

Speeches of Democratic Candidates Accepting Nominations

J. Wood Clark, the candidate for auditor general, in responding to the notification address, said:

The duties of auditor general are of more importance than the average citizen or voter may imagine, if indeed he has thought of the matter at all in fact, the carelessness and indifference of Pennsylvania voters as to who they choose to public office, is a sad reflection on their judgment and good sense.

Selected by Political Boss.

You may ask, have those who previously held the position of auditor general, placed there by the leaders of the Republican party, have they been true to their constituents, honorable and upright, in conducting the affairs entrusted to them as officers? Unfor-

A Change is Needed.

I appeal to you as citizens, not as Democrats or Republicans, or Prohibitionists, or what not. The business of a state, its management, its honest dealings ought to be taken care of by you, not by outsiders. We hold that a change in official care of the departments of auditor general and state treasurer is very much needed, and that the fair and impartial trial of one who happens to be a Democrat will not affect the party standing of any voter in the state.

Munson on Supreme Judgeship.

The honor conferred upon me by the free and unanimous choice of the Democratic state convention, voiced by you as its representatives, compels a gratification not easily expressed.

The office of justice of the supreme court is so long in term, is of such importance, involves so great responsibilities and demands such high qualifications as to command the serious consideration of every citizen of Pennsylvania. We elect the president of the United States and the governor of this commonwealth for terms of four years, and we choose our representatives in congress and in our state legislature for two years; but the justices of our supreme court hold their positions for terms of twenty-one years, so that during that time five presidents and an equal number of Pennsylvania's governors will occupy their executive chairs, while ten congressmen and legislators may have followed each other in Washington and Harrisburg.

Judged then by the length of term alone the importance of the proper choice of our supreme court justices is most apparent, but measured by the power vested in that great tribunal it is manifest that no office within the gift of the people, indeed no office of any kind, is of such paramount importance as that held by those who are chosen to sit in final judgment upon the rights of their fellow men. Legislation is created by our law makers, with the power in the executive only to approve or negative

those laws, a power limited in action by the right of the law making body to override the veto by a proper majority of its members. But with the supreme court rests the greater power of actually nullifying it, if in their judgment such laws are in violation of the constitution. The executive authority also extends, although in a somewhat limited form, to the appointment to certain offices, but then only with senatorial consent, while the appellate courts may be called upon to set aside the right to hold or the tenure of an office conferred by the gift of the executive, or even secured by the exercise of the elective franchise.

Powers of the Court.

Important as are these duties of our courts, these are a further power conferred upon those tribunals so great as to elevate them above any other earthly position, a power which, other attributes of Divinity, that of judging without question and without appeal the rights of their fellow men, whether of life, of liberty or of property, a man may live or die, as may be the judgment of the supreme court; he may be deprived of his liberty during his life or for a term of years, as they may determine; his character and reputation may be preserved or destroyed, as they may judge; or his property may be forfeited to him or swept from him forever, as may there be finally adjudicated. It is, therefore, undeniable that there is no office within the gift of electors of our commonwealth so important as the preservation of their rights, if properly administered, or so fraught with danger to all the citizenry, if unjustly exercised, as that of membership in the supreme court of Pennsylvania; a position which should be held by those only whose judgment shall be unbiased perfectly just, and at all times wholly impartial and unprejudiced.

It was never intended by the framers of our form of government, that the selection of those who are to pass upon the rights of their fellow citizens, whether in the courts of first instance or in the tribunals of last resort, should be placed in the hands of a small number of men, whoever they may be, nor how great their power; nor that those high offices should be the spoils of the politics or the rewards of partisan services; such a selection would be abhorrent to every good citizen, and we may well believe that Pennsylvania will never consent that the ermine of her highest judiciary shall come to the bench of that great tribunal smirched with the mire of the lowest and most political partisanship, or labeled with the proprietary mark of any clique or faction. Should the hour ever come when seats upon the appellate court of our commonwealth—that last barrier against anarchy and civic destruction—shall in any degree be held by those who have been selected otherwise than by the will of the people first expressed in their preliminary conventions, and finally by their honestly taken and counted ballots, the day will have dawned when civil righteousness and liberty shall cease and wickedness and injustice shall direct our destinies.

The Issue Before the People.

Until 1850 the selection of the judiciary of our commonwealth was confined within the appointive power of the governor, but always and only by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the state senate, a body chosen by the votes of electors, answerable directly to them, and in every sense, therefore, the representatives of the people of Pennsylvania. In that year and by the adoption of the amended constitution this system was abolished, so that the citizens of our commonwealth demanded that all those who were to sit in judgment upon their rights of life, liberty and property, should be chosen directly by them. Jealous of these rights, the people of our commonwealth demanded that they alone should be vested with this power, purposing thereby to protect themselves from the great wrong which might be done them if the selection of their judges should remain with one man, even though he might be the one they had elected as their chief executive and his choice required the approval of a responsible legislative body. Not for one moment did the voters for the constitutional amendment of 1850 believe that by its approval they had enabled that body to be wrested from them by any other men, however important they might be, who were not chosen directly by them and voiced their will, much less could they have conceived that the time might come in Pennsylvania when a small number, and not clothed with any power directly from the people, could so manipulate politics or obtain such control of any party, that by or through any political machinery they could name any one of the members of a court having the power to pass in final judgment upon the rights of all the citizens of this commonwealth to their liberty, their property, their honor and their property. If that condition has now been brought about we may well say that there is an issue before the people of Pennsylvania more important than any they have ever met, and we may rest assured will be determined by them with no uncertain voice and for the protection of their rights, to the end that this shall be a government by the people under the law.

He who may receive the favor of the majority of the suffrages of our people on November second next by an election as a justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania will be entrusted by them for twenty-one years with superlative power over all that concerns every citizen's welfare and happiness. The importance of the position will rest upon him and the necessity for his purity of life and honesty of action must weigh upon his soul with thoughts to make him tremble. I accept your nomination to this great office only with the honest desire and firm intent to serve the people honestly, faithfully and impartially should they in their wisdom make me their choice at the polls. I will fairly and honestly endeavor to win their votes, and if successful will assume the duties of the office unbiased by any obligations, trusting always to be Divinely guided in the right way, the path of rectitude, of impartial justice and full integrity.

Family Floriculture.

George Blank, the stage manager, is a lover of nature and a lover of ever-coats and umbrellas. Recently during a violent rainstorm he called on his mother, entering her presence wringing wet.

Played it to the Limit.

Many writers have declared that as Irish gentlemen's hospitality is unlimited, but this is a slight exaggeration, as is shown by a story borrowed from a book of Irish memories.

Jerry McCarlie was often the guest of friends who on account of his pleasant ways extended to him that sort of old Irish hospitality which enabled a visitor in his own family who came for a fortnight to stay for six years.

In McCarlie's case the visit stretched to nearly double that time. After eight or nine years, however, his kinsman got a little tired of his guest and let him know of his old mansion's proposed renovation and that he had signed a contract for having it painted from garret to cellar.

"By George," said Jerry, "it's fortunate that I don't object to the smell of paint, and it will be well to have some one to keep an eye on the painters now that the wall fruit is ripening."

Some months passed. Then his host informed him that he was going to be married, adding, "I thought I'd tell you in good time, so that you could make leisurely preparations to go, as the lady and you may not hit it off as well as you and I do."

With tearful eyes Jerry grasped his cousin's hand, saying: "Oh, Dan, dear, you have my hearty thanks for your consideration; but, dear, dear boy, surely if you can put up with her I can."

Woodchopping as a Sport.

In Tasmania is to be found a national pastime that is special and particular to that state alone—the sport of woodchopping. It says much for the grit and vigor of Tasmanians that this really serious and arduous work should be regarded as the finest sport. At Hobart and Launceston they have their turf meetings, their cricket, football, golf, cycling, and so forth, but to a woodchopping contest people will flock from far and near—men, women and children—and watch the ax wielders hewing away at huge blocks of timber as if life and reputation depended upon the issue. Thud, thud, thud, go the axes, and the splinters fly in all directions, the judges calmly sitting near, taking notes of the strokes, the spectators cheering the competitors from time to time as frantically as if they were race horses. To be a woodchopping champion means something to a man in Tasmania.—Dundee Advertiser.

Look Prosperous or Pay in Advance.

"While there is a good deal of the American spirit prevailing in Sydney and Melbourne, they do things there in a peculiar way," said a traveling man. "It is hard to get used to them."

"They have excellent restaurants there, but they run on a peculiar plan. A man goes in and sits down at a table, and a waiter, generally a woman, hands him the bill of fare. He makes out his order on a slip, and before he is waited on the waiter goes to the cashier and has a little private talk with him. The cashier looks over at the customer, and if he appears to be good for the bill he is served; otherwise he is asked to pay in advance. The meals are good and cheap. The same careful scrutiny is made when a fellow registers at a hotel. Good looks will go further than any amount of baggage."—Omaha Bee.

Clear Waste.

"He has a quick temper, you know," was the excuse given by a friend for a boy's rude act. "Is he quick at his lessons?" was the question. "No," was the reply. "Is he quick at sports?" the questioner went on. Again the answer was "No." "Is he quick in obedience?" "No." "Well," said the questioner, with a twinkle in his eye, "if he has so little quickness he'd better use it where it will do him some good. It's clear waste to put it on his temper."

The Town of Bushire.

Residents of a miserable seaport on the Persian gulf called their town Bushire (Boosheer). It has narrow, dirty, ill paved streets. The city is visited by earthquakes and simooms and stinks its children of wholesome air and fresh water. It appears, however, to have enjoyed high repute among the ancient Egyptians, who have left buried about under moldering heaps bricks with cuneiform inscriptions. In summer the citizens of Bushire live in a heat that is almost unbearable.

Her Sorrow.

"Papa," sobbed small Sadie, "m-my canary is d-dead!" "Never mind, dear," replied her father; "I'll buy you another one." "Oh, I'm calm now," rejoined Sadie. "But when I first saw the poor little thing I cried like a child."—Exchange.

After the Race.

"So your horse was distanced, was he?" "Yes." "Did you have anything on him?" "I thought I had a jockey on him, but it seems I didn't."

Times to Laugh.

A—Is the old man always so gum as this? B—By no means. He laughs twice a year, spring and fall, when the new women's hats come in.—Flegende Blatter.

Strictly Business.

Theorist—You believe in giving credit to whom credit is due, don't you? Practical Man—Yes, but I make everybody else pay cash.—Chicago Tribune.

There are no small steps in great affairs.—De Retz.

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