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Food Purity, Prohibition, and the 1884 Election
with Lisa M. F. Andersen

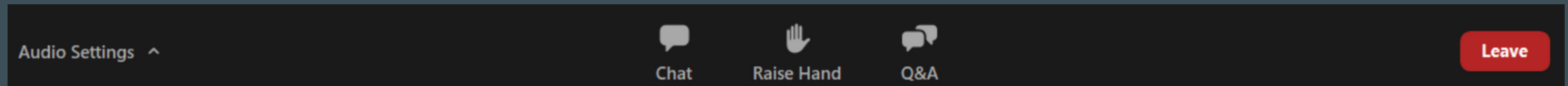
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Lisa M.F. Andersen



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Today's Document

ALWAYS AGAINST THE PEOPLE!

Gov. Grover Cleveland

THE CHIEF OF

ADULTERATORS!!

PASS THIS AROUND TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS.



**CLEVELAND'S VETO OF THE BILL TO PREVENT
THE ADULTERATION OF FOOD!**

"OLD VETO!"

ANYTHING GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE POOR!

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Henry Adams
September 1884

“The public is angry and abusive ... Society is torn to pieces. Parties are wrecked from top to bottom. A great political revolution seems impending. Yet, when I am not angry, I can do nothing but laugh.”

Letter from Henry Adams to Charles Milne Gaskell, September 24, 1884.
Published in Ernest Samuel, ed. *Henry Adams, Selected Letters*, 174–175.
Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1992.



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Party Tickets

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Democratic Ticket—1880

Charleston County

Electors at Large,
John L. Manning.
William Elliott.
District Electors,
1st—E. W. Moise.
2d—Samuel Dibuler.
3d—J. S. Murray.
4th—Cadwallader Jones.
5th—G. W. Croft.
Governor,
Johnson Hagood.
Lieutenant-Governor,
J. D. Kennedy.
Comptroller-General,
J. C. Coit.
Secretary of State,
R. M. Sims.
Attorney-General,
Leroy F. Youmans.
Superintendent of Education,
Hugh S. Thompson.
Adjutant & Inspector-General,
Arthur M. Manivault.
State Treasurer,
John Peter Richardson.
Congress—Second District,
M. P. O'Connor.
Solicitor—First Circuit,
W. St. Julien Jervay.
Senator,
Augustine T. Smythe.
Representatives,
C. H. Simonton.
J. B. E. Sloan.
James Simons.
C. P. Richardson.
John Jenkins.
H. L. P. Bolger.
E. McCrady, Jr.
A. S. J. Perry.
John F. Ficken.
J. C. McKewn.
E. J. Dennis.
W. T. W. Baker.
John H. Devereux.
G. W. Egan.
George Mears.
Joseph Parker.
Paul B. Dayton.
Clerk of Court,
W. W. Sale.
Sheriff,
Hugh Ferguson.
Probate Judge,
William E. Vincent.
School Commissioner,
Rev. P. F. Stevens.
Coroner,
John P. DeVeaux.
County Commissioners,
T. A. Huguenin.
Phillip Fogarty.
William H. Cain.

UNION REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For President,
JAMES A. GARFIELD.

For Vice-President,
CHESTER A. ARTHUR.

For Presidential Electors,
At Large— THOMAS B. JOHNSON.
At Large— A. S. WALLACE.
First District—WILLIAM A. HAYNE.
Second District—E. A. WEBSTER.
Third District—THOMAS N. TOLBERT.
Fourth District—WILSON COOK.
Fifth District—B. P. CHATFIELD.
For 47th Congress—Second District,
EDMUND W. M. MACKY.
For Solicitor—First Circuit,
M. E. HUTCHINSON.
For Sheriff,
LOUIS DUNNEMAN.
For Clerk of Court,
JOHN H. OSTENDORFF.
For Coroner,
WILLIAM H. THOMPSON.
For Judge of Probate,
WARREN R. MARSHALL.
For School Commissioner,
SAMUEL R. COX.
For County Commissioners,
GARRET BURNS.
R. K. WASHINGTON.
A. E. PHILIPPY.
For Senator,
JAMES B. CAMPBELL.
For House of Representatives,
ANDREW SIMONDS.
THOS. A. McLEAN.
WILLIAM J. GAYER.
CHARLES H. VANDERHORST.
C. G. MEMMINGER.
DANIEL T. MIDDLETON.
JAMES BRENNAN.
FRANK LADSON.
ROBERT W. BROWN.
LOUIS SEEL, SR.
MOSES CARTER.
WILLIAM G. PINCKNEY.
THOMAS OSBORN.
JAMES HUTCHINSON.
SMART WRIGHT.
STEPNEY W. LADSON.
JAMES SINGLETON.



Ballots reproduced in *History of the
Republican Party* by Frank A. Flower, 1884.
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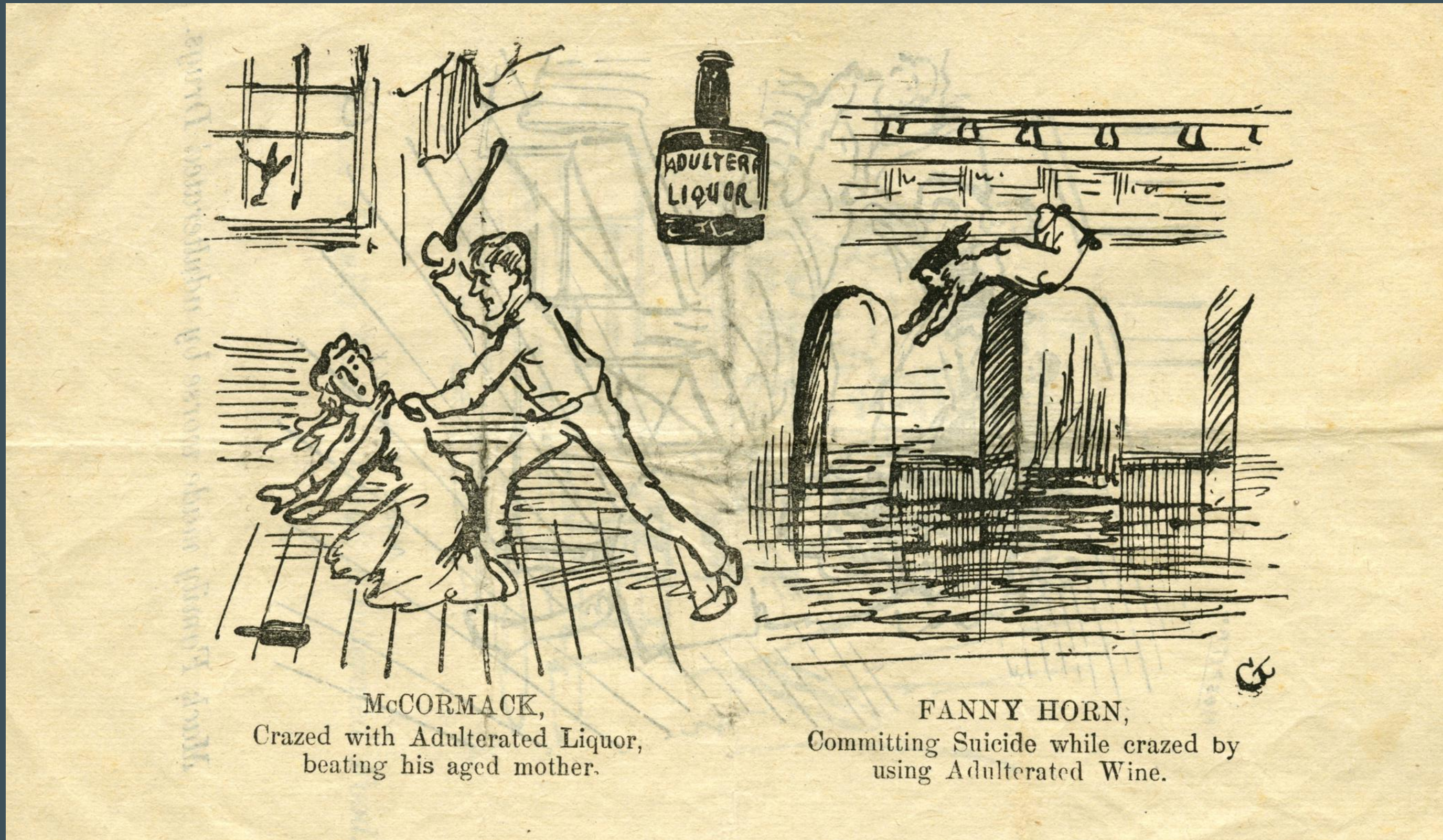


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Alcohol as "Poison" Scientific Temperance

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

From November, 1886, to November, 1887.

MRS. MARY H. HUNT, Superintendent.

MRS. L. S. TOBEY (DECEASED), Dep't Sec.

The cause of Temperance will ever be a fluctuating reform until it is based on the education of the people as to the proven facts and deductions of science, namely: That the nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics are poisonous to the human system, and as such should be abolished from personal habits and lawful traffic.

Therefore, early education through the schools of every child in the Republic as to the real nature and effects of alcoholic drinks and other narcotics is the object of this Department, which was created in 1880, with its aims then only untried ideas.

Mary H. Hunt, *Scientific Temperance Instruction in Schools and Colleges*, ca. 1887.

(National Library of Medicine, 101744152, p. 103)



Secretly Poisoned Candy

1885



"Pure" Food

HEINZ BAKED BEANS

WITH TOMATO SAUCE.

The beans are actually BAKED, not boiled.
The quantity for each can is weighed to insure
uniform proportion of beans and sauce. No
such flavor found in any other.



SWEET PICKLES,
TOMATO KETCHUP, TOMATO SOUP,
INDIA RELISH, PRESERVES,
CELERY SALAD, TOMATO CHUTNEY,
MUSTARD DRESSING.

Altogether **57** Varieties of
Pure Food Products,

Which are distributed everywhere through
our Branch Houses.

PRINCIPAL PLANT,—PITTSBURGH, U.S.A.

Heinz, Heinz Baked Beans with Tomato Sauce, ca. 1870-1900.
(Boston Public Library, 10_03_000110)



"I Want My Pa!"

1884



Frank Beard, *Another Voice for Cleveland*, 1884.

(Library of Congress, 95522869)



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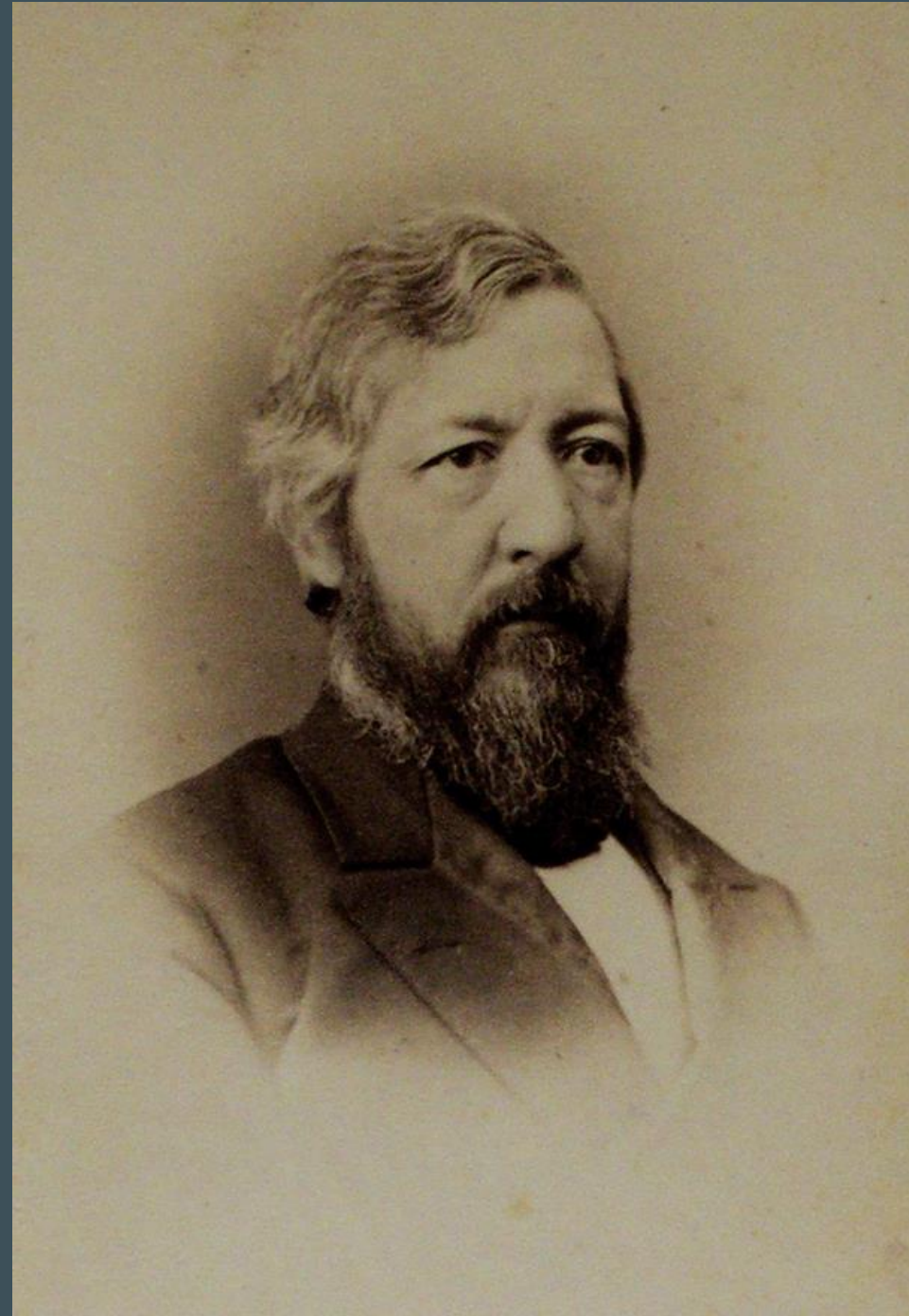
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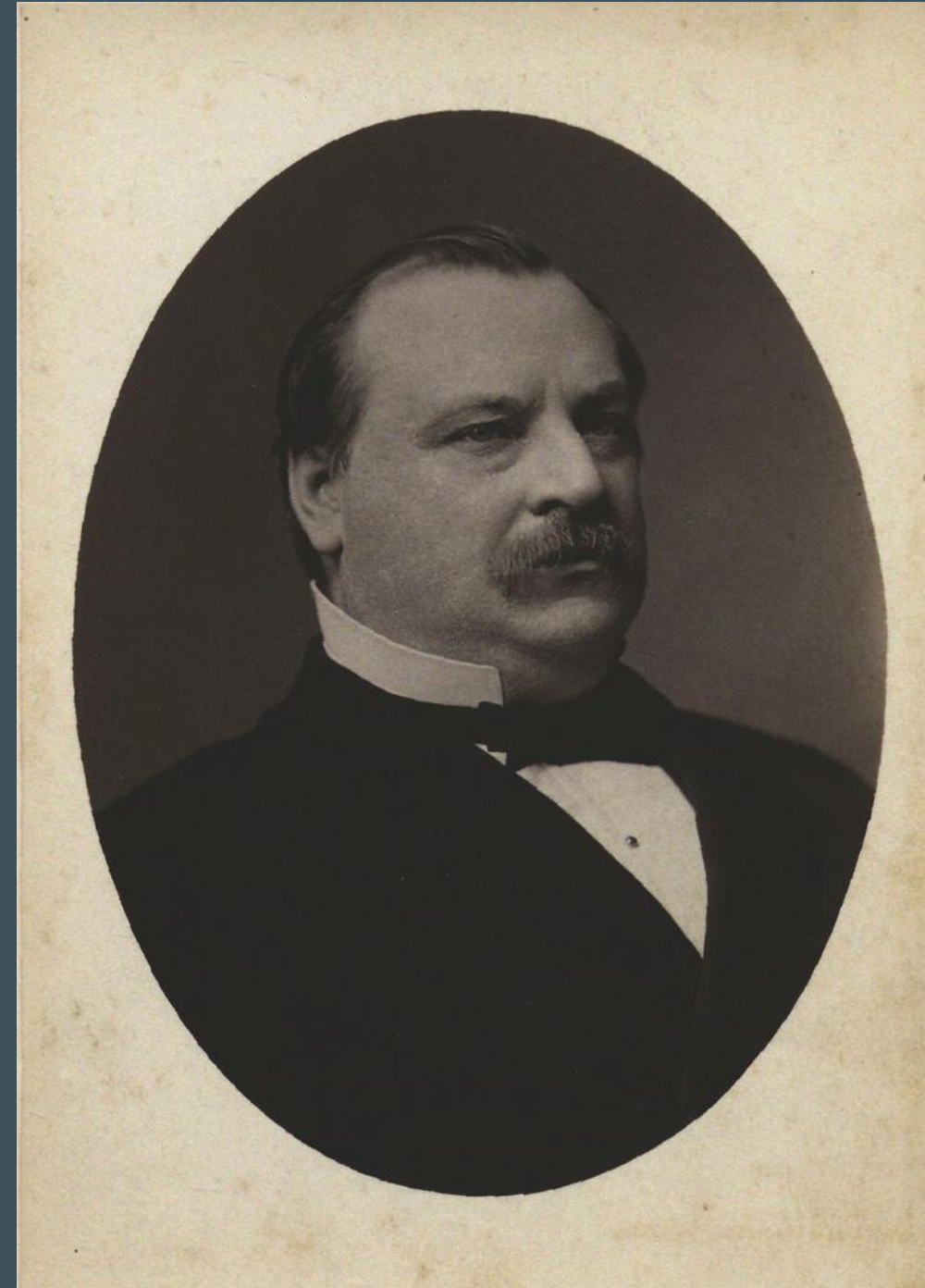
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James G. Blaine and Grover Cleveland 1884 Presidential Candidates



James G. Blaine, by Brady's Portrait Gallery,
ca. 1861-1865.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC05135.104)



Grover Cleveland, 1882.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC01680)

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GRAVE-DIGGERS' UNION,

NECROPOLIS, Oct. 1, 1884.

WHEREAS—GROVER CLEVELAND *has proved his friendship for our Union in Vetoing the Bill for the Prevention of Adulterating Food; and*

WHEREAS—*Our business has materially increased by the selling of Poisonous Food used in living; and*

WHEREAS—*Our business is further benefitted in Drugs being liberally adulterated, therefore be it*

RESOLVED—*That Governor Cleveland is entitled to our thanks.*

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Compensation for Cartoons

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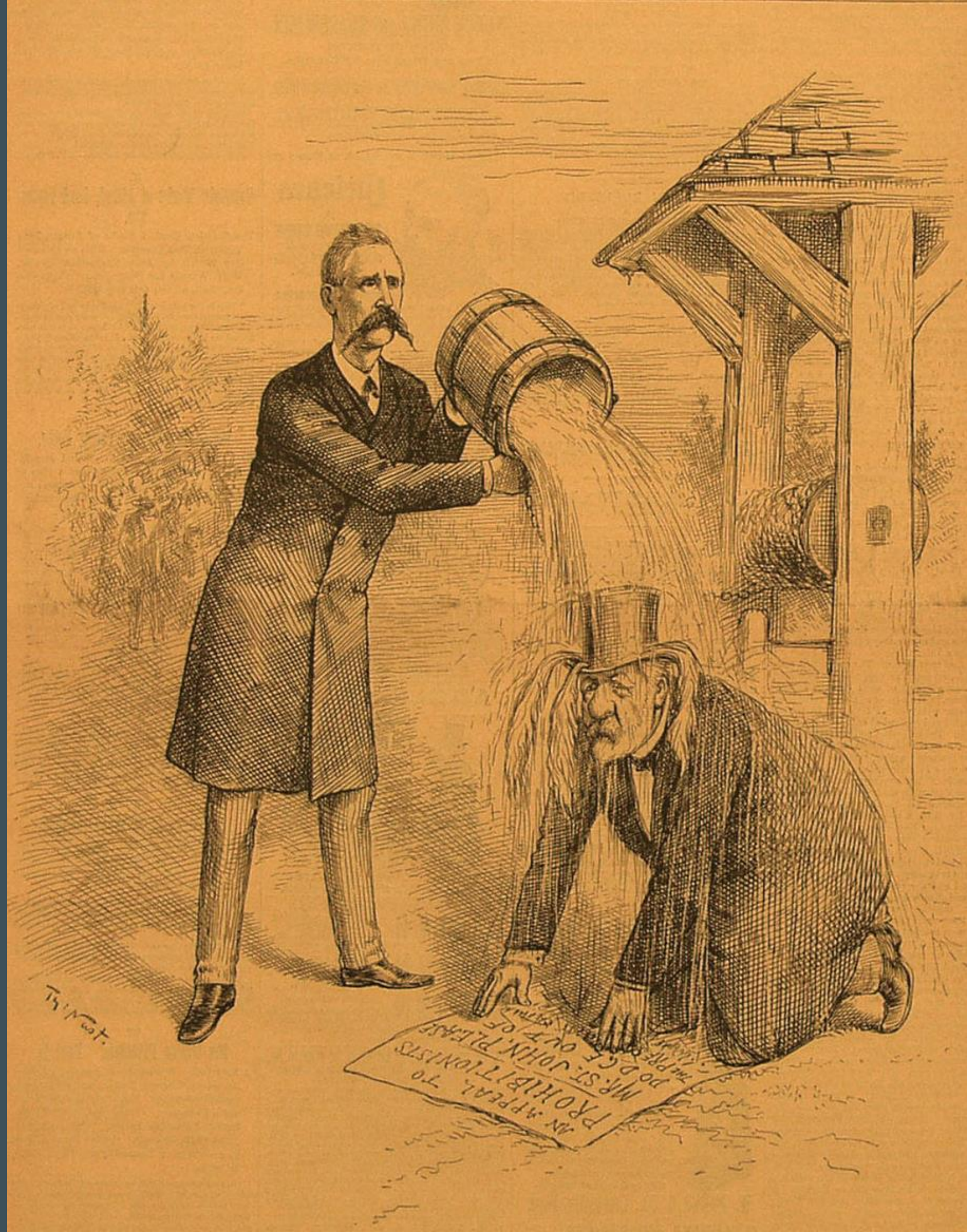
J. S. Goldsmith to Samuel Fessenden, October 9, 1884.
(Gilder Lehrman Institute, GLC09762.02)

HEADQUARTERS
REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE,
No. 242 FIFTH AVENUE,
New York City, Oct 9 1884.
B. F. JONES, Chairman.
SAMUEL FESSENDEN, Secretary.
J. B. CHAFFEE, Chairman Executive Committee.

S. Fessenden Esq
Dear Sir,
I do not wish to
unnecessarily trouble you
but if you will consider
what would be a just
Compensation for the
following & give me a
check you will oblige
^{& save my time}
Cartoon 1
4 Series 3
Car Drivers Mechanic Lien
Factory children Bill
57 E R R Bill
Cartoon 4
7 Series 3
Adulteration JS Goldsmith

"Cold Water Comfort"

1884



Thomas Nast, "Cold Water Comfort,"
Harper's Weekly, October 25, 1884.
(Bates Museum of Art, 1999.17.155)



Upcoming Programs

INSIDE THE VAULT: April 6 at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT)

- Stay tuned for more information about next month's program!

BOOK BREAKS: March 5 at 2 p.m. ET (11 a.m. PT)

- Samantha Seeley will discuss her book *Race, Removal, and the Right to Remain: Migration and the Making of the United States*.

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