

## VILE SLANDERS REFUTED.

### Searching Investigations of the Buffalo Scandals Prove Them False.

#### The Mouthings of Obscene Slanderers Met by a Plain Statement of Facts.

(Buffalo special.)

The Independent Republicans of this city have made an official report to the National Committee, after an investigation of the charges against Gov. Cleveland. The report, which is as follows, has been adopted by the National Independent Committee:

"To the Republicans and Independents of the Nation: As Republicans and Independents residing in Buffalo, and having peculiar means of knowledge, we have been called upon by private letters and otherwise for information in regard to the scandals which have been put in circulation respecting Gov. Cleveland's administration. We have felt it a duty imposed on us by our circumstances, to examine these stories in detail and to make a formal statement of the results. No such examination would have been necessary to satisfy ourselves, but it was due to these who had made the charges against Cleveland, without knowing personally his general character and reputation in this community, and without knowing either the position or the means of information of those who have made the statements, that we should not put down mere general statements without an investigation. We have, therefore, through a committee appointed from our number for that purpose, carefully and deliberately made such an investigation, and we have taken every available means to ascertain the precise facts in each case.

The general charges of drunkenness and gross immorality which are made against Gov. Cleveland are absolutely false. His reputation for morality has always been good. There is no foundation for the stories made to the contrary. He was sought out and nominated for the Mayoralty against his will, and was supported for that position by the larger portion of the intelligent and moral citizens of Buffalo, without regard to politics, on purely personal grounds. After his election, he was again sought out, again put forward by one of the most distinguished citizens of Buffalo as a candidate for the Governorship, and again received the support of the same class of his fellow-citizens in this community, in which he had lived for twenty-nine years, and where his life was known and his character understood.

This support would not have been given to him had he been either a drunkard or a libertine. He was able to speak from personal knowledge as his experiences of low standing, and to say that his general private life has been that of a quiet, orderly, self-respecting, and always highly respected citizen.

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business or his nearest neighbors, men who know him by day and by night, findings the unanimous report that it is utterly impossible that such reports can be true. He is a man of a true and kind heart, frank and open, so intensely devoted to his business duties that it is impossible that he should be a debauchee. He has the highest respect for the best families in the city, who only regret that he keeps himself so much out of the society to which he would be welcome.

There are some severe prejudices against Mr. Cleveland in Buffalo. They have their chief seat in the saloon element, against whose tyranny his election to the mayoralty was the protest of good citizens of both parties. They have not forgiven him for their defeat. From the best sources of information respecting the character of the strongest character that Cleveland is a born ruler of men, of the greatest independence and honesty of character: a man who believes in reform to the bottom of his soul, and has the independence to carry it out, and a man whom the rest of the world of office have rested with a quiet and solemn weight.

This investigation I made absolutely thorough. I depended on no reports of the newspapers, nor of local clergymen or others, but only on my own personal investigation of the case.

I am satisfied that I have the case from fuller information than do any of those who have given it private or public currency.

William Purcell Retracts.  
(Rochester, N. Y. dispatch.)

William Purcell, who has temporarily withdrawn from the editorship of the *Union and Advertiser*, publishes in that paper the following letter, under the head of "A Changed State of Facts": "Two days after the appearance of the Buffalo *Evening Telegraph* of the article headed 'A Terrible Tale' in conversation with a representative of the New York *Sun*, I recited the facts of the new statement, and changed the state of facts upon which the remarks were made. Hence, in justice to Gov. Cleveland, myself, and to all others whom it may concern, I withdraw the characterization, and request that it be not attributed to me."

Henry Ward Beecher's Indignation.  
(Peekskill, N. Y. telegram.)

Gen. Horatio C. King, a member of Plymouth Church, spent the entire morning with Rev. Henry Ward Beecher. Mr. King has just returned from Buffalo, where he had gone at Mr. Beecher's request to investigate the libelous stories circulated about Gov. Cleveland. The result of the investigation was altogether honorable to the Governor and Mr. Beecher, after expressing his pleasure at what he heard, declared his intention of continuing to give his fullest support to Cleveland.

In conversation subsequently Mr. Beecher said he had been in doubt, but now the cloud has broken away and he was beginning to understand that these stories about Gov. Cleveland are the work of slanders.

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History of Another of Cleveland's Defamers.  
(Washington dispatch.)

Among those whom the Chicago  *Tribune* is parading as authority for the truth of the statements made by the scandal-mongers against the private character of Gov. Cleveland is a "Mr. Moore, a business man, of Buffalo." This Moore is a special agent of the Pension Office and has been stationed at Buffalo. He was one of Keifer's witnesses in the late Congressional investigation, and he is a man of high character, but was not examined because it became known that the defense had a transcript of his indictment for conspiracy to defame a reputable citizen, and also evidence to show that he had engaged in and condoned a plot to falsify a murder upon his co-defendant, an excellent standing and to kidnap and imprison him on that charge in Texas, in order to prevent him from being used as a witness against some of their employers. This Moore has been twice presented in Grand Jury in this District for criminal offenses. His employment by Commissioner Dudley is a mystery, unless it be to use him for political dirty work.

DEFENDING THE IRISH.\*

An Incident of the Fenian Raid—Grover Cleveland Appears as Counsel for the Patriotic Prisoners and Defends Them Without Pay.

Among the delegates to the National Democratic Convention a few weeks ago, was Capt. O'Donahue, of New York, a member of the Legislature of that State, and sought to revive old-time memories by introducing a Representative of the Second Illinois District. He found him one evening at the rooms of the Irish-American Club in company with William Fogarty, P. O'Connor, Michael Keeley, John Devoy, and Mr. Kennedy, a mutual friend, a member of the New York, but now living in Chicago.

"Do you recollect the last time we were together?" asked Capt. O'Donahue. "The latter gentleman nodded affirmatively.

The former then related to the party the story of the Fenians' raid of 1861 into Canada by a few zealous young Fenians, whose imaginations had been fired with the belief that they would strike terror to the heart of the nation. He told them of the invasion of Canada, and how the United States Government had well-nigh hatched a naval vessel to the transports on which they were crossing the Niagara River into the English dominions and towed them into port as prisoners.

"Do you remember the morning," continued Capt. O'Donahue, "when you and I, with the others, stood before the bar of a Criminal Court at Buffalo, without a friend or counsel to defend us? We were a sorry lot, a rash band of young men resting under a grave charge. While I do not remember the young man, an obscure lawyer at the time, who stepped up and volunteered his services in our defense? He defended us persistently and consistently and successfully. When we had him released on bail, and presented to the court, he refused to accept it, for he was glad to serve us, unfortunately situated as we were, without reward. That man was Grover Cleveland, the man just nominated by the convention for President of the United States."

FIGHTING THE COMMON ENEMY.

Platform of the Boiling German Republicans of Illinois.

(From the Chicago Daily News.)

Sixty-five leading Germans of Illinois were in consultation at the Palmer House, Saturday, to organize in the interest of the Democratic national and State tickets. Gen. Lieb called the meeting to order, and ex-Gov. Koerner of Belleville, was chosen president. His speech was delivered in the English language. He rallied the Republican party for its prohibition tendencies. This, he declared, was a particular reason why the Germans should take a stand against that party. Upon the suggestion of Frank J. Murphy, he moved that the convention be adjourned.

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People who are students of politics carefully say that St. John, the Prohibition candidate, will receive not less than 30,000 votes in Kansas alone, and that nine-tenths of these will come from the old Republican organization.

The first business was the reception of reports from the Congressional districts. All but two or three were represented, those having large German populations sending several delegates.

Of these reported large Democratic gains from Republican districts, and in view of the statements made, it would appear that the Teutons are all heading toward Democracy.

After these reports had been made, a long session of resolutions was adopted. It gave a strong German opposition to the Prohibition nothing movement, which had brought unity of action among them, and had resulted in their going in a body against slavery. This led them into the Republican party, but, now that prohibition is the English language. He rallied the Republican party for its prohibition tendencies. This, he declared, was a particular reason why the Germans should take a stand against that party. Upon the suggestion of Frank J. Murphy, he moved that the convention be adjourned.

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Call Off Your Dogs.

An "Impudent Democrat" writes from Washington to the New York *Herald*: Messrs. Blaine and Logan have, very imprudently, suffered their managers to open a campaign of dirt against Gov. Cleveland, which, unless they "call off their dogs," will presently bear very unpleasant fruit.

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Joining the Cleveland Column.

"Three-fourths of the German Republicans in Illinois will vote for Cleveland and Harrison," said Mr. Herman Baster, editor of the Chicago  *Staats-Zeitung*. "They will vote for the Democratic candidates rather than for Blaine and Ogleby on account of the prohibition law. It was no special Prohibition party that enacted that law, but the Republicans as a party, and hence they want to punish the Republicans as a

party, and to punish them in the spot where it was done in the name of the party. They are therefore, to attack Blaine and in favor of Cleveland. This opinion is based upon information collected by trustworthy traveling agents. Capt. Baumhau, a former resident of this city and a staunch Republican, tells me that he stands 90 to 95 per cent. of the German vote for Cleveland." —*Chicago News*.

SCATHING INDICTMENT.

Address of the Massachusetts Independent.

The address of the Independent Committee of One Hundred to the voters of Massachusetts is a very pointed and vigorous production. The point, it says, is not what the Republican party has done, but what it will do—not what is done, but what is to be done. The candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor are men who have families who ought to be considered. The Blaine leaders and managers—not speak of Blaine himself—have, in too many cases records which ought to call for their disbarment. They ought to call off their dogs, for if the private lives of public men are to be scrutinized, the leaders of the party which has ruled in Washington since 1861, and many of whose leaders were men of the highest character, should be punished. They ought to be quick about it. The grand old party has had Vice Presidents, it has had foreign Ministers, it has had Senators and Representatives. Speakers and voting members who have been disbarred, would make a very disgusting record. 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