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REPUBLICAN NEWS ITEM,  
Laporte Pa.,

The Leach-Van Valkenberg-Dolan-Wanamaker-Blankenburg press bureau in the Bourse building, and the three elegant offices of Frank Willing Leach in the Girard Trust building are the scenes of great activity.

The Blankenburg end of the high-salaried bureau sends out lies to the country newspapers under a Harrisburg headline attacking the regular Republican leaders and organization and making ready for a bolt and schism in the party. This combination of millionaires and \$6,000-a-year-newspaper-writers can only reach such papers as have been actually bought outright or subsidized by them.

Leach does the letter writing, and at the present time he is busily engaged in flooding the mails.

Disgusted and astonished Republicans of prominence have this week received copies of the following letters: My Dear Sir—It is proposed to hold a conference in this city about Feb. 2 of one or two hundred of the leading Republicans of Pennsylvania, embracing those interested in both politics and business, for the purpose of taking steps to bring about the nomination by the Republican state convention of June 2 of an acceptable candidate for governor, and to prevent the consummation of the scheme now under full headway to Delamaterize the state. I will be greatly obliged if you will send me, by return mail, the names and addresses of six or eight good men in your county who it might be advisable to invite to this conference.

The purpose is to adopt a line of policy which will receive the active cooperation of the state administration.

Yours very truly,  
FRANK WILLING LEACH.

Business Men's Republican League of the State of Pennsylvania. Headquarters, Bourse Building, Fourth Street, above Chestnut. Telephone 272. Philadelphia, Jan. 21, 1898.

Dear Sir—Your presence is requested at a conference to be held at the Bourse, this city, on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at 2 o'clock p. m., to consider the present political situation in Pennsylvania.

Steps should be taken, at an early date, to bring about the candidacy for the Republican gubernatorial nomination of some one representative of the highest type of Republicanism, who, if elected, will protect the commonwealth and its citizens from a renewal of the attacks of the legislative sharks who were responsible for the vicious legislation vetoed by Governor Hastings. For the sake of the Republican party of the state every effort should be made to prevent a repetition of the political crime of 1890, when the nomination of Mr. Delamater was forced upon the people, and a Democratic governor elected as a result thereof. The same men, by the employment of like methods, are endeavoring to bring about a similar nomination at the state convention of June 2, and it is to prevent the consummation of this program that this conference is called.

As indicated, this is not to be a convention, but simply a conference, called for the purpose named, and all Republicans who are desirous of the party's success and opposed to the present autocratic regime, and therefore in favor of uniting all citizens and organizations for the coming state campaign are invited to attend. It is greatly to be hoped that you can be present, and you are authorized to bring with you any one from your locality entertaining similar views. Please let us hear from you promptly.

Very truly yours,  
CHARLES B. ADAMSON,  
JOHN G. CROXTON,  
FRANCIS B. REEVES,  
RUDOLPH BLANKENBURG,  
HOWARD B. FRENCH,  
WILLIAM SELLERS,  
WILLIAM T. TILDEN,  
Chairman.

Committee on Conference.  
The first of these letters develops a combination between the men who started the combine fight and the millionaire conspirators and would be bosses.

These men fear the light of day and the treatment they would receive from the rank and file of the Republican party if they went fairly and openly to the polls in the counties of the state.

Instead of being followers of some fair, honest Republican who is willing to submit his candidacy to the people at the primaries and in the county conventions throughout Pennsylvania they meet, in the secrecy of their parlors and offices and plot to overthrow Republican control. They select some person of their own type for senator, governor and the other coming vacancies, and then send forth a call to a corporal's guard of agitators, professional kickers and disgruntled office-seekers to endorse this mongrel ticket, born through the Caesarian method, and seek by its aid to elect the silver Democratic nominees.

It is currently reported that the scheme which will be carried out at the meeting of the millionaire conspirators on Feb. 2 is already cut and dried. The syndicate will name an independent candidate for governor, and the suggestion of these gentlemen who hold the money bags will of course be accepted by the small fry at the meeting.

and they will then proceed to appoint a committee to draft a letter to the candidate, telling him of their action and asking him for his consent to run as their candidate. After he has overcome the first shock of surprise which such a letter will occasion him he will proceed promptly to accept, and promulgate a letter for general publication protesting against everything that is in existence and promising all sorts of reforms and changes which he knows he can never carry out, but which he thinks may serve to get votes. Aided by his millionaire backers in Philadelphia he will then proceed to his real purpose of endeavoring to defeat the regular Republican nominees by taking votes away from them and enabling the Bryan free silver Democrats to elect their state ticket.

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**February**

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Respectfully yours,  
W. E. MILLER.

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Men's overcoats at \$4 50 in black or blue, are \$7 00 and 8 00 values.

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Ladies' coats at \$1.00, are 3 00 value.  
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All our high priced Ladies' coats and capes we are offering for less than half price.

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If you are looking for the bargains of the year go at once to any of the above named stores where former values and prices are practically lost sight of in our determined efforts to dispose of the largest and best line of DRY GOODS and NOTIONS ever brought to this County.

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**Buy Good Goods!**

And you will be surprised how cheap they are in the end.

We have just imported a stock of coats and capes, which we are pleased to call your special attention. We do not pretend to have the cheapest coats in the market, but we do say we have the BEST and most stylish garments made. Our coats and capes are made to order, and in the latest styles with prices to suit everybody.

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Our shoe department was never more complete and if you will favor us with your attention for a few minutes when it is open we will convince you that we have the most carefully selected line of fine and heavy boots and shoes ever brought to this county. Our crockery we have just received some very pretty designs in Decorated Dinner Sets, which we invite your attention.

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