

The Democratic Watchman.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

ISAAC BUYS A POOL!

BY FRANK CLIVE.

Hannah: My homeward journey was delayed at Buffalo. Whose people were profoundly stirred concerning a horse show.

The first lot of ten horses was brought forth when I got there. In girth, no fall each seemed like a delusion and a snare.

I picked the best among them, in the twinkling of an eye. And—wishing that I could afford that noble mare to buy—

Ho mentioned several horses sold already. I did not ask what "pools" were, lest I might be deemed a fool.

My musings were disturbed by cries of "Where they're coming!" "There!" "And the whole drove rushed by, pell-mell, led by my sorrel mare."

"What horse?" asked he. "That sorrel mare," said I, "and here's thy pay."

I thought how friend John Dean would coveit my new sorrel mare. As our old carry-all slipped by him, on the thoroughfare.

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"And is this race for money?" queried I. "It is," he said. "Say then, as for the sorrel mare," said I, "it shall not be!"

They fiercely cursed, and pushed me violently to and fro. Which quickly caused the vials of my wrath to overflow.

Up rushed two myrmidons, with clubs, and each one seized me by a shoulder, and invited me to visit Black Maria.

My bill of sale turned out to be a "wining pool" so called. Worth not two hundred dollars. A city I am applying to.

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM A. WALLACE.

The Iniquities of Radicalism.

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EVANSS LITTLE JOEL.

The Infamous Registry Law.

THE CONGRESSIONAL GERRYMANDER.

CITIZENS OF CAMBRIA I come to you to-night with my heartiest thanks not only for your present ratification of my candidacy, and the hence imposed endorsement of my public career.

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fort to advance every material interest in the district, I trust ever to be found vigilant and faithful. The first duty of a representative is to his own constituents, to advance their good, to protect them from ill. I now turn to the business of the hour.

FAITHLESS ADMINISTRATION.

We charge upon the republican organization repeated violations of its plighted faith, wanton disregard of the official oaths of its rulers, abuse of power in defiance of the constitution, destruction of the elementary principles of republican government in the enactment of oppressive laws and in practical administration; invasion of the rights of the state and the people; unnecessary oppression in the imposition of the public burdens; reckless extravagance in governmental expenditure and nepotism, negroism, immorality and corruption in the daily routine of civil administration. All of the surplus earnings of the people are wrung from them by the annual expenditure of over \$400,000,000, when the sum of \$250,000,000 is sufficient to conduct the government, pay all its pensions and interest and reduce the debt annually at least \$30,000,000.

At the entrance into this campaign these great questions of governmental policy might well receive calm consideration and close scrutiny, but far overshadowing these, and above and beyond every question of mere administration, is THE VITAL ISSUE OF THE LIFE OR DEATH OF REPUBLICAN INSTITUTIONS.

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These are grave charges. Let us see the proofs. Under the last democratic state administration, the constitution was amended by a provision that looked to the gradual but certain payment of the state debt; by the constitution itself, certain assets and revenues belonging to the state were devoted to that purpose, and it ordered the legislature of 1858 to select and apply other resources to the same important end; and the constitution in section 4 of article XI, expressly ordered that none of these resources should be used or applied otherwise than in extinguishment of the public debt, until it was reduced below five millions of dollars.

Are these the men possessed of stern integrity, watchful vigilance, faithful to their trust and obedient to law, to whom we have entrusted the finances of the state? Can it be that the people design to place in the department that passes and finally adjudicates their own financial transactions, the pet, protégé and nominee of these men? Who does not know, who so blind as not to see the gross outrage upon the people that such a combination can, and judging by the past, will perpetrate? Stanton is the nominee of the ring that runs the treasury, of the men who misapply the assets of the state, who aid and abet embezzlement and wrong upon the people.

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ment for the palpable crime would disclose to the wronged people the names and places of those who have shared the plunder and who planned the robbery? Why is the man who has told the people of the wrong done them robbed from the place that earns a livelihood for himself and family? If his statement be false, confront him with the criminal and prove him what your cowardly attack upon him asserts him to be. The truth is patent; the job complete; the ring has robbed the treasury, and four year's silence and tardy and ineffectual action when pressed to the wall, demonstrate that the financial officers of the state are either deep in the plot, neglectful of their plain duties, or incompetent for their places. They will be equally comfortable in either horn of the dilemma.

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ple is stifled by the wiles and machinations of lawless men, acting under the forms of an unjust statute. Canvass lists are 'doctored'; ballot boxes are stuffed; returns are altered, forged and manipulated, and fraud and violence in their worst forms are resorted to in order to maintain the political supremacy of desperate and evil men.

The true remedy for these wrongs, consists in restoring to the people the rights taken from them and in making the general law applicable to the city of Philadelphia.

In the recent session of the legislature we sought to amend this law by allowing the votes to be counted in the presence of the judges of the courts, by giving the courts the power to put on names left off the registry by mistake or fraud and by giving the minority of the board of aldermen the right to select their due proportion of election officers for each election district.

Under the dictation of the men who are now upon the ticket in Philadelphia, this was refused by the republican house of representatives, and we now come to the people to demand the repeal of this unjust law. Its gross injustice is so patent that nearly every republican paper in Philadelphia has condemned it, but it serves their purposes of fraud and false counting. So reckless and bold have these men become that they condemn public opinion and openly proclaim their intention to count themselves in. They reckon without their host if so daring a game be attempted. The democracy of Philadelphia are aroused and determined, and with public sentiment upon their side, they will do what is necessary to secure a fair count. We have the votes and we have the physical power of the city, as well as its moral support and popular voice, and we would be worse than fools to permit a gang of desperate knaves to count us out.

Fraud, false counting, forgery of returns, riot, bloodshed and murder, all and each in turn, have been perpetrated at the command of the lawless men who run the republican organization in that city, but public patience is at last exhausted and those who respect order and law are upon our side and will give us their support and encourage their preservation. In the performance of a just act or in the prevention of a gross wrong, public opinion sanctifies the means employed.

To repeal this vile law, and give those people the rights that you possess, will be one of the first fruits of the victory to which we invite you. To re-endorse this fundamental principle and to vindicate the right of the people to govern themselves in every locality, will be an achievement that will reflect honor upon all who aid in its accomplishment.

THE CONGRESSIONAL GERRYMANDER. The struggle of last session for a just legislative apportionment warns us that we will be mercilessly treated by our antagonists in the event of their success, in the matter of a congressional apportionment, and to those who aspire to congressional honors, or love fair play, this additional argument for zeal in the contest.

Under the infamous gerrymander of 1862, we have been disfranchised and outraged. Its practical workings during the last four years, when reduced to an average democracy, that it required 35,805 votes to elect a democrat in congress, whilst 17,800 votes were enough to elect a republican. The difference between the parties in the whole vote polled at these elections has been but about 31,000 votes, yet during these four terms sixty four republicans have been sent to Congress whilst but thirty one democrats have filled the place.

Can I induce any more potent argument for the necessity for work than these figures show?

Our enemy plumes himself upon our alleged distractions and divisions, and argues hence an easy victory. Let me tell him to "lay not this flatteringunction to his soul." The so-called distractions and divisions of the democracy are settled in their own ranks and in their own way. They will bring neither aid nor comfort to the enemy. That which they are pleased to call a new departure we do not so regard. There is no such word in the vocabulary of democracy as abandonment of principle. Then alleged new departure is a simple recognition of the fact that they may subsist in the large constituency of a state or a territory only so long as their obligation to obey the constitution, the laws of the state that enacted the law. In this matter how, as we all have stated, with our antagonists; we obey law; they nullify their obligations and preach a higher law. We have no such departure from our principle as a received and recognized doctrine, that the control of the question of suffrage within the States ought to belong to the States and the people; nor does either our practice or our theory warrant the charge that we would voluntarily consent to be treated or violated. The principles we advocate are those upon which the government grew to greatness and to power, and which the democracy has always enunciated and maintained; obedience to law, the right of local self-government, the sound practice of constitutional government, economy in public expenditure, and the just rights of States and of the people. The democracy of Pennsylvania have closed up their ranks and will come to the polls with unbroken front, buoyant with hope and inspired with confidence, proud of their candidates, who belong to no ring and have no affiliation with corrupt cliques, whose personal, civil and military record are above reproach, whose gallantry has been tested on many battle fields, where they were trusted leaders in a fighting corps that has been and will be the pride of every true Pennsylvanian. The democracy will be at the polls an harmonious, united and determined party, ready to

meet an effete, corrupt and degraded organization, whose chief boast is that they have made the negro their equal, whose great power is the corrupt use of the public moneys, whose most trusted leaders are disgusted and repellant, whose present leaders are mainly federal officers and whose organization, in almost every leading republican county in the State, is broken into fragments, cliques and sections. It is a shell, full of emptiness and rottenness, and it will collapse and stink when punctured and broken by the serried ranks of a victorious democracy.

A New Reporter.

WHAT KIND OF A WAY IS THIS TO TREAT A MAN?

There are a great many people coming along here now a days from the East, seeking employment, and representing almost all branches of business. The most of them are hand up for money, and generally speaking look demoralized. This morning one of them came in this office and asked for 'Brick.' We told him that the Chief was out in California, having some fun with the boys, when he said he regretted it very much, as he knew him well. That is, he had seen him once in Beffalo, when he was making a speech. This man acknowledged that he was probably as good a reporter as there was in the country, and he wanted a job, just to get money enough to take him to St. Paul, where he would take the managing editorship of the Press, a Republican paper published there. Wishing to take a little recreation sawing wood and banking up the house, we engaged this man. He showed letters of recommendation from several places where he had been employed, and said he was a good Templar. We gave him a quarter to buy his breakfast, and told him to go to a certain millinery store, look over the goods and write the lady a good notice, and then go to a grocery just below, look carefully over the stock and write them a first rate notice. He went over to the Wisconsin Beer Hall across the street and got his breakfast, and we went home to do our chores. When we returned at noon the following "pull" for the millinery store and grocer was on the table, and our sanctum smelled of beer.

A Democrat's reporter was this morning shown through the millinery establishment of Mrs. — where there is a magnificent display of early rose potatoes, which Mr. — is selling at the low price of 45 cents a yard, heap ing measure. The fall style of cab bages are just received, and they are indubitably worthy of the attention of ladies, as they give the bestest gas of beer for five cents at the Wisconsin.

He still my (hug) be still, of any place since I left Buffalo. The clerk showed us a Western Reserve cheese, cut boxed, with two rows of edging and velvet trimming on the half side, got up specially for a lady who's about to bring in some musk meads from the Sunny Side garden, and she's just old peaches. The (hug) lady showed us a wedding hat created for one of the first ladies of the city trade at the grocery, where everything is kept usually found at five cents a piece anywhere. She was trimmed with a lace gingham—the hat was with artificial flowers from the green house that for high? This hat will cost as dollars a year, invariably in advance, and his water melons must have been plugged when they were green, for they also dress making for the best price paid in cash for country produce.

He showed us some magnificent green point lace carrots and egg plants, which makes elegant trimming for you know how it is yourself. Paras in want of anything in the line of millinery goods should avoid picking up until they are thoroughly ripe, as they are more apt to set well if made stiff in the shop, where the steam-stresses are always prepared to dry at their houses at a moment's notice, and she also keeps jewelry, and other furnishing goods, and indicates that he just received a car load of "No 1 makers" which he is selling very low.

It is probably well that this reporter has gone away from here, as there is a point beyond which he never seems to be a farbe rarer, and should not do anything. We propose to have a woman of the wealth of our city, to be a woman of a flourishing business, and a woman in the flowing bowl, than any other else. What consolation is it to have to lure another to take his place for a short time, and come back to find things so fearfully mixed. Goodness, taste not, handle not, young men, when you get a situation you can't get it. This man said he was a good Templar. Does the above constitute his statement? You who are good Templars, know whether the "pull" shows any symptoms of a Democrat.

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