

two acts constitute political corruption, each reader can best decide for himself. Certainly, compared with other things that have gone on in the Transvaal, they are mere nothings.

In 1893 the Progressive party prepared itself for a great battle. The election of the first Volksraad took place that year, and also the Presidential contest. The Progressives put forward General Joubert as their candidate, and money was poured forth liberally on both sides. In Cape Colony and Natal, the standard of political conduct, and the attitude towards bribery and corruption, is much the same as it was in England a century ago. Kruger had evidently been studying the ways of some of the political bosses of the United States, for he annexed their methods in wholesale fashion. As President, he had control of the machinery of the elections, and he used that for his own purpose. Few, if any, doubt that General Joubert really secured a majority of the votes at that election ; but when the final poll was declared, Kruger was announced to have 7,881 votes, and Joubert 7,009. The Joubert party seriously considered the advisability of appeal-