have had to do has been to hold their noses, open their eyes and make the most of the political advantage thus gratuitously bestowed. As far back as 1861, when the war had just begun, Secretary Cameron was suddenly invited to leave the Lincoln cabinet, for reasons not then specified. But it soon leaked out that the veteran Pennsylvania statesman had been "improving his opportunities" rather more vigorously and exclusively than other statesmen of his party, equally hungry for spoils, thought fair, and that in his greed for contracts he had omitted to "grease" those who needed greasing in order to stop their mouths. So the Cameronian scandal crept into the light of day, the first in a long line of such, but considerably smaller and less infamous than the major of its notorious successors. The systematic stealing which was a familiar feature in military and naval affairs from 1861 to 1865 seldom escaped the eternal vigilance of Republicans who failed to get their share, and the would-be thieves, unless meanwhile silenced by a judicious application of hush money, hastened to expose the real thieves and demand their punishment. And so it has been ever since. Take the immortal whiskey ring as an illustration. It the ringsters, who were all Republicans, of course, had not insisted upon making their conspiracy to rob the government a very close corporation, it might have remained unrevealed much longer than it did. But Republican outsiders, no more honest than the insiders, determined that if they could not have cash they would have revenge, and so gave Bristow the points he worked up—not as they ought to have been, but as well as he could with the combined forces of the ring and a Republican administration against him. Belknap's dealings in Indian agencies and traderships, which hustled him out of Grant's cabinet, and came near bringing his impeachment, were first proclaimed by certain Republicans who wanted agencies or traderships for themselves or their friends and did not get them, therefore proceeded to "get even" by denouncing the too monopolizing Belknap. "Launelle" Williams was slaughtered in the same way and for the same reason, and if Robeson had been as generous in his division of the plunder as he was impudent in acquiring it, half his doings might have gone down to posterity in much better shape. The ineffable infamies of Republican reconstruction would not have been fixed in history half as firmly as they are if the white and black Republican rogues in the South had not quarrelled over the proceeds of their roguery and told on each other. If every carpet-bagger could have been a United States senator, governor or state treasurer, and every negro could have had all the land, mules and mistresses he wanted, the Republican performances in Southern states during that dismal period would not be as well and widely known as they are. And if the Republican "visiting statesmen" and returning-boarders, who cheated the American people out of their fairly elected president, had not been embittered by mutual jealousy and suspicion, that crowning Republican crime would not be as clearly set forth as it is for the execration of future ages. If there had been

into court by disappointed Republicans we might never have known how Garfield obtained the Republican nomination, how the \$2,000,000 Republican campaign fund was raised, and how the Republicans carried Indiana in 1880. And it Republican Mahone had admitted Republican Dezydort to an equal partnership in the distribution of federal offices, does anybody suppose that Dezydort would have told how Republican votes were manufactured at the Norfolk navy yard, and how much it cost to repair the Pinta?

The cases we have presented, though not a tenth of the whole number, are sufficient to show that Republican rascalities have been proved by the testimony of Republican witnesses—the witnesses being, so far as intention was concerned, as bad as the criminals—and that in no instance does the proof of these rascalities depend upon Democratic testimony. We may, therefore, with utmost propriety call the Republican party a self-convicted party; and if, with such self-conviction before them, the people do not furnish the proper condemnation at the polls next year, then they deserve to be saddled, bridled and ridden by Republican rascals to the end of time.

A subcommittee of the United States senate has just had a session in New York to investigate the coast fisheries question and see what is necessary to be done to protect the game fish of the sea. For two or three years there has been more or less agitation directed against the menhaden fisheries. The menhaden is not a game fish. Being coarse and oily in flesh it is not even considered as of value for the table, though from its cheapness it is eaten to some extent by the poor. It is a fish which congregates in immense schools, and as many as 100,000 are said to be taken sometimes by a single cast of the net. Taken in such numbers the menhaden have come to be the basis of extensive manufacturing interests, numerous fish oil factories being erected along the coast. It seems that the menhaden are the natural food of the blue fish, sea bass and other game fish. The fisheries have been prosecuted with such industry that the menhaden are decreasing in numbers and driven far from their old haunts. The consequence is a great falling off in the catch of blue fish, and many fish dealers who supply the Eastern city markets want to put a stop to the menhaden fisheries in order to foster the game fish. This curious idea has been pressed so vigorously that it forms one of the leading questions considered by the congressional committee which is investigating the fisheries business.

There will be no hesitation among Democrats to hold the Republican party responsible for the great scandals and shame brought on the country by the methods pursued by the Dorseys, Bradys and their associates in the campaign of 1880. They used the treasury of the country to corrupt the voters. They secured the aid of rich men by promising them the profits of the management of the treasury and the public debt. They took all the money they required to effect their purpose. How much more they would have taken if they had deemed the exigency required it is only a matter of conjecture. No other party under this government have ever ventured to do what the Republican campaign leaders, with the approval, and indeed at the suggestion and instance, of the nominees for the presidency and vice-presidency, did in 1880. The only motives they had or defence to offer for the audacious struggle for success then made were love of power and greed of the emoluments of office. The question now for the people is, whether it is safe, self-respecting and patriotic to permit those who have grown thus unscrupulous to continue where they can abuse their trusts and the public confidence.

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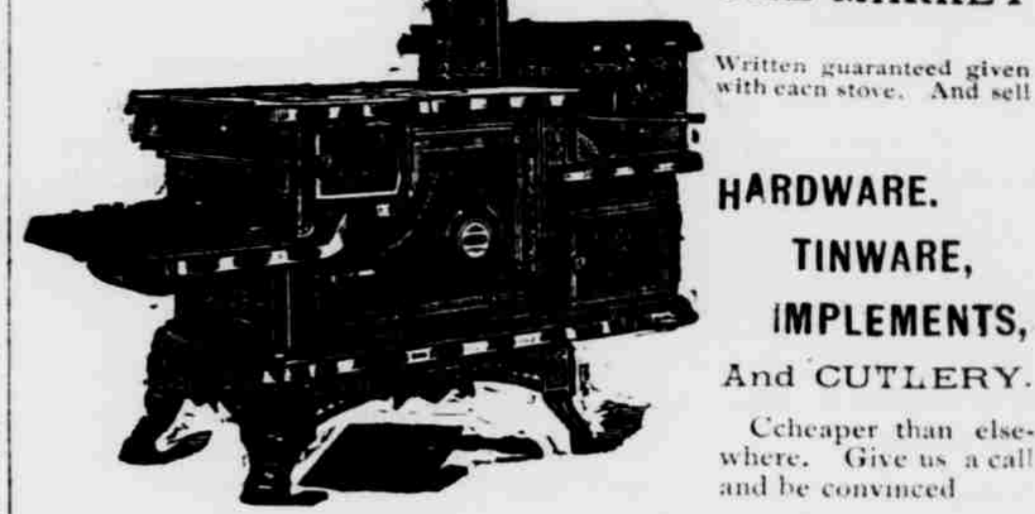
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