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The Democratic party of Pennsylvania appears to be determined to deserve victory this year, in any event. When the State Convention nominated John G. Harman for State Treasurer the universal comment was that the best possible result had been achieved. A fitter candidate could not have been found in the broad commonwealth. In selecting a State Chairman to manage the campaign equal wisdom has been revealed. State Senator George M. Dimeling is gifted with all the elements which command success. He is able, courageous, energetic and honest. What else could be desired?

Chairman Dimeling has had an unique political career. He is one of those sturdy sons of the mountains who has contributed so largely to the honor and prosperity of the State. It is the air, some say, which makes the sons of that section as rugged as the vast hills about them and as broadminded as the fertile valleys at their feet. This particular specimen of that splendid citizenship was elected County Treasurer of Clearfield county soon after he had attained the constitutional age. Since that he has taken an active interest in public affairs. He was Chairman of the County Committee when Judge Smith was elected.

That was a remarkable contest. The sitting Judge was the opposing candidate and he employed all the resources of his office to compass his re-election. Very few even indulged the hope of defeating him. But Dimeling was confident. He invested all his energy in the contest and won by an overwhelming majority. He had an excellent candidate, of course, for Judge Smith was among the most capable and popular members of the bar. But he had a vast majority to overcome and the task was Herculean. The magnificent majority for the candidate of his party is the substantial evidence of Senator Dimeling's managerial ability.

DIMELING'S GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT.

Senator Dimeling's greatest achievement in political management, however, was in the contest for his own election to the State Senate. He didn't strive more earnestly or labor more assiduously than in the other contest, but he had a larger area to cover and a more difficult force to manage. But he succeeded quite as completely and it is safe to say that the rudest shock which the Republican machine received from the returns of the election of last fall was the election of Dimeling. That district had been represented by Republicans for some time and was regarded as safe. But the result showed differently.

Soon after he took his seat in the Senate Mr. Dimeling attracted the attention of his Democratic colleagues by his safety and sanity. His judgment was ripe, his counsel wise and his courage sublime. Senator J. K. P. Hall, the party leader in the Senate, who takes delight in presenting opportunities to those who are capable, gave the new Senator the chance and he so completely fulfilled the best expectations that at the close of the session he was nominated as the party candidate for President pro tem., an honor rarely conferred on a Senator so new in the service. In the case in point it was earned, however.

Senator Dimeling was reluctant to accept the office of Chairman of the State Committee. He is a man of large business interests and felt that the time necessary to the prop-

Two Large Stones Passed From Bladder.



John Johnston, of 216 E. 3d St., Philadelphia, N. J., who for over 14 years has been tax collector of that city, writes: "About three years ago I began to suffer with dreadful pains in my kidneys. I was also at times very bilious, but my most serious trouble was with my water. Sometimes I could hardly pass it, and when I did it was attended with most excruciating pains. Nothing helped me and I began to despair. I decided to try

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er performance of the duties of the office could be given by him only at great sacrifice. It was pointed out to him, however, that the interests of the people of the State would be gravely menaced by a restoration of the machine to complete control in Harrisburg. The presence of a representative of the minority party in the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings and the other boards which conduct the fiscal affairs of the commonwealth had exposed, and for a time stopped, the graft and corruption on "The Hill," but that the election of a Republican to the office this year would necessarily restore the old condition of affairs. Therefore he determined to make the sacrifice and accept the office. That the election of John G. Harman will be the result is absolutely certain.

JUDGE DONNELLY'S INTERESTING SPEECH.

The session of the Democratic State Committee at which Senator Dimeling was elected was replete with interest. In the first place the extraordinary attendance attracted universal notice. In the intense heat of mid-summer politics gets little attention, as a rule, and a State Committee meeting on the 17th of July with only two seats unoccupied was a novelty. The manifest confidence and enthusiasm was auspicious, moreover, for it revealed an earnestness in the work of the campaign which will command victory. There was complete harmony of purpose, also, and such a condition is certain to produce victory.

The feature of the meeting, however, was the address of the retiring Chairman, Hon. Charles P. Donnelly. One who has closely watched and actively participated in the proceedings of Democratic Conventions and Committee meet-

ings for years once said to me that "the only way to defeat Donnelly in a parliamentary body was to take the vote before he has had a chance to speak." What he meant was that the Philadelphia leader is so persuasive and forceful when he speaks that he invariably carries the convention with him. He was never more eloquent and I doubt if he was ever as effective as on the occasion in question.

He wasn't talking for himself last Wednesday. If he had said the word he would have been rejected quite as unanimously as Dimeling was chosen and no man would have more cordially endorsed the action than his successor. He was speaking for John G. Harman, the candidate, Senator Dimeling, his successor, the Democratic party of Pennsylvania and the people. He was urging the members of the committee to the full measure of their duty and admonishing them against the danger of lethargy and indifference and he spoke with an intense earnestness and the sublime eloquence which aroused the greatest enthusiasm.

Ex-Chairman Donnelly has been a "wheel-horse" of Democracy for many years and has served the party with rare fidelity and ability. He has uncomplainingly borne censure always bitter and mostly unjust, for the faults of others, and he has unselfishly given his time, energy and talents for the party. Such a man deserves the compliments that have been bestowed upon him. In relinquishing the distinction of a reelection to the Chairmanship, he was simply obeying an impulse which led him to the belief that he could serve the party better in a less conspicuous station.

CAMPAIGN PLANS NOT DISCLOSED.

At the meeting of the State Committee held last week the plans of the campaign were neither discussed nor indicated. Mr. Brennan, of Pittsburg, proposed that on a certain day in August meetings be held in all the important centres of population in the State, simultaneously, at which speakers shall address the people on the text, "Thou Shalt Not Steal." That is the real issue of the campaign and it should be sounded so that every ear in the commonwealth will hear it. The suggestion met with much favor and may be put in practice. It is novel and would probably be effec-

tive. If the people get to know the truth there can be no doubt of the result of the election. The average citizen wants honest government for his interests are impaired in proportion to the corruption of administration. During the last four years \$9,000,000 have been abstracted from the Treasury of the State and squandered in unearned bounties to favorites of the machine. That represents earnings of the people unjustly taken from them by sinister processes for evil purposes. If it had been left in the possession of those who earned it, their resources would have been increased or their comforts multiplied.

The issue of the present campaign is to determine whether the corruption shall be resumed or the earnings of the people, other than a sufficient sum to economically administer the government, left to the disposal of those who earn. There is nothing else to be considered. The result of the election will have no influence on the politics of the people. Pennsylvania will be Republican whether Harman or Sheatz is elected Treasurer. But if Harman is elected there will be no graft in the administration of the affairs of the State and the wages of the industrious will be left to their own uses. G. D. H.

Hunt for a Hangman.

The British army was once in difficulties through the lack of a hangman. Murder was committed by a soldier in the Crimea, but nobody could be found to carry out the sentence of the court-martial.

It was announced that £20 and a free discharge would be granted to the man undertaking the task. At last a man did volunteer. He was a newcomer to the army.

On the night prior to the date fixed for the execution they locked up the hangman in a stable to keep him safe. In the morning the party at the gallows waited, but there was no hangman. He had gone mad during the night, or else he was now standing mad.

The officer in command turned to one of his Captains with: "Captain, you will have the goodness to hang the prisoner!" The Captain changed countenance, but he pulled himself together, and appealed to the sergeants with: "Which of you will hang this man?"

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