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### FOURTH WARD PRIMARY.

A meeting of the Republican Federals will be held at 8 o'clock on Saturday evening, in the hall on the upper floor of the Post Office building, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for election to be held on Tuesday, May 8. Let there be full attendance. Per order of the committee.

Rhaway N. J., April 24.

### A PHENOMENAL LIAR.

The somewhat notorious Shiphord seems to belong to that class of romancers of whom it has been and they prefer to lie even when truth would serve their purpose more effectively. A single lesson of the committee, with the late Secretary of State on the stand, has served to scatter to the winds the whole testimony of the attorney for the Penruits Company, by which he sought to implicate the Department of State in his speculative scheme.

To any fair reader of Mr. Shiphord's testimony it was evident, almost from the first, that he designed to discredit Mr. Blaine in public opinion by making it appear that the Secretary had encouraged him to an attempt to bring General Hurst, or at least of passing it unrebuked, and that what he could not do officially Mr. Blaine had done covertly by a marginal note which reversed the instructions of his official dispatch. These things, had they been true, would have injured Mr. Blaine irreparably in the opinions of even his warmest friends, and as Shiphord sustained his own statements by asserting that they could be corroborated by men he named whose standing would give them ample endorsement, some curiosity was felt as to the way in which they might be met by Mr. Blaine.

To say that Shiphord's statements were emphatically denied by the late Secretary does not expect the complete refutation they received at his hands. Every particle of correspondence between him and our minister in Peru was laid before the Committee. Letters from Senator Bidwell and from Major Everett Bowditch, from Scott Lord, and others were read, denying in explicit terms the points those gentlemen were so corroborative, and, finally, a letter from Mr. Elmore, the Penruits minister, was read declaring that Shiphord's account of the interview with him was entirely false. A more crushing array of evidence to disprove a series of wholesale slanders could not well be imagined, and we think the Committee must have been prepared to endorse Mr. Blaine's emphatic remark when he said of Shiphord that with him "falseness is employment and perfidy a pastime." Even the *Evening Star*, which has no love for the late Secretary, says: "So far as Shiphord is concerned his attempt to jump on Jim Blaine must be regarded as a failure." To this judgment the whole country will doubtless assent.

The case of Fitz John Porter has been finally settled, so far as the action of the President is concerned, the Attorney-General having decided that the President has no power to review the proceedings of the court-martial and annul its sentence. In this opinion Mr. Arthur concurred, and although he might, by use of the pardoning power, relieve the ex-General from disability to hold office under government, a person would not restore him to the military position from which he was dismissed. But pardon is not what General Porter desires, so even that small boon will not be offered him; he wishes his actions to be vindicated by a reversal of the sentence of the court-martial and restoration to his former rank. Congress might do this but it is doubtful if it ever will. The belief that General Porter wilfully hindered the defeat of the Union army, when, in defiance of orders, he held his division inactive in the midst of a battle, is too deeply fixed in the popular mind to be easily removed.

ANOTHER Arctic expedition has come to a fruitless termination. The steamer Rodgers which sailed from San Francisco last June in search of the Jeannette, was burned and sunk on January 1st. And how the world-wide rescuers need resuscitation, so that still another vessel must penetrate the icy barriers of the North in search of Lieutenant Berry and his crew. Fortunately, by a stroke of fortune nearly two thousand miles across the wastes of northern Siberia, intelligence of the position of the crew has been forwarded, and thus the search made easier. But would it not seem about time that this expensive folly should cease? Every Arctic exploring expedition apparently involves the need of a master to discover and rescue the explorers, while the gain to science is at best greatly limited.

### SENATE 167.

We publish the following speech of Senator Applegate delivered in the Senate, when the vote of the Governor and Senate was taken on the bill to extend the franchise to colored men:

"After the separated districts, I will not divide the Senate by extended franchises. The object of this bill is simply to prevent the right of the State to be represented in the Senate, without giving up the franchise to colored men. It is to protect the State, to protect and defend that right, in the hands of the purchasers. If there is no protection as well established as any other, then the right of the State to be represented in the Senate is to be protected, and nothing more.

"The colored men are to be protected, and nothing more.

"Shadwell says: 'The hands of old men have been on our new boundary, but not here.'

Men, not horses, conveyed news. They bring it to Washington as clear as the first news of the Civil War. They brought it to the market, for which it holds a good title. And where introduce it has made a title to a purchaser, and the purchaser has paid for it an adequate price, then it is a good title. Therefore, there is now a duty of the State through her Legislature to make good that title. This is what this bill proposes to do.

Many men, app., individuals and corporations bought land fronting on shallow tide waters of this State. The State sold and granted title to these individuals. The purchases then organized the shore, and over the riparian right, proceeded to file in and receive these shallow waters and erect improvements on the reclaimed land. The State, in turn, gave permission to wharves and established commercial enterprises which had built up towns and cities adjacent to these towns and cities now put forth to extend the streets through these private riparian improvements without a dollar of compensation to the owners.

The State of New Jersey voted by this bill says: "I cannot permit this iniquity I have conveyed to these riparian owners my property. They own it under my title with a good title." The State, then, with a man who has a good title, takes the usual way, under the right of eminent domain, as streets are taken, paying the owner a just compensation for his land and damages to his property, not for his riparian property itself. Let me illustrate by a practical example. One corporation paid over half a million of dollars for the shore from the mud bank at one mile from the shore of the Hudson River, a full mile more for the land under water in this mud bank. Years of labor and millions of dollars were expended in reclaiming the mud and reclaiming it for navigation. After the land was secured, it was a municipality proposed to extend its streets over this improvement, destroying its value for its present uses, and without compensation to the owners. The same facts apply to other corporations in Hudson County, and to other corporations and individuals in other parts of the State. In Jersey City, for instance, supposing the streets to be about 300 feet apart, and these streets are extended to the extent of one side of every street of the city, the result would be absurd.

The State has taken the money which he paid for his riparian rights, and taken the benefit of his labor and improvements, while the owner has lost his land, but has not lost his water.

What are the riparian interests of the State, if outrages like this can be committed without redress? Who will buy a right-of-way, if any man can get it, and take it, and then claim it as his property?

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