convention was governed by the rule

Until this time there were no indication

PLAIN TALK FROM A MOUNTAINEER.

of the House of Representatives

barrassing position of explaining dishonesty

on every hand, while Pennsylvania has

"We know what unanimity means in this

campaign. To the young Democracy I say

you cannot be too vigilant, active and ener-getic. Work must be done in every county

to redeem the State and place in power the

party that has never been associated with corruption and scandal. Its success means

a victory against dishonesty in politics, where it is as much needed as in private life Democracy means subservience to the will of the people and not the district of the life.

the dictum of a single man. It is not a mere question of taxation or currency, but

for a principle far higher, to get the State out into the broad sunlight of honesty

where it can have healthy growth. Is it not something to say 'I am a Democrat and an honest man?' The corruption that defeated

the will of the people in 1888 will be a hiss-ing and a reproach in 1892, if Democrats do

their whole duty and the men who defeated

that will covered with ignominy."

Mr. Stevenson had no cause to complain of a lack of enthusiasm.

SOUNDING THE TOCSIN OF WAR.

AND RECEIVE OVATIONS.

nodern term, 'havseed,' At one time I

thought that the tiller of the soil the most

independent man on earth. Why? Because in years gone by he was not burdened by

unjust taxation, or the inconsistencies of Republican legislation. Where is he now? Why the monopolists and bosses have crushed him figuratively under the sod he

turns up to keep the little home and family together. Up where I live, in the extreme

northwestern part of the State, the granger does not make a dollar. There are, of

does not make a dollar. There are, of course, some instances where some save up money, but it is only under the most favorable circumstances. If he lives near a large city like Pittsburg, where his product is easily transported and sold, there is a better chance for him to thrive, but in some

isolated districts I have visited the wonder is to me how do they exist? We have

waited for years hoping a change would take place in Pennsylvania's administra-

tion, but it has been a long season of prom-

Talks Politics Pure and Simple.

der Way.

MR. BLACK'S LETTER.

DEMOCRATS.

The Nestor of the Democratic Societies

Hon. William J. Brennen, Vice President Demo cratic Society of Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Pa.

INCONVENIENCES AND DANGERS

which have hitherto arisen from the irregu-

lar and voluntary formation of clubs de-

signed to promote personal ambitions or

factions within the party. For these rea-sons and many others, too numerous to men-

tion here, we have been advised by the Chairman of the National Committee and

n the entire country where a regularly or-canized and permanently established Demo-

ratic society has not increased the Demo-ratic vote. With the State of Pennsylvania

very district doing its full duty as an en-ghtened and obedient auxiliary of the

ties. We expect to meet at Spokane

Falls representatives from the entire slope

PRACTICALLY NO MONEY.

money. Accordingly the society has never

had any money, except a few small sums

members of the party, and they covered but

ion for a stated revenue

YORK, PA., September 10, 1891.

Chairman Kerr and His Assistants Make a Vigorous Effort to Arouse Their Party-The Platform and Issues Dis-

cussed by Able Speakers. By no means was the vast gathering in Lafayette Hall composed of out-of-town delegates last night. The latter took advantage of the theaters evidently. Any number of prominent young and old Democrats of Allegheny county were there to hear the adopted platform and issues of the times discussed by able speakers.
Aside from the flowers and plants
and the gaily-costumed Cathedral
band, which pleased both the eye and the SOME JACKSONIAN ADVICE FOR THE

THE SPEAKERS PRESENT. Writes to Chairman Brenner-He Hopes There was Chairman Kerr, J. J. Molony, for Success in the Campaigns Now Un-Hou, John H. Fow, Congressman Bruner, of Berks county, Henry Meyer and Colonel Levi Bird Duff. The latter, after a musical overture, arose and in a neat, terse talk, welcoming the people, moved that Henry Meyer act as President of the DEAR SIR-Official duty in connection with the national Democratic organization meeting. This met with unanimous favor, and the gentleman proceeded with the evenobliges me to be in a distant part of the country at the time of the meeting of the ing's programme by selecting and appointing the following Vice Presidents: D. P. third annual General Assembly of the Democratic Societies of Pennsylvania, at Pittsburg, and, as you have been advised by the Secretary, the Executive Committee at its late meeting designated you to discharge the duties of President.

As the result of my experience in the office which I have had the honor to hold since the formation of the Democratic Society of Pennsylvrnia, I beg to offer through you a few practical suggestions.

The Democratic Societies have become a vast, powerful and indispensible auxiliary ocratic Societies of Pennsylvania, at Pitts-As the result of my experience in the office which I have had the honor to hold

S. Frazier, Herman Kunkel, T. D. Casey, J. F. Flanniken, Frank Fertig, Hon. John Swan, George Rolshouse, Peter Iyory, Jonathan Fulton, George Oesterle, Joseph A. Skelly, Daniel McCarthy, L. F. Holtz-man, William Huey, Isadore Coblens, Julius Adler, G. H. Conrad, C. O'Donnell, B. McKenna, A. H. Rowand, Sr., John J. Mitchell, A. J. Barr, Hon. John O'Neill, F. J. Weixel, W. J. Brennen, S. L. Bellerats, which may or may not be controlled by the legally appointed authorities of the party. This plan of organization insures a club or society in every neighborhood which shall be just as regular and reliable as the party committee, and which shall be as much entitled to party confidence and sup-port as the committee itself. It eliminates all the man, O. K. Gardiner, N. J. Bream and James A. Henderson.

After this preliminary step, President
Meyer introduced Chairman Kerr. This

indefatigable party worker stepped forward, and for a minute or more he was compelled to gaze and acknowledge the rousing recep-tion he was greeted with. Then he began: "Gentlemen, I can't express my gratifica-tion at the phenomenal and encouraging success of to-day's convention. It bore every element of harmony, unity and future victory in the battle we have before us. Remember this, is no ordinary campaign. We never had such a hard one before us

The young element is showing itself with

THE RIGHT SIDE UP.

victory, which I have every reason to believe we will.'

Treasurer, was introduced, and made practically the same speech that he did at the convention in the afternoon. He made a very lasting impression, judging by his reception.

speeches. He referred to Boss Quay and Boss Flinn in anything but endearing terms. Congressman D. P. Bonner, of Reading, Edward G. Flannigan and M. F. Milhere, of Philadelphia, also greeted the

TO MEET AT SCRANTON.

The Societies Fix a Place for Meeting Next Year.

Will Go Boat Riding. The local Democrats will entertain the visitors to-day by giving them a river outing on the Mayflower. The boat will go up as far as Braddock, where those who choose

can inspect the Edgar Thomson Steel Works. Very few of the delegates went to

An Every-Day Expression

Evans Estate Plan.

the Evans estate plan, in the center of Mc-Keesport. The prices are much lower than in towns that exist only on paper, whereas McKeesport has already between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000 invested in great mills and factories, which give steady employment to over 10,000 people. If you wish to make a safe investment buy lots in the Evans estate plan. Particulars from the agent, William M. Bell, McKeesport, Pa. 5

Can't Be Matched, Our stock of men's clothing, either in size, variety or price. It's an immense assort-ment that we invite your attention to this

The Democrats of Pennsylvania Meet and Shout for Victory.

A HARMONIOUS GATHERING

Yesterday's Convention the Largest the State Societies Have Ever Held.

MANY ELOQUENT SPEECHES MADE.

Both State Candidates Talk of Certain Success to the Delegates and Excite Much Enthusiasm.

HARRITY TREATS OF PLAIN POLITICS.

Party Some Jacksonian Advice and Is Again the President.

SCHANTON CHOSEN THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING



Onaker meeting. Everybody was in good humor. Everybody seemed anxious to applaud, and when a delegate who had been belated the night before fell while asleep from his chair in the rear of the convention hall be was humilialed by an outburst of enthusiastic cheers. Chauncey F. Black was re-elected President, W. D. Wormon was again chosen Secretary and the old Treasurer was re-elected.

It was distinctly a Democratic convention with Grover Cleveland tendencies. There were cheers for Governor Pattison, Governor Campbell, Governor Hill and enator Gorman, but when President Cleveland's name was mentioned there was an outburst of enthusiasm that fairly shook the ponderous old building and told in no uncertain ways of the admiration and affection for the ex-President. An army of orators was present and the most remote wheel horse of the party was allowed to air his eloquence, while the well rounded periods of the accomplished talker are still running through the hall.

BOTH CANDIDATES WERE PRESENT. Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, candidate for Auditor-General, joined his colengue on the ticket, H. L. Tilden, of Erie, dates however, were not the only ones applauded. Secretary of State Harrity



Candidate Robert E. Wright, received a liberal share, and while he had little to say to the body as a whole, he had a large contingent of the faithful constantly on his staff. In his own quiet way he had much to talk about to the delegates individnally. He was followed through the hall by a drove of those anxious for counsel and advice, and up until late last night he had not shown the least signs of worriment. He will probably remain in Pittsburg until tonight, when he is expected to visit, with others of his class, the George B. McClellan Club, of Lawrencevitle.

A LEARNED BUNGARIAN TALKS. Stanistaus P. Kulig, of Philadelphia, was another of the conspicuous figures in the great gathering. Mr. Kulig came to Amerca with General Louis Kossuth after the Hungarian Rebellion in 1850. He was banished from his native country with the noted rebel. At the breaking out of the rebellion Kulig was Secretary of State to Kossuth, Mr. Kulig is a most pleasing talker. He is an ardent partisan, and he says the general demand for reform in the affairs of Pennsylvania will beyond question elect

cratic State rieket in No vember. He is well liked among his nsreciutes and his advice is frequently. sought by his fellow delearates.

Emptrael V. 11 Nurdi, an educated Pole, was an-

other figure Commet T. H. Nardi. attention in the convention. He is an editor, and among his people is held in high esteem. He has been in America 12 years and heretolore has been a Republican.

HOW THE HALL WAS DECORATED. Old City Hall presented an attractive anpenrance. The deft and artistic hand of the iccorator showed itself conspicuously.

tooned with vari-colored flags and banners, while flowers, ferns and plants properly placed on the stage and floor enhanced the otherwise bare nuditorium. The banners were all works of art, some of which were the result of tair admirers' fingers and needles, who presented them to the club that bore the emblem. Three of these were particularly beautiful; the Iroquois, Union Democratic and Continental all of Philadelphia. Up on the stage the Second brigade band surrounded by banners and flowers gave a musical rendition at intervals. The music mostly was classical, but several times the chairs down in the

simplest airs were played which was joined in by the loyal lovers of Democratic simplicity. There were thousands occupying all of them good and true. there were scores of bright and prominent personages on the stage but the center of attraction during yesterday's convention was an old man. He probably did not vote for Jefferson but he was there holding the canner of the Continental Club, His hair was gray, his head was bowed, and he sat like Horatio at the brilla. The firm grasp with which he held the richly decorated design, however, told more than youthful enthusiasm to which party and principle he was attached. THE ARRANGEMENTS AMPLE.

The arrangements for accommodating the large crowd were ample, and the Pittsburg Democrats who managed the affair are to be Channey F. Black Writes a Letter Giving Ris Each county had her place and on either side of the hall stood red guidons to designate where the delegates hailed from. Philadelphia had the vantage point, owing to the large delegation from the Quaker City. They were immediately in front of the stage while the smaller counties were assigned to places not so conspicuous. A few Republicans ventured within the Demogathering of the Democratic societies pointed. Everybody was a-hand shaking, of Pennsylvania was held yesterday in Old City Hall, Pittsburg. When the motion to nominate a Permanent The convention was the largest the young Democracy of this State ever held Over State ever held. Over ted John J. Molony. Cheer upon cheer 2,000 delegates at reverberated through the spacious hall. Mr. tended. While there were wild cheers for their party there was harmony enough to run a full-grown to the form a full-grown the form their party there was harmony enough to run a full-grown to run a full-grown the ful and only his ardent loyalty to Pennsylvania Democracy permits him to be in Pittsburg. He made a neat address after taking the chair, saying that it gave him pleasure to act, and considered it an honor. He spoke of the status of political affairs in the State, and it pained him to say that Phila-delphia had shown herself morally rotten. He admonished the delegates present that a hard fight was at hand, and urged everyone to lend a helping hand in the battle. "It is the duty of the General Assembly," said he, "to eliminate all such dishonest officials like which that body will have to deal with

in the near future. God speed the day," he said, "when purity shall exist in politics." BLACK RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT. When the committee on permanent oranization of the societies made its report, and Chauncey F. Black was re-elected President of the State societies, the excitement equaled that of bedlam. Hats, canes and andkerchiefs were thrown through the air as thick as stage snow. E. Zeigler, of York, thanked the convention in behalf of their favorite son, and the tribute he paid to the absent statesman was frequently interrupted by loud and vociferous applause. Mr. Zeigler further said: "We, as Democrats are now thoroughly organ-ized and harmonious. No party fights and jealousies like the Scranton fiasco of last week. There it was a case of oneleague on the ticket, H. L. Tilden, of Erie, candidate for State Treasurer, at the convention hall and both were received by the gathering with loud and prolonged applause.

After the gentleman had finished and the cheering ceased, calls for "Harrity! Harrity!" were repeatedly heard. That gentle-manly Secretary of the Commonwealth was not on the stage where the other lights sat, and it was thought he was not present. However, after some persuasion, the modest vet mighty man arose slowly from out of a party of constituents away back in the rear of the hall. He begged to be excused from talking further than to say that his hope was for the star of Democracy to work its was for the star of Democracy to work its only in history, way further in the ascendency. He said he The robbery of the

Chairman Brennen Presides and J. J. Miller Delivers an Eloquent Address of



it down" in the nisles. The con-

E. V. Dively. in order read a letter from Chauncey F. Black. Portions of the epistle were vigor-

ously applauded. Mr. Brennen said the Democratic socie ties had been the nucleus around which Democrats adhere and made possible the election of Governor Pattison precedent to the invitation of Auditor General McCamant to a neck-tie social. He asked an endorsement also by the convention of Gov-ernor Campbell, of Ohio, in his fight with

the "Tin idol of Ohio."

THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME. J. J. Miller, Esq., made the address of welcome on behalf of the Democratic societies of Allegheny County, and he welcomed them from the highlands and lowlands to the hospitality of the sun-kissed hills of Allegheny. Mr. Miller spoke of the wealth of Presidental timber in the Democratic party, which is not confined to the choice of the bleak coast of Maine or the pestilential swamps of Indiana. When he reached the suggestion of Grover Cleveland his voice was drowned for a considerable time by a succession of ringing cheers and the air was full of hats and bandkerchiefs. The same resulted when Governor Pattison's record was rehearsed. Mr. Miller's third choice Gorman, of Maryland; fourth, Campbell, of The speaker was happy in his allusion to platform eatch phrases such as the command given on stone on Mt. Sinai, "Thou shalt not steal," etc., and with these he taste of his audience.

all these names received due recognition, Cleveland and Pattison got the bulk of it. Peter Monroe, Frank J. Tummins, Philadelphia; Hon, D. M. Brown, Berks; James McGarrah, Venango; John Guffy, Allegheny; John A. Ward, E. G. Flannigan, salted his address, evidently to the exact Philadelphia; E. P. Gillespie, Mercer; John in response to prolonged calls. He referred L. McKinney, Crawford; George Quigley, to his kick over the party traces a year ago, A proposition to dispense with roll call | Philadelphia; N. L. Butler, Dauphin; A. J. | and was happy to say that every Democrat in

pected a contest on something and wanted to know how many votes made a majority.

The convention was governed by the rules Cowan, Westmoreland; Thomas H. Baird's Cowan, Westm Washington; William A. Foster, A. M. Dobson, Philadelphia; John Hawk, Warren; A. J. Hughes, McKean; W. B. Clendennin, Lawrence; Wood Clark, Indiana; I. A. Schaffer, Center; Frank E. Bible, Forest; Levi B. Duff, C. A. Fagan, D. O. Barr, Hon, John Swan, Allachan; Clem hot boxes, but there was some friction veloped when nominations for Temporary Chairman were called for. Morrison Fos-ter, of Allegheny, saw no use in electing Barr, Hon. John Swan, Allegheny; Clem Carew, Crawford; John A. Nash, Schuyl-kill; John Hannan, Cambria; P. H. Doerle, Philadelphia; J. A. F. Hoy, Clarion; C. S. King, Clearfield; Charles H. Fisher, Somersuch officer as the convention already had such an officer. Mr. Foster was ruled out of order. set; Charles E. Beitzell, Lancaster; E. T. McNeelis, Cambria; T. J. Burke, Blair. The Committee on Permanent Organization of the State societies reported in favor of the re-election of Chauncey F. Black as President; W. D. Worman as Secretary and Elliott P. Kissner as Treasurer. The offi-



A SCENE IN THE CONVENTION HALL

to give the snap dead away by reading his acknowledgment of the honor from manuscript. Mr. Moloney used his lance merci-lessly in probing the ulcers on the Republi-

an party. - He said: Fellow Democrats—To fail properly to appreciate the high honor you have conferred on one of the humblest of your members in calling me to preside, even temporarily, over the deliberations of this convention, would be to at once admit that you have erred in conferring the compliment. It is therefore not mere idle words when I say to you I thank you, and promise that, with your generous aid, I will endeavor to perform the duties of Temporary Chairman of this convention. If the growth of the Democracy of Pennsylvania is evidenced by the increase of numbers of this convention over that of last, then indeed will the prospect of Pennsylvania becoming enrolled in the column of Democratic States at no distant day be assured. When that proud period arrives and the Democracy will be in fall power in Pennsylvania, when every avenue to investigation will be open and clear, then if we are to Judge from recent investigations will there be such an exposure of rottenness and corruption in the Republication of this State as will dwarf FELLOW DEMOCRATS-To fail properly to rottenness and corruption in the Republicanism of this State as will dwarf all political investigations that this country has ever witnessed heretofore. The robbery of the taxpayers and the looting of our Treasury by political brigands shall

Treasury by political brigands shall The "light shall be turned The electricians of the Pennsyl-Democracy are at work now crisburg. When their labors shall be Harrisburg. When their labors shall be nished, and the Republican highwaymen of bered and inbeled, hame, and Repub vivania will exist way further in the ascendency. He said he was not given to making speeches in public,

DOWN TO BUSINESS.

THE GREATEST OF THE SOCIETY'S
CONVENTIONS IN SESSION.

The robbery of the city treasury in Philadelphia and of the State Treasury stand without a parallel in political history. Will this brigandism in a civilized country of the people and by the people be

by the people be approved in No-vember next? We will see. Are the people of this State

Welcome—The Committees Appointed.

Seven minutes after 11 o'clock Old City Hall was comfortably packed with jolly, rollicking Democrats, and some felt so good, either over the Bardsley investigation or the presence of so much Jefferson i a n i sm, that w h e n t h e band struck up a plantation melody numbers leaped from their seats and began "hoeing it down" in the same political they can be presented from their seats and began "hoeing it down" in the same political they same political there and struck up a plantation melody numbers leaped from their seats and began "hoeing it down" in the same political they same political coffins, and the same political they same political th

THEY ADJOURN FOR DINNER.

Committees on Resolutions, Credentials to order by W. J.

Brennen, who first from Channers E.

Committees on Resolutions, Credentials and Temporary and Permanent Organization were then appointed. The Committee on Resolutions was composed as follows: Adolph Eicholz, Philadelphia; P. J. Foley, Allegheny; Thomas H. Greevy, Blair; Peter J. Hughes, Philadelphia; A. J. Duniap, Lancaster; George J. Barny, York; G. G. Sloan, Clarion; Henry D. Green, Berks; Sioan, Clarion; Henry D. Green, Berks; Robert M. Graham, Cumberland; James Hagau, Dauphin; James Fadden, Luzerne; James F. Michel, Bedford; E. P. Dun-woode, Philadelphia; R. J. Umble, Fay-ette; S. Woods Clark, Indiana; S. F. Bell-man, Allegheny; W. H. I byle, Philadel-shia, Frenk, Fartig, Allegheny, Frank phia; Frank Fertig, Allegheny; Frank Bremour, Schuylkill; W. M. Crokston, Westmoreland; James Bellows, Allegheny. The committee then took a recess until

THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Routine Business Disposed of Promptly and Eloquence Flows,

ntes after 3 o'clock. The Committee on Credentials reported an absence of contests. and the report, like all others, was rapturously received.

The Committee on Permanent Organization of the Convention reported the following: Chairman, J. J. Molony, Philadelphia. The temporary secretaries were Ohio; lifth, Governor Boics, of Iowa, and delphia. The temporary secretaries were sixth, David B. Hill, of New York. While made permanent. The following Vice was amended by Peter J. Hughes, of Philadelphia, that the counties be called and their strength in the convention declared.

W. H. Still, Berks, N. Potsdamer, where else to go. Every honest man in the convention declared.

## FOW'S FUNNY STORY.

PLAIN TALK FOLLOWS.

The Damaging Evidence Brought Out by Treasurer Boyer's Admissions-A Vast Sum of Money Paid Over Just in Time

visitors passed through the convention un nade one of his characteristic speeches and concluded his talk with a story that fairly convulsed the convention. In his story Mr. Fow said:

"A colored minister of Philadelphia refirst Sunday or the last. Finally he arose and, with his head bowed low, he said

"That," concluded Mr. Fow, "is the verdiet of the legislative investigating com-mittee. We don't know whether the Auditor General or the State Treasurer has been doing the stealing. All we know is that there has been a deuce of a lot of

stealing going on." SOME VERY PLAIN TALK. Mr. Fow is stopping at the Monongahela

without any solicitation on the part of Philadelphia officials, and solely for the purpose of preventing it from going into the sinking fund under the act of 1885, known as the Humes act. That act, since repealed, provided that the balance in the reduce it, he thought that the payment to Philadelphia of her share of school funds The convention did not get down to its was a good way to do it. The evidence pomace in the afternoon until a few minother school districts until June, and had e paid Philadelphia at that time, John Bardsley would never have had the opportunity of stealing it. So, without going into the question of personal integrity, the Senate will have sufficient evidence of a violation of law as to justify it in taking action and promptly removing the State Treasurer at least."

A PRODIGAL RETURNS

Maxwell Stevenson Gets Back Into His Party and Makes a Speech.

Maxwell Stevenson, of Philadelphia, was

A ROAR OF LAUGHTER AND SOME

to Be Stolen. Colonel D. O. Barr, Dr. C. C. Wiley and State Chairman Kerr escorted the candidates, Wright and Tilden, from the hall entrance to the stage. The distinguished observed. After they were comfortably seated, however, a ripple of applause swept over the audience and Mr. Fow, who was just then being introduced, retired behind a dignity. He is a deliberate, pleasant talker, bank of shrubbery until quiet was restored, and his mallow voice rolled out over the Mr. Fow is a member of the Legislature convention like music. He was dressed in just then being introduced, retired behind a from Philadelphia. He is also an active a plain black suit. His neat-fitting Prince from Philadelphia. He is also an active member of the Legislative committee investigating the alleged corruption of the State Treasurer and Auditor General. He
State Treasurer and Auditor General. He

THE COMMITTEE'S VERDICT.

cently preached an eloquent sermon on the whale swallowing Jonah. After services a wag persuaded the colored minister that he was wrong, and that Jonah had swallowed The following Sabbath the minister corrected his former sermon and assured his hearers that his mistake was a thoughtless one. His congregation divided on the subject, and a lively fight followed. The minister was called before the Church Council to explain the discrepancy. Both sides to the quarrel argued long and fer-vently. The minister became confused. He did not know whether he was right the 'Brethren, I confess I don't know whether the whale swallowed Jonah or Jonah swal-

lowed the whale. All I know is that there was a deuce of a lot of swallowing on that

House. He arrived carly yesterday morning, having left Harrisburg immediately after the adjournmen of the investigating committee. Mr. Fow was the first presiding officer of the Demo cratic State League, and, in conjunction with Mayor Worman, organized it. In a talk with a DISPATCH reporter Mr. Fow said: The examination of

Mr. Boyer disclosed sufficient evidence to show that he paid \$420,000 to John Bardsley on account of Philadelphia's share of the school fund on the 31st

In its place we have not even the poor

In its place we have not even the poor boon of Government by a political party.

Party Government sometimes is a good Government. When the majority of the people of a community honestly array themselves in party organization in the application of some principle to Government, and then give expression to that principle in the enactment of laws, or in the administration of bublic affairs, it may well be said that that is a Government by the people.

But in Pennsylvania we do not even have this. Here the entire purpose for which political parties ought to be maintained has been perverted. een perverted. A BLOW AT THE BOSSES. Recognizing, or believing that one of the great parties holds within itself a majority of the votes of the State a band of politi-cians has successfully conspired to control

Secretary of State Harrity.

magnificent man. Mr. Wright said:

it. They manipulate its conventions; they nominate its candidates; they determine what character of men shall fill the public places of the commonwealth and what standard of integrity and duty shall mark their administration.

The influences that surround public officers are those that eminate from this clique

cers are those that eminate from this clique of political bosses.

For 15 years with only occasional interruptions has this boss influence been dominant in Pennsylvania. The better men of noth parties have fought against it—fearless, independent newspapers of its own political party have denounced it—bold, bright men have, from time to time, stepped out from party lines and braved the power of its rule while battling against it, only to be driven from public life when the storins of popular revolt had passed by and the bosses had re sumed their sway. More than once has revolt come. Again and again in Philadelphia, that cit-

adel of corrupt boss rule, have the people arisen and overturned these men. Twice have the people of the State torn her government from her hands. But thus far these victories have been partial and temporary. Each time has this domination reassected taself, and always in the same way, hiding behind the personal respectability of candidates it has ridden into place on the shoulders of a great nollitical organization. never seen a more bonorable record than that made by the present Gov-ernor and his associates. The Democratic ernor and his associates. The Democratic from its inception he went on has been the party of the people, though Jefferson, Mun-roe and Jackson all called for a government of the people, for the people and by the people. To-day we have the same names that conjured success in 1876. With both Tilden and the Wright, he said, there must

dates it has ridden into place on the shoulders of a great political organization.

He who has not read this lesson in the fate of the reformed movements in Philadelphia has been a dull student of politics.

Thus in Pennsylvania has government by the people and for the people been subverted. Thus it has come about that while you are assembled here to day as representatives of the Democratic clubs of the State, the purpose of your assembling is not partisan or political.

A great crisis has called the people of the State of the Solution of new problems; to the decision of questions which involve the honor of Pennsylvania. These questions imply no issue of Federal politics. They involve no principle that has heretofore divided the people of the country into political parties; they concern men of all political beliefs and transcend all party creeds. They touch the conscience of every voter and the manhood of every citizen. They concern the

manhood of every citizen. They concern the honor of your State.

For years the better influences of all parties have resisted the encroachment of this boss power and fought its demoralizing ten-

dencies.

No overt acts of positive dishonesty in office had been clearly shown, but the people felt from the character of this domination that somewhere there must be hidden a well of corruption that would inevitably burst forth. And now it has come as a mantle of shame upon your commonwealth. And what a spectacle. other States and communities have had

Other States and communities have had their instances of dishonest officials. Men have been faithless and have been punished, but to the credit of the country be it said these instances have been isolated and generally single. But in Pennsylvania it would seem that the entire machinery of State finances is involved in flagrant violation or disregard of law, or in positive corruption and dishonesty.

I will not weary you with the details. The detection of a thieving city treasurer has been followed by exoosure after exposure until the widening circle of suspicion reaches from high State officials on the one hand to the petty constable who serves the process BOTH CANDIDATES MAKE SPEECHES The Candidate for Treasurer Talks for the Farmers, Who Are Crushed by Monopolists and Bosses. White the Sorr of Lehigh the petty constable who serves the process of the State on the other. The entire ma-chinery for the collection and disbursement Candidate Tilden followed Mr. Fow. He did not wear a hickory shirt, nor did he of public funds is entangled in a network of fraud created by and paying tribute to the corrupt domination that rules the State. By it offices have been created and filled, laws have been enacted, systems of public revenue have been devised and changed, designedly to wring from the public and from the State the means to continue and perpetuate its power and support its dependents. I need but refer to the delinquent tax bills, to the Recorders' bills, to the modifications of the mercantile appraisement laws, and the perpetuation of extravagant fee systems to filustrate how the legislative power of the State has become a willing adjunct to the machinery of boss rule. of public funds is entangled in a network of carry a hoe, but he talked from a farmer's standpoint, and brought forth round after round of applause. After showing the why and wherefore a Pennsylvanian should cast a Democratic vote to insure good government he dwelt on the farmers' rights. "I appear before you as a farmer, or in the

SOME OF THE FRUITS. Now we are reaping the harvest. The State robbed of \$1,000,000 and Philadelphia osing \$1,000,000 more-the State and the people of Pennsylvania robbed of hundreds thousands of dollars a year by dishonest and corrupt practices in tax assessments and collections; the committing magistrates of Philadelphia in trying small offenders while the Governor of the Commonwealth con-venes its Senate in extraordinary session to

inquire into the more important question of the Chairman of the State Committee that a uniform system of Demo-cratic societies, duly incorporated with the regular party organization, State concern.
It is in the face of this spectacle that the It is in the face of this spectacle that the people of Pennsylvania are now about to assemble at the polling places to pass their judgment upon those who are responsible for her dishonor. Let each citizen for himself be sure that it is an honest, just judgment. Let him not be swayed by considerations foreign to the issue.

As citizens not partisage year age. As citizens, not partisans, you are to de-cide this question—as jurors, not as advo-

iscs, as Jerry Simpson says, the G. O. P. is a "party of great promises." Incidentally the speaker mentioned Grover Cleveland's name, and the applause following it awoke one of the dusty cates.

No question of Federal politics, no question of tariff, of currency or foreign policy.

No controversies to be settled on a broader field by the people of the whole country next year should be permitted to warp your deeping cherubs in the fresco ceiling from a Van Winkle slumber. Continuing, he spoke of the Democratic party as the people's party. The Republicans had but one idea, and that idea was bossism, aided and abetted by boodle. Finally, 'the Republican party has fallen lower and lower as the udgment and your consciences now.

The State of Pennsylvania in this juncture has a right to demand that each o her citizens shall consider her interests first

abetted by boodle. Finally, "the Republican party has fallen lower and lower as the years go by, until now, with the recent dispoliation and thievery, it has sunk into the deepest slough of degradation and shame."

CANDIDATE WRIGHT'S SPEECH.

Robert E. Wright, the candidate for Auditor General, followed. Mr. Wright is striking in appearance. He is tall and handsome, and his every move is grace and dignity. He is a deliberate, pleasant talker, and his mallew voice rotted out over the convention like music. He was dressed in a plain black suit. His neat-fitting Prince Albert, buttoned almost to his throat,

tution it was the wisdom and conservatism of Pennsylvania statesmen that finally brought the States together and made that great instrument the supreme law of the In the formation period that followed the

In the formation period that followed the adoption of the Constitution, in all the controversies that threatened the peace of the Union down to and through the great Rebellion of 1861 Pennsylvania, speaking through her Senators and Representatives, was potential for the public weal No great question of the Federal policy from the Revolutation to the Rebellion was solved without having the impress of Pennsylvania ideas stamped upon it. She was great then because great men volced her views. stamped upon it. She was great then be-cause great men volced her views. Where, oh where, does she stand to-day? Who ever dreams of consulting Pennsylva-nia's Senators or Congressmen when great questions of national import are to be deter-

minute, while cheers and applause rolled in confusion through the hall, he looked a

PENNSYLVANIA IS VOICELESS.

The gentlemen from Maine, from Ohio, from Indiana, from Kansas and Iowa dictate the creed and shape the policy of the Republican party of the nation. Pennsylvania is small partion of the moderate expendities society been able to print freely, to put and to keep one or more organizers in the field. to say nothing of many other highly practical and important services, its usefoliess would have been controlled in the Union less influential than Pennsylvania in shaping national policies and legislation. And why! Because the depressing and repressing influence of a bossism of medicerity has stifled the aspirations and defeated the ambition of the bright Republicans of Pennsylvania. They have been excluded or driven from polities, at the least indication of intelligent independence the power of the machine has been used to crush them, for it is not of such material that bosses can make tools.

Hence it is that the machine has kept the standard of Pennsylvania's public mendown to its own level, and thus it is that she has been dishonored.

How long will you endure it? How long will intelligent Philadelphia and the great State of Pennsylvania consent to be chained to the charict wheels of a Magee, a Martin and a Quay?

THE PARTY'S PLATFORM. The government of the people, which Mr. Lincoln, on the field of Gettysburg, declared ought not to perish from the earth, he de-fined to be a governmen by the people and or the people.

It was not a government by a political It was not a government by a nolitical party, nor by a portion of the people held and moved by the power of orrandation, nor yet a government by individuals, who through the power of party, or by other means, might substitute their own will for that of the people—
He spoke of a government by the people—one in which their will would be supreme, and in whose acts their wish would find expression. It was also to be a government for the people, not for a part of them.

The welfare at the whole people and that alone was to be the line of its objects and purposes.

THE PARTY'S PLATFORM.

Candidates Indorsed and Governor Pattison's Extra Session Commended. The Committee on Resolutions reported the following, which were adopted unan-

Resolved, That the Democratic societies of least, such a Government as Lincoln prayed might be preserved has perished from the heartily indorse the platform of the Democratic State Convention recently held at Harrisburg.
Resolved, That we hereby indorse the can-

didates who have been named by the Demo-eratic Convention, assembled at Harrisburg, cratic Convention, assembled at Harrisburg, as the nominees of the Democratic party for the offices of Auditor General and State Treasurer. We recognize in Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, and A. L. Tilden, of Eri, men who are pre-emmently qualified for these positions of trust and honor, and whose strict integrity and business capacity commend them to the consideration of the people of Pennsylvania and insure to the tax-payers of this Commonwealth an uprooting of the evils in the fiscal and revenue departments of the State and reform of the political and administrative methods of these offices.

Resolved, That the action of Governor Pattison, as the Chief Executive of the Com-

Resolved, That the action of Governor Pattison, as the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in calling together the state Senate for the purpose of investigating the serious scandals that surround the fiscal and revenue departments of the State, deserves the commendation of every honest tax payer in this commonwealth, and it is the voice and sentiment of this Convention that the Governor has performed his duty in obedience to his oath of office under the Constitution.

Resolved, That we sincerwivegret the death of that able leader and distinguished citizen, the Hon. William L. Scott, whose years of service in behalf of the Pemecratic party in the State of Pennsylvania and in

party in the State of Pennsylvania and in the country at large have endeared his memory to all Democrats and all citizens in general who favor nonest government, that we tender to his bereaved lamily our sympathy, and that a copy hereof be spread whereas, The increased interest and enthusiasm attendant upon this meeting of the Democratic societies of the State sufficiently. He has been in the

ties well established, and the secret ballot in the hands of the people, the day is probably not distant when our great Commonwealth will resume her ancient position in the polities of the Union and be again worthy of the commendation bestowed upon her by the founder of the Democratic party and of the Democratic societies who encouraged the triends of republican principles in other States by pointing to the steady example of "ever faithful Pennsylvania."

Very respectfully yours, Very respectfully yours, Chauncey F. Black,

The Local Democrats Thanked for Their Hospitality. Before the convention adjourned, a reso lution thanking the Democrats of Pittsburg for their hospitality was unanimously passed. One of the largest clubs present at the convention was the Democratic Club of Greensburg. Before the convention con-vened the club, over 100 strong, marched

CRUMBS PICKED UP.

from the depot, down Fifth avenue to the convention hall. They were liberally applauded on the way.

George H. Hoffman, who acted as recording clerk for the convention, was interrupted while at work by a delegate asking, "are you a Jew?" Mr. Hoffman made no reply but asked the presiding officer to ap-point a sergeant-at-arms to clear the hall. George Quigley, a member of the Legisla-ture from Philadelphia, was a visitor to the

ear, there was an array of public men on the stage to make the occasion one of note.

office which I have had the honor to hold since the formation of the Democratic Society of Pennsylvrnin, I heg to offer through you a few practical suggestions.

The Democratic societies have become a vast, powerful and indispensible auxiliary of the regular organization of the Democratic party in the country and in the State. This is the judgment of the National Democratic Committee and of the State Committee of Pennsylvanin, as It is of the regular committees all over the Union. The societies are incorporated with the regular organization and operate in conjunction with and in subordination to it. They take the place of voluntary associations of Democrats, which may or may not be controlled by the legally appointed authorities of the

a force and determination which demonstrates that we have the brain and sinew of the party at the front forging through the stronghold of the enemy. Pennsylvania is not only greatly to be desired, but that it is in fact the only system upon which the great conflicts before us—which are, in the language of Chairman Brice, "to be largely conflicts of clubs"—can be successfully fought out on our part. There is no instance in the artist country where a receiparty or wants and will have an honest administra-tion, and everywhere in the State the Democratic party is active and aggressive. party is essential to a government of this kind. The Republican party was organized for an object many years ago; that object has been accomplished, and now it aims to exist by the spoils system. They have had a swing in Pennsylvania for cratic vote. With the State of Pennsylvania completely organized under this regular and uniform system, there would, in my opinion, be no question whatever about our carrying it. In the present campaign, for instance, it must be obvious that the full Democratic vote in November will elect our candidates, and that vote would certainly be polled if there should be, by the middle of October, an active and carnest Democratic society in every district doing its full duty as an energy district doing its full duty as an en-25 years, with one or two trifling excep-tions, and the political knavery and ruinous methods practiced by the leaders has be-come obnoxious even to many heretofore members of their own ranks It is disgust-ing to be identified with a party which upholds the gross practices, which are now so fresh in every Pennsylvanian's mind. The people found it necessary to elect a Gov-erner whom they knew was conscientious in his convictions, and now it also behooves us to place a State Treasurer and Auditor General in office who will guard the State's monies with the vigilance of a Cerberus.

lightened and obedient auxiliary of the regular party committees.

The Democratic Society of Pennsylvania was the first organization of the kind in the Union. It occurred several months before the Baltimore Cenvention and the formation of the National Association of Democratic Cluss in which it took, by its representatives, a prominent and useful part. Our example has been followed in many States and the main reatures of our constitution and opted. The Democratic societies on the Pacific slope are numerous and aggressive, and we are promised that many of the new States, carved from the Louisiana purchase accomplished by Mr. Jefferson, the father of the Democratic party and of the Democratic societies, will be made Democratic within a brief period by the patriotic labors of those societies. We expect to meet at Spokane "We have the right side of the question, and it is not a difficult one to answer. There are a number of old veterans here to-night who helped to make the party. They have waited until snowy locks adorn their heads to see honest democracy in power. They will have their wishes and hopes gratified. The tide is turning our way and we must go the second annual general assembly of the Democratic societies of the State of Washington on the 23d of this month. The growth of the Democratic societies in this State has been almost spontaneous. The organization has had along with it. We are right, and we are going to win because we are right. If every man here believes as I do he will go home and have his neighbor to help us to elim-inate the demoralizing and dishonest features of State government and win this great

Its expenses have been mainly borne by Hon. A. L. Tilden, the candidate for State its officers. Fortunately they were not heavy or such could not have been the case But the time has arrived when some provis the membership itself should be made. Our constitution provides for no fees, dues, assessments or other means of raising

MR. WRIGHT'S TALK. Robert A. Wright, the candidate for Auditor General, followed Mr. Tilden. His remarks were all solid, and his forcible contributed by public-spirited and liberal manner of talking, coupled by a good de-livery, kept his auditors intent on the parmount subject-Democratic reform. He thought that the Democratic party should form a neuclus around which all parties should gather to save the State from the shame which has been cast upon it. A Republicah paper in New York, said he, editorially remarks that the Republican party in Pennsylvania was a disgrace to the whole country. Senator John H. Fow, of Philadelphia, addressed the gathering with one of his characteristic and caustic

> people with a few remarks. The meeting then adjourned. Speech-making was about the proper thing everywhere last night. The Randall Club, County Democracy rooms and Jacksonian Club of Allegheny were all filled with good Democrats who listened to ahe political orators until a very late hour.

Before adjournment the convention decided to meet next year at Scranton. An effort was made by some delegates to have the next meeting held at Altoona. M. F. Sando led the fight for his city, and had little difficulty in naming the place.

Haven't had a comfortably-fitting shoe since you sold me last pair. We are in it again. Come and see us. CAIN BROS., Liberty and Sixth streets.

season, one that it will be money in your pocket to look at. It hasn't a weak spot anywhere Li's perfect. GUSKY'S

and possponed. There has never been a full committee and it has never held a meeting. I would suggest that it be abolished and the affairs of the society, in the intervals between General Assemblies be left, as before, in charge of the officers and the Executive and Finance Committees.

The successful empaign of last year was inaugurated at the General Assembly of the Democratic societies at Reading, and I hope and believe that history will repeat itself this year. Our strength and aggressiveness should be greater now than then, and I look forward confidently to the day when this organization will present an impregnable and irresistable front to the enemies of pure government in our State. With the contemplated uniform system of Democratic societies well established, and the secret ballot in the hands of the people, the day is prob-

their respective homes last night, and the hotels are still crowded with the

If there is any money to be made any-where in real estate it is in buying lots in

Mintever the happiness of the people might seem to demand, the government within the legitimate scope of its power was 皇帝 within the legitimate scope of its power was to supply.

It was not for party nor for the sake of party—nor for individuals, nor for individual profit or advantage that offices, administrations and legislation were to be created and maintained. The Government by the people of which he spoke was one that should be for the people and for them alone. This great convention has assembled here to-day, as the citizens of Pennsylvania will soon assemble in every part of the State, because the Government of Pennsylvania now is neither a Government by the people nor for them. for them.
In this State, and for the time being at

John H. Fore. day of December, 1890, when, as a matter of fact, it was not due until June, 1891. He admitted that he did it general fund in excess of its legal limit should go into that fund. And desiring to

the first orator to take the stand. He spoke ther strengt on the convention declared.

The balcony of the large hall was festment won. Hughes, it was understood, ex-