

somewhat
 and Judge Touge says he does not understand
 hardly anybody with a less explicit avowal
 stands that he is a candidate, in any
 for the popular will, than the judge possesses
 proper sense of the word. As he looks
 at it, he ^{is} ^{to} ^{be} ^{entirely} ^{of} ^{the} ^{fact}
 at it, the people are merely using
 him as an instrument for regaining
 some little influence in its nominating
 conventions. There have been so long
 decided by "trades" and "clicks" among
 as by ^{representing} ^{the} ^{interests} ^{of} ^{the} ^{people}
 factional leaders, that the people are get-
 ting tired and the Judge thinks they
 picked him up merely to see how it would
 seem to ^{be} ^{done} ^{on} ^{their} ^{own} ^{way} ^{again}. The

and especially ⁱⁿ this latitude
somewhat
view is a ~~new~~ one in these times and
hardly anybody with a less exalted reverence
for the popular will, than the Judge possesses,
would be likely to entertain it. He is a most
incidental optimist whose works are replete
with that peculiar belief in the ultimate
rightfulness of the popular verdict upon all
questions. He does not believe so much in
eradicating political evils by repressive legislation
as by increasing the responsibility and quicken-
ing the conscience of the individual citizen.
His views upon this subject have so often been
set forth by ~~the~~ his pen as to need no repeti-
tion on his part. At ~~other~~ ^{other} hands, I might
suppose, that it is generally found that it is

uninteresting, however, to note a quaint ex-
pression of it in one of his earlier works.

The old Southern lawyer, Manuel Hunter, is
advising his son Geoffrey. - He says:

"It's a queer thing, Geoffrey, but the older you
grow the more you'll notice it to be true, that
the downright honest notions ain't ever very
far from the real law and equity of things.
The vox populi is not the voice of God, it is true,
when it comes with hot blood and violence. It
is not the vox dei when it comes with a roar
and a shout, fierce and wild. Don't trust it
then, Geoffrey, never. A wise man may then dis-
regard it and a patriot much often defy it. But
when it comes calm and deliberate, and the quiet
chat of neighbors or shows in a man's talk
when he smokes his pipe by the firelight after
supper, then I've generally found that it is

better law than we ordinarily get in the
Reports. When it comes in that way, Geoffrey,
the ~~voice~~ of the people's voice is so high
what God evidently accounts right, that
~~to summarize~~ when one is taking overman-
able risks when he goes again it."

If the judge is right in his views some
of our party managers had better be wise
in time for we ~~have~~ have never
heard so much "quiet chat" among the
people about resuming control of their
own affairs as during the last few
months. South are no more an
offense against liberty and good

government, than the packed censures

Emancipation Should begin at Home.

† While Whittier's Four Thousand vol-

diers fought for the freedom of the
slave and the safety of the Union the

slaveholders sit at home and

forget their shackles for her freedom. The Re-

publican voters of the County are
as though he had bought and sold, whistled

today as thoroughly enslaved as

the blacks of the South were before

will year after year until they
Abraham Lincoln's proclamation brought

them liberty. The stuffed ballot-boxes

of the South are no more an

offence against liberty and good

government than the packed ^{men} ~~members~~

and trading delegations of Chautauque.

+ You run to Jefferson's stamping by the ballot-box

for the oppression of a mountain, like the

slave-master watching his slaves march

past. They were his slaves too ^{men} in

whom he had bought and sold, whedled

on terrified into compliance with his

will, year after year until they were

in July.

were bound with fetters of shame making them his subannient creatures.

X It is believed that merchants have
~~refused to pay~~ been required to pay
large sums for the support of the king,
for the suppression of competitors. It is
common rumor that men have bought
and sold the votes of delegations in
your conventions as readily and al-
most as cheaply as striking fish
in July. It is hardly counted a dishonorable
thing to sell a public office, betray
the confidence of a primary, or barter

The names of Tiquil for record an
official for reference for

telegraphic vocabulary. His instruments were

practical measures. Our Chatterbox
legit

show their superior skill by leading by

the way to a station that has become an

annual - the intellectual interests of our

the political intelligent families of the

states. They have debased public sentiment
in the matter so universal as the belief

until it is hardly counted a dishonour
an the business and corruption that

thing to sell a public office, betray
just after your defects the well

the confidence of a primar on Carter
an assumption that

to a vote for votes, office for influence for

to obtain another. How could ^{as} a

part of their legitimate revenue the sums

received by the sale of their votes

as delegates to Republican Conventions.

This is so well known that among

if you do not know them you fully believe

the politicians they are familiarly spoken

of as "traders" So universal is the belief

and the suspicion and captivation that

few happen your defects the ^{emergency} trials

of the people the State ^{men} complains that

the opportunities for ~~and~~ selling their

been tempted to become a "Mammoth"
votes and influence are withheld from
have ever resisted this impetuous

them ~~and the same~~ sending the same

ability
forces in the capacity and quality
parties year after year to the foreground.

of the Republicans
Fellow Citizens of ~~Chautauque~~, there are all
representation. ~~When I think of the~~

plain facts that every one of you do know or
of our ~~prevalence~~ majority for the past

if you do not know them you fully believe
few years, I cannot help but blush
the same. Year after year, you are dragooned

Who are the men who have represented us in
into the support of the men thus nominated
the State and National Legislatures? ~~Who~~
and thereby yearly strengthen the chains
whom have our local officers signify

by which you are bound. ~~The number~~
given

of the party in the State or Nation have
fought for freedom are now honored

look upon these (our) terms of the clock.

Seeing these things, year after year, I have

been tempted to become a "Magnum". I

have ~~own~~ resisted this impulse, ^{thus far} because

I have an invincible belief in the confi-

dence in the capacity and inclination of

of the Republican party for self-sacrific-

ification. When I think of the outcome

of our immense majority for the past

few years, I cannot help but blush.

Who are the men who have represented us in

the State and National legislatures? To

whom have our local offices been

given? and allow the ~~whom do~~

Of the soldiers who fought who

fought for freedom are ^{the} ~~they~~ ^{ought} ~~will~~ ^{be} honored

high just over three (one term of the Clerk-
ship and one term of the Treasurership are
all that I can recall). The reason of this
is no doubt to be found very largely in
the fact that our soldiers, ^{as a rule} do not con-
stitute very pleasant tools of the king. They
are not men who ^{of alluring them} are likely to
make merchandise of their convictions
and consent to sell the truth
to their neighbors, ^{for} them for either
money or advantage preferment. Perhaps
they were not willing to pay tribute to
Cæsar and allow the ennoblement
of the offices they might hold to be
feeling what is much deeper than

by dropping and pulling in ^{both} ^{times} ^{however} ^{on a} ^{con} ^{sen-}
that no ^{one} ^{is} ^{known} ^{just} ^{what} ^{the}
tion on dividing the emoluments of
costs for ultimately its ^{own} ^{out} ^{of} ^{the}
the place by ^{some} ^{one} ^{with} ^{those} ^{having}
people. Of course, if a man can afford

and ^{under} ^{the} ^{name} ^{of} ^{the} ^{work}

of these "political dead-beats" might be
^{of} ^{the} ^{same} ^{kind} ^{as} ^{the} ^{one} ^{mentioned} ^{above}

perhaps to the ^{same} ^{County} ^{Home} ^{or} ^{given}
^{the} ^{work} ^{of} ^{the} ^{office} ^{for} ^{just} ^{that} ^{much}

"outside" ^{aid} ^{enough} ^{to} ^{amount} ^{to} ^{the}

and they ^{ordinarily} ^{manage} ^{to} ^{"keep} ^{out"}

by ^{assisting} ⁱⁿ ^{corrupting} ^{our} ^{finances} ^{and}

business and ^{interfering} ^{with} ^{the} ^{work} ^{of} ^{the} ^{office}
or selling influence. For the more ^{active} ^{is}

I for one would much rather do this
of the members of the gang" this course

and so ^{save} ^{our} ^{finances} ^{from} ^{being} ^{ruined}
would probably not be considered quite

disgracefully enough. It is, high time, however,
that we should know just what its

costs for ultimately it comes out of the

people. Of course, if a man can afford

to pay money to corrupt delegates or

secure "influence", he could afford to do

the work of the office for just that much

less. It would not cost us anything therefore

to levy a special tax if necessary to reimburse

these gentlemen for disturbing their

business and interfering with their profits.

I for one would much rather do this

and so save our primaries from fraud

and Enclary; our delegates from tempta-
tion and our candidates from robbery
and black mailing. It might not be
any cheaper but it would at least
save us from the debasement of public
morals that now results. By all means
let us have an appropriation in the tax-
lists for the support of these political
harpies rather than have them continue
to prey on candidates and office
holders. Our political and leg-
islative delegations are expected to be
bought and sold like sheep in the

been the whip by which it were lashed
throughout the state, that you
to their support.

~~regular delegations~~ both representation

Our county has the largest Republican
legal and voluntary support
majority of any county in the state,
yet we have less influence in the councils
of the party and are associated with the
legislation of the state only in the most

discreditable manner. Why is this? Because

Chautauque is regarded as a trading
representative

county — one whose political and legis-

lative delegations are expected to be
bought and sold like sheep in the
we gave him the ballot to

Shuffles Rightly or wrongly it is generally
believed throughout the state that your lab-
ors ~~delegations~~ ^{representatives} both
legal and voluntary regard ~~you~~ the
trust ^{belonged} ~~upon~~ them as a power
to be used for their ^{own} ~~own~~ ^{benefit} ~~benefit~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{state} ~~state~~

he has accepted the interest of the state
and not for the interest of the state
Freemen of Chautauque shall the
on the honor of the people they
are ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~state~~ ^{state}

I have submitted long and
patiently

When we ^{under the} ~~see~~ ^{see} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~slave~~ ^{slave}
leaves with your former arguments
we gave him the ballot to
in your county Convention when we

protect his ^{liberty} liberties. That he is ^{unable} ~~unable~~
afraid to use this weapon in his own
defence on account a misfortune
of which gives rise to a doubt as
to ^{his} his fitness to enjoy the liberty
he has received.

Freemen of Chautauque shall the
same ^{be} ~~be~~ ^{concluded} to be said

of you? You ^{have} ~~have~~ ^{submitted} long and
patiently ^{to} oppression by a horde of
leeches and your ^{ambitious} ~~ambitious~~ ^{chrymards} ~~chrymards~~.
In your ^{country} ~~country~~ ^{constitution} ~~constitution~~ ^{given} ~~given~~ ^{over} ~~over ^{step} ~~step~~~~

whom they had long counted as a ^{loyal} faithful
henchman dared rebel, the master
spirit placed himself beside the ballot =
box (Wallis the Congressman was peddling
tickets and laboring with the doubtful dele =
gates) where he could look each one in the
eye as ^{only half} he came up and see that none
of them criticized Fallstaff. For once, he was
mistaken. When the ^{fallen} soldier took his
place opposite him ^{with} ^{two} ^{men} ^{to} ^{pack}
was ^{the} ^{eyes} ^{of} ^{the} ^{fallen} ^{Republican} ^{of}
Chaffinua. The neighboring governor sat

too few. The ^{in their} arrogance born of ^{long} ^{look} continued
submission had overstepped the limits of en-
durance. It was well done, Republicans of
Chautauque! ~~It was well done~~ But the
snake is not scotched. Killed, he is only
scotched! The crowning act of treachery
only half consummated. The
bet every candidate who has the
emoluments of the Clerk's office will
no longer go to fill the hungry mouths
of the ⁱⁿ ^{with} ^{at} ^{the} ^{fall} ^{State} ^{for}
Sheriff is ^{the} ^{low} ^{and} ^{the}

franchise of a state honest for their tool.
cause of a state honest for a special with

You can only regain your liberty if you can

only manipulate your rulers by striking some

her good and straight at the heart of

this corrupt conspiracy with the

freeman's crystal weapon — the ballot.

and defending the freeman's franchise
Let every candidate who has the ear;
from fraud and error

crack off the ring upon him on the

of the Republican party in the state and
leish suspicion of complicity with
undangered by such a crowd; that

they be killed at the polls. Strike
the election in United States Pen-
and spare not for the blow is for

freedom and should be speeded with
the honest ~~and~~ indignation of an out-
raged people. Let Chalmers recover
his good name and go on with
the struggle for liberty let her lead
also in the ^{clearing} ~~care~~ ^{support} of the Republican party
and defending the freeman's prerogative
from its ^{to correct the evils in it} ~~fraud~~ ^{and error}

You will be told that the success
of the Republican party in the state will be
~~do~~ every office for ^{not} ~~not~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{state}
indangered by such a course: that
will be exact this fall then to have
the election a ruled flat -
the rights of her rank and file ^{troubled}

... about forming the deposit upon your honor =
... further ~~debts~~ and the safety of the

... ~~the deposit~~ ^{the deposit} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~institution~~ ^{institution} be seriously compromised

... ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~institution~~ ^{act of} ~~and~~ ^{rights} and
if you dare to assert your rights and

... ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Republican~~ ^{Republican} ~~party~~ ^{party} punish your betrayers. Do not be troubled

... ~~by~~ ^{by} ~~such~~ ^{predictions} ~~of~~ ^{suppositions} ~~hypothetical~~ ^{evil} ~~evil~~ ^{evil}.

The Republican party boasts most proudly
of its power to correct the evils in its

own ranks. It can better afford to lose

every office for which a ballot
public trust deserves no pity! The man

will be exact this Fall than to have
who has used the ballot to betray

the rights of her rank and file, ^{trader}

under foot, the public's conscience ~~is~~
has further debauched and the will
of the people defeated by a vile and
~~vicious~~ combination set of men to
whom Republicanism means only plunder
and whose leadership among you has
already crushed the party in the state
more votes than any majority this
County can give. The man who betrays a
public trust, deserves no pity! The man
who has used the ballot to do evil
to affect the result, with a majority

deserve to fall by its edge! The man
man who has traded with the ring
deserve the fate of the ringster. It is
only through their creatures that the
"loss" can be reached. Let every candidate
therefore,
who has "the mark of the beast" on him
be killed at the polls!

The Republicans of Chautauque County
are strong enough to do this without losing
their supremacy. If her soldiers have
not lost their courage ~~on~~ on their
sons ~~would~~ still emulate their fathers'
virtues, the "Ring" will be powerless
the Republican party be defeated
to affect the result. With a majority
even that it be destroyed - than

At 5:00. notes you only need courage
to do whatever needs to be done. The
Risk is only strong by reason of your
submission to the right only in danger
from your hesitancy and distrust.

Even if this were not true your
duty would still remain the same. The
"eternal vigilance" which is the price of liberty,
needs
has always to be coupled with unflinching
revolution. "Liberty or death" has ever been the
battle-cry of freemen. It is better that
the Republican party be defeated, says
Hayden, than

that its voters ^{of the job} be ^{whither we meet} explained, betrayed
and corrupted. It will not do to
count the cost when striking
for the right nor hesitate to cut
out the cancer because the knife
hurts. ^{As This is} Now is a good time to rid
yourself of the members which has
rested on your political record. Do
not let it pass away for lack of more
representatives. ^{shall} do what every true man
knows ought to be done. You have
begun well. While your hand is on

make an end of the job. Whether we meet
with ~~defeat~~ ^{of a few people} ~~or~~ victory or de-
feat, whether the Republican party
shall "survive or perish," let us write
"Free Chautauque" on our banners

and settle it as an immutable fact
for all time that any party receiv-
ing our votes must be an honest
party whose delegates, conventions and
representatives shall not ask the wishes
of a Ring or do the will of a "boss"
but ask the wishes, perform the will

and reflect the sentiment of a free people
by whose honestly expressed preference
they were chosen. Then and not till
then will Chautauque Republicanism
come to be a stench in the nostrils
of honest and patriotic men everywhere.

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