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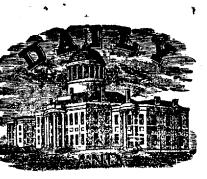
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time of the first draft.

Witness (promptly). No, sir.

shoot the other.

they are H O and R D.

signs or passwords?

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Witness. I don't think I can tell you half,

for I can't recollect all.

Mr. Coffey. What was the first thing done?

Witness. We were first arranged in a cir-

Mr. Coffey. Oh, tell me first, were there

Witness. Well, I was inside, and can't tell;

when I went in it was raining; I had an um-

brella; one of the members asked me for it,

as he had to go outside; I lent it to him and

he went outside; and that is all I know about

Mr. Coffey. Well, sir, state what took place inside; how many were there?

sides the old ones. Mr. Huber presided.

Witness. Of course there was.

Mr. Coffey. State what it was.

ber says so, I will give it.

Here the witness hesitated.

ster it, and you may tell it here.

property might be burnt.

Mr. Coffey. Was there an oath taken?

Mr. Jones. If it will be of any use to us

Mr. Coffey. How did you take the oath?
Witness. We lifted up our right hand; then

Mr. Huber stated the oath, and we all respon-

Mr. Coffey. Will it criminate you? Witness. The oath was to be kept secret.

Mr. Coffey. What you took there was not

Mr. Jones. It is with him a matter of con-

Witness. If I tell it I am in danger, and my

The witness was questioned at considerable

length. He hesitated. His position was that

of one desiring to bring the conspirators to

judgment, but was afraid his life and property

might be destroyed. Finally, after consider-

THE OATH.

"You do swear to oppose the conscription act.

After we all took this oath, Mr. Huber said

Mr. Coffey. After the oath was taken, what

Witness, (reluctantly.) Every secret society

was the next thing done? Have they any

has signs and passwords.

Mr. Coffey. Will you tell, me what signs

Witness, (looking as if he was afraid of Hu-

Mr. Coffey. Tell us the sign of recognition;

[Here the witness pointed with the index

finger of his right hand towards the floor, with

his arm extended a little forward of the body.]
Mr. Coffey. Well, now, sir; so far so good.

Witness. He said the society extended in

THE PASS-WORDS.

Witness. I only remember two of them:

Mr. Coffey. Will you explain what they

R D, then he is regarded as a friend; I forget what the letters H O mean, but I remember

that Huber said R D stood for the word Rich-

Mr. Coffey. What else was done in the se-

cret meeting?
Witness. Mr. Huber sung a song about the

niggers and Abe Lincoln; the meeting was in

session an hour and a half, in the barn; it

took almost all that time to teach the signs to

the new members, there being so many of them

HOW THE DRAFT IS TO BE RESISTED.

Mr. Coffey. What did he say about resisting

Witness. Well, he said that when the per-

son came around to serve the notice on any one

of the members to be drafted, the member

must refuse to accept the notice; then we were

instructed to get our guns out, load them with

coarse salt or fine shot, get behind the fences and

shoot them, but we must be careful not to kill any-

body, for that was the way it was done in

Brackner township, Lancaster county, at the

Mr. Coffey. Did he say anything about

Mr. Coffey. Who of the defendants here did

you see at the secret meeting?
Witness. Mr. Huber, Dr. Illig and Gabriel

Philbert; can remember only these three per-

Cross examined by J. P. O'Neill. I attended

only one secret meeting; I took the oath to

keep the secrets; never mentioned them before

to-day; I do say that I have fear that my per-

that Mr. Pfifer told me that there were some

rowdies in Philadelphia, and he would not like

to be in my place; I had some fear at first, that

some harm might be done to me, but I do not

feel so much afraid now. When Mr. Huber

made his public speech he said, he was in fa-

vor of the Union and the Constitution, I re-

member now that I think this was part of the

oath; don't think Huber told us in a joke that

we must load our guns with salt; that was part

of the instructions to us; Mr. Huber did not

say anything about force that I remember of;

heard him say the dollar was to be paid to get

up political meetings at the election times;

don't think he said anything about brass

bands; I never knew him until I saw him at

that meeting; I know him now very well;

there he sits (here witness pointed him out.)

to see if it was good.

Dr. Ellig was called to examine the money

Re-examined. He told us to load up our

guns with salt; he told all of us to do so; he

was not joking; when he told us, he was stand-

ing in the centre of the circle; the men were

standing around two thick; I don't know

whether Dr. Ellig was initiated that night, or

By Mr. J. S. Richards. When he said that

we must not kill or injure anybody by shooting,

whether he was an old member.

that is, what does a member do to recognize

ber.) Well, I don't remember more than two

we must keep it a secret; as far as I can now

remember, this is about all of the oath.

and passwords were used here?

What other signs are used?

iety was organized in the army?

mean and how they are to be used?

the emancipation act, and confiscation, so help you

an oath. Mr. Huber had no right to admini-

Mr. Coffey. Now tell me what he said.

cle; Mr. Huber was in the middle.

any persons stationed outside?

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the investigation.

The first witness called was William Hoover, let us have it.
Witness. Well, if you want it, and Mr. Huwho testified that he resides in Marion town-

ship, Berks county. Question (By Mr. Coffey, U. S. District Attorney). Now, sir, were there any meetings held in your neighborhood; if so, how many, when and where, and what was done? "State

all that you know. Abswer. Yes, sir; there were two meetings held, one at Jacob Zellar's, and the other at Oxenrider's; the first on the 21st of March. and the other one on the next day after: there was money subscribed at both these meetings; ings; I cannot say that he took or received any money; all the members who subscribed any money went into a secret meeting held in the barn; to the best of my knowledge Mr. Oxenrider went into the barn'; I saw Dr. Illig at the meeting held at Mr. Zellar's place, but to the best of my knowledge I did not see him go into the secret meeting; I did not see him take any money; I don't know that he took down any names; I was in the crowd, and could not see very well; I saw Mr. Gabriel Philbert at the public meeting; don't know if he went into the secret one in the barn; I don't know Moothart or Sidel. No cross-examination.

A MEMBER OF THE ORDER SPEAKS. Michael Groasworn.-I live in Marion township, Berks co. ; I heard Huber speak. [Here witness said he would rather speak in German, as he could tell better what Huber said.] When Huber came there to speak. I and two others called him out before the meeting was organized, and we asked him questions; I don't know what they said, but I do know what l said; lasked him if one of the other party could go in, as I had understood that the members of only one political party could go in; he replied that all who had no negro on their backs could join; I wanted to put more questions to him, but he said he would tell all that was necessary when he got into the house; he addressed the people, and said this is a Democratic meeting to support the Union and the old Constitution, and the the thirty-four States, and all the territories as they were; he said the confiscation bill, the conscription act, and the emancipation act, were unconstitutional, and the way the government was carried on was also unconstitutional, and we ought not support it; he said a great many other things in opposition to Mr. Lincoln and his Cabinet, and alled them Abolitionists; the object of the meeting was to put down secession and Abolition without arms; he continued on to abuse Mr. Lincoln and the Cabinet as much as he could; that Lincoln and Jeff Davis would never settle the war, and it would have to be done by the common people, because enough were the negro, how he originated, and that God Almighty had pronounced a curse upon the negroes, and that Abraham Lincoln wanted to put himself above God by removing the curse; this was more power than the President had; he (Mr. Huber) said more of such things, but I can't remember all; after the speech names of parties who wanted to go into secret meeting were put down and the money paid; the secret meeting was then held.

Mr. Coffey. Did you join the secret meeting?

Witness (promptly.) Yes, sir, I did.
Mr. Coffey. Well, sir, now state slowly and calmly all that took place there. Witness (hesitatingly.) If you will take the responsibility off I will tell you all I know. . Mr. Coffey. You are sworn here to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; there is no responsibility, only that which you owe to your God and your country.

Witness. Well I don't know that the government can hold me, because I have withdrawn my name from the society. Mr. Coffey. Did you take any oath in the secret meeting?

Witness. We all took an oath. Mr. Coffey. Tell all you know. What took place there?

Witness. If you don't take the responsibility off me I don't know that I shall do it .-Here Huber laughed and whispered something to his counsel, Mr J. P. O'Neil.] I'll tell you as much as I think was against the govern-

J. Glancy Jones, counsel for defence. No: If you tell anything you must tell what you know and not what you think.

Mr. Coffey. State all you know. Witness. I don't think I can do that. [Huber laughed.] Mr. Coffey. You are bound under your oath here to do that unless you think it will crimiduty to tell the whole truth, all he knows .-

and sworn, it is his duty to the government to tell all he knows about the matter. The government is entitled to your evidence. Witness. I know that. Mr. Huber said if any member told anything of the secret pro-

ceedings, or if he ever published anything about them, why he would have to look out for himself. Mr. Coffey. If they undertake that they will soon find out who is the strongest.

Witness. Another thing the members of the society told me yesterday. Mr. Jones, (interruptingly.) Never mind what you were told; you are only to tell what

you saw and heard at the meeting.

Mr. Coffey. He was approached with threats. Witness. Before I came from Salsbury yesterday, the members told-Mr. Jones. Never mind.

Mr. Coffey. Tell who threatened you. Witness. Yesterday, when I was leaving for the cars, Henry Pfifer met me and said he would not like to be in my place in Philadelphia. I asked him why, and he said "there are rowdies there, and I would be in danger of my life." I told him that I would support the Union and the Constitution in Philadelphia as well as at home, and now I see some of my neighbors here; if any of them, or anybody,

has anything against me, let them come and speak now. Mr. Coffey. You are safe here. There are a good many rowdies now being whipped in another section of the country, and they'll be whipped here if they show themselves.

Witness. Well, I don't know. Witness. Well, I don't know.

We must not kill of injure anybody-by shooting, he meant that we must not do any serious injury to those whom we shot at.

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READY TO SHOULDER INS MUSKET.

Isaac Fitler sworn.—I live at Womelsdorf; have known Harrison Oxenrider since April 7th; heard him say he belonged to the society; I was in Reading the day Huber was arrested; there was much excitement; Oxenrider said we have no government; I asked him his name, and he said Harrison Oxenrider; he said we only had a confederacy like the Southerners; he said he was ready to take his musket and shoot them; I asked him whom he meant; he replied the Abolitionists; he did not say anything exactly against the government; Oxenrider said the society was called Copperhead; or, Knights of the Golden Circle.

Witness. There were 83 new members, be-No cross-examination. Michael V. Shaffer sworn.—I only know one member; that is John Ghou; Mr. Warner told me that he was going to resist the draft; he said the society was to keep the members clear Witness. I don't think it will be of any of the draft.

GUNS TO BE BOUGHT.

George Moyer sworn.-I don't knew any members of the society; I had a talk with a man named John Brown; he asked me to cometo the meeting; I told bim no, I did not want. to have anything to do with it: I asked him what object they had, and he replied that the members were going to stick together so as to clear themselves of the draft; he said Huber was to speak; I asked Brown what the money was to be paid for, and he said to buy guns.

ARSUMENT. Mr. District Attorney Coffey now arose and said that he would have to ask for a further continuance of the hearing, as he desired to. have the evidence of two important witnesses, who are sick and unable to leave their homes. He had many other witnesses present, but he did not think it necessary to take up any more time in examining them, as he thought he had already furnished enough to convict all the defendants except two in the conspiracy.

Mr. J. Glancy Jones said that so far there was no evidence against either Sidel or Mooable effort and consumption of time, he said | thart, and he asked that they be discharged. What does the District Attorney say?

he would give the oath as near as he could re-Mr. Coffey. The District Attorney says that he intends to produce evidence connecting them with the society. Mr. Jones suggested that in all the evidence.

so far as elicited, there has been none that the defendants had conspired against the Government. The force spoken of was merely to put. down the Abolitionists, therefore there can be no violation of the act of Congress of 1861, relative to a conspiracy to resist or attempt to overthrow the Government by force. The only overthrow that could be tolerated by the people of Berks county was through the ballotbox. He did not wish to throw any obstacle in the way of the District Attorney, but he suggested that he had pretty well probed the subject, so far as concerns the organization of the society. He hardly supposed that he desired any more evidence on this point. He felt free to say that the people of Berks county, however much they may oppose any law as objectionable, yet they would rather they should prevail than the Union be dissolved. He felt free to say that his mind was perfectly clear that there was no resistance contemplated by the people of Berks county. This is an ex parts hearing, and, without offering any Witness, (musing for a moment.) The hat is to be raised up and down three times. Mr. Coffey. Did Mr. Huber explain this evidence now, he would appeal to the District Attorney to say whether his mind was clear that there was really a conspiracy such as contemplated under the act of 1861.

Mr. O'Neil spoke in behalf of his client, Mr. the army, and when members met each other Huber, who has been in prison since the last hearing. Since that time his property has been they could make this sign, and one would not seized by the sheriff and his business broken Mr. Coffey. Are you sure he said the sociup by his continuing in prison. What is there really against him? Remember that it Witness. Yes, sir; both in the Union and is in evidence that he would wish to be hung the rebel army. There were some more signs, but I don't remember them. at the mill rather than do anything against the government. If the same clemency is shown to him as with the other defendants, why he Mr. Coffey. Now tell us about the passwould be better satisfied, and he would have no objection in letting the case go over for another hearing. As there seems to be nothing but a question of law involved in this case let us argue it to-morrow; we have the secret exposed, we have the oath, and remember the Witness. Well, if you want to try a person first thing sworn to, as the witness said when whether he is a member, you must pronounce I asked him, was to support the Union and the the letters HO; if he replies in the same way, Constitution.

Mr. Coffey, interruptingly. Oh, yes; so did Jefferson Davis swear to support the same. while he was basely plotting treason against the government. These very men were plotting together to resist a law that Judge Cadwalader, of this very court, says is constitutional. Besides this, an attempt is made to make a new issue here since the first hearing. An attempt has been made to give it a party aspect. Yes, sir, while the case was progressing calmly and legally before the United States Commissioner, a public political meeting or convention is held in Berks county, at which resolutions were framed fulminating the dangerous doctrine of the sworn, secret band of conspirators-a society pernicious, in all respects dangerous to the liberty of the people of Berks county, wrong in its very aspect, because of what its members are determined to do. He desired to do his duty calmly, and with dignity and firmness.

Mr. Jones replied that there was no intention on the part of those holding the meeting to denounce its proceedings before the Commissioner. A charge of a want of loyalty had been made in the newspapers against the people of Berks, and the meeting had for its object the vindication of them from the charge. -Ledger report.] After a few further remarks, the time for

he next hearing was fixed for Tuesday, June 2d, at noon. The case thus closed for the present.

HYDROPHOBIA CURED.—The Brooklyn Eagle eports the complete cure of a violent case of hydrophobia. The patient was a Mr. Burch, a shipwright, who had been bitten in the hand by a rabid dog. He exhibited all the usual symptoms of the disease. In the intervals of sonal property may be burnt for telling the secrets; I can't say that I am in bodily fear; I did not say that any body threatened me; I said the paroxysm he complained about pain in the back of his head, along the spine, and around his body, which he felt radiating from the spine. On Monday morning, the 13th inst., Dr. Louis Bauer, the Health Officer of the city, took entire charge of the case, and actuated by the theory that the poison had expended its violence upon the spinal chord as it always does, having caused inflammation of that organ, directed his attention upon it. Without administering a grain of medicine, he ordered a thorough (wet) cupping to the back part of the head and along the spine, following it up with ice applications to the same extent. The patient of course, had to lay on his stomach, and was well secured by mechanical constraint during this treatment, which was continued unabated without interruption for three successive days and nights. The patient was protected against any return of paroxysm. His pulse and breathing became quiet, the pains gradually left him, and isolated twitchings became likewise extinct. Since Saturday last, no outward symptom has disturbed the steady progress of recovery, and on Wednesday last the patient was discharged from medical treatment, apparently in health.

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