

Issue at the Primary

The battle at the coming primary election for the nomination of Democratic candidates for State officers, a United States Senator, Representatives in Congress and Senators and Representatives in the State Legislature, is not to be so far as the progressive Democrats are concerned, a fight to promote the personal ambition of any man or men. It is on their side a contest for principle—the same sentiment that crystallized in the winter of 1910-11 in the movement for the overthrow of the corrupt, selfish leadership that had been for years in control of the Democratic State organization and had used that control as a trading post with the Penrose machine. The movement started then has been a succession of splendid victories, by the rank and file of the State, for decent politics and clean, Democratic government. It swept the State when the Democratic voters had an opportunity to express their preferences at the primary election in the spring of 1913. It carried every thing before it at the Democratic State Convention that Spring and led up to and clinched the nomination of Woodrow Wilson for President of the United States at the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore.

The men who are opposing the progressive, sincere Wilson Democrats now, are the same men who opposed the reorganization movement then and always since then and who were overwhelmed in their schemes to keep the old bi-partisan machine in power.

The issue this year was made in an interview carefully prepared by Eugene C. Bonniwell, published in the Philadelphia Public Ledger on Friday, November 14 last, when he formally announced the candidacy of Michael J. Ryan for Governor and in the same interview viciously and untruthfully denounced the present organization of the party in the State, and the determination to overthrow it. He has since followed up that declaration in speeches and interviews reiterating the same untruths and the same purpose to undo all the work of reorganization and purification that has been accomplished during the last three years.

And Mr. Ryan from first to last has never repudiated Bonniwell's utterances. These facts makes the issue at the primary this year.

Familiar with and perfectly confident of the Democratic sentiment of the State, those at State headquarters and in every county who helped to guide the movement for the regeneration of the party machinery and to end forever the dickerings of the bi-partisan machine, cheerfully submit the issue to the voters of the party.

MCCORMICK FOR GOVERNOR.

Conference at the White House Decides that Palmer Shall be Candidate for U. S. Senator and McCormick for Governor.

After last week's issue of the Centre Reporter had gone to press, a night letter over the Western Union was received from Kenneth M. Pray, manager of the Department of publicity of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, giving in substance the following:

After several conferences with President Wilson at the White House, it was announced that Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer would be a candidate for United States Senator and Vance C. McCormick of Harrisburg a candidate for Governor at the Democratic primaries in Pennsylvania.

In a statement issued by Congressman Palmer it is evident the President has a deep interest in the contest in the Keystone State where the forces who have battled triumphantly for a clean Democracy, free of bi-partisan taint, are being opposed by the "Old Guard" in new costumes.

Congressman Palmer in his statement says that he bowed to the President's wishes in announcing his candidacy after learning that the President was unwilling to part with the services of William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor, who had been urged to stand as a senatorial candidate with Mr. Palmer as a candidate for governor.

Prominent Democrats of Pennsylvania who were in conference here were guided by White House counsels. As a result there is little difference of opinion among Keystone State members, Republicans and Democrats, that Mr. Palmer will be unopposed at the primaries and that opposition to these developments will be slow in showing itself.

As Mr. Palmer announces the issues will be just as clean cut as though he were the candidate for Governor. This was also indicated in a statement issued at Harrisburg by Mr. McCormick in which the issues between clean and bi-partisan Democracy were strongly emphasized.

Congressman Palmer's statement, summing up the situation follows:

"I had been expected to be a candidate for governorship and so announced to many of my friends. We had hoped that Secretary Wilson would be a candidate for Senator but, having sought the President's counsel, we find that he is averse to Mr. Wilson's leaving the cabinet. It is the President's judgement that I should make the race for Senator

and I have decided to do so.

"In the gubernatorial contest, the line will be drawn just as effectively as if I were a candidate, for I understand that Vance C. McCormick of Harrisburg, who from the beginning has been a leader in our movement in Pennsylvania, will be a candidate for governor."

The Associated Press in its dispatch from Washington says:

"Democratic leaders here were confident that Mr. Palmer would be nominated, it was said as the Democratic candidate he would have the support of President Wilson and the administration behind him."

OPPOSITIONS FUTURE.

Opinion expressed by those friendly with the purposes of the leaders promoting the candidacy of City Solicitor Ryan of Philadelphia is that the Old Guard, will not place a candidate in the field against Mr. Palmer. They say to do so would be to attack the Administration as it is apparent that President Wilson to some degree effected the ticket. At least, he approved it when it had been submitted to him.

President Wilson, insisted that a vigorous supporter of his administration, such as Mr. Palmer, should lead the Pennsylvania fight to succeed Senator Penrose. The suggestion of the President that Mr. Palmer should become the senatorial candidate was made known as the first conference held with President Wilson at noon and participated in by Secretary Wilson, Mr. Palmer, Assistant Postmaster General Blakslee, Roland S. Morris, and Vance C. McCormick.

Following the conference at the White House, the same men continued their deliberations at the Hotel Shoreman. This resulted in the agreement on the announced ticket although it was only after great reluctance that Mr. McCormick consented to seek the gubernatorial nomination.

PRESIDENT'S ESTIMATE.

In the hours' conference, President Wilson frequently interrupted his visitors to say that the candidate for the Senate should be a man who had experience in national life and one who was loyal to the policies of the Administration. He at once urged Mr. Palmer that he should be a candidate for the senate rather than governor.

When the situation had been fully discussed and its effect upon the national administration set forth, the visitors left the President and finally agreed at the conference in the Hotel Shoreman on the ticket announced late tonight. Mr. Palmer and State Chair-

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President Wilson's Views.

The following dispatch was sent out by the Associated Press from Washington:

"President Wilson made it clear that he approved thoroughly the candidacy of Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, for the United States Senate, and that of Vance McCormick for Governor. He let it be known that he had not selected any ticket, but that he thoroughly believed in the men whom the State leaders had chosen."

CABINET MEMBERS WILL AID REORGANIZERS.

President Wilson Fully Understands Political Conditions in Pennsylvania, and He and Cabinet Officers Will Come into State to Aid Reorganizers.

The following despatch was sent out from Washington:

President Wilson's strong personality attached to the candidacies of Congressman Palmer for the United States Senate and Vance C. McCormick of Harrisburg for Governor in the Democratic primaries in Pennsylvania has given the political affairs of the Keystone State a leading part in the hotel and Capitol corridor discussions.

President Wilson let it be known that he favored both candidates, who were announced only after conferences with the White House. Members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation regardless of party look upon the candidacies as the strongest that the party could put forward and almost certain to be nominated.

WILSON AND BRYAN TO COME.

On top of this, it was announced that William B. Wilson, Secretary of Labor, whom the President desired to remain in the cabinet, William Jennings Bryan, Secretary of State, and Assistant Secretary of Labor Post, will come to Pennsylvania to speak in behalf of the reorganizers' ticket and to resist the subtle efforts of the Old Guard to scamper back into power through new disguises.

It is unquestionably true that the administration here is familiar with the vital issues at stake in Pennsylvania. It is realized that the bi-partisan alliance routed two years ago by the party reorganization movement, is solidly back of the candidacy of City Solicitor Ryan. This support includes Donnelly and Guffy and Brennan and the other members of the old crowd. It is realized here that the Penrose managers are intensely interested in the Ryan candidacy only to hamper the work of the redemption of the party and to let Penrose slip through.

Fattening Kills Two Yearling Calves.

A steer being fattened by Charles Stoner at Tusseyville, a few nights ago, slipped its chain and gored to death two yearling calves, and almost killed a third young animal. The steer was tied in a stable with a number of young cattle, and had shown no previous bad disposition.

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man Morris returned to the White House and told the President the agreement that had been reached.

It was declared that the President expressed great satisfaction with the decision of Mr. Palmer to combat Senator Penrose.

Mr. Palmer saw the reporters at his office and there issued his formal statement and commented upon the issues in the Pennsylvania fight.

"Will you make your issue on the tariff?" he was asked.

SENATORIAL ISSUE.

The issue will be what President Wilson has done for the country and what Mr. Penrose has done to it, he replied.

The fight which the reorganizers made against the Old Guard will be continued in a clean-cut way. Mr. McCormick has been ever to the front in fighting for good government and for the redemption of the state from its long era of corruption and incompetency.

Do you regard Mr. Ryan as the candidate of the Old Guard? he was asked.

He undoubtedly represents that faction. His candidacy was announced by Mr. Bonniwell, of that faction, who in a statement said the fight would be made to overthrow the reorganizers. Therefore, Mr. Ryan must be classed as of the Old Guard and is being supported by them.

WILSON EULOGIZES BRYAN. President Writes—Unusually Outspoken Letter to Baltimore Inquirer.

President Woodrow Wilson, in a letter to William L. Marbury of Washington, D. C., which was published in the Baltimore Sun says:

"With regard to the question of canal tolls, my opinion is very clear. The exemption constitutes a very mistaken policy from every point of view. It is economically unjust; as a matter of fact, it benefits for the present, at any rate, only a monopoly and it seems to me in clear violation of the terms of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. There is of course, much honest difference of opinion as to the last point, as there is, no doubt, as to the others; but it is at least debatable, and if the promises we make in such matters are debatable, I for one do not care to debate them. I think the country would prefer to let no question arise as to its whole-hearted purpose to redeem its promises in the light of any reasonable construction of them rather than debate a point of honor.

"Your reference to the secretary of state shows how comprehensively you have looked on during the last few months. Not only have Mr. Bryan's character, his justice, his sincerity, his transparent integrity, his Christian principle, made a deep impression on all with whom he has dealt; but his tact in dealing with men of many sorts, his capacity for business, his mastery of the principles of each matter he has been called upon to deal with, have cleared away many a difficulty and have given to the policy of the State Department a definiteness and dignity that are very admirable. I need not say what pleasure and profit I, myself, have taken from close association with Mr. Bryan or how thoroughly he has impressed on all of us who are associated with him here to deserve not only our confidence but our affectionate admiration."

This is the same Mr. Bryan that during the past few years has been continuously slurred by some of our contemporaries who make the pretense of being Democrats in principle, and were able to fool many in the rank and file of the party so long as they had a continuous handout from the Democratic pie counters.

Birthday Surprise Party.

On Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sweeney of near Potters Mills gave a birthday surprise party for their son, Ralph Sweeney, and every guest present enjoyed the evening very much. An abundance of refreshments were served, and there were hearty wellwishes for the young man. Those present are named below:

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Yearick and children Leila, Martha, and Fred; Mr. and Mrs. Wimer Lee; Mildred Duck, John Armstrong, Grace Ripka, Charles Miller, Clarence Miller, J. W. Smith, John Boob, Willard Smith, Stella Hosterman, Paul Resnick, Mary Reardon, Mary Carson, Ruth Sweetwood, Howard Sweetwood, "Pat" Wagner, Emerson Eanist, Robert Aieker, Alma Leister, Charles Foust, Robert Smith, and George Condo.

The Home Talent Play.

The entertainment given by the young people of the Methodist church, in Grange Arcadia, on Thursday evening, is highly spoken of, and is counted one of the best home talent entertainments ever presented in that hall. The writer did not share the pleasure with the many who enjoyed the occasion, but the above statement represents the expressions by those who did. The receipts footed up to \$73.

Those who made up the characters in the three plays rendered were: Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Moore, Helen Bartholomew, Charles D. Bartholomew, H. A. Dodson, Esther and Ruth Parson, Hazel and Lillian Emery, Florence Rhone, Elsie Moore, Mrs. E. S. Ripka, Jennie Stahl, Orpha Leister, Joseph Luz, George Breon, Roy Puff.

No Laka Da Yob.

Ole Olsson, wearing a troubled look, accosted the village undertaker with "Ay skal lak to no bout des bar polar bear." "Why, a polar bear," said the undertaker, "is a large white animal that lives in the far north where there is plenty of ice and snow. When winter sets in he makes his lair under a big snow bank where he sleeps for six months without waking. But Ole, why are you so interested in polar bear?" "Vall!" said Ole, "Yon Swenson has just die des morning and a feller bin asking me to be polar bear at Yon's funeral by Ay hate lak hal to go yay oop nord and slepe sax muot in snow and Ay tank Ay skal lak to no bout feller be polar bear."

The minute some fellows get loose they get tight.

LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS.

NEWARK, Ohio.

Editor Reporter:

You will find check to advance my subscription inclosed with this letter.

It is a pleasure to read the many letters from the members of the Reporter's large family, now scattered over the entire country, but once the home folks in Penna Valley. Among the letters my wife read to me while we ate supper was one from Dr. Leitzell of Lena, Illinois, who last summer gave me a cordial invitation to visit his home.

We have had a few seasons of sleighing, but they were of short duration, and the last few days in January were like May days.

Business has been very fair under a Democratic administration, and here's hoping our good President will hold the ship steady, and if he don't we will have to call on the Progressives.

Ohio is going dry, and Pennsylvania will follow, for she can not lead in Sunday-school work, and other worthy causes, and uphold the most odious and iniquitous business tainting the glorious old "Stars and Stripes." The Reporter stands right on that question, and we shall soon see more of the country weeklies and newspapers of the larger cities come out boldly in opposition of the traffic.

Assuring you that we appreciate your position on these questions, and the many good bits of news the Reporter brings us, we beg to remain.

Very truly,
G. H. LONG

Pleasant Gap Haag Property Sold.

Commissioner W. H. Noll and J. A. Noll, his brother, completed a deal for the purchase of the John C. Mullinger property at Pleasant Gap, composed of the Haag hotel property, containing some nine acres of land, whereon, in addition to the hotel, is erected the old distillery building, a grist mill and a double dwelling house. The consideration was \$5,500, included in which was a property transferred by W. H. Noll and brother to Mr. Mullinger. The latter is situated opposite the toll gate above Pleasant Gap, where Mr. Mullinger expects to reside and embark in the chicken business. It is the intention of W. H. Noll and J. A. Noll to lay out the land in building lots in anticipation of a real estate boom in Pleasant Gap. The old hotel property will be remodeled and conducted as an up-to-date road house. The grist mill property, also contains a water right with a three inch pipe line to the building, will doubtless be utilized as a factory. This is the intention of the Messrs. Noll and already inquiries have been made concerning the property, which contains all the machinery in good order.

Berkshire Breeders Organize.

At a recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Association at York, the most important business transacted there that interested the Centre county representatives—William F. Rishel, James Wolf Evans, Spring Mills, and Mr. Mokke, representing the Leather Brothers, Howard—was the organization of the Pennsylvania Berkshire Breeders Association, with a membership of thirty. These officers were chosen: President Henry Fielden, Newton Square; vice presidents, Dr. Vallie Hawkins, Fawn Grove, and George T. Van Norman, Langhorne; secretary, Daniel Buckley, Broadaxe.

One of the things that stimulates the organization is the fact that at York, forty-nine high bred Berkshire hogs were sold at the largest public auction of the kind ever held under the direction of the American Congress for \$575, the prices ranging from \$35 to \$650 each. The purchasers were breeders from all parts of the country.

It is the intention of the new organization to make auction sales from time to time as conditions warrant.

Married Men Live Longest.

Recently the New York State Health Department undertook to learn who lived longest, the married or the unmarried man or woman. A most exact and exhaustive study of the subject was made, and some surprising discoveries were unearthed.

It was found that the death rate of married men was very much lower than that of the single men. From 20 to 30 years six unmarried men died to every four who had assumed the responsibilities of married life. From 30 to 40 years thirteen unmarried died to six of married men. As the age increased the difference grew even greater, and from 40 to 50 years nineteen single men died to nine married.

State Postmasters Named.

Nominations of postmasters in Pennsylvania sent to the Senate by President Wilson included: Linwood Station, John S. Roberts; Derry, James R. Mowry; Honerdale, R. M. Stocker; Millville, Joseph S. Cole; Sharon Hill, Thomas E. Humphrey.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller of Johnstown are contemplating taking a trip to Florida.

Attorney G. W. Runkle and James Rankle of Bellefonte were at the old homestead at Tusseyville on Sunday.

Miss Orpha Gramley was entertained by Miss Helen Bartholomew for a few days.

Congressman Dershem introduced a bill in the House to provide for a site and public buildings at Lewisburg, appropriating \$50,000 therefor.

While in Pittsburg the other day, the writer was pleased to meet Mrs. Louis Richard Custer of Munnhall, daughter of Mrs. Ellen Miller.

Miss Nellie Smith, daughter of J. Frank Smith, county register, on Friday went to Altoona to visit Mrs. Milton Gardner, who before marriage was Miss Ethel Schrist.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Arney have returned from Niagara Falls to which city they went before the Christmas season, and while there were at the home of their son, A. Miles Arley.

A flock of wild geese have been harboring in the wheat fields in the vicinity of Earlstown for ten days. A number of shots have been fired into the flock of eighteen, but without results.

D. W. H. English of Pittsburg is being boosted by the Bull Moozers as a candidate for governor on their ticket. He is a man of wealth, and thoroughly imbued with the Bull Moose spirit. Mr. English is brother of Mrs. John G. King.

Mrs. David J. Wolf of Taneytown, Maryland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Daret of Centre Hall, on last Friday, underwent an operation in the Frederick City Hospital. Her condition is as good as can be expected, considering the seriousness of the operation.

The expression of a man who has reared and who is particularly interested in works of nature, Hon. Henry W. Shoemaker of New York City, now in Bermuda, writes the Reporter the Joice's Caves, on that island, are not superior in beauty to Penna Cave.

Centre County Pomona Grange will hold a special session in Bald Eagle Grange Hall, Milesburg, Thursday, 19th instant. There will be two sessions, forenoon and afternoon. All fourth degree members will be admitted, and Master A. W. Dale urges a good attendance.

James R. Megye of New Bloomfield, a newspaper man, was sworn in as the successor of United States Marshall James M. Yegor of Lewisport. James O. Shearer, of Milton was appointed chief of the deputy. Shearer was treasurer of the Northumberland County Democratic party.

Mrs. Lizzie Bartholomew is at the home of her nephew, Charles D. Bartholomew, in Centre Hall. She came here from Hubersburg. In the spring Mr. Bartholomew contemplates going to Chicago to visit her daughter Emma, whose husband, Clyde Spencer, is a policeman in that city.

A special session of Pomona Grange was held Thursday of last week in the hall of Spring Mills Grange. The attendance of members of the local Grange and visitors was quite large. The meeting was one of great interest, and many of the members took an active part in the discussion of the questions brought before the body.

An oak tree, said to be the largest in Northumberland county, estimated to be three hundred and ten years old, was recently cut at Turbotville and sawed into lumber, yielding 15,000 feet, board measure. The tree was one hundred and twenty-five feet high, at the trunk measured eight feet two inches in diameter, and at forty-eight feet above the ground the diameter was four feet.

The Patrons Co-operative Creamery plant at Centre Hall is in operation, and to date the business is much in excess of the expectations of the most enthusiastic supporters of the cause. The local farmers are selling not only their cream, but eggs and poultry to the concern, and the patronage is widening. The butter is finding ready sale, and is of first class quality. E. W. Crawford is the butter maker.

Dr. McCluney Radcliffe was recently elected vice president of the Medical Club of Philadelphia, an association having a membership of one thousand, without an opposing vote. He was elected ophthalmic surgeon of the Presbyterian Hospital, Philadelphia. Of course, he retains his position as chief operating surgeon at the Willis Eye and Ear Hospital with which institution he has been connected for many years.