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Extracts from Hon. Wm. A. Howard's Speech at Grand Rapids

Now, fellow citizens, on the 9th day of February, a Democratic Senator, who had been joining with others in howling about the corruptions of the Administration, thought he would make a sure thing of it, so he introduced a resolution in the Senate, calling upon the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish an accurate official statement of all the defalcations that occurred in the Government since the Republicans came in power.

And these are official statements, upon which the very statements upon which the money was paid out. And if all the liars that have been born since the father of liars came into existence were to join in their effort to alter one of these facts.

Now, about the receipts - you know there are various sources from which we receive money. Between the 1st day of January 1874 and the 31st day of December the loss upon receipts of moneys collected on customs or tariff duties was \$17 23 on each 1,000 dollars.

But much depends upon the system. Now I ask what possible excuse can there be for a man like Samuel J. Tilden, a candidate for the Presidency, in standing up before his fellow citizens and making such charges as that, in the very face of public records, and he not only does it, but all the great men of the party do it, the same way; and then all the little ones howl it over again.

Now they tell us, "Look at your Belknap." Well, look at Belknap, who is he? Now, I was in Washington when his disgrace was made public, and I have never seen a Republican, high or low, who deflected his eyes, and who did not want him punished. But his crime was not stealing direct from the Government. He committed a very base crime, and I earnestly hope he will be severely punished, as I believe he will be, for he stands indicted in court and must take his trial. But his crime was in allowing a sutler to pay for his defalcations and misconduct of any and every officer in each administration, separate by itself. Also so all the disbursements. Now, on the disbursements. In Gen. Jackson's second administration the losses were \$10 55 on each \$1,000 by defalcations. During Van Buren's administration, the losses on disbursements were \$21 16. During Harrison and Tyler's administration the losses were \$10 37 on each \$1,000.

But, fellow-citizens, who is Belknap? He never was a Republican. Perhaps he would have stolen just as he did if he had been, but he never was a republican. The truth about it was that Belknap went into the war and was a very brave soldier and did a good deal of very hard fighting, and Gen. Grant, knowing this fact, first made him collector of internal revenue out of Iowa, by way of acknowledging his services, or admiration for his personal courage, and afterward as a recognition of the Democratic element, or the war Democrats, so many of whom served faithfully in the war - as a recognition of his services he appointed Mr. Belknap Secretary of War. He is the only Democrat that he appointed in the Cabinet, [applause] and if it proves anything at all it proves that it would have been a great deal better if he had not been appointed at all [applause]. It shows, fellow citizens, how very dangerous it is to put a Democrat in office.

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