

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET. FOR PRESIDENT: GROVER CLEVELAND, Of New York. FOR VICE PRESIDENT: THOMAS A. HENDRICKS, Of Indiana. ELECTORS: L. B. FISON, of Baker. W. D. FENTON, of Yamhill. A. C. JONES, of Douglas. Hendricks' Reply to Chandler.

Thomas A. Hendricks when nominated at Indianapolis after having received the nomination for Vice President, in his speech which we published in last week's issue, made some severe strictures upon the management of the medical bureau of the navy department. Secretary Chandler came to the rescue of his subordinates and his own management of the naval affairs, in what he pleases to term an open letter to Thomas A. Hendricks, dated Washington, July 13th, 1884. He says: "A candidate for Vice President should speak with decent fairness. In your speech at Indianapolis last Saturday night, you made a statement from which you meant that the public should believe that it appeared by my testimony that frauds in the bureau of medicine and surgery in this department amounted, during the last year to \$63,000. That I was informed of some of these outrages a year ago; that after I was informed of the frauds I disbelieved them, because members of Congress had recommended the continuance of the chief of the bureau, and that I took no adequate action concerning them."

"To the contrary of all this I testified that the suspected vouchers commenced as far back as June 21st, 1880, although a small voucher as late as January 21st, 1884, was paid."

Before the ink had got dry, the statesman who knows what he is talking about, replied as publicly as he had been censured by the secretary who can see no wrong in the frauds which have been committed in the department which he presides over, and which required the investigation of a committee of Congress to bring to light, that the leakages—not of the vessels but of the public moneys—might be stopped. The self-conviction which he brings home to the Secretary, shows to the honest reader who it is that wishes to deal fairly with this question that the people may judge of the necessity of a change in the administration of the government.

HENDRICKS' REPLY. INDIANAPOLIS, July 14, 1884. To the Hon. W. E. Chandler—Sir: I find in the newspapers this morning a letter to me from yourself written yesterday, and circulated through the associated press. You complain that I did you an injustice, in an address to the people of this city, made the evening before. In that address I urged that we need to have the books in the government offices opened for examination, and as an illustration I cited the fraudulent vouchers in one of the bureaus of your department, and that upon your testimony before a subcommittee of the senate it appeared that the frauds amounted to \$63,000. Is not every word of that true? You were brought before the committee, and testified as I stated; you admitted, under oath, that the sum stolen amounted to \$63,000, but your defense is that the embezzlement did not wholly occur under your administration, but part of it under that of your predecessor. It seems to have covered a period from June 21, 1880, down to January 25, 1884. Does that help your case? You were at the head of the department a year and nine months of that period, and your predecessor about a year and ten months. He was in office at the time of the payment of the first false voucher, June 21, 1880, and up to April 17, 1882, when you came in, and you continued there until the last false voucher was paid, Jan. 25, 1884. The period was almost equally divided between yourself and your predecessor. How much of the \$63,000 was paid out under yourself, and how much under your predecessor your letter does not show; but, sir, upon the question I am discussing, does it make any difference who was secretary, when the false vouchers were paid?

HENDRICKS' REMEDY. I urge that in cases like this, when frauds are concealed in the ledgers or books of a department, the only remedy of the people is by a change of control, so that the books and vouchers shall come under the examination of new and disinterested men. Do you think I am answered when you say I was mistaken in supposing that in this case the frauds were all under your administration,

when in fact part of them extended back into that of your predecessor? Why, sir, that makes your case worse. The bureau of medicine and surgery deficiency is large, but the more serious fact is that it could and did extend through two administrations of the department, a period of nearly four years, without detection; but it becomes more serious, so far as you are individually concerned, when the fact is considered that you had notice, and took no sufficient action. The information upon which I speak was sent from Washington the 16th of last month, by the associated press, the same that brings me your letter. The associated press obtained its information either in your department or from the investigating committee.

A CHARGE OF NEGLIGENCE. If you were correctly reported you testified that the total of the suspicious vouchers discovered so far was about \$63,000, and the money fraudulently obtained was in some instances divided between the watchman in the department, Carrigan, chief clerk, and Kirkwood, in charge of the accounts. Now what notice had you, according to the associated press reports, of your testimony? You received a letter last year charging Carrigan, one of the parties, with drunkenness, and after that a man came to you and told you that Kirkwood and Carrigan were engaged in frauds. Did not that put you upon notice and investigation? You testified that some inquiry was made and that your conclusion was that while there were some suspicious circumstances they did not warrant a conclusion of guilt. After notice, verbal and in writing, you left the men in office; you did not bring the frauds to light nor the guilty parties to punishment. It was Government Detective Wood who discovered the frauds, and the associated press report says Wood declared he would have no further dealings with your department, but would press the investigation before congress.

THE NEXT EXCUSE. What is your next excuse? Worse, if possible, than all before. You say a large number of congressmen, including some gentlemen of great influence and position, recommended that the head of the bureau, Dr. Wales, should be re-appointed. The members of congress knew nothing of the frauds; you were his official superior, but, in fact, did you re-appoint him? I understand not. But Dr. Wales was not one of the guilty parties; he neither forged a voucher nor embezzled money; his responsibility in the case is just the same as your own; he was the official superior of the rogues, as were you of himself, as well as them. Neither he nor yourself exposed the frauds or punished the parties. I have not so far considered this as a case of politics. Addressing my neighbors I said that this and like cases admonish them to demand civil service reform, in the removal of all from office who will not seek to promote it within the sphere of their official duty and authority. Respectfully, T. A. HENDRICKS.

The nomination of Cleveland and Hendricks at Chicago was not a surprise. Cleveland has made himself a very popular leader since his accession to the gubernatorial chair of the State of New York. He has been a rising man since his first entry into the political arena. His conduct in the various offices to which he has been elected has been without a single fault. His straight-forward and manly reply to the committee who paid him a visit of congratulation on his nomination, proves him to be without blemish or self-righteousness. He is evidently a man of the people. By his overwhelming majority in the State of New York, it at once placed him as a foremost man in the convention; a convention composed of the brightest lights in the Democracy. Had the Democrats searched all over the Union for a more popular man, one could not have been found, as he combines youth, manhood and ability of a very young order. He is undoubtedly the strongest man the Democrats could have pitted against the Plumed Knight, and his election is almost a foregone conclusion. Of Mr. Hendricks little need be said, as his name is almost a household word throughout the land, and adds additional strength to the ticket. With the nominations above, both the States of New York and Indiana will be solid for the Democratic ticket. Cleveland's letter of acceptance will be given to the press this week.

Now that Oscar Wilde is married he will be compelled to listen to the lectures of somebody else.

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Elk.—All hail! most feathered chief! J. B.—How goes the battle? How wages the wage?

Elk.—Nobly, most fair plumed plumage. We could carry the solid South if we had sufficient niggers and likewise California, without doubt, if the Chinese could but vote. You may safely rely on all these.

J. B.—Enough, my soapific friend enough. My election is now sure. Gladstone is now in sympathy with us. 'Tis a deep and well-laid scheme. When President I will reward my Irish supporters. Cause, or no cause, I shall declare war against England. The Irish exclusively preferred; they will comprise my army, and Gladstone will recruit from the Emerald Isle only, and then will follow a war—a glorious war of extermination—and thus, at last, there will be an end to that most vexed Fenian question. My Catholic vote is certain. You know, my grandmother's clock was stolen from a high-toned Catholic cathedral, where they worship idols and images, you know, as they do me, and I do so dearly love that incensed clock, that old religious admonisher of the flight of time. I myself am a bloody Calvinist and believe that Hades is paved with the skulls of infants not a span long. Presbyterians don't like Catholics, and vice versa—they used to burn each other up or down, as the case may be—but the wool hangs heavy over their optics now, and their votes count all the same. Hark ye, the future is brilliantly red with victory and blood. Now, then, as all is settled, I can retire and rest upon the bosom of my darling, my charming "soap-fat man." (Exeunt—Music, "Two Blind Mice.")

Blaine's Letter of Acceptance.

Blaine has at last given to the public his long looked for letter of acceptance. After two months' effort he has succeeded in producing a "what-is-it." The document is verbose and altogether too lengthy for our columns. It will be published in pamphlet form and sent out as a campaign document. When it arrives we bespeak for it your earnest perusal, and in that case, comment from us will be unnecessary.

One of the most noticeable features of the document is the absence of any principles or policy bearing upon governmental affairs, or in the remotest degree calculated to benefit or better the condition of our people or country. WHAT THE PRESS SAY OF THE LETTER.

The Times affects astonishment that such "stale platitudes, such dull and sleepy mammering about census figures, balance of trade, the Mormon question and public lands could come from the bold and brilliant, magnetic Blaine. His letter is flat and feeble, and gives evidence of a worn body and a weary mind. Even a most cursory examination of the letter reveals Blaine's unfitness to grapple with questions so new and strange to him as tariff and protection. The Times calls him a timid dissemler on the subject of foreign policy and civil service reform, and adds: "Altogether his letter marks a visible drop in the chances of his election."

THE HERALD.

The Herald "prints the letter as a historical curiosity. Presumably he has been assisted in his preparation in the last ten days by intellectual bureaus, consisting of Phelps, Stephen B. Elkins, Charles E. Smith and Whitelaw Reid. It looks, in length and tenor as if he had adopted all their suggestions. The notion that purity of administration and purity of record of candidates is the main issue in this presidential canvass is entirely ignored by the contributors to the document."

THE SUN.

The Sun, like the World and Times, finds its chief objection to the letter in that it fails to discuss the Mulligan letters, and says: "Brother Blaine tells us nothing new. His recent literary labors have given him remarkable facility and power of expression. The people, however, are chiefly concerned to discover what Blaine is, not what he says. Blaine wants to change the subject, but he cannot be accommodated."

THE WORLD.

The World thinks the letter might "more properly be called a letter of evasion than acceptance. It falsifies history on the tariff, misrepresents the Democracy, exaggerates the work of the Republicans, makes a bid for southern and foreign votes, and slurs over the civil service, but its tongue is tied about the real live issue of honest government against dishonest government."

THE EVENING PAPERS. The comments of the evening papers on Blaine's letter reflect generally the sentiments expressed in the morning papers. The Post viva's the Times in vindictiveness. It says: "The letter is undoubtedly the joint composition of the candidate himself, Whitelaw Reid, C. E. Smith and Stephen B. Elkins. There is nothing 'aggressive' whatever. It has been trimmed and planed and sand-papered until there is nothing in it." The Post exhausts over two columns in an editorial trying to "catch hold of something."

THE PHILADELPHIA PRESS. The Press declares Blaine's letter "the clear, trenchant voice of masterly leadership. It sharply defines the lines of campaign, and forces the fighting at every point. No sounder utterances of political creed, no wittier declaration of public policy has appeared in our day. It is full of texts for the campaign, and opens the fight in the strongest possible manner."

The Times compares its 6000 words with the 100 in which Lincoln and Grant concluded their vigorous letters of acceptance, "but then the party and the candidates had nothing to apologize for. Blaine's long letter is a confession of his present weakness; it is full of special pleading; an elaborate denial of any need of reform or change in either the policy or administrative methods of the government; an attempt to divert attention from necessities of the present; an evasive appeal to the distant past; not a word about Robeson, about the star route frauds or about the scandal of the lobby."

It is said that Gen. Grant now regrets that he did not give his boys toy pistols when they were young.

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