

Columbus Wis. June 1st 1888—
Editor's Intercean.

We beg to call your attention
to a grand mistake made in an editorial of your
issue of to day— by calling John J. Vegall a
Republican. We doubt if ever he was one at
heart or, as the saying was in Kansas, "that
he was round about the goose" Especially now is he
entitled to the name of ^{any} being dubbed a "half-breed"
by any party— In our estimation he should be
simply rated a bastard.

We are aware that at one time in his public
life he might have ^{been} considered by many a stalwart
Radical and his sayings put some figure upon
some "phases of the Negro problem." But under the
calcium ^{light} of his final exit from public life, & his
stultification of a life record in a bid for
Populist votes to get back to U. S. Senate & his
sneak when ~~the~~ ^{the} honest election bill was up
for a vote before that body. The writer for one
will pinay him with Judas & Arnold for
public execration. The mere mention of his
name is offensive, & we regard it as ~~the~~
duty of every patriotic man to peg a spike
into his political coffin as opportunity
may offer.

Two years ago at the Madison Assembly he "put up his dialect of high sounding phrases & "literary generalities" by stating that all Paris men were moral cowards, & with this wretched eye were looking over the shoulder for votes. We then concluded he was signing others up by his own standard.

The next time he came to the surface in his Recantation was at Atlanta Ga. The Big sides that arose to introduce him deemed an apology necessary, and in substance used the following language. "It might be counted a paradox in political etiquette that a loyal son of the South should arise to introduce to a Georgia audience a man of John J. Ingalls' character & history. But I want to tell you that he has experienced a change of heart & I love this man more than I can find words to express. And commanding him to your embrace, fellowship & platenitude".

To sum it all up falsehood! what was it all for!!
"He had aided them to defeat the Force Bill."

Printed down it went not more nor less than a defense of an honest election where needed.

In his modest reply he stated that "it was a grand mistake to ever have attempted to enfranchise the Negroes," or to have placed those amendments & guarantees of liberty in the Constitution.

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Great heaven! Can it be possible that he, ^{takes back} is an un-
witting descendant of the mean jokers that sold their
negrois South before New England emancipated,
^{as good as it was for all the villainy hatched there under}
He instinctively hate the name & morally. But
a politician like Gov. Altgeld. Schools as he must
have been in all the fallacious ^{dogmas} ~~doctrines~~ of State
Rights, minority rule & free trade, we want credit
him with more than ordinary patriotism & honest
sense, ^{than} usually possessed by a majority of his party.
for his ^{mainly} utterances= philanthropic & humane,

If it is good Saxon to call such mountebanks
Republicans, then we do not know the signifi-
cance of Fraud & False.

J. C. Butterfield

GS 15 fast forward reading your note
You talk like an inspired part of
the talk - not can say all or falsehood
articles. Have some patience with the
gives of a wicketiff. But then Pro
tacts - can not be to often held
up for excretion - Sent the notice
to Inter Ocean - digested on the
Dobson "World Fair's Congress" to be
seen - know it may not the
Collier speech of your loca
tion yet it the plain un
varnished truth to you
The trail of the old Scarsent is
over all this stripe