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A STRONG COMBINATION.

Mr. Berry announces that he has engaged Homer L. Castle as his special counsel in the campaign of investigation and preparation that he has undertaken preliminary to his assumption of the state treasurer-ship. This will meet with the approval of the people. Mr. Castle seems to know a great deal more about the inner workings of the state treasury than anyone else outside of the gang that controls it; and it was due largely to his exposure on the stump that the people of the state were aroused from the slumber into which they had fallen, and voted the corruption out of power. Mr. Castle failed to win his fight for a seat on the bench, as the Prohibition candidate; but he shared the honors of the election of Berry. He should be of incalculable assistance to the treasurer-elect. The two will make a combination that can be depended upon to delve deeply into the secrets of the gang.

Their efforts, it is understood, will be bent toward securing evidence that will convict the faithless officials who have so long fattened at the expense of the people. The gang cannot be expected to leave behind any trace of criminality that can be destroyed, and there has already been a great scurrying for cover; but Mr. Castle is quoted as saying that the efforts to cover up shady securities and get certain banks out of deep water in due time will not be successful in all cases. He predicts sensational developments within the next few weeks from the manipulation of state funds in some banks in western countries.

The complete verification that has followed Mr. Castle's predictions in the campaign just ended gives weight to his statements. The people will expect to see them realized; and it is to be hoped that they will be; the rascals should be punished; but if they escape the prison cells they deserve, great good will, nevertheless, have been accomplished in the restitution and reform wrung from the terror-stricken gang.—*Lancaster Intelligencer.*

Wanted, a Leader or Something Else

Our friends the enemy are likely to have an interesting scrimmage on their hands in the near future upon the question of the leadership of their scattered and demoralized forces. All sorts of conjectures are current respecting the matter and some of the gossip is characterized more by acerbity than amiability. Former Governor Stone, for example, remarked concerning the extra session that it "looks to me as if inspired by the leaders of the late State organization, who entertain the vain belief that by it they can regain the confidence of the Republican people of this state." Chairman Leslie, of the Allegheny county committee, has uttered a cry for Senator Knox to assume the leadership while others are calling for Don Cameron, Representative Olmstead and so on through a long list. The credulity of these politicians as revealed in these expressions of

hope and fear is most surprising. They appear to imagine, if they are sincere in what they say, that all that is necessary to restore the party to harmony and power is for one of the former leaders to blow a blast on a bugle and march forward at the head of a triumphal column. By common consent Penrose and his man Andrews are eliminated from the equation and it is assumed that they will accept the expatriation in the most cheerful manner. Pennypacker and Durham and all the legatees of Quay's political estate are expected to be squalidly submissive to the orders of the new and as yet unnamed boss. But these cheerful and convenient expectations are likely to be disappointed. And it is not certain that the new boss will be able to command a following at that.

Whether Governor Stone is correct in his estimate that the call for an extra session was inspired by Penrose and Durham or not, it is certain that Governor Pennypacker doesn't intend to relinquish his claims to consideration in the reorganization of the forces. In fact there are reasons to believe that the purpose of the Governor was not to rehabilitate the Penrose machine but to organize a machine of his own with himself as the central figure and attorney General Carson and Secretary of the Commonwealth McAfee as the satellites. Governor Stone is yearning for a return to power and wants to use Justice Elkin as a "jimmy" to pry open the door, and while it would be characteristic of his family for Don Cameron to return to the arena nobody need expect that the public is crying for him.

There is an important element, moreover, which all of these calculators appear to have overlooked. That is that political success isn't always dependent upon the leader. There must be a following as well as a leadership to win victory and at the present time the Republican party is about the most demoralized force that "ever came down the pike." No leader that has been named could command the fidelity of a tenth of the rank and file and most of them would simply organize an internecine war that would guarantee defeat. Stone is ready to plunge a butcherknife into Pennypacker and Pennypacker would promptly caress Cameron with a battle ax, while each of the others is anxious to use a club in all directions. In fact it's something else than a leader the Republican party wants.—*Bellefonte Watchman.*

Bridge Contract Let

The Commissioners last Friday let the contract for a bridge over Roaringcreek in Franklin township near Parr's mill. It will be a low truss bridge 68 feet long. Charles Reimard got the contract for \$1125, the masonry at \$4.85 per cubic yard, and 75 cents per cubic yard for excavating.

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KNOX AS LEADER

The Philadelphia Record says: As a result of the great political revolution in Pennsylvania there is a manifest tendency of the Republicans to put themselves under the leadership of Senator Knox, whose qualifications for the position may not be doubted. In the eagerness of the dejected Machine Republicans to escape from the fallen edifice of corrupt power they will be glad enough to substitute him for Senator Penrose, notwithstanding his refusal to lend them his countenance in their recent Philadelphia struggle for existence. At the same time they are inspired by the hope that he may lead the revolted Republicans back into their camp and restore them to full enjoyment of the spoils of the Commonwealth.

On the other hand, there are many well-meaning Anti-Machine Republicans who in their admiration of the character and the abilities of Senator Knox look to him as the promised leader of the united party. If he gave the Machine candidate for state treasurer a reluctant and half-faced support he at least would not taint his garments by touch with the banditti in Philadelphia. Thus he stood half-way between the Machine and its enemies. Not to speak with too much familiarity of the attitude of our distinguished senator, one leg was in the camp of the state Machine while the other dangled from the fence.

Such was the position of Senator Knox on the night when the lightning flashed the triumph of the Lincoln Republicans of Pennsylvania without any encouragement or sympathy from him. An essential condition of his future leadership, therefore is that he shall frankly and fully support the Lincoln Republicans in their purpose to nominate and elect an Anti-Machine Republican for next governor and an Anti-Machine legislature in order to secure the fruits of victory in both city and state. This supremacy the Lincoln Republicans have earned by their success as well as by their courage and public spirit, and they recognize that any compromise with the enemy would be fatal to their cause.

It is with the Lincoln Republicans that Senator Knox must reckon first, last and all the time, as the unqualified condition of his political leadership. They are the masters of the situation, and they are neither to be enticed or driven from the ground they have gained.

The Future of the Lincoln Party

Our perspicacious as well as hopeful friend Thomas V. Cooper readily perceives that the Organization conducted by Senator Penrose is so thoroughly broken and destroyed that there is no possibility of reuniting its disjecta membra. But there is some confusion of ideas in his predictions as to the near future. He says that while the Lincoln Party may keep up its organization, "the people who voted its ticket will have no reason for opposing the regular Republican ticket at the next election."

In the downfall of the Machine the Lincoln Party has become the regular Republican organization in the state. If true to itself it will make the next Republican nominations for Governor and other state offices as well as for members of Congress and the State Legislature.

Of course, if the Lincoln Party should give up its mastery of the situation and retire from the field the alternative would be a new Republican organization controlled by the worst elements of the late Machine. In such case the predictions of Mr. Cooper as to the "regularity" of the next state nominations may be readily verified. But the vigor and aggressive attitude of the Lincoln Party warrants the opinion that of this result there is little danger. It would be only a reactionary exchange of a bad old Machine for a bad new Machine. Philadelphia Record.

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IF REAPPORTIONED

We Will Lose One Member.

In the case of the reapportionment of the State, it is expected that there will be some bitter fights. Members whose county would lose one or more representatives, or whose district will be deprived of a Senator, will oppose reapportionment.

Allegheny will make heavy gains at the expense of other counties. The representative apportionment bill of the last session increased the number of representatives to 207, three more than the present number.

If this bill should be introduced and pass, the following counties will gain one member each: Blair, Clearfield, Fayette, Jefferson, Northumberland, and Westmoreland, Lackawanna and Luzerne would gain two members each.

The counties which would lose a member each are: Adams, Bedford, Bradford, Bucks, Center, Chester, Clarion, Columbia, Crawford, Huntingdon, Indiana, Lancaster, Lycoming, Mercer, Montgomery, Schuylkill, Susquehanna and Wayne.

In the Senate reapportionment Lancaster and Schuylkill which have two Senators, would be reduced to one Senator each. Delaware, Chester, Bucks, Lehigh, Northampton, Lebanon and Erie have each a Senator, but under the reapportionment they are not entitled to classification as separate districts.

Money Mailed Does Not Constitute Payment

The Superior Court at Philadelphia on Monday decided that the placing in a postoffice of a letter containing an assessment of a fraternal society does not constitute a payment of the assessment, and that the money failing to reach the society within the time set for the payment of such assessment, the member can be expelled and in case of death cannot recover death benefits.

The case decided was that of Diana Beaman vs the Shield of Honor, and the Philadelphia court, which rendered the verdict against the society, is reversed.

An assessment was called by the Shield of Honor to be paid on or before March 30. The husband of Mrs. Beaman placed his assessment in a letter and deposited it in the postoffice on that day. The assessment failing to reach the Shield of Honor meeting that night Beaman was suspended. He died soon afterwards. The Superior Court said:

The law of the order states that payment must be made on or before March 30, and we are of the opinion that depositing it in the postoffice on that day was not a payment to the society.

New Appendicitis Remedy.

Persons, who have dread of the surgeon's knife, will rejoice to learn that a new cure has been discovered by means of which that most erratic appendage of the human organism may be made to be good without being removed by an operation. The new remedy is a silver solution which its discoverer, a German physician, claims will cure appendicitis in a short time. Those, who have not yet had this disease, will live in hope that when they are attacked the German remedy may have become well known to their family physicians.

So long as no positive cure for appendicitis was known the surgeon's knife was the only resort for the sufferer from the disease. There were those who contended that many unnecessary operations were performed, but the victim himself preferred the knife to almost certain death. If this silver solution, known as "collangol" shall work the wonders claimed for it and if it shall be introduced in this country—which is most probable—appendicitis will be robbed of much of the terror which now prevails among those who anticipate an attack of the disease.

Food Stuffs Improved

The state Dairy and Food department reports that the quality of all mercantile goods, canned, preserved and fluid, has greatly improved above the average of a few years ago when the department first began its crusade.



Thanksgiving Time Means Overcoat Time.

The colder weather is here—or going to be any day. If you have't selected your Fall or Winter Overcoat yet it's high time you should else you'll be caught some nipping night.

We want you to look at these Overcoats of ours. Paddocks, Chesterfields and Long Belt Coats. A full line of Rain Coats from \$10 to \$30.

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