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WHO'S "TROUBLED"?

Under the head of "troubled" our revered friend and admirer, in his last issue, discoursed very voluminously. When he wrote that "word 'troubled,'" he was thinking of the situation he had gotten himself into, by prematurely attacking Mr. Packard for things that Mr. Corbaley, the Republican ex-Clerk, was guilty of to a much greater extent than the object of his wrath. He did this because he thought he had found "a good thing for the Republican party," and never dreaming that any body would give the true statement of the matter. In as brief a manner as possible, we gave to our readers, in our issue of the 15th, what we thought were the facts in the case, and that our neighbor regards these as being such, is evinced by the long and pointless article he has written as an answer to our article referred to. He occupied almost an entire column, in small type, before he approximated toward a point. His object was undoubtedly to divert the mind of the reader from the plain statement of facts, which he says are "stupor things," and has tried to cover them up by long, complex and complicated sentences that he could scarcely read so as to be understood. This was not done because he could not have been more explicit, but because this style suited him better. In short, it was just the article he wanted to write, and we congratulate him on his success full effort.

To do both he and our readers justice, we quote all the arguments he made in the whole production. Some other of his remarks in regard to ourself we may notice elsewhere. "Here is the point, friends," as his friend Fuller would say, and we hope our readers will keep a sharp look out for it, for fear it will be like all this last named gentleman's "points" that he is always "pointing" at, but nobody sees, but we digress—"there's the point."

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He virtually acknowledges what we stated to be true, but first had to say it might or might not be true, and they had to say that "something over four hundred dollars had been found standing against" Mr. Corbaley, but claims that "some of the items in the list are erroneous," and that the records of the office show that the money was never in his hands. If the record does not show that it was in his hands, what does? Look at this fabrication. He first says that over \$400 have been found standing against him; secondly, that the records are erroneous; and thirdly, that the records of the office show that the money was never in his hands!! This does not need any comment. If the contradiction is not plain enough to be seen, it is because the reader does not want to see, and these are the blindest people that ever did live.

The record was found to have over \$400 against him, and the record showed that the money had never been in his hands. We think this is an argument deduced from highly questionable logical premises," as he elegantly said of our article.—

We should think that Mr. Corbaley would be presenting these receipts and vouchers, and have the matter straightened up, get the proper credits on the record and be done with the matter. However, this is no business of ours, but we think it strange that he does not.

Our friend and admirer says that when he finds out the amount of Mr. Corbaley's indebtedness, he will not be slow in stating it. We fear that he will not get it very soon, and if he does at all it will probably be after matters are straightened up as well as possible, for, by the partial course he has taken between these two gentlemen, he has given us room to think that he will make it just as black as he can for Mr. Packard, and just as white as he can for Mr. Corbaley. No person who can read, is so dull of perception that they cannot see that it was all gotten up for political purposes, else, why did the republican Board of Commissioners entirely overlook (we don't mean *look over*) the record of Mr. Corbaley and examine that of Mr. Packard; and who does not believe that, had it not been referred to by the Democrat, that the Republican would have ever mentioned that Mr. Corbaley was at all in arrears? This is the merest fabrication, for who does not know that the editor of the Republican would be the last individual to expose the smallest neglect as an attempt to smother. This is nothing. He says that Corbaley was unscrupulously driven out of the office. This is no excuse, as his agent, S. B. Corbaley, for months after

had free access to the record and looked up R. Corbaley's matters, and received for all fees paid in, due R. Corbaley, as Clerk. He searched the record until they were satisfied. We are authorized by Mr. Packard to say that the statement in the Republican to the effect that Packard requested Corbaley to stop searching the record, is a falsehood, and has no foundation in truth, whatever. What difference did it make to Mr. Packard how long Mr. Corbaley looked at his own record? and does any man, who is acquainted with both these gentlemen, believe for one moment that Packard would have paid money out of his own pocket, and then looked to Corbaley for it? Not one.

So far as Mr. Packard is concerned, he has never failed to pay over money when demanded and has never refused to settle with those to whom he owed fees, or who fees he had in his possession. On the other hand Mr. Corbaley has scarcely ever paid over when called on. We suppose, because he could not, and not because he had undertaken to wrong any person. This is the difference between the two ex-clerks; and again, we ask, what have they to blow about? We want somebody to tell us how much he makes out of the following, from the Revised Statutes, for his friend Corbaley? We repeat, that what is wrong in one man, as an officer, is also wrong in another. Here is the law repeated:

AN ACT Providing for the Election of Clerks of the Circuit Court and Prescribing some of their Duties.

Sec. 7. Such Clerk, on or before the first day of January of each year, shall make out and file with the Board of Commissioners a complete list of all fines, jury fees and witness fees which shall remain unclaimed for one year, ascertained during the preceding year, the amount collected, and of whom, to the truth of which he shall take and subscribe an oath to be thereto attached and administered by said Treasurer; and shall pay to said Treasurer, upon the receipt thereof, all money so collected; and shall make out a copy of such list, in like manner sworn to and filed with the county Auditor, who shall enter the same on the Order book of the Board of County Commissioners.—Chap. 5, p. 18 2d Ver Stat.

Read carefully the following and closing paragraph, and say if it is not one of the very flattest things you ever saw. Democrats more to blame than Corbaley—"why did they not watch him and compel him to pay over?" Right here—why did not the Republican Board look over his record and "compel him to pay over," instead of *over* looking it?

So far as Mr. Corbaley's neglect is concerned the Democratic ex-officers are more to blame than he is. Why did they not examine into his affairs and compel him to pay over? Because they neglected their duty they think the Republican officers ought to exhibit the same indifference to the interests of the people, and are angry and abusive because they will not.

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