

The difficult problem now attempting to be solved by the leaders of the Radical party outside of this State is, for whom will the delegates from Pennsylvania to the Cincinnati Republican National Convention vote, when they discover, as they soon will after the first ballot, that Hartranft has been set up as a mere blind by Cameron, Mackey & Co.?

The headquarters of the Democratic State Committee have been established at Harrisburg and a meeting of the committee was held at that place yesterday. On more than one occasion we have advocated the policy of making Harrisburg the place where the Committee should be located during the campaign.

Still another charge is made against poor, fallen Babcock, and it is about the worst yet. The New Orleans Democrat squarely asserts that the appointment and confirmation of the infamous Billingsas District Judge to succeed Drell was brought about on a strictly cash basis by a ring, of which the chief members were Senator West, Babcock and Porter.

A BILL having been passed by Congress and signed by the President for the redemption in silver coin of the fractional currency now in circulation, the Secretary of the Treasury last Tuesday issued a circular of instructions to the proper officers for carrying the law into immediate effect.

DOM PEDRO, the Emperor of Brazil, who arrived in New York last Saturday, remained only two days in that city. On Sunday morning he attended mass at the Cathedral, in Mott street, and in the evening went to the Hippodrome to hear Moody preach and Sankey sing.

On Monday last the members of the House of Representatives proceeded in a body to the Senate chamber, headed by the speaker and clerk, to attend the opening of the impeachment trial of General Belknap.

In the great wheat-growing regions of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan there are said to be good prospects for an immense yield, and the reported deficiency of the crops in Europe, if confirmed, will maintain prices here even though the crop should be large.

We called upon the Freeman last week to publish Mr. Buck's letter stating that the writer had written on Monday, 1876, and that the receiver of the letter could see who did get the money by watching the eyes and nose. The Freeman refused to publish the letter, although requested to do so, because Mr. Hartranft's name was not among the number voting, nor does it make any allusion to the letter. Mr. Buck's pliancy in regard to that letter that Hartranft would get \$200 for staying away, and the fact that he was in communication with a Mr. Embick gives color to the truth of his assertion.

When the editor of a newspaper utters a deliberate falsehood he is always compelled to resort to another in order to make it appear plausible. If the editor of the Tribune did not know the difference between Col. Embick, of Williamsport, and Mr. Embick, a Democratic member of the House from Franklin county, who, as we said last week, telegraphed to Mr. Hannan on Tuesday morning, the 4th, to take the first train from Johnstown to Harrisburg, the insinuations contained in the above paragraph might carry with them some force.

The Embick of whom we are speaking was a friend of the boom bill, for which Mr. Hannan had uniformly voted when in his seat. Embick's purpose being to strengthen and not to weaken the boom bill, would he, as meanly and falsely insinuated by the Tribune, attempt to purchase the friends of the bill to dodge the vote on its final passage and thus perhaps defeat it?

We decline to publish Mr. Buck's letter to us on the demand of the Tribune. The editor shall not be furnished through us with an opportunity willfully to misrepresent Mr. Buck, just as he has misnamed Mr. Hannan. It is sufficient for us to say that Mr. B. in his letter to us, dated March 29, makes no allusions whatever, either directly or otherwise, to Mr. Hannan, nor does he mention his name, but simply informs us that money was being corruptly offered to members to change their votes on the final passage of the boom bill, and that he himself had been offered \$400 to do so—a fact which he testified to afterwards before the investigating committee.

After the second day's examination of witnesses before the boom bill investigating committee, it was decided that in the future the committee would sit with closed doors. It is impossible, therefore, to state what has been the character of the testimony, or who are implicated, until the report of the committee is presented and the evidence published. It is known, however, that when a member has sworn that he was offered money to control his vote, and in one instance in which the witness actually produced the bribe (\$300) which had been handed to him in an envelope, the person implicated has given the statement a flat contradiction under oath.

On Tuesday last the President sent to the Senate a message vetoing the bill, adopted by both houses, reducing the annual salary of the Presidential office from \$50,000 to \$25,000. As we have not yet seen the veto we do not know what reasons he assigns for refusing to give the bill his approval.

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The Safe Burglary Investigation.

INDICTMENT OF BABCOCK AND EMBICK OF HARRISBURG—LETTER FROM THE BURGULAR EMPLOYED TO BLOW UP THE SAFE.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Another and a very important step in the safe burglary business was taken to-day, in the indictment of Babcock and Embick of Harrisburg, Whitley and Benton of Philadelphia, and other persons, who are charged with the burglary of the safe in the office of the late Hon. John A. Bingham, in the city of Washington, on the 10th of March last.

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Uphaval in the Highlands.

A CAVEN REAR SUGAR LOAF MOUNTAIN AND BIRCH—A WONDERFUL PHENOMENON ATTENDED BY LOUD SOUNDS.

POUGHKEEPSIE, April 13.—At the foot of Sugar Loaf Mountain, on the east side of the Hudson, near the northern entrance to the Highlands, is the handsome residence of Mrs. Wade. Opposite to the house, is Pollepp's Island. The ground on which the Wade mansion is located is 800 or 1,000 feet above the level of the river, the back-ground being Sugar Loaf Mountain, a peak 1,000 feet higher.

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News and Other Notings.

—Grant's old home, Galena, went Democratic at the recent election.

—An Armstrong county cow gave birth to three calves last week. Mother and children doing well.

—It is feared at Gloucester, Mass., that the schooner Kennerly has been lost, with all on board. Her crew numbered ten men.

—Ten funerals occurred in Phoenixville recently in one day. Nearly all the persons buried had died of typhoid fever or pneumonia.

—The old house of Horace Greeley, in the woods of Chappaqua, N. Y., was destroyed by fire on Friday morning. It was unoccupied.

—A large cast iron chain of thirty-eight links, to represent the thirty-eight states, has been manufactured for the centennial by a Philadelphia firm.

—Grand has a fine scandal, in which a certain married man, a prominent citizen, is charged with improper intercourse with a milliner of that place.

—Nine Presidents served in the Senate prior to their election. None of them, however, passed directly from the Senate chamber to the White House.

—The widow of A. T. Stewart has transferred to Henry Hilton all the right and title of her late husband in the business of the firm of A. T. Stewart & Co.

—Henry J. Arms, aged eighty-three years, was tried in Berks county on a charge of assault and battery with intent to ravish. He was only convicted of assault.

WATER OF POPULAR FAVOR.

We condense from the Liberator the substance of a conversation held at Hall, in Philadelphia, on the 10th of March last, between the water of the building on the corner of Market and Chestnut streets, and the water of the building on the corner of Market and Chestnut streets.

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