Under the leadership of Vanderbilt and Seely, the pretenders of being the sole exponents of honesty and decency in government, the movement was gaining momentum. Men and women of standing in our county enthusiastically responded to the cause to forge a new Republican party that would truly express and interpret the wishes of the citizenry. With very few exceptions they were imbued with a spirit and loyalty to the historic ideals of our party. Thus, the lines were drawn the die was cast.

To attain their goal the new political engineers began to denounce indiscriminately all those who could not see with them eye to eye. To assassinate characters was the order of the day. In such an atmosphere of hate and bitterness a slate of candidates was hastily made up, and a platform drawn to delude their friends and mislead the public. Fortunately for the Republican party, their slates was nominated and elected, because the events subsequent to the last general election have revealed them in their true and vivid colors not as builders of a new and vigorous Republican party, but as chronic insurgents bent on destroying everything to gain their selfish objectives, no matter what the cause may be.

By now, you and I, as well as the general public, are fully aware of the fact that Mr. Vanderbilt is not interested in harmony, for he thrives on disturbed conditions in our party. As you know, not being content with the disrupted tactics in the county, the damage wrought by his gang in the last Legislature as a result of their obstructions in all matters of effecting the welfare of the people and our parties; the made by them with the Democrats to jam through the election bill to confute the election machinery Essex and Hudson counties; and the production of ripper legislation in order to force the Democrats to trade with them, stamps them as a group devoid of party responsibility, who chiefly resolved to rule or ruin the Republican party in this county, as well as in the state.

In this election they can no longer claim a monopoly on decency, particularly since they have made common cause with certain elements whose political usefulness to the party is in discard. What apologies can they offer to the Republican voters for placing Democrats on the ticket, when there are so many fine and upstanding Republicans? Is it possible that no self-respecting Republican wanted to be on their ticket as a candidate for Sheriff? What explanation can they give to the people of Essex County regarding the statutes in which it is set forth that they sheriff and jury commissioner must belong to the opposite political faith? I hate to think that they are totally ignorant of the fact that our Jury commissioner is a Democrat, and now a Democrat for sheriff on the so-called Republican ticket. Yes, they talk about honesty and decency in government, yet what fraud is being perpetrated in its name."

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