

# Democratic Watchman

Friday Morning, October 24, 1890.

## Friendly Expressions of the Press.

The editor of the WATCHMAN has reason to be pleased with and proud of the many friendly allusions to his nomination for the State Senate that have appeared in contemporary journals, and it affords him great pleasure and satisfaction to publish some of them, as follows:

"THE POOR MAN HAS NO BETTER FRIEND."

Lock Haven Daily Democrat.

Up the river contemporary, the Reno Record, comes out strong for P. Gray Meek, the Democratic nominee for State Senator. Mr. Meek is the right man for poor men to support. He is a working man himself, being personally a good job printer, and in his earlier days was a farmer and the son of one of the best farmers in the Halfmoon valley.

When Mr. Meek was in the Assembly, to which body the Centre county people sent him for four years, he was the author of certain legislation specially intended to benefit the poor men of his county and which has benefited them vastly since that time. The poor man who votes against Mr. Meek will make a great mistake, as the labour has no better friend, and he will be of great service to them in the Senate for the next four years. It is time the workingmen began to think for themselves and remember the friends who have by word and deed labored to elevate them and to ameliorate and improve their condition. The Democratic WATCHMAN, edited by your candidate for Senator for thirty years past, from the time that he was a mere boy until the present, has always advocated and defended the claims of labor, and nobly and courageously fought the battles of the poor man against monopoly and oppression, and when the opportunity offered, as a legislator its editor, now our Senatorial candidate, gave his views practical effect by having them embodied into laws for the benefit of his constituents.

The Republican nominee, Mr. Malone, is personally a respectable gentleman, but he has never had any political or legislative experience, and should he be sent to the Senate would be as clay in the hands of the potter to be moulded just as the Republican sharpers and twisters in that body might desire; not that we would wish to assert that he would willingly do anything that was wrong, but his newness and inexperience, his ignorance of parliamentary ways, would make him the victim of designing people.

It is asserted that Mr. Malone will work the Knights of Labor vote, but we can tell that organization, if it knows when it is well off, it will poll its vote for the Democratic nominee. He is the real true friend of labor, and now is the workingmen's chance to secure an able and influential friend in the Senate. Vote for P. Gray Meek.

WHY LABORING MEN, FARMERS AND POOR MEN SHOULD VOTE FOR HIM.

Reno Record.

The Record places the name of Hon. P. Gray Meek, the Democratic nominee for State Senator of this district, at its mast-head, and kindly requests the Democrats of this county to give him their hearty support for that position at the November election.

Putting local pride aside, no man in the district more fully meets all the requirements of a State Senator than Mr. Meek. He served the people of Centre county in the State Legislature for four terms, from 1868 to 1872, and made an excellent record. During his term of office he had a bill passed to protect the lumbermen of Centre county from being robbed by the irresponsible sharks who come into our lumber regions every year and rob the workmen of their hard earnings. He also had a law passed requiring railroad companies to fence their roadways in Centre county, which put into the pockets of the poor people many a dollar for the loss of their cattle in that county.

In point of ability he will size up with the ablest men in the Senate. He is a man who will look well after all the great interests of our people.

His long devotion to Democratic principles entitles him to the support of every Democrat in the district. Vote then for P. Gray Meek for State Senator.

HAS NATURAL CAPACITY FOR EFFICIENT SERVICE.

Philadelphia Record.

Mr. P. Gray Meek has received the Democratic nomination for Senator in the Clearfield, Centre and Clinton district. All three counties are Democratic, and Mr. Meek's election is therefore assured. His experience as member of the Legislature, and his long acquaintance with the politics and the politicians of the State, will add to his natural capacity for efficient service at Harrisburg. Mr. Meek is the editor of that sterling Democratic newspaper, the Bellefonte WATCHMAN. He will please accept our fraternal greeting.

ENTITLED TO THE NOMINATION.

Mifflinburg Times.

Hon. P. Gray Meek, editor and publisher of the Democratic WATCHMAN, Bellefonte, Pa., has been nominated by the Centre, Clinton and Clearfield Congress for State Senator. Mr. Meek has stood by the party for many years and was entitled to the nomination by reason of his fitness, his sound Democracy, and from the fact that Centre county was entitled to the nomination.

THE FRIEND OF THE MINER AND THE WORKINGMAN.

Wage Earners' Journal.

The nomination of P. Gray Meek was almost a foregone conclusion from the very moment the workmen of Clearfield and Centre Counties demanded it—it was either that or the election of a Republican. That the contest was so prolonged was the fault of those who induced Mr. Savage to become a candidate and then in the critical moment failed to stand by him. Mr. Savage has made friends of those who were unfriendly to him at the beginning. Mr. Meek

for years past has in all times of trouble shown himself to be a firm friend of the miners, and the miners felt that the time had come when they could in a measure return the debt of gratitude they felt themselves under to him. No workingman will make a mistake in casting his ballot for P. Gray Meek, or, if he does, Mr. Meek will have to show himself to be a very different man in the future from what he has been in the past.

THE DISTRICT WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED.

Columbia Independent.

P. Gray Meek, editor of the Bellefonte WATCHMAN, has been honored with the nomination as the democratic candidate for Senator in his district. We congratulate our friend on his success, and know that when he takes his seat as Senator his district will be well represented.

DESERVES EVERY DEMOCRATIC VOTE.

Clearfield Republican.

The long delayed verdict in the Senatorial contest, has at last been rendered. P. Gray Meek, of Centre, well known to many of our readers, is our nominee. Mr. Meek served in the Assembly in 1868-9 and in 1871-2 and served as Clerk of that body in 1883. Besides being a number one Democrat, he will bring rare personal experience to his task, and we predict he will be one of the best workers in the State Senate. Mr. Meek deserves every Democratic vote in the district.

WILL WORK FOR THE REAL INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE.

Altoona Times.

P. Gray Meek, the veteran editor of the Democratic WATCHMAN of Bellefonte, was nominated as the Democratic candidate for Senator in the Thirty-fourth district on Tuesday night. The district is strongly Democratic and the popularity of Mr. Meek is so pronounced that he will undoubtedly receive a more than normal majority. He will make an able representative at the State capital and can be relied upon to work for the real interests of the people of the district he represents particularly, and the whole State in general.

NECESSITY DEMANDS HIS ELECTION.

Clinton Democrat.

Mr. Meek is a gentleman just in the full vigor and prime of life and is a competent and able man. His paper has long been recognized as one of the leading Democratic journals of the State, and it has always given faithful support to Democratic men and measures. Mr. Meek represented his county four years in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, and his experience as a Representative and afterwards as Chief Clerk of the House will have a tendency to make his Senatorial services highly valuable to his constituency and the State generally. We have full confidence that he will take care of the interests of this district in the best manner. He will undoubtedly be elected and beat his competitor, A. J. Malone, who was nominated by the Republicans at Tyrone, yesterday, out of sight. His election is demanded by the necessity of making the next Senate Democratic in order that Governor Pattison may receive the proper support, as explained in the article elsewhere entitled Governor and Legislature. Let our Senatorial candidate therefore have Clinton county's full majority.

THE MINERS RECOGNIZE IN THE DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL NOMINEE A STANCH FRIEND.

From the Houtzdale correspondent of the Gaithersburg Vindicator.

HOUTZDALE, Pa., Oct. 15, 1890.

Editor Vindicator:

A mass meeting of miners and laborers was held in K. of L. hall on Monday evening; the hall is a very large one and was so crowded that many men had to stand in the ante rooms, and many went away for want of room in the hall. After transacting some important matters concerning the grievances of miners, they took up the political question and discussed it pro and con. And as they found that P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte, Pa., in the Legislature of Pennsylvania got many important bills passed in favor of the workingmen, and voted at all times in favor of the poor man, a resolution was adopted appointing James White, J. V. Henderson and Alex. Monteith to go before the conferees of the Democratic party of Clearfield, Centre and Clinton counties, and present the name of Hon. P. Gray Meek, of Bellefonte, Pa., for Senate, and if nominated, will do all in our power to elect him. John Abernathy was chairman and Henry Rock secretary of the meeting. The resolution of the meeting was unanimously adopted. White, Henderson and Monteith went to Clearfield on Tuesday morning and went to the conferees, and delivered their message. After consulting with the Democratic leaders up to 10 p. m., the conferees went into session, and at 11:30 announced that Hon. P. Gray Meek was nominated, Mat Savage's delegates voting for Meek. The people, and especially the miners and laborers, should never forget Mr. Savage's kindness towards them for releasing his delegates, and saying he was at all times in favor of the workingmen, and advised his delegates to vote for Hon. P. Gray Meek.

Notwithstanding that the Senatorial conferees have been three weeks trying to nominate a candidate, the voice of the miners was heard, and Hon. P. Gray Meek received the nomination. Things have certainly changed in this district where some years ago there was no use for a miner in Clearfield, except to go to jail, or to be tried and sent to the penitentiary. But reform is traveling fast, and the sentiment of the people is against bossism and ringdom. The working people everywhere should do likewise, and their power will be felt in enacting good laws and in purifying politics.

Yours,

HOUTZDALE.

AN HONOR WELL BESTOWED AND WELL DESERVED.

Harrisburg Patriot.

The nomination of Hon. P. Gray Meek, of Centre County, for Senator from the district composed of the counties of Clearfield, Centre and Clinton will secure to the people of that district

an able and faithful Democratic representative in the State Senate. As editor of the Bellefonte WATCHMAN Mr. Meek has done yeoman service in the promotion of the Democratic cause, and his nomination is an honor not only well bestowed but well deserved.

CANNOT BE CONTROLLED BY BOODLE OR PARTY RINGS.

Port Allegheny (McKean Co.) Reporter.

The contest for the nomination of senator in the Clinton-Clearfield-Centre district has ended, after a hard fought battle, in which P. Gray Meek, editor and proprietor of the Bellefonte Democratic WATCHMAN, received the majority of votes cast. Mr. Meek is an ardent Jackson Democrat, and has always been a hard worker for the party. He was a Clerk of the House in 1883, but since has not held any public office. The democrats of Centre county are highly elated over the nomination of Mr. Meek, for it is equivalent to an election, and they are sure of being represented by an honorable and trustworthy democrat, and one who cannot be controlled by "boodle" or "party rings." Mr. Meek will undoubtedly vote more than his party vote, as he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

The full text of the bill referred to by the Lock Haven Daily Democrat and Reno Record as being of special interest and importance to farmers and workingmen, is hereto appended:

An Act to secure to laborers a lien for their work in the county of Centre.

Be it enacted, etc. That all wages that may be due from any person, or persons, to any workman or laborer for work and labor done in, upon and about the cutting, peeling, skidding and hauling of sawlogs, squared timber and other lumber, in the county of Centre, shall be a lien, for a period not exceeding six months, upon all such logs, squared timber and other lumber, and shall be paid before said lumber shall be removed by the owner, or contractor under such owner; and said debts shall be first preferred and paid out of the proceeds of a judicial or assignee's sale of such lumber.

[Section 3 and 4 prescribes the process by which the lien may be collected.]

An Act to secure farmers and others against losses of horses, cattle, sheep and swine by railroads in the county of Centre.

Be it enacted, etc. That it shall be the duty of each company owning or operating a railroad in the county of Centre, to erect, where not already erected, and to keep and maintain on each side of the track or tracks of said road, at all places where said road or roads pass or pass through a village, borough or city, or a public road crosses the same, a suitable fence, five feet high, and to build, erect and maintain such suitable cattle-guard or guards, at all crossings on said railroads, as will prevent horses, cattle, sheep and swine from going upon said tracks; and in case any company owning or operating said road or roads, shall refuse or neglect to perform the duties herein imposed, the company or companies so offending shall be answerable to the owner or owners of any horses, cattle, sheep, or swine to the full value of the property injured upon said roads, in consequence of such neglect. Said company or companies shall be further liable to the penalty of fifty dollars for each place along said road or roads in said county, where the fence or fences required by this act to be built, erected, kept and maintained, are destroyed or broken down and permitted so to remain for a period of ten days; the penalty herein imposed to be recovered one-half to the use of the informer and the other half for the use of the public schools of said county of Centre.

TRAMP OR GENTLEMAN?

Undoubtedly he was a tramp.

The solitary marshal, whose business it was to represent the majesty of the law in the little village of Blue Rock, spotted the stranger as soon as he entered the place.

The visitor was shabbily dressed. His coat was ragged and his trousers were patched. His hat was without a brim and his shoes left his feet touch the ground.

"I'll shadow him," said the marshal to himself.

The tramp slouched along down the shady side of the street until he reached the depot. Here he paused and took a seat on the platform.

"Hello, there!" said the marshal, as he came up. "You must move on."

The man thus rudely spoken turned a weary face toward the officer.

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