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ANSWER TO R. R. ZARR'S COMMUNICATION.

By W. C. Johnston Esq., Chairman of the Democratic Convention.

Careful reading of the Zarr-signed communication in last week's COLUMBIAN discloses that it reflects upon the integrity and honest purpose, not only of the Democrats constituting the recent Convention, but upon the whole Democratic party of the county. It contains misleading statements and absolute falsehoods, and smacks much of the language and sentiment of the politician who was retired by the people, and who has repeatedly gone over to the enemy and against Democratic candidates.

As chairman of the recent convention, and as one of the many Democrats who desire that justice be done to all, and that the nominations be made by an honest count of the vote as cast, and not by manipulated returns, I answer the communication.

Fairly analyzed, the communication contains the following:

1st. The statement that Zarr is not a sore-head and disappointed candidate, yet the entire article goes to prove that he is the sorest kind of a sore-head, and that he is bitterly disappointed, that his friends, including the pretended inactive politician, did not nominate him "in spite of hell" as one of his zealous supporters promised to do.

2nd. Zarr claims that because it appears or did appear, by the returns to the County Chairman of the Convention, and by the ballots that he had received the greatest number of votes, therefore he should have received the nomination. It is not the first time that the returns as they appeared were not correct. Zarr neglected to mention two important things: First, he says nothing about what his friends were doing on Sunday and Monday over the mountain, at Numidia and at Catawissa, and that it was absolutely necessary that the late returns from the mountain should have the vote appear to be for him in order to make it appear to the convention that he had received the largest vote. Second, he fails to state that a committee of five qualified return judges of the convention, one of them, Barrett, his warm supporter, was appointed under the rules to investigate alleged frauds, and that this investigating committee after hearing testimony, examining evidence and hearing the argument of Zarr's counsel, recommended to the convention that the vote of two districts should be thrown out, and that the convention by a deliberate decisive vote, adopted the recommendation and threw out the votes of the two districts.

This action of the convention and its investigating committee composed of Zarr's supporters, as well as others, forever settles it; that as a matter of fact Mr. Zarr did not have the plurality of votes cast for the candidates for Prothonotary. The convention was not to be fooled by the returns as they appeared.

3rd. Zarr says that "Johnston, one of Terwilliger's lawyers, read affidavits to the convention which he had prepared for his client."

This is not true. I am not and never have been Terwilliger's lawyer. I did not procure the said

affidavits, but the men who did procure them say that they can get many more showing great frauds in those districts.

4th. Zarr says that "Johnston joined the committee as soon as it assembled in the Grand Jury room." This is not true. The Investigating Committee twice sent for the chairman to ask for information and for papers. Once, after it had been over some time, and again after it had completed its investigation, written up and signed its report.

Both times there were men present when I spoke to the committee, and I never said a word to any member of the committee at any time in favor of, or against any candidate. The last time the committee sent for me Grant Herring appeared before it as counsel for Mr. Zarr and made a lengthy argument for his client.

It was attempted to work the game on the committee that was successful six years ago, but this time none of the committee but Barrett yielded to the threats, etc.

5th. The communication contains an alleged statement by Mr. Barrett. It needs but little attention.

Barrett, Zarr's friend, was chairman of the Investigating Committee signed the recommendation to throw out the votes of two districts, and in a little speech without a dissenting report, presented it to the convention. The chairman gave Barrett all the time he desired to make his speech and present the report. After he and another member of the convention had spoken, and many calls for the question were heard, Mr. Barrett undertook to make a second speech, and the chairman properly declared him out of order, as the question was called. The vote was then taken. Barrett himself says that the committee would not agree with him, showing that at least four or five concurred in the judgment that there was sufficient evidence of fraud to warrant the throwing out of the votes.

Barrett, after having helped to make the recommendation, having signed it and having reported it to the convention, makes a "statement in writing," which if the words credited to him are genuine, stamps him, because of his inconsistencies, as a person beneath the notice of everybody.

The action of the Investigating Committee, and subsequently the action of the judges constituting the convention, was, according to their best judgment from all the evidence before them, and I challenge Mr. Zarr and his astute attorney, who appeared for him before the Investigating Committee, to point their finger at any improper or corrupt move on the part of Mr. Terwilliger or any of his friends, including myself, to improperly or corruptly influence the action of any member of the Investigating Committee, or of the judges constituting the convention.

After a long and patient hearing which caused the sessions of the convention to be continued so late that the lights in the hall had to be lighted, the judges of the convention, by an open vote and large majority, voted to adopt the report of the Investigating Committee, which threw out the vote of the two mountain districts, because of the frauds proved against them before the committee and the convention.

6th. Zarr says "That you can readily see how and why Terwilliger had fourteen votes more than I had in the windup, as the Johnston people made it." At last he concedes that it was not the chairman of the convention, not the Investigating Committee, but the Johnston people, who demanded and secured the nomination of the person who had honestly received the nominating vote of the people. Yet, when these people demand and secure the nomination of the man for whom the greatest number of the voters honestly cast their votes, he accuses them of defrauding him of

the nomination. Serious accusation for a young man, even a Zarr, to make against the Democratic party. But who are the people that Zarr so boldly and so unjustly accuses of defrauding him? The best answer to this question is to refer to the thirty districts whose return judges supported Johnston for chairman, and to the scores of other good Democrats who demanded that as Terwilliger had received the vote he should also receive the nomination.

These are the men that are determined that the votes of the people shall be counted as cast, regardless of the work of bottle-and-boodle-vote-solicitors and election-return-manipulators. These are the people who hold sacred their political integrity, their honesty of purpose, and their fidelity to Democratic principles, and who demand that nominations by fraudulent voting and returns of a few districts must be stopped.

In justice to all it can truthfully be said that every fair-minded man in the convention, or who has impartially considered its work, honestly believes that Mr. Zarr did not receive the votes he claims and should not have received the nomination, Barrett, boodle and bluff to the contrary, notwithstanding.

One thing more. No one knows better than Mr. Zarr's counsel, who evidently got up, or assisted in getting up the Zarr signed communication, that I never have been and am not likely ever to be, owned, bossed, or used by any politician or set of politicians. He knows it by experience as well as by the fact that I absolutely refused to promise to appoint the man that his friends begged and insisted should be appointed as one of the Investigating Committee at the recent convention.

As to my part in the convention I have only to say that I honestly tried to discharge the duties as chairman impartially and fairly, and to the best of my ability, for the best interests of all concerned, and the party, and am entirely satisfied to leave the matter in the hands of the good Democrats of the county.

Very respectfully,
Wm. C. JOHNSTON.

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The proverbial saying, "Money makes the mare go," is more in evidence to-day than at any other time in the history of our country.

The money power is represented by only a few thousands of our countrymen, while still a fewer number of other nationalities, compared to the masses control the wealth of the world. The money power is world-wide and a unit in its endeavors to expand and multiply itself by hook and crook in eating out the substance of the masses on which alone it can only exist and thrive.

Corruption and fraud, deception and chicanery are an impossibility among the honest and unsuspecting masses, hence they are the victims of the autocratic classes who have built upon their rights and privileges the greatest money oligarchy that every existed in the history of the world.

The money power is neither particular nor partial upon what country or people it thrives; all it cares is to secure or control all the wealth wherever it may be found. It is satisfied with nothing short of this. It would even mortgage a man's life to its service and make him a slave absolute.

The money power rests upon the presumption that might is right, and its only policy is to get wealth. Get it, Get it if you can, And if you can't, get it anyhow. It is blind to all justice, deaf to all appeals of charity, arrogant, haughty, defiant. It bleeds every necessity of the masses and only laughs and scorns when rebuked for its insolence.

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The climax of corruption was only reached when Quay manipulated the will of the republican party through corrupt delegates and made Pennypacker the choice of the money power instead of Elkin. And it now remains to be seen whether his skill or ability in ballot box stuffing will enable him to consummate the crowing crime of the age.

But the money oligarchy are not all republicans. It has just as trusty servants who call themselves democrats. And it is immaterial to the money power in whose hands its interests may fall. It will suffer no man to be elected to responsible positions to administer in the interest of the masses with the classes.

Even at this time again, Cleveland raises his voice from behind the democracy he betrayed. He is another of the trusted money autocrats. He was just a model president for them. And no doubt they would like to have the democrats make him president again. But he will be obliged to seek a high official position through other sources than through the name of democracy. He has forfeited the honored name, "Democrat," by his treachery. He, and the like of him, are none of us. The Benedict Arnolds always serve the money power. They never do anything in the interest of the masses. But at every opportunity they betray the interest of the people to plutocracy. We have no more use for Clevelandism after his treachery, than Washington had for Benedict Arnold after his treachery.

Both deserved the contempt of an outraged trust; but the former tries to creep back and take command of his forsaken forces, while the latter fled to the enemy to save his neck.

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Out Door Events at the Normal.

The annual field day sports at the Normal School, on Monday, attracted a large crowd of people to Athletic Field. The events were all warmly contested and a deep interest was manifested. At the close of the program, the Middlers trotted off the field victors, they having captured 28 points to 26 for the Seniors. The Juniors had but 18 to their credit.

In the individual standing Riland was first with 14 points, Hartman, second 10 points; Jacobs, third, 9 points; Ruloff, fourth, 8 points; Kieber, fifth, 6 points.

The first event was the pole vault and Riland finally won by going over at 7 ft. and Picking third, 6 ft. 6 in.

The high jump was easily captured by Jacobs, who jumped 5 feet; Ruloff, second, 4 ft. 10 in. and Kieber third, 4 ft. 8 inches.

The hundred yard dash was very close, Hartman crossing the tape first, Riland second, and Elder third. The time was 11 seconds.

Ruloff was an easy winner in the running broad jump, his mark being 18 feet 5 inches. Riland was second with 17 ft. 11 ins. and Jacobs third, 16 ft. 10 inches.

Only four contestants were entered in the mile run and Kieber crossed the tape first in 5 minutes and 20 seconds. Barker was second and Landis third.

The 220 yard dash was another closely contested event, Hartman winning in 2:45 seconds, Riland finishing second and Elder third.

The shot was won by Miller, his distance being 35 ft. 3 inches. Donald was second with 34 feet 2 inches and Leighow third, 31 feet 3 inches.

The most interesting and exciting event of the day was the mile relay between the three classes and for a time it was difficult to pick the winner.

Keiber soon passed his competitors, however, in the last heat for the Seniors, Hartman finished second for the Juniors and Ruloff, third for the Middlers.

O. U. A. M. Officers.

At a meeting of Bloomsburg Council No. 146, O. U. A. M., held Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected:

Councilor, R. B. Hartzell; Vice Councilor, F. H. Eyerly; Recording Secretary, R. H. Ringer; Financial Secretary, W. E. Rinker; Assistant Recording Secretary, Boyd Eyerly; Treasurer, George L. Moyer; Inductor, Isaiah Ohl; Examiner, Charles Logan; Inside Protector, Calvin Girton; Outside Protector, H. M. Hosler; Trustee for eighteen months, R. H. Ringer.

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F. P. Pursel.

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