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OFFENSIVE PARTISANSHIP.

A little more than four years ago, T. E. McCracken, who then held a position under the Arthur administration in the general postoffice department at Washington City, came to his low home to cast a vote for Blaine and Logan. He was stoutly importuned by his old democratic friends to vote for Cleveland and reform and to thus aid in turning the "rascals out;" indeed, there was so much said that the Col. thought best to state his reasons publicly why he could not leave the g. o. p. at the behest of the clamors of the crowd to support democratic notions of "reform." Cleveland was elected; his cabinet officers appointed. W. F. Vilas was made postmaster general and it was he that invented the phrase "offensive partisan" that was so briskly applied to radical republicans, as a reason for their dismissal. In due time the reasons given by McCracken—which proved to be a prophecy—were clipped from the paper in which they were published and sent with personal letters of a Simon-pure democrat, one to Cleveland and one to Postmaster Vilas, in the interests of reform, and McCracken, soon thereafter, was dismissed from the service, and a Mississippi kiltux given his place. The Colonel thinks "reform" should be substituted for "rascal," and the work of turning the latter out begin soon after the 4th of March next. Below we give the offensive article in question:

"WHY NOT?"
Since arranging to leave I have been asked if I did not think it would be better for the country to have a change in the administration? I was going to vote for Cleveland and Reform? and if not, why not? Below are some of my reasons "why not." Three fourths of the available strength of the democratic party is confined to the southern states, and should the party gain the victory, November 1st, the south would have full and complete control of the affairs of this nation. And a vote for Cleveland would be an acknowledgment that the existing government is to be overthrown by ex-rebels. It would be acknowledging that the rebels did right in firing upon Fort Sumter. It would be acknowledging that the starting to death of Union soldiers in southern prison pens was the right thing to have been done. I would be acknowledging that at least eight hundred million dollars, fastened upon the people by the leaders of the democratic party was a right-evil act. I would be acknowledging that the breaking of chains and setting at liberty four million human beings, whose God given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are equal to our own, was all wrong. I would be acknowledging that free trade was better for American citizens than protection. I would be acknowledging that free banks and "wild cat" money are preferable to treasury notes, gold and silver coins and national bank bills. By the act, I would acknowledge that a laborer could support himself and family better, and therefore be happier, on 25 cents a day, than he can and is at a \$1.25 a day. I would be acknowledging that Henry W. Beecher's "monkey business" and Grover Cleveland's 22-inch neck, are calculated to bring out for society greater respectability and much greater morals. For these reasons, (and many others), I shall not vote for Cleveland and "Reform," nor the Old Compendium, Hicksites; but will cast a vote for the party that saved the Union; that sprung the idea of redemption; that gave us the best currency in the world; that paid nearly one-half of the enormous war debt, and in the meanwhile has kept up the running of the government without oppressing the people. For the party that maintains equal and equal political rights to every American citizen, whether he be white or black, American or foreign. For that party that has endeavored to remove all barriers in the way of pensioning all Union soldiers and providing for their widows and orphans. For the party that has endeavored to protect our manufacturers, producers and laborers against English free trade and monopolies. The party that guarantees to the greatest number of citizens the fullest, freest, most peaceful and economical government, represented by such great statesmen as Blaine and Logan, is the party that will receive the support and vote of Yours Truly,
T. E. McC.

Burglars Caught in the Act.

BENKELMAN, NEB., Dec. 14.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)—The store formerly owned by M. M. Chase & Son at Hagler, but since the fire, the hands of T. H. Frazier, Frazier & Co., of St. Joseph, was burglarized, last night, by the Chase sons and their pals. They were discovered in the act, surrounded by citizens and arrested. Four of them plead guilty and were bound over in the sum of \$300 each. Two others will have their trial, Tuesday next.

The recent contest in Boston over members of the public school board was the most exciting municipal election held in that city for many years. A new element of interest was introduced in the vote of the women of the city, who cast 15,000 ballots. The issues were between the Catholics and Protestants and the employment of Swinton's school text books, to which the Catholics objected, was the point of controversy. The anti-Catholic element was victorious at the polls, and none but Protestants were elected as members of the board. Complications of this sort are greatly to be deplored, and are damaging to the cause of popular instruction. Religious questions should not be allowed to figure in municipal contests or in the management of the public schools, and by the exercise of an intelligent spirit of liberality on the part of all sects such contingencies might be avoided.

The purest, the wisest, the most unselfish, and the noblest being that ever appeared on this earth was the Jew, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. More and more as the world advances and improves it conforms to the spirit and letter of the teaching of Him who was the contemporary of all the ages. More and more as love conquers hate—as truth triumphs over error—as sweetness and light take the place of their opposites—men find themselves in sympathy with Him. The truest wisdom on the part of every man is to ally himself to Christ and to become his earnest devoted follower. This will yield the highest joy and the most solid satisfaction a man's nature is capable of. When He was on earth He said: "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

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TUESDAY was the 82d birth day of Whittier "the good Quaker poet." How enviable his fame! The venerable author is to-day, perhaps, the best beloved man of letters in the country. He has been always a man of positive opinions and has not stood aloof from the great public questions of the day. On all of them he has been frank and honest, and the people have respected his convictions and admired the force and beauty of his poetry. It is fitting that the school children of the country should be made more intimately acquainted with the life and writings of this pure and noble character. He stands now in the evening of life, admired and loved by all.

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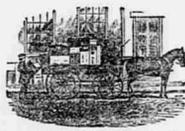
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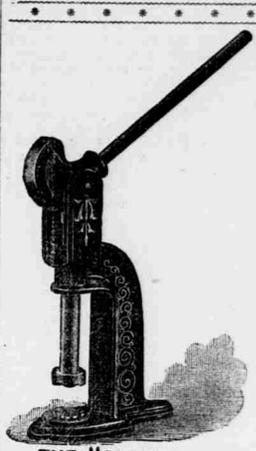
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