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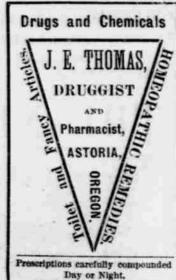
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THE MULLIGAN LETTERS.

References are frequently made to the Mulligan letters in papers hostile to Blaine, and these references are made with a coloring which the facts as officially printed in the Congress-ional Record of June 4th, 1875, do not anywar to warrant. In April or an implacable enemy then as now to Mr. Blaine, attacked Mr. Blaine's integrity. Harrison was a director of the Union Pacific Railroad. His

statement was that the Union Pacific Railroad had charged to some one \$64,000 of the bonds of the Fort Arkansas and that the real beneficiary Mr. Blaine said: was James G. Blaine. An investiga-tion was ordered by the judiciary committee, of which Hon. J. P. Knott,

of Kentucky, was chairman.

Nothing of any special interest was developed until one Warner Fisher, of Boston, and the now famous Mr. Mulligan were summoned. Fisher was a speculator in railway securities and Mulligan was his book keeper. Up to the time of the appearance of these two men before the committee, Blaine had met every accusation against him, and the bent of the investigating committee was to make a report of exoneration. Mulligan's statement, however, made a sensation. He said that Mr. Blaine had twice called upon him; that at the first meeting Blaine had besought him to give him the letters in his possession. There was a correspondence between Blaine and Fisher, which Mulligan, the book keeper, had stolen out of Fisher's safe. Mulligan was persuaded to lend the letters to Blaine for a few hours, when they were returned. few hours when they were returned. The next day Blaine, to refresh his memory on the contents of the letters, was allowed to review them, when he put them in his pocket and refused to give them up.

Blaine justified his act on the

ground that the letters had been stolen by Mulligan, who was no longer in Fisher's service. The letters belonged either to himself or Fisher, and the latter wished Blaine to hold

The committee then demanded the letters, and Blaine, after a day's consideration, refused to give them up.
The committee thereupon agreed to report Blaine to the house as a recalcitrant witness.

Thus matters stood until the 4th of June, 1875, when Blaine made the dramatic scene in the house of representatives which suggested to Bob answer? Ingersoll his term of "Plumed Knight," afterward applied to him in his famous speech at Cincinnati. Blaine arose in his seat to a question of privilege. He was the very employed to the state of the seat to a question of privilege. He was the very employed to the state of the seat to a question of privilege. He was the very employed to the state of the state of the seat to a question of privilege. He was the very employed to the state of the st cution at the hands of the judiciary committee, his refusal under legal advice to give up the Mulligan letters,

"When the famous witness, Mulli-gan, came here loaded with informa-tion in regard to the Fort Smith road, the gentleman from Virginia drew out what he knew had no reference whatever to the question of investithan with the North pole. And the gentleman tried his best—also I believe that has been abandoned—to

Mr. Blaine's vindication was comwhich have been notoriously scattered throughout the United States, and are known to everybody. I claim I have the right to those letters, not only by naturally right, but upon all precedents and principles of law, as the man who had these letters in possession held them wrongfully. The committee that attempted to take those letters from that man to use against me did wrongfully: They preceeded in all boldness to a most defiant violation of the ordinary private and personal rights which belong to every American citizen, and I was willing to meet the judiciary committee on this floor. I wanted them to introduce it. I wanted the gentleman from Kentucky and the gentleman from Virginia to introduce that question upon this floor, but they did not do it."

Mr. Knott (in his seat). I know you.

secutors and desperate maligners the proofs of his innocence.
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did.

Mr. Blaine—Very well.

Mr. Knott—I know you wanted to be made a martyr of. [Laughter.]

Mr. Blaine—And you did not want to, and there is the difference. [Applause and laughter.] I go a little further; you did not dare to.

"Now, Mr. Speaker," continued Mr. Blaine, "I have defied the house to compel me to produce these letters. I speak with all respect to this house.

I speak with all respect to this house. But I say this house has no more power to order what should be done, or not done, with my private correspondence than it has with what I shall do in the nature and education of my chil-dren—not a particle. The right is as sacred in one case as the other. But, sir, having vindicated that right, standing by it, ready to make and sacrifice in the defense, here and now, NIGHT SCHOOL.

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and with a sense of outrage l think any man in my position would fee', I invite the confidence of 44 000,000 of my countrymen while I read those letters from the desk." [Applause.] letters from the desk." [Applanse.]
Mr. Blaine then read the letters
with dramatic effect, accompanying
them with explanatory remarks. The scene attending the reading was one of the wildest excitement. The speak-

er was powerless to preserve order not appear to warrant. In April or The sympathies of the galleries, which May preceding the Republican convertion in Cincinnati, J. D. Harrison, their enthusiasm added to the general tumult and disorder. After the read-ing of the letters and when the ex-citement had subsided. Mr. Bane walked over to the Democratic side, and standing directly in front of J. Proctor Kuott, precipitated another \$64,000 of the bonds of the Fort sensation, and one more startling Smith and Little Rock Railroad of than the first, because unexpected

"There is one piece of testimony wanting. There is one thing to close the complete circle of evidence. is but one witness whom I could no have, to whom the judiciary commit tee, taking into account the great and intimate connection he had with the transaction, and I ask the gentleman from Kentucky if that dispatch was

from Kentucky if that dispatch was sent to him."

Mr. Frye—Who?

Mr. Blaine—To Josia Caldwell.

Mr. Knott—I will reply to the gentleman. Judge Hunton and myself have both endeavored to get Mr. Caldwell's address, and have not yet got it.

Mr. Blaine Has the gentleman from Kentucky received a dispatch from Mr. Caldwell? Mr. Knott-I will explain that di-

rectly.

Mr. Blaine-I want a categorical Mr. Knott-I have received a dis patch purporting to be from Mr. Caldwell.

Mr. Blaine—You did? Mr. Knott—How did you know I Mr. Blaine - When did you get it? I want the gentleman from Kentucky to answer when he got it.

Mr. Knott-Answer my question Mr. Blaine -I never heard of it un

til yesterday. Mr. Knott-How did you hear it? Mr. Blaine -I heard you got a dispatch last Thursday morning at eight o'clock from Josia Caldwell completely and absolutely exonerating me from this charge, and you have suppressed it. [Protracted applause on the floor and in the galler-

answer?
Mr. Knott I answer that when I bodiment of rage and passion. His take was pale and bloodless. No one who sat within his hearing could obtained. I have had no means of obtained. I have had no means of the country of th have failed to surmise that something knowing from the telegraph office was coming. Thereupon he reviewed succinctly what he deemed his persecution. But I tell the gentleman from Kentucky that murder will out. Mr. Grover -That is true.

Mr. Blaine-And secrets will leak. And I tell the gentleman now, and I am prepared to state to this house that at eight o'clock on last Thursday morning, or thereabout, the gen-tleman from Kentucky received and receipted for a message from Josia Caldwell, in London, entirely corrobgation. He then and there insisted on all my private memorada being allowed to be exhibited by that man in reference to business that had no in reference to business that had no charges, which I am bound to believe that report He then and there insisted orating and substantiating the statements of Thomas A. Scott, which he no more to do with the investigation from the suppression of that report

gentleman tried his best—also I be-lieve that has been abandoned—to capture and use and control my pri-vate correspondence. This man has selected out of correspondence runvate correspondence. This man has selected out of correspondence running over a great many years, letters which he thought would be peculiarly damaging to me. He came here loaded with them. He came here sensation. He came here primed. He came here on that particular errand. I was advised of it, and I obtained these letters under circumstances to ruin him and blacken his good name forever was crushing and overwhelming. The Democrats sat amazed, dumbfounded, dazed by the indomitable courage, the sublime andactive of the man against whom they had plotted. Mr. Blaine had "plucked the flower safety from the nettle danger," and wrested from his persecutors and desperate maligners the secutors and desperate maligners the

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