

Bellefonte, Pa., October 7, 1910.

Grim Will Not Withdraw

Is Firm in Purpose of Fulfilling Party Obligations.

Nine very estimable and influential gentlemen, citizens of Philadelphia, have addressed an open letter to Webster Grim, the Democratic nominee for governor, and William H. Berry, the candidate of the Keystone Party for the same office, asking them to withdraw "in favor of a candidate whom both parties could concentrate upon." The writers of the letter are said to be independent Republicans who have thus far taken no part in the present to the Penrose machine. They profess to believe that with the vote of the opposition to the machine divided between Grim and Berry the success of the machine candidate is assured.

The day the letter was made public Mr. Berry was in Harrisburg and privately stated to his friends that under no circumstances would he withdraw." That evening, at a session of the executive committee of his party, held in the Bellevue-Stratford hotel, Philadelphia, a letter was read by the chairman of the committee, signed by Mr. Berry, in which he practically said that he is willing to withdraw if the executive committee of his party favored that course and Mr. to "experiment" with new material. Grim would follow his example. Of expressed his real sentiments, and that contained in his letter to Chairman Hicks was for the consumption

of the public. Senator Grim, upon hearing of the letter, promptly and emphatically declared that he will not withdraw. "Nothing is further from my heart and purpose," he said. "I never entertained such an idea." Subsequently he received hundreds of telegrams and letters urging him to remain on the ticket. He was fairly nominated and is justly entitled to the support of his party. No well informed citizen can set up the excuse that he doesn't know the Democratic nominee. He has served eight years in the senate and been a leader in every movement for legislative reform. Any man who doesn't know Grim is unfamiliar with the public life of the commonwealth, for he

has been an ornament in it. Besides, Webster Grim is the nominee of the Democratic party and that party was not organized and isn't maintained to "beat" anybody. It represents principles and its purpose is to give force and effect to those principles. A political organization with no higher mission than to beat some individual or group of individuals would preserving and certainly wouldn't endure as the Democratic party has endured from the foundation of the government. The party has commissioned Mr. Grim to represent it in this crucial period in the political life of the state, and to fail of the fulfillment of that obligation would be recreancy, and Webster Grim is not a

William H. Berry, on the other hand, is the nominee of no party, though he is the candidate of a contingent of uncertain quantity. He was named by half a dozen persons, two of whom, have already abandoned him. Raising Mr. Berry to the level of a real candidate, under such circumstances, would be a real distinction. But he has no intention of thus immolating himself. He is running for governor in obedience to his insatiable thirst for office, and he would accept the nomination of any party or combination of men. If the Keystone Party had not nominated him he probably wouldn't have supported the party. He cares less for principle than for patronage.

If the nine estimable gentlemen are really anxious to prevent a division of the reform vote at the coming election they can contribute to that result in a much more practical way than that suggested in their letter to Senator Grim and Mr. Berry. They can simply vote for Mr. Grim themselves and persuade all their friends, and others who think and feel as they do, to pursue the same course. They cannot doubt that the interests of the people would be as safe in the hands of Webster Grim as in those of any other man that might be named. His public record is an open book and a radiant in the gubernatorial fight, and just as page of achievement in the interest of man be humiliated or aspersed?

The division of the vote of citizens who are opposed to the Penrose machine is unfortunate beyond question. But there is no necessity for such division of forces. Every fair-minded man, irrespective of past political af- cial reason for his withdrawal. Mr. filiation, can vote for Webster Grim Sheatz gives no reasons, and it can without the least reservation or stul- safely be assumed that his retirement tification. He represents no special in- is caused by general disgust over the terest and is the creature of no boss movement. In fact he states that it or group of bosses. He is an able, con- had been his intention to withdraw scientious and courageous public servant and will be faithful to the people in whatever station he is placed. If any citizen desires to promote civic righteousness in the election of a governor of Pennsylvania this year, he may achieve the result by voting for Webster Grim.

What Did He Mean? Mrs. H.-I see there's a man in France who has murdered three of his wives in succession. I'd like to see the man who would murder me. Mr. H .- So would I, my dear.

Base envy withers at another's joy and hates the excellence it cannot reach.-Thomson.

LOCAL CASE IN POINT

Williamsport Sun Proves Accuracy of

Senator Grim's Criticism. Senator Grim, Democratic candidate for governor, in his speech at Meyersdale the other evening, pointed out an iniquitous feature of the present method of state road building that has a pertinent illustration of fact in the Mifflin township road, in this county.

Mr. Grim said: "The method of allowing contractors extras for changed plans and specifications on roads should be abolished. Last year over a quarter of a million dollars, or one-twelfth of the whole amount appropriated, was paid to contractors for extras upon the decree of one man, and the counties and townships were obliged to bear their share of expense without any recourse."

The attempt made by the same highway department to ignore the concampaign, but are unalterably opposed tract specifications for the Mifflin township road is still fresh in the public mind, as is also the fact that the change in construction upon that road has increased the price nearly \$3000, this, too, in the face of the luxuriant price that is being paid for the roadway built even according to the original specifications. The high handed methods of the state highway department-against which is charged the game of politics-was shown in the fact that the people were not consulted in the change made in the road's construction and when public attention was drawn to the radical departure from specifications the reason was given that the department desired

The faults and failures of the state course his statement in Harrisburg highway department have been of so long standing, and so egregious a nature, that the Republican administration has no ground for excuse for not having long since directed its course in both a more economical and a more effective channel, and the grilling given it by Senator Grim is none too vigorous nor are his criticisms unde served. It is right that the political machine governing the affairs of Pennsylvania should be held responsible for the shortcomings of the highway department, and the Mifflin township incident in our own community serves as an illuminating case in point as tending to show the things at which Senator Grim was striking.

THREATS IN BUCKS COUNTY

Penrose Machine Tried a Bugaboo

Which Failed. Fearing that the popularity of Senator Webster Grim in his home district will result not only in giving the Democratic gubernatorial nominee a record-breaking vote, but also in sending a Democrat to the senate to succeed Mr. Grim, the Penrose machine leaders are using threats to intimidate the citizens of Bucks county. The voters publican is chosen to succeed Grim in the senate, a reapportionment of senatorial lines will be made by the next legislature and the district made Republican. This they propose to do by joining Bucks with some Republican county adjoining.

The threat, which was carried to the people of Bucks county by Congress man Wanger in the interests of the Penrose machine, has already reacted against the Republican gang. Bucks county has been stirred from end to end by this cowardly attempt at in-John O. Sheatz and J. Heber Clarke, timidation and the voters have served notice on the corrupt Republican combination that every man proposes now to take his coat off for Senator Grim and the whole Democratic ticket. At the same time they defy Penrose to carry out his threat.

Bucks county was originally a Re publican district, but the candidacy of Mr. Grim for the state senate eight years ago brought it into the Democratic column. Republicans and Democrats joined in his support and sent him to the senate for two terms. He served his constituents so well that Bucks county has been swinging to the Democratic column to the chagrin of Republican leaders. In the reapportionment of 1906 the Penrose gang endeavored to eliminate Bucks county as a senatorial district, but through the splendid fight put up by Senator Grim they were defeated.

Be of Good Cheer, Democrats.

[From the Doylestown Democrat.] Unmistakably Senator Grim has gained ground during the past week unmistakably Mr. Berry and Mr. Tener good government. Why should such a have both lost ground. The Keystone Party last week lost the active co-operation of two of its leading supporters, Charles Heber Clarke and former State Treasurer John O. Sheatz. Both were organizers of the party they have now deserted. Mr. Clark gives a spesoon after the nominations were made.

> The time for beginning preparations to get out the vote on election day is now here and every Democrat should give the matter attention. The last day for the payment of taxes is next Saturday, October 8, and when that day closes there ought not to be a Democratic delinquent in the entire state. After that the matter of geting the voters to the polls is to be considered and every Democratic voter ought to be got to the polls. If preparations for the election are made on those lines Webster Grim will be the next governor of Pennsylvania no matter how many votes are cast for other candidates.

The Dear Old Frauds.

Those old, pleasant, innocent frauds of the circus are not practiced nowthe imposing five barred gates that as the horse approached them were sloped into insignificant wattles and the rings through which the signorina purported to leap, but which in reality were insinuated over her by compliant attendants. And then there was that venerable jockey performance, the culmination of which was a leap from the ring to a standing position, albeit at an angle of thirty degrees, on the horse's back. In the old circuses it was the custom of the horseman to miss the crowning jump two or three times in order that a fiercer flame of interest might be kindled in the audience. After two failures the band would stop (always the presage of a moment of strain supreme), the horse's head would be loosed, he would be urged to a greater pace, and the feat would gloriously succeed. Then what a crash of brass and outburst of delight in the building, involving even the staff and ringmaster in the expres sion of ecstasy! Those old, simple days!-Cornhill Magazine.

Remarkable Instinct. "Every time I go shopping I thank heaven that I have a good business head," said the woman who boasts that her quick wit always saves her from financial loss. "A saleswoman came very near getting into trouble today over a belt I bought. The only thing that saved her was my business instinct. First I bought a belt for \$1.25 and paid with a two dollar bill. In handling my change the girl dropped a quarter into the paper and boxes that strewed the floor back of the counter and could not find it. Of course I could have held her accountable, but she looked so tired and worried that I hadn't the heart to do that, so how do you think we settled it?"

Her husband gave it up. "Why," said she triumphantly, "I just exchanged my \$1.25 belt for a dollar one, and neither of us lost any thing."

"Remarkable instinct, my dear," said the husband, and she smiled over his approval.-New York Sun.

Bernard Shaw's Excuse. Bernard Shaw was invited to a banquet in honor of the sculptor Rodin He sent the following letter as his excuse for not attending:

"For me a banquet to Rodin is quite superfluous. I have already taken measures to assume immortality for myself by attaching my name to that of Rodin. Henceforth in every encyclopedia you will read, 'Bernard Shaw: subject of a bust by Rodin; otherwise anknown.

"If the bust is lost, broken or spoiled. so much the better for me," he continues. "They will speak of the 'lost Bernard Shaw of Rodin,' as today they speak of the lost Athens of Phidias. Nothing can be more beautiful than the statues which no one ever saw Therefore I have done all that is necessary. I cau get along without banquets. You will only be Rodin's hosts. I have the honor to be his model."-Dramatic Mirror.

The Unreality of Opera.

There are people who still complain of the unreality of opera, who cannot subject themselves to its illusion. And indeed the illusion of opera breaks down if everything in it is not kept at the same distance from reality. In that world of musical expression we must never be suddenly lowered by any incongruous detail into the ordinary world of prose. Realism, the attempt to work upon the emotions by complete illusion of reality, is disastrous in opera. If the scene is a railway station we remember at once that people do not sing when they are catching trains.-London Times.

The Music Was Fatal. A New York politician once found it necessary to attend an entertainment at an orphans' home, and he was having a bad time of it. The selection by

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the boys' band was particularly distressing. , Turning to a friend, the politician said with a shudder. "No wonder they are orphans."-Success Maga-

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as a prevaricator?" "Well, no, not that exactly, but he can cheat other boys in trades and WHITE STAR make them think they are getting all the best of it."

Napoleon and Woman. Napoleon I., who was a great admirer of female talent when its owner dia not, like Mme. de Stael, direct it against himself, used to say. "There are women who have only one faultviz, that they are not men.'

Man and Woman.

When a man gets into trouble the first thing he thinks of is. "How shall I get out of this fix?" When a woman gets into trouble her first thought is, "How shall I best bear this misery?" -Winifred Black.

Cheeky. "Does Winks take any magazines?" "All he can get. I don't dare to leave one lying around."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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