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Democratic State Committee of Pennsylvania.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 20, 1876.

In pursuance of the meeting of the Democratic State Committee, I hereby give notice

that the Democracy of the State through

its delegates, will assemble at the city of

March next, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose

of electing delegates to represent the

State of Pennsylvania in the ensuing Democratic National Convention, and to appoint

electors and do such other matter and

as the said convention may deem necessary

and proper.

HENRICK B. WRIGHT,

THE MILK IN THE COCOA HUT.

The Babcock trial recalls the spectacle

of the Private Secretary of the President

being in the criminal dock on the charge of

slandering the Government, and the effort of

a Grant to white-wash his favorite. His evi-

dence amounts to nothing. He denies

personal complicity—avows his belief in

Babcock's innocence, and that he was

no guilty act committed by the defendant.

It reminds us of the story about a man who

was arrested for stealing a pig. Three wit-

nesses testified before the justice that he

saw the accused take the pig, but he won his

case by producing six witnesses who swore

that they did not see him take the pig!

But the worst aspect of the case is gath-

ered from the testimony of Hon. J. W.

Douglas late Commissioner of Internal Re-

venue. He says:

"Some two or three months before Rich-

ardson went out of office I had a talk with

the President and told him things were

crooked in St. Louis, and I thought if a

proper investigation was made it would re-

sult largely to the benefit of the Treasury;

he concurred with me and asked when I pro-

posed to begin, on the 20th of January, 1875.

I addressed a letter to the Secretary of the

Treasury in regard to the change of super-

visors; the rumors of frauds beginning in

1872 caused me to write this letter; after-

wards Secretary Ristow came into the

office and we talked the matter over, con-

sulting to visit until the fall elections were

over; we waited, and then there was a

change of Senatorial elections, and we had to

wait until they were the midst of the Presidential

election, and that was another obstacle; after

that we arranged to make the frauds.

It will thus be seen that the administra-

tion had knowledge of these frauds as far

back as 1872, and that the commissioner pro-

posed to begin in Jan. 1875. In order to

act effectively he proposed to change the

Supervisors. He was stopped by the follow-

ing order from Grant:

Executive Mansion, Washington, Feb. 4,

1875.—Sir: The President directs me to

say that he desires that the circular order

authorizing supervisors to be removed be

suspended by telegraph until further

orders.

LEVI P. LUCKY.

A pitiable excuse is given for not promp-

ly stopping these frauds, and arresting the

perpetrators. The administration "must

wait until after the fall elections, and then

until after the Presidential election!" The

Republican party was afraid of its ally, the

Whisky Ring, which supplied money and

debated the issue of the removal of Rad-

ical editors, and was afraid of the removal

of its own agents, who were retained an

office and screened by the Washington

officials.

Grant may save Babcock from deserved

punishment, and the whole truth may be

difficult to get at, but enough has been pro-

ven to show the rascality that pervades the

Administration from the White House

down.

ACTUAL REFORM.

The long continued extravagance and

THE MOLLY-MAGUIRES AND HIBERNIAN

A recent letter of Bishop Wood, and extra-

ordinary sermon of Father O'Connor on

this subject have been widely circulated.

An Ohio Pilot, in a letter to the Boston

Pilot, makes the following statement, to

which we call the attention of our readers:

"ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, New Straits-

ville, Perry Co., O., Jan. 7, 1876.

DEAR SIR:—It was truly a strange thing

to see in this country, where the Rev. Bishop

of Philadelphia, and Father O'Connor of

Manhattan Plains, mixing up

and condemning the powerful and respect-

able body of theocratic Order of Hibernians

with that infamous clan called Molly

Maguires, and in the same column, Father

O'Hara of Pittsburgh, with the approbation

of his Rev. Brother, asserting that there

was no connection whatsoever between the

two societies. Now, I do confess, that

as a priest and an Irishman, I am proud

of the core seeing such a state of things in

existence. How can I rest content while I

consider that in my parish a large body of

the O. H. society, and its members, are

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LETTER FROM BLOOMSBURG.

We find the following complimentary letter

in the latest issue of the *Milltown Democrat*

and *Register*:

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Jan. 30, 1876. Sir:

We have been enjoying a few days in

this pleasant village after an absence of a

couple of months. Whether to call this

place a city or a village is hard to say. It

has all the conveniences of the former ex-

cept street railways, but the really com-

fortable and attractive communities always

are excellent substitutes. Then there is a

neatness and beauty about the town that

makes it the pride of the people. Nowhere

in our State is there a town in which every

street bears the evidence of such fostering

care on the part of the public officials as do

the streets of Bloomsburg. For beauty of

situation, for beautiful surroundings, for

neatness and refinement of the

inhabitants, Bloomsburg surpasses all towns

of its size within the range of our knowledge.

It is not wide known, however, that

a little excitement, have been haunting their

adjustment resolutions in the faces of the

majority, and said resolutions every time

have had much the same effect as a red

handkerchief exhibited before the eyes of an

irate bull. The last attempt in this direc-

tion was made on Friday morning by Mr.

Stewart, of Lawrence county. His resolu-

tion provided for the shutting down of the

business of the town for a week. Since then

an animated debate which lasted the

entire session immediately sprung up.

The resolution, however, was finally defeat-

ed. The Democrats, considering that the

session is far enough advanced to make some

new toward adjustment, yesterday called

a caucus which is in session tonight, delib-

erating on the propriety of closing the ses-

sion within the hundred days. They will not

likely be any desirous to adjourn. The

name of the day after which no new busi-

ness shall be introduced. This will nar-

row down the session and they will then en-

deavor to make it conform to the limit of

the hundred days.

To limit the introduction of new business

at an early date is an eminently wise

measure, for the calendars of both houses

already contain enough work to consume

what seems to be considered the legally al-

located time. The house calendar shows two

hundred and eighty odd bills, while the sen-

ate work is numbered up to a hundred and

a half. The close of the eighth week of

the session is approaching and but three bills

have been sent to the Governor for his sig-

nature, viz: the Finance Bill, the act al-

lowing Courts to divide cities into wards,

and the act enabling assignees to sell real

estate encumbered with liens. These, how-

ever, must not be considered the entire work

of the session, for a large number of bills

were defeated which are as much a part of

the work as the bills which have passed.

Among the bills pending, attention is con-

stantly drawn to two or three; the

County Salary Bill, giving salaries instead

of fees to county officers; the bill revising

the tax laws of the Commonwealth; the

boom bill, and the various appropriation

bills for charitable, educational and other

purposes.

The County Salary Bill and Boom bill

were first brought to the Senate under ex-

ecutive high pressure in opposition to the

first mentioned bill being very objectionable

to certain officials in Philadelphia and the

last mentioned being very detrimental to a

certain corporation doing business at Will-

iamsport. These bills will both be fought

in the House. It is rumored that it is

intended to amend the boom bill in the

House under a show of fairness but in reality

for the purpose of sending it back to the

Senate again, where it is in conference com-

mittee it is expected to die.

To-day the time-honored custom of read-

ing "Washington's Farewell Address," was

THE STATE CAPITAL.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 22, 1876.