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State Dairy Union Indorses Governor Stone's Crusade Against Oleo.

BITTER PARTISANS ARE REBUKED

Insurgent Corruption Fund the Last Hope of the Opponents of the Re-election of Colonel M. S. Quay to the United States Senate.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—A complete and emphatic rebuke was administered to the insurgents and their newspaper combine by the state convention of the Pennsylvania State Dairy union assembled at Corry, Pa., last week. The administration of Governor Stone has been the subject of malicious attacks by men and newspapers seeking to tear down the Republican organization for their selfish purposes. Every farmer and dairyman in Pennsylvania knows that under Governor Stone's administration the illicit traffic in oleo has been the subject of a determined crusade. Many arrests have been made and convictions in court have followed. Despite these facts a small coterie of men identified with the state grange, who are engaged in factional politics, most of them being Democrats, have sought to misrepresent the state administration.

The Pennsylvania State Dairy union is composed of men who do not allow politics to interfere with their ideas of fairness and honor. At their convention at Corry these resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the Pennsylvania State Dairy union heartily indorses the efforts of the dairy and food commissioner to enforce the laws of Pennsylvania in relation to the illegal sale of oleomargarine;

"Whereas, We recognize the inadequacy of the penal provisions of the present oleomargarine law, to secure proper enforcement of the same,

"Resolved, That we instruct the executive committee of this organization to confer with the secretary of agriculture for the recommendation of such additional legislation as shall enable the pure food commissioner to effectively enforce the laws in relation to the sale of oleomargarine."

The above resolutions were presented by the board of managers of the Dairy union, with their unanimous recommendation, after having made full investigation into the work of the dairy and food division of the department of agriculture during the year. A full and detailed statement was made by Secretary Hamilton, of the department of agriculture, before the general meeting of the Dairy union, after which the resolutions were adopted without a dissenting voice.

This indorsement of the work of the agricultural department during the past year, in its efforts to suppress the oleomargarine trade, comes with special force, since the Dairy union not only represents the entire dairy industry of Pennsylvania, but also because the present law was framed by them, and it was through their efforts that it was passed by the legislature of 1899.

The statement of Secretary Hamilton, showing what has been done and the difficulties that lie in the way of the proper enforcement of the law, convinced the entire membership of the Dairy union that the present law was defective in several important respects, and that the department of agriculture had done all that was possible, under existing conditions, to enforce it.

Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton recommended that the law be modified so as to permit the agents of the department to enter places of business, make inspection of their stock, and if goods are found which are suspected of being adulterated the agent shall have power to demand samples for analysis. This amendment to the present law will greatly simplify its work and make it possible for the department to enforce its provisions, without having to subject its agents to the humiliation of disguising themselves and resorting to questionable methods in order to secure samples of suspected goods.

The executive committee of the Dairy union were instructed to confer with the secretary of agriculture, with a view of preparing a bill that will remedy the defects of the present law, for submission to the legislature at its coming session.

INSURGENT CORRUPTION FUND. The outcome of the canvass for the election of a United States senator is attracting widespread attention. While those familiar with the inside workings are satisfied there is no doubt about the re-election of Col. Quay, the insurgents are working night and day to keep him from getting enough votes to elect, and thus throw the legislature into another deadlock.

The money resources of the insurgents seem to be still plentiful, judging from the character of the campaign they are still carrying on throughout the state. Agents are on the go constantly, working upon doubtful members, and particularly seeking to get Democrats to sign papers pledging themselves to act with the insurgents in the organization of the house. These men are not to be regarded as working for nothing, nor is it to be assumed by any practical politician that they have no hope of large rewards in the event of their "landing" one or more Democratic members. What inducement they are offering, if any, has yet to be revealed, but it is more than probable that the methods of these emissaries will sooner or later become the subject of public scandal, and that those who play with fire are apt to be severely burnt before they are through with their nefarious work.

To cover up their tracks the insurgents are putting out through their newspapers the same old stories that were retailed by them during the deadlock of the last session, that the friends

of Col. Quay hope to get Democratic votes through the use of money.

The same methods of intimidation and blackmail are being employed to drive Democrats into the Flinn insurgent pen and afterward lead them as so many sheep in any direction that Flinn and Martin may determine.

IGNORING GUFFEY.

Through promise or expectation of getting place in the event of Bryan's election, not a few Democrats implicitly obeyed Guffey in the last combination which the Democrats made with the insurgents. Guffey has now nothing in the way of patronage to hold up for the Democratic members. They are all in a position to think and act for themselves, and they are evidently going to do that very thing.

Many of them have legislation needed by their respective localities, which they want to have passed at this session of the legislature, and they recognize the fact that in order to get the votes to pass their bills they must act judiciously, and not blindly follow the directions of Col. Guffey or any one else.

The regular Republicans will unquestionably control the appointments of the committees of both the senate and the house, and the Democrats who want to be potential in this session of the general assembly will not necessarily antagonize the men who can help them to get through what legislation they may desire for their respective districts or constituencies.

For these and other reasons Guffey finds it impossible to get the names of many Democrats to any pledge to act with the insurgents.

The belief that Col. Quay will be elected upon the first ballot is growing among members of the legislature who have heretofore been in doubt, and with this feeling abroad the insurgents and their Democratic allies will soon find that they will cut a very small figure at Harrisburg this winter.

Sympathy Not What Was Wanted.

A native of the mountain district of Kentucky had occasion to go on a journey recently and before starting took out an accident policy. He chanced to be one of the victims of a railway collision, and the next morning his widow, armed with a newspaper report, in which his name was mentioned among the killed, called on the agent of the insurance company and demanded the money.

"But, madam," said the agent, "we will have to have more definite proof before we can pay your claim."

"More proof?" exclaimed the bereaved woman. "Why, he's dead 'rn a doornail, I reckon."

"Possibly, my dear madam," answered the polite agent, "and I'm very sorry."

"Sorry! You are sorry, are you?"

"I certainly am, madam. I sincerely sympathize with you in your sad affliction."

"But hain't you goin to give me the money what's comin to me?"

"Not today. Your claim will have to be investigated first."

"That's just like a good fer nothin man," angrily retorted the bereaved woman. "You all are mighty perlit 'bout things so long as they hain't costin you nothin, but the mimet a poor, lone female does git a chance to git holt of a leetle spendin money you got the gall to say you're sorry."

And the indignant female slammed the door.—Chicago News.

Her Knowledge of Chinese.

A young woman at a watering place one summer made a reputation as a profound linguist in a rather odd manner. She called one day at a Chinese laundry where she had left a shirt waist, but it could not be found, as there was no entry in the book of hieroglyphs corresponding to her pink slip. After a half hour's search the Chinaman found the entry. A mistake had been made, so the entry was crossed out and a new set of hieroglyphs in tiny characters placed below. She was told that the waist would be laundered immediately, and she could get it the next day.

The next day the young woman called for it, accompanied by three other young women. At the seashore the excitement of a visit to the Chinese laundry is not to be despised. The Chinaman to whom the pink slip was presented was not the laundryman of the day before, and he experienced the same difficulty in finding the identifying character, finally saying, "Not in book."

The girl answered calmly, "I can find it," and the Chinaman allowed her to take the book. Turning the leaves until she came to one that had an entry crossed out with another in tiny characters under it, she handed it to the Chinaman. "There it is," and, to his surprise, he found it.

"You only lady I know spik Chinese," he said. And the other girls looked upon her with admiration.—Kansas City World.

A Parson's Pun.

A writer in The Cornhill Magazine credits the late Canon Bingham with the following bit of wit:

He was driving one day with other clergy to a clerical meeting, when the conversation turned upon the meaning of the two places they were nearing, Wool and Wareham, in the county of Dorset.

"How do you account for the origin of these names, Canon Bingham?" asked one of the party.

"Don't you know this is a sheep county," replied the canon, "and at Wool you wool the sheep and at Wareham you wear 'em?"

Not Sensitive.

Sophy (who accepted Mr. Charles Fleetwood the night before)—Does Mr. Fleetwood strike you as being a sensitive man, Pauline?

Pauline (who doesn't know of the engagement)—Gracious, no! A man who has been rejected by 14 girls within six months and gets fat on it cannot be sensitive. Why, Sophy, what's the matter?

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