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REFORM IDOLS SMASHED

Sensational Outcome of the Breach Between Weaver and Wanamaker Interests.

"NEW MACHINE" THE WORK?

Charges of Bribery and Other Damaging Revelations Play Havoc In the Quaker City.

[Special Correspondence.]

Philadelphia, Sept. 25. Mayor Weaver's break with the Wanamaker-Van Valkenburg-Gordon political combination will have far-reaching influence upon both local and state

It was the power of the city administration of Philadelphia which gave the Wanamakers, Van Valkenburgs and the Gordons a political following in last campaign. With the Mack combine of ward leaders working in harmony, they had a political machine which drew thousands of votes from the Re-blican state and local tickets in November last. Without this antagonistic influence

there is no doubt that Mr. Plummer would have been elected state treasurer, and the Republican ticket in Philedalphia would have been success-

Working with the Wanamaker newspaper combination against the Republican ticket last fall were the politicians who trained with the city administration, the ward leaders seeking patronage, the contractors desiring to "line up with the powers that be," and even the denizens of the tenderloin, always anxious to stand in with the police, shouted loudly for "reform" throughout that campaign.

The City Party was successful, and

enough votes were thrown to Berry the Democratic-Lincolnite nominee for state treasurer, to elect him also.

Then followed a series of plotting and scheming by the ambitious "re-formers" eager to take advantage of the situation for their own selfish interests. There were nearly as many candidates for office as there were committeemen in every ward of Philadelphia. Throughout the state men who were active in the counties in the Lincoln Party aggregation began to nunt

for the loaves and fishes.

The Wanamaker lieutenants in the insurgent movement against the late Senator Quay were among the most conspicuous of those who immediately

demanded recognition.

Promises made to Mayor Weaver and his friends were forgotten, and the old Wanamaker outfit proceeded to set up in business upon its own account.

Combine of Newspapers and Millions. It was figured out that with the Wanamaker newspapers and the Emery millions, the logical thing to do was to name Emery for governor. To do this the Wanamaker political managers had to first bowl out Mayor Weaver as a gubernatorial possibility.
They proceeded to set up the Lincoln Party state convention for Emery, and succeeded in landing him upon the succeeded in faithful and a Wana-maker supporter in the old senatorial fight for a place upon the proposed fu-sion ticket, E. A. Coray, of Luzerne, but they were unable to carry out their

rogram.
While the Democratic leaders assented to the deal, the delegates to the Democratic state convention broke the slate and put John J. Green, a Bryanite Democrat of this city, on the ticket secretary of internal affairs. This resulted in the fusion ticket having three Bryanite Democrats running on it

with Emery for governor.

Mayor Weaver' friends branded the
Van Valkenburg-Gordon combine as a
band of political traitors, after the Emery game was pulled off. The breech between the mayor and the Wanamaker interests widened day by day, until D. Clarence Gibboney was trotted out by the Wanamakerites as a candidate for the City Party nomination for district attorney against Mayor Weaver's personal friend, Frederick J. Shoyer, who had resigned the \$10,000 a year office of director of supplies under the Weaver administration, to make a canvass for the district attorneyship.

Soon the lines were sharply drawn between the Gibboney men and the Shoyerites

What Weaver Discovered.

All of the Wanamaker newspapers turned in for Gibboney, and their news columns and editorial pages were filled with eulogistic matter designed to promote the Gibboney candidacy. The same newspapers were employed to attack or belittle the mayor and Shoyer. These were the same journals which a few months before had been exploiting Mayor Weaver's administration and praising the mayor and his work without stint.

The mayor soon found that a num ber of the most influential men in his cabinet were setting up their own political fences regardless of his wishes or his personal interests. Some of them were accused of using the patroname and power of his administration secretly to build up a Van Valkenburg political machine to promote the cause of Gibboney and destroy the chances of Shoyer getting the nomination for district attorney. These officials of the Weaver administration, like certain leaders of the City Party, seem to have concluded that the support of the Wanamaker newspapers, or at least their friendship, was more desirable for them to have than the good will of

There was a desperate battle between the Gibboney men, backed by the Wanamaker newspapers, the Van Valenburg Beutenants in the City Party, no Gordonites and what is left of the

ald Mack combine and the Shover campaigners, many of them young members of the bar or churchmen with whom Mr. Shoyer has been associated for years in church work, and the friends of Mayor Weaver, both in and out of his administration.

Upon the face of the returns of the City Party primaries, Shoyer had a majority of nearly 100 delegates, The Van Valkenburg men had the machinery of the City Party city committee. They named the chairman of the convention, and got control of the committee on contested delegates.

So confident was he of winning that Shoyer was present in the convention hall with his wife prepared to accept the congratulations of his friends when he would be nominated.

The Mayor Charges Bribery. The Gibboney men were sparring for

They rushed through a resolution for the convention to take a recess, and when the convention reassembled, after much disorder, Mr. Gibboney was declared the nominee by a majority of 29 votes in a total poll of 1072. A change of 15 votes upon this return would have made Shoyer the nominee

The Shoyer men at once insisted that they had been robbed of victory.

Mayor Weaver was one of the most

pronounced in denouncing the men responsible, and repudiating the tactics by which his friend Shoyer was de-

In a public statement he said:, "The methods of that convention were worse than any convention of the old corrupt gang. I think a machine which is protected by newspapers is far more dangerous than the most corrupt organization with newspapers against it. want to say most emphatically

that I am as much opposed to a corrupt machine in its incipiency as I am to one that has grown gray with age. It seems that notwithstanding the fight I made for 18 months against a machine that a more powerful one had

arisen, Phoenix-like, from its ashe "I believe the recess of the City Party convention was forced and that during that recess the work of changing delegates was done by means of bribery. Before that time Mr. Shoyer had a majority of the delethat nomination without question had the convention been continued in ses

"Months ago I pointed out the danger that might follow when if one political machine were destroyed a new and more powerful one might

"Whether this has come to pass I cannot say. I sometimes wonder whether there is more danger in being surrounded by corrupt advisers than by ambitious ones.'

When Mayor Weaver was challeng ed to prove his charges that bribery was employed to influence the nomination of the convention for Gib bony he promptly accepted the challenge and immediately submitted the affidavits of a number of delegates who admitted they had been approached and he personally appeared before an investigation committee to press his case.

The scandal which followed was a great disappointment to sincere re-formers who were not familiar with the character of some of the men who have taken hold of the City Party machinery in some of the wards of the

Emery Boomers Chagrined. Mayor Weaver followed up his in erview by demanding the resignations of members of his cabinet, with an announcement that hereafter he proposes to have none but those who shall be directly interested in the success of his administration in his cabinet.

There is no doubt that the upheaval has had a serious effect upon the plans of the managers of the Emery movement and the campaign against the local Republican ticket.

The Lincolnite forces and the City Party leaders are demoralized. Without the active support of the

city administration, the rank and file of their organizations will disinte-There are nearly 10,000 city em-

ployes, and the employes of city con-tractors and others identified with the administration will foot up 10,000 With the mayor and his cabinet

working in harmony with the Lincoln Party aggregation last fall fully 15,000 of these men voted for the Lincoln Party ticket and they influenced many thousands more to vote the same way

Not only has the break between the mayor and the Wanamaker newspa pers and allied political interests dis couraged the Lincoln Party and City Party leaders, but thousands of voters not identified with any political or ganization have discovered the hypoc risy and sham of the whole Emery movement in this city and will be found supporting the full Republican ticket in November.

A Combine Without a Following. Not a few of the politicians in the interior of the state were induced to co-operate with the Lincoln party in the belief that the Van Valkenburg combination in Philadelphia was going to build up a political organization with the patronage of the Weav er administration.

With Weaver and the great army of Philadelphia officeholders cut loose from the Wanamaker-Van Valkenbudg-Gordon interests, the latter have little left but the newspapers, with which they have for years been fighting Re publican candidates.

There is evidence on every hand that former City Party men and former Lincolnites are going to support Edwin S. Stuart and all of his colleagues on the Republican ticket.

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