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STATEMENT OF W. E. FISHER.

FRIENDS AND FELLOW DEMOCRATS:

I address you in the interest of party harmony, fair play and decency in Democratic politics.

You may not be aware that, under the rules of the party, I should have been nominated at the late primaries. The rules provide that in the nomination of candidates for Commissioner, "each voter shall vote for one candidate from the district lying north of the Susquehanna river and one candidate from the district south of the river, and the official ballot shall designate."

Had the rules been respected by the Chairman in printing the tickets, there would have been no necessity to resort to the law and invoke the aid of the Courts to protect my rights as a candidate, and to secure to the south side her just representation on the ticket. On the hearing in Court, C. E. Randall, B. F. Zarr and W. H. Henrie, all warm personal friends of the Chairman, when forced to testify, said that he had declared in their presence, after the primary election, that he "had the tickets printed that way for the purpose of defeating Fisher."

It has been asserted by a few that my name being placed on the ticket was wrong and that in so doing Sterner was defrauded of his rights. If Sterner was lawfully nominated, then their position is correct; but if he was not lawfully nominated under the rules, then their position is wrong. This is the question that was submitted to the Court for adjudication, and Judge Dunham, one of the cleanest and best Judges in the State, after hearing the evidence found that I was lawfully entitled to a place on the ticket, and so ordered. I resorted to the remedy marked out by the law, and had the Court decided against me I would have yielded gracefully. No good Democrat should rail at Judge Dunham when his decision is in accord with the opinions of all the Judges in Pennsylvania who have passed upon the validity and binding force of party rules. In deciding my case he followed such Judges as Rice, Simington, Stewart, Frazier, Weiss and many others.

It is significant that the learned counsel for Sterner was not able to cite a single case where the Court had held that the rules were not the law of the party and not binding on the voter and party convention. This being true it is the duty of the party organization, from the Chairman down, to support the ticket honestly, knowing or serving no faction. Every Democrat who does not respect and obey the law when judicially determined is a menace to his party and good government.

This is not the first time Sterner has violated the custom of the party. In '84 when Campbell was a candidate against him for second term as Recorder, he plead with Democrats to respect the custom and give him the second term, but when three years later he was a candidate for the third term, he forgot all about the customs of the party. Now he is trying to break the written rule or law and we find him pleading with Democrats not only to break a custom in vogue for sixty years, but to trample under foot the written rules of the party and disregard the rights of the south side Democracy.

If you should be so unjust to the south side, and elect two on the north, you will make trouble for the party three years hence. In that event Bogart and Sterner will both be candidates, each claiming a second term under the custom, and neither will yield to the other; and the candidate from the south side will have the same conditions to face that I have now. If you now turn your backs against the rules of the party and the south side you will cause a breach in the party that years will not close.

The *Sentinel* accuses me with being in a combination with Quay Republicans, yet I have done nothing but have my name placed on my party ticket in a lawful manner. We will let the Democracy say who is in with Quay. The *Sentinel's* candidate, Sterner, adopted the name of The Citizens Party. Look at the ticket as advertised by the Sheriff and you will find Sterner's name in The Citizen's Party column under Pennypacker and the two Browns. If he is not in with Quay why adopt the name of Quay's side party, set up by Quay to catch a few unruly Republicans who might not vote for Pennypacker on the

regular ticket? Why did he not adopt another name and a column of his own? My name is on the Democratic ticket, Sterner's is on the Republican ticket with Pennypacker. Democrats, which ticket will you vote?

Another favorite theme of the *Sentinel* is the bond issue. You will remember that an injunction was served on the Commissioners to prevent the passing of the bonds to the purchaser, and the Court dissolved the injunction, holding that the act of the Commissioners was legal and right.

We sold four per cent. bonds at par, exactly the same terms that the \$150,000.00 issue of 1893 and 1894 was sold for. We followed in the path traveled by every board of Commissioners in the past, and sold the bonds on the same terms exactly. Had the *Sentinel* inquired of Mr. Tustin of the First National Bank it would have learned that that institution had 4 per cent. County Bonds of the '94 issue that they were ready to sell at par; and in fact can still be had, if he wants them.

We sold the bonds at home, to home people, and instead of the interest going to New York, that money will remain with us. They would have sold them to foreign banks.

In all this struggle for my rights I have avoided saying anything that could cause strife in our party. I would be justified if I were to retaliate upon Krickbaum. I might with justice, use bitter invective and scathing denunciation—and urge my friends to work and vote against him; but in politics as in all other matters, my rule of conduct is—do unto others as we would that others should do unto us. I shall not depart from that rule now.

Trusting that you may see your way clear to support the rules and customs of our party, I am

Yours respectfully,

W. H. FISHER.

BloomSBurg, Oct. 30, '02.

The Congressional Outlook.

After a complete canvass of every election precinct in each of the counties comprising this congressional district, the figures were sent to the Dickerman headquarters on Saturday last. The canvass was made in the most conservative manner and shows the following result: Columbia county, Dickerman from 2,200 to 2,500; Northumberland county, Dickerman from 400 to 600; Montour county, Dickerman from 100 to 300; Sullivan county, Dickerman from 100 to 200, showing a majority for Dickerman of from 2,800 to 3,600. Those best acquainted with Mr. Dickerman's canvass and who know what is going on in all parts of the district are very confident his majority will reach the latter figure. Mr. Dickerman's friends and advisors are not of the sort that are given to deceiving themselves, and these figures will be found to be approximately correct when the votes are counted.

Get Out the Vote.

Every local Democrat should feel this fall that he is a special committee of one in his election district to get out the full Democratic vote. A full party vote means victory. The Democrat who stays at home this year is giving half a vote for the opposition—for Quayism, Pennypackerism and all the gang stands for. The only hope the Republicans have this year is a luke-warm feeling in Democratic voters. Get out the vote for Pattison, for Dickerman, Billmeyer and the whole ticket. Get it out for a grand old Democratic victory and listen to the roosters crow on Nov. 5th.

Dr. Geo. E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, has resigned the office of State Librarian, to which he was appointed by Gov. Stone. The reason given for his action is that he has espoused the cause of Pattison, as he can no longer submit to Quay domination. There are thousands more like Dr. Reed who will swing into line for honest government in the state, next Tuesday.

Charles H. Dickerman's election to congress, is a fore-gone conclusion. He is entitled to the vote of every Democrat in the district, and there is no doubt but what he will get it.

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At the last session of the legislature Hon. Fred Ickler was recognized from the start as a leader on the Democratic side. As an orator he was easily the best in that body. Forcibly and fearlessly he denounced every measure that bore the earmarks of jobbery. He was one of the few men who could command attention when he made a speech, and of whom the opposition were afraid. Columbia County has never been more ably represented than by him, and she will honor herself by returning him by a big majority. Vote for Ickler.

There are two ways of marking a ballot. One is to put a cross in the circle at the top of the column, and this indicates a vote for every name in that column. The other is to put a mark in the square after every name you wish to vote for. The first is for a straight party ticket, and with a big ballot such as will be used next week, is the safest, as no mistake can be made in marking.

Vote for William T. Creasy and Fred T. Ickler for the Legislature and thus show that you rebuke the Quay machine.

Reports from all sections of the state indicate that Pattison's vote will be larger than ever before. He will have a big majority outside of Philadelphia, and it is believed that arrangements have been made that will secure an honest count there. If this is done, Pattison will be the next Governor. Vote for him and be on the winning side.

The cause of Hon. J. Henry Cochran of Williamsport, candidate for state senator, has not been urged during the campaign for the very good reason that it was entirely unnecessary. Senator Cochran's high character and ability have been recognized by all parties, and no candidate has been named against him, so that his election is sure.

Vote for Charles M. Terwilliger for Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts. He has the ability to fill his office and he will make a good official.

Burned to Death.

Marie Miller, the little five year old daughter of Jordan Miller, of Millinville, met a terrible death on Saturday. Mr. Miller had been burning some leaves and other rubbish in the yard. Playing about him were his little daughter and two neighbor's children. He had finished the work, extinguished the fire and went to another part of the premises. During his absence the little folks gathered more leaves and relighted the fire. Marie was standing close to the flames and in an instant her dress was ignited. The flames leaped up about her and in the agony of death she cried for help. The father rushed to the aid of his child and with his hands tore the burning clothing from her body, but too late to save her life. She died in terrible pain shortly afterward. Mr. Miller was seriously burned about the face, arms and body.

A. B. Croop will go into the county treasurer's office with a whoop. He has but one opponent, the Prohibition candidate, as the death of I. K. Laubach caused a vacancy on the Republican ticket which has not been filled. Vote for Croop.

Some idea of the number of peanuts eaten during the races at the fair this year, can be gathered from the fact that twenty bushels of shells were removed from the stand after the fair was over.

Alexander Billmeyer is a sure winner for the short term for Congress. Everybody knows him, and his genial disposition has made him friends everywhere. His election will be a well-deserved honor, for he has always been an unserving Democrat.

In a few weeks many homes will be ornamented with the flowers of sacred Chinese Lily bulbs. W. S. Rishon had one of his large windows full of the bulbs a couple of weeks ago, and sold hundreds of them. They are easily grown, and the flowers are beautiful, giving out a delightful fragrance.

Shirt Waists

There is a smartness about shirt waists this fall that has never been seen before. The

tailoring does it. Materials are different. They are heavier and so we sell Vestings, Cheviots, Linen Canvas, Etamine, Velvets and French Flannels, and they are cut with the bold lines of a tailored jacket. The box plaiting, the strapping and stitching, the buttons, all show the tailored effect that are so original and effective.

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