

# RIGHT REFORM.

## The Baker Ballot Bill Mangled Beyond All Recognition.

### KICKERS BARRED OUT. Practically No Opportunity Allowed for Independent Candidates.

### STATE BOARD OF CENSORS Provided for Under the New Plan Who Can Declare Nominations Invalid and Kule Them

### OUT OF THE OFFICIAL TICKET. Any Voter Can Take Another Citizen Into the Secret Hole by Merely Declaring His Desire to Do So.

### MANY OTHER SLEEPING ALTERATIONS. Report Fraternal Politicians Have Evidently Examined Their Integrity to the Greatest Possible Extent.

### THE DATE OF GOING INTO EFFECT CHANGED. (FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

HARRISBURG, May 7.—The Baker ballot bill was reported to the Senate today "affirmatively with amendments." The transcendental politicians who compose the Philadelphia Ballot Reform Association will hardly know their offspring when they see it, and it is a question whether they will even deny it entirely and endeavor to fasten paternally upon Collector David Martin, Magistrate Durham and other Philadelphia leaders whose politics are not of the airy realms of theory, but rather of the solid earth of facts.

The first amendment changes the date of its taking effect from July 1, 1891, to March 1, 1892. This elects delegates to a constitutional convention, should one be called, and election officers for the Presidential election in 1892, under the present system.

The Force of the Changes.

To understand the force of the changes, it must be remembered that the act recognizes as a political party one which polled "at least 10 per cent of the largest entire vote cast for any office at the last preceding election." A "certificate of nomination" is that signed by the proper officers of a delegate convention representing such a political party.

A "nominating paper" is that which entitles bolting or independent candidates to a place on the official ballot, and must be signed by a certain number of qualified electors. Section 2 is amended so as to provide that "primary meetings of electors or voters held under the roll of a political party" may make nominations, as well as conventions of delegates or boards authorized to certify nominations, and all these must "represent a political party which at the last election polled at least 10 per cent of the largest entire vote for any office."

One Very Radical Alteration.

The bill called for by "3 per cent of the entire vote." The following proviso is also inserted: "Provided that any political party which polled 10 per cent of the entire vote in the State at the election next preceding at which a State officer was voted for may make and certify nominations according to the provisions of this section, as well as electors or voters of the State, notwithstanding that such political party may have polled less than 10 per cent of the entire vote at the last preceding election in which electoral district or ward was held."

Section 3, which provides for the nomination of candidates by "nominating papers" signed by voters of the State, electoral district or ward, is amended so as to provide that, in addition to the names necessary to nominate a State officer being increased from 2,000 to 10,000, while in the case of Congressmen, members of both branches of the legislature, city and county officers, the original bill requiring but 200 names, for borough and township officers but 25, it is provided that the nominating papers shall be signed by "at least 6 per cent of the largest entire vote for any office cast at the last preceding election."

No Change for the Independents.

It is apparent that under this amendment it will be much more difficult for independent candidates to get on the official ballot. The signatures of these papers must be sworn to by ten instead of two of the signers, and all nominating papers not signed in strict accordance with the requirements of the act shall be invalid. All certificates shall bear the name of the party or policy which such candidates represent, expressed in not more than three words, but "no words shall be used in any nominating paper to describe or designate the party, policy or political appellation represented by the candidate named identical with any words used in the nominating paper of any other party, policy or political appellation."

Hard Lines for Any Kickers.

The original bill made the limit 25 days for certificates of nomination and 10 days for nominating papers, thus giving independent nominating seven days of grace. If the State convention of either of the two leading parties were held 91 days before the November election, the limit for the regular convention shall be the next day, it is hard to see how an independent nomination could then be made. The only way for dissatisfied people to be done is to anticipate the regular convention and hold their certificates before it, or on the same day.

For city and county officers the papers must be filed at least 60 days before the election, in-

# READY TO RETALIATE.

## Rome Just Waking Up to the Report of the Mafia Grand Jury.

### A WILD STORM OF DENUNCIATION. America's Future Demands to Be Treated as Italy's Have Been.

### LANGUAGE OF A LURID CHARACTER. (BY DUNLAP'S CABLE COMPANY.)

ROME, May 7.—The decision of the New Orleans grand jury has caused a great deal of excitement throughout the city, and is bitterly commented on by the press. The *Processo*, the organ of the opposition, says today in a leading article: "This impudent glorification of murder, this solidarity of a whole country in defense of a band of cowardly homicides gathered in numerous thousands to exterminate a few helpless prisoners is no longer the cry of a people drunk with crime and blood. It is a declaration of the right to defend themselves. For the first time in many centuries an infamous crime is elevated to an institution of the State. It is declared that when assassins are too numerous to be punished they shall be gentlemen. The result of this theory, if it is accepted and sustained by the Government, will be that the assassins in the United States in the future must consider themselves unprotected by the law, and will be constrained to trust the defense of their rights and lives to the strength of their own arms."

"When, in future, the President of the United States shall demand from a European Government that it should protect the assassins who have been murdered, it will be answered as Italy has been answered."

### SOUND CURRENCY. Chancellor Goschen Declares That He Is Trying to Debase It.

LONDON, May 7.—The London Mail's freedom of the city of London was presented to Mr. Goschen, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in recognition of his services during the financial crisis of November last, when only his action, and that of the directors of that institution, the London City and County Bank, in the evening the Lord Mayor entertained the Governor and Directors at a banquet at the Mansion House, at which several resolutions were passed, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to the toast, "Prosperity to the City of London," said that the public prosperity depended to a great extent on the soundness of the currency and banking. He declared that the assertion that he was anxious to reduce the currency of the country to a state of devaluation, was as true as the fact that he was a piece of electoral machinery as he had ever come across in his life.

### STILL SPREADING. The Grip Taking a Firm Hold Than Ever Through England.

LONDON, May 7.—The influenza has now broken out in the metropolitan hospitals. Thus at the Charing Cross there are 160 cases; at St. Thomas', 100; at the London Hospital, 100; at St. George's, 100; at the Westminster, 100; at King's College, 100; and at the St. Mary's, 100. The medical staff of St. Thomas' Hospital is treating 100 cases a day, and one of the reports that there have been already many deaths in the metropolitan hospitals. The latest district to be attacked is the district of St. Giles, where the influenza has now broken out in the metropolitan hospitals. Thus at the Charing Cross there are 160 cases; at St. Thomas', 100; at the London Hospital, 100; at St. George's, 100; at the Westminster, 100; at King's College, 100; and at the St. Mary's, 100.

### ANOTHER VACANCY. Captain Verner's Seat in the House of Commons Will Be Vacant.

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### THE FLINN CALENDAR. An Agreement on the Two Street Bills About Finishes It Up.

HARRISBURG, May 7.—Both Houses agreed this morning to the Conference Committee's report on the two street bills. The bill for the laying out, opening, widening, straightening or vacating streets and alleys, and repealing the local or special acts relating to the laying out, opening, widening, straightening or vacating streets and alleys, and to No. 283, relating to streets and alleys, were not changed, and the two bills were passed. The bill for the laying out, opening, widening, straightening or vacating streets and alleys, and repealing the local or special acts relating to the laying out, opening, widening, straightening or vacating streets and alleys, and to No. 283, relating to streets and alleys, were not changed, and the two bills were passed.

### A NEGATIVE REPORT. On the Bill to Punish Willful Misrepresentation of Business Firms.

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### GIVEN A CHEER. The Earl of Zetland Welcomed by a Small Crowd in a Drizzling Rain.

DUBLIN, May 7.—The Earl of Zetland, the Viceroy of Ireland, with the members of the party visiting the districts affected by the potato crop last year, left Dublin this morning for Rathfriland, where he will be in the midst of a strenuous tour of duty. The Earl of Zetland, the Viceroy of Ireland, with the members of the party visiting the districts affected by the potato crop last year, left Dublin this morning for Rathfriland, where he will be in the midst of a strenuous tour of duty.

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