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Ballot Reform, More Rigid Laws
 For the Protection of the Farm
 and Dairy Interests and a De-
 ficiency Bill For the Public Schools
 Will Be Immediately Taken Up and
 Acted Upon by Regular Republi-
 cans.

(Special Correspondence.)
 Harrisburg, Nov. 20.—Having elected
 a majority of stalwart Republicans in
 both branches of the legislature, the
 regular Republican leaders of Pennsylv-
 ania propose to carry out the pledges
 made to the people in the recent cam-
 paign and pass such legislation as shall
 be in keeping with the promises made
 by the Republican party in the state
 convention and by its leaders on the
 stump in the recent canvass.

It has been the practice of the so-
 called reformers to lay claim to pre-
 tending much of the virtue that is going
 around, and their allies, the insurgent
 politicians and the Democrats, are al-
 ways a good second in the race for no-
 toriety in the same direction. None of
 them, however, gets further than the
 publication of resolutions or speeches,
 in which they arraign the Republican
 leadership for alleged delinquencies, and
 promise all sorts of things which they
 are utterly incapable of carrying out.

Now the Republican party is in a
 position to ignore these fake reformers,
 the insurgents and the Democrats, and
 will proceed to give the people what
 they want in the way of practical legis-
 lation to remedy existing evils.
 Throughout the last campaign much
 ado was made about the question of
 ballot reform. Election frauds were
 made the subject of tirades against the
 Republican leaders, but the men who
 were most conspicuous in this cam-
 paign always neglected to state that
 the alleged violations of the election
 laws were almost entirely confined to
 the large cities, and that neither party
 had an absolutely clear record on this
 score.

The discovery of great frauds in one
 precinct of the Seventh ward of Phila-
 delphia, in which Republican election
 officers were involved, made a great
 sensation, and it is still the subject of
 frequent comment in many quarters.
 But little is being said about the dis-
 closures made in Squire McMullen's
 division in Philadelphia, where it is
 alleged over one hundred ballots were
 stuffed in the box at the last election
 in favor of McAleer, the Democratic
 candidate for congress, and Lloyd the
 insurgent candidate for state senator.
 This revelation was passed over as
 though it amounted to nothing by the
 insurgent newspapers, which devoted
 columns to the case in the Seventh
 ward. This time Democrats and fu-
 sionists were involved.

But whether the frauds be committed
 by Republicans or Democrats the
 situation is the same, and it is manifest
 that the present ballot law must be
 amended, and the Republican leaders
 will undertake the task of passing
 such amendments as will block the
 frauds in the slum districts of Phila-
 delphia and Pittsburgh.

WILL KEEP THIS PROMISE.
 The Democrats and insurgents may
 attempt to claim credit for what will
 be done, but as the regular Republicans
 will frame the measures and pass them
 with Republican votes, the people will
 know to whom to give credit due.

The platform adopted at the last Re-
 publican state convention contained a
 plank which read:
 "The Republican party of Pennsylv-
 ania has always stood for an
 honest ballot and a fair count. In
 the furtherance of this idea, an act
 was passed in 1891, known as the
 Baker ballot law, for the purpose
 of protecting the citizen in the ex-
 ercise of the elective franchise.
 "This act was passed by a Re-
 publican legislature at the instance
 of the Ballot Reform association,
 and was intended to secure a secret
 and honest ballot. Further safe-
 guards were thrown around the
 ballot law by the supplemental act
 of 1892. In addition, however,
 to these laws, we favor such legisla-
 tion as will enable the courts to
 open the ballot boxes upon the pe-
 tition of citizens, duly presented,
 in all cases where complaint is prop-
 erly made, alleging fraud in the
 holding of an election or the count-
 ing of the vote cast, so that if
 fraudulent ballots are placed in the
 boxes or a false count has been
 made it can be exposed by the
 courts with expedition and all of-
 fenders against the purity of the
 of the ballot detected and brought
 to speedy justice."

The subject of ballot reform will be
 among the first taken up by the stal-
 wart Republican leaders.
REFORM OLEO LEGISLATION.
 Another matter which will receive
 prompt attention from the Republican
 leaders will be the proposed amend-
 ments to the laws governing the sale
 of oleomargarine. The Republican
 party is committed in the most posi-
 tive manner by the speeches made by
 Governor Stone and his subordinates
 in the department of agriculture to
 urge legislation which will remedy
 defects in the present law on that subject.
 The fact is that the law makes it dif-
 ficult to suppress the traffic in oleo col-
 ored as butter, as it places but small
 punishment upon violators of the law
 and it is deficient in other respects.
 Despite these facts, Governor Stone's
 administration has done great work
 in the suppression of the "oleo" traffic.
 It is known that prior to the inauguration

of Governor Stone the enormous quan-
 tity of 11,433,341 pounds of oleo was
 sold in Pennsylvania in one year. The
 sales have been reduced to less than
 500,000, as many dealers who have sold
 oleo colored as butter have been ar-
 rested and convicted through the oper-
 ations of the state officials. The pres-
 ent law, the act of May 5, 1899, was
 passed at the instance of the Dairy-
 men's Union and the State Grange as
 the outcome of a meeting held at Will-
 iamport in December. The bill was
 taken to Harrisburg by the secretary of
 the Dairy-men's Union and by the leg-
 islative committee of the State Grange.
 The weak points in the measure have
 been demonstrated by practical expe-
 rience of the state officials, and they
 will undertake to recommend amend-
 ments to the present act which will
 make the prosecution of the men ac-
 cused of selling oleo in imitation of
 butter less difficult and which will
 make the punishment quite severe.

SCHOOLS TO BE CARED FOR.
 The matter of the appropriations to
 the public schools has been the subject
 of much newspaper abuse of the state
 administration. It is manifest that
 these attacks have been for purely par-
 tisan purposes and were without justifi-
 cation.

When Governor Stone was inaugu-
 rated he sent a message to the legisla-
 ture explaining the conditions of the
 state finances and setting forth the
 fact that there would be an estimated
 deficiency of three millions of dollars
 unless appropriations were greatly re-
 duced or some new sources of revenue
 were procured. He made several rec-
 ommendations regarding means to
 raise more money, but the insurgent
 and Democratic combine in the house
 defeated the bills which were intended
 to meet this contingency.

This combine not only prevented the
 passage of legislation to raise money,
 but it failed to reduce the appropri-
 ations, and the governor, in order to
 protect the credit of the common-
 wealth, felt obliged to cut \$500,000 a
 year from the item for schools.

STONE'S PROMPT ACTION.
 Less than two years have elapsed,
 and owing to the extraordinary activity
 of the state officials in collecting
 back taxes from delinquent corpora-
 tions and making other corporations
 pay their full share of taxation, the ap-
 parent deficit has been changed to a
 magnificent surplus, and Governor
 Stone has publicly stated that with the
 opening of the next legislature he will
 at once forward a message calling for
 the immediate passage of a deficiency
 bill which will make up the \$500,000 a
 year for the schools, the amount which
 he deducted, so that they will actually
 not suffer in the slightest degree for
 any part of the original appropriation
 of \$5,500,000 a year made by the last
 legislature.

The stalwart Republican majority in
 the legislature will without doubt
 promptly adopt the suggestion of Gov-
 ernor Stone and the so-called school
 issue will have been disposed of to the
 satisfaction of the people, and no doubt
 to the disgust of the Democrats and
 the insurgents, who, with nothing to
 kick about, will accordingly be un-
 happy.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

**Notable Events of the Week Briefly
 and tersely Told.**

The winter steamship routes between
 Portland, Me., and European points has
 begun.

A large order for rolling stock for the
 Jamaica railroad will be placed in Phila-
 delphia.

The sacristy of the University of Notre
 Dame, near South Bend, Ind., was dam-
 aged \$15,000 by fire.

A report via Paris stated that a gen-
 cy was under consideration at St. Peters-
 burg until the complete recovery of the
 czar.

No evidence that American jockeys
 were guilty of "doping" horses was pre-
 sented at the meeting held in London to
 consider that subject.

A director and the manager of Dum-
 bell's bank of Douglas, Isle of Man,
 were sentenced to five years' imprison-
 ment for falsifying the bank's books.

Negro churches in Chicago adopted res-
 olutions protesting against the Colorado
 lynching and calling on the president to
 recommend legislation by congress on
 the subject.

Monday, Nov. 19.
 At Davenport, Ia., fire destroyed over
 \$100,000 worth of property.

Two hundred and fifty-nine miners re-
 turned to Seattle on the steamer Nome
 City from the goldfields.

The billet mill and converters of the Il-
 linois Steel works at Joliet resumed op-
 erations after three weeks' shutdown.

The annual report of the government
 Hospital for the Insane showed a total
 of 2,076 patients, an increase of 138, the
 largest increase in its history.

A sensation was caused by the announ-
 cement of the secret marriage in
 England of the Duke of Manchester and
 Miss Zimmerman, a Cincinnati heiress.

The whaling bark Alice Knowles ar-
 rived at San Francisco from the Okhotsk
 sea with 1,500 barrels of oil, worth \$18,-
 000, and 1,000 pounds of bone, valued at
 \$5,000.

A section of the Minnesota ore docks,
 situated on Blackwell canal, in Buffalo
 harbor, collapsed under the weight of 60,-
 000 tons of ore. Two boys were killed,
 and one man was badly injured.

Saturday, Nov. 17.
 Zero weather was reported from Wat-
 ertown, N. Y.

The census bureau announced the pop-
 ulation of Hawaii as 154,001.

The wheat yield of New South Wales
 was estimated at 16,000,000 bushels.

Boys dug up old silver coins to the
 value of \$200 in the marshes at Medford,
 Mass.

The year's gold output of Alaska, British
 Columbia and the Pacific northwest
 was more than \$20,000,000.

Only 31 lives were lost in Gloucester's
 fishing industry this season, against an
 average of 97 for the past 25 years.

The four men indicted for the murder
 of Jennie Bosscheter of Paterson, N. J.,
 were arraigned and pleaded not guilty.

A bottle containing a message from the
 crew of the schooner Mary L. Hawkins,
 which foundered Aug. 29, was picked up
 at Nanticoke, Conn.

Friday, Nov. 16.
 Glasgow has been declared free from
 the plague.

King Oscar of Sweden is reported to
 be in a low state of health.

Work on Sir Thomas Lipton's chal-
 lenger Shamrock II has been begun at
 Glasgow.

**Rockers
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 Maple and
 Willow.**



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 sizes and shapes. Come in and see what a complete
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 Telephone call, Hotel Obert.

**Williamsport & North Branch Railroad
 TIME TABLE.**

In effect Monday Sept. 17, 1900.

Read down				Read up			
P. M.	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.	STATIONS.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
4:20	10:20	7:48	Halls.....	7:40	9:45	12:00
5:25	10:25	7:51	Penndale....	7:35	9:40	11:54
6:30	10:30	8:00	Hughesville..	7:25	9:31	11:40
7:40	10:40	8:06	Picture Rocks..	7:20	9:25	11:32
8:44	10:44	8:09	Lyons Mills....	7:15	9:20	11:27
9:46	10:46	8:11	Chamoun....	7:10	9:15	11:22
10:51	10:47	8:16	Glen Mawr....	7:05	9:10	11:17
11:57	10:53	8:22	Strawbridge....	7:00	9:05	11:13
12:57	10:57	8:29	Beechden.....	6:55	9:00	11:06
1:57	11:00	8:30	Muncy Valley..	6:50	8:55	11:00
2:57	11:07	8:35	Sonestown....	6:45	8:50	10:52
3:57	11:12	8:40	Northmont....	6:40	8:45	10:47
4:57	11:17	8:45	Mokoma.....	6:35	8:40	10:42
5:57	11:20	8:48	Laporte.....	6:30	8:35	10:37
6:57	11:23	8:51	Ringdale.....	6:25	8:30	10:32
7:57	11:26	8:54	Berntown....	6:20	8:25	10:27
8:57	11:29	8:57	Satterfield....	6:15	8:20	10:22
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