

a man in an office of trust, there is in his case at least one profitable return. Nothing in the history of Republicanism has served so effectually to draw the line between the professional demagogues and those who with patriotic motives are following their conviction that the principles of their party are the best for the nation.

The demagogues have from the first made desperate efforts to whitewash his questionable conduct and neutralize the effect of criticism. These people are still whitewashing with all their might. At the same time they are extremely careful to say nothing that might be construed into an encouragement to hold on to his position at the head of the party. Indeed, the *New York Mail and Express*, one of his most devoted champions, informs him that the most sagacious act of his sparkling career would be to subside without delay. The true patriots of the party on the other hand have all along been demanding that Mr. Quay show cause why he should not be led from the Senate to the penitentiary for the misappropriation of public money. The question is now raised as to Mr. Quay's resignation of his place in the Senate. It will be interesting to observe what these people who could no longer endure his obnoxious presence in the political councils of the State of Pennsylvania, will have to say of his presence as their champion in the Senate of the United States. Now that Mr. Quay has taken the trouble to inform them that he does not intend to resign, they have an excellent opportunity to express their feelings. His devoted apologists who have universally betrayed their joy at his "honorable retirement" from the party management, also have a chance to say something. Without predicting what the party leaders may do in his case, there are indications that his resignation of this place along with the chairmanship would relieve them of a burden that is making them very tired, and that while experiencing all possible regrets at the loss of his great services they would be glad to have him take as long a rest as he pleases.

#### CAREFULLY COVERED UP.

THE secret investigation of public officers now going on in the City Hall is causing a great deal of comment. People are wondering why the affair is so protracted and why it is so carefully covered up. There need be no surprise on that account. The intention is to keep everything as quiet as possible until after the election. The officers accused are "Liberals." The

officers preferring the charges are "Liberals." The officials who are investigating the matter are "Liberals." The whole concern is a "Liberal" outfit, and the nastiness and disgrace attending the matter would not help the "Liberal" cause one particle, if the facts were allowed to leak out. The secrecy with which this inquiry is being conducted would make the "Liberal" organ fairly howl with indignation if it were not a "Liberal" hole-and-corner proceeding. As it is, the chief anxiety of all parties concerned is to hide the whole matter from the public gaze, altogether if possible, but in any event until the election is over. Then look out for disclosures that will be startling to the public vision and the public olfactories!

#### THE POPULATION OF ARIZONA.

ACCORDING to census bulletin 93, the population of Arizona is 59,620, showing an increase of 19,180, or 47.43 per cent, over the population in 1880, which was 40,440. The population by counties is as follows: Apache 4,281, Cochise 6,938, Gila 2,021, Graham 5,670, Maricopa 10,986, Mohave 1,444, Pima 12,673, Pinal 4,351, Yavapai 8,685, Yuma 2,671.

The population of the principal cities and towns is: Tucson 5,150, Phoenix 3,152, Tombstone 1,875, Yuma City 1,773, Prescott 1,759, Bisbee 1,535, Florence 1,496 and Nogales 1,194.

Arizona desires statehood which is quite natural and quite proper. It is a little unfortunate for her claims that this census report is out before they are urged in Congress. The total of population is rather small as given in the census, and unless it can be made to appear that the census is wrong or that there has been a great influx since the report was made, we fear that the opponents of the movement will use this total very much to her disadvantage in the struggle for political independence.

#### THE SPOILS OF OFFICE.

THE *New York Sun* very properly calls public attention to the contents of the last circular from the department of agriculture. To what extent the modern office holder regards his office as a personal gift intended for his private benefit is strikingly exhibited in this pamphlet.

The assumed purpose of the circular is to give the farmers of the United States the benefit of the best information available to the department on the subject of the hop-plant-louse, and it is prepared by the department entomologist, C. V. Riley, at the expense of

the government, of course. Much is said by Mr. Riley which, if true, may be valuable information to the hop raisers of the United States, but the hop louse in general is only a secondary matter, filled in to give interest to the main question, touching the merits of Mr. Riley's patent "nozzle."

Thus the government through Secretary Rusk, of the Agricultural Department, engages Mr. Riley to advertise his private business, at government expense and upon government authority.

In this official circular Mr. Riley is good enough to inform the public that there are "other 'nozzles'" besides his to be had, but he does not leave any doubt on the reader's mind as to which is the best for him to buy, and to fix the bargain on the spot as near as possible the customer is fully instructed where the valuable "Riley nozzle" can be purchased and how distinguished from imitations, etc.

Besides the salary to Mr. Riley for his valuable services, the government is paying for the publication, and all the labor and sundry expenses of mailing a million or so of these private advertisements to people who Mr. Riley thinks most likely to become his patrons.

This is as flagrant a case as could be desired of the abuse of office with which this Government is afflicted. It simply shows that the brazen faced impudence of the "office seeker" has been yielded to until he no longer makes the slightest effort to disguise his speculative operations. Under the ensign "to the victor belong the spoils" he takes his stand at the capital and at the word wades boldly in for all he can grasp.

If the time has not come to "turn the rascals out" who seek office solely for private gain, and to put in their places men whom the people seek for their honesty and capability to perform the duties expected of them, then we should have no more elections. For a more perfect method could not be invented for securing for the offices the most unworthy of the community than this system of making official favors a regular reward for partisan service.

#### A MORAL IF NOT A LEGAL STATUE

DELANCY NICOL, public prosecutor of New York, following out his fixed principle that all laws should be carried out without discrimination, has secured the indictment of the *New York News* for publishing a full report of the "electrocution" recently of the four prisoners at Sing Sing. The action is brought in accordance with a law passed by the New York legislature a