

WILL LOCAL OPTION COMMAND MAJORITY OF STATE SENATE?

Rapid Growth of the Movement in Pennsylvania Is Shown by the Evening Ledger's Canvass of Districts.

HARRISBURG, Oct. 21.—Local option in Pennsylvania is traveling the usual rocky road when it becomes an issue in partisan politics. Typical organization methods are being used in this campaign to defeat the movement for temperance reform.

As has always been the case when this issue has come to the front, the old style politician and the followers of the organization are studiously avoiding any declaration in regard to it which might identify them as favoring or opposing local option. The familiar "straddle," at which organization leaders have become so adept, is to be remarked in majority of the 36 districts in Pennsylvania where new Senators are to be elected this fall.

Wherever possible the organization candidate is carefully avoiding a declaration of his attitude. Usually he is regarded by the rum interests as a "safe" man, but this knowledge, whenever possible, is being kept strictly under cover and the candidate contents himself and, if possible, the opposition, by cryptic sayings and evasive answers intended to deceive the unwary voter.

"Local option and the temperance question is not an issue in this campaign" is a familiar phrase this fall. In spite of this, however, there is no denying the fact that the local option proponents are making rapid strides. In the Keystone State, and in the offing will be shown at the November elections. Whether or not a sufficient number of local option Senators will be elected to insure the success of a local option bill in the next State Senate is not yet clearly evident. The EVENING LEDGER has collected information from the various districts of the State which throws some light on the situation. This information is printed herewith.

Crawford County for Local Option
MERIDVILLE, Pa., Oct. 21.—John L. Emerson, Republican, and Raymond E. Smith, Democratic and Washington party candidate, have both declared in favor of local option, so whichever candidate is successful, the district is sure to be represented in the State Senate by one local option vote.

Little Doubt About the 48th
FRANKLIN, Pa., Oct. 21.—The who can doubt that the State Senate in this district is pledged to local option. W. M. Lynch, the Republican and Washington party nominee, and John T. Dempsey, the Democratic candidate, are both viewed with some suspicion by the religious elements of the community in spite of their pledges.

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Sentiment Grows in Lehigh
ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 21.—J. Lincoln Hoffman is the one recognized local option candidate for State Senator in Lehigh County. Local option sentiment in this district has been growing for some time and just now is receiving additional accessions from the ranks of citizens who desire only to defeat Penrose, he who voted for a legislator removed as far as possible from Penroseism and all that it means.

Both the Republican and Democratic candidates are believed to be opposed to local option. The election of a Washington party man in this county is not regarded as probable.

A Republican Local Optionist
ALTOONA, Pa., Oct. 21.—P. W. Snyder is the only local option candidate for State Senator in the 24th Senatorial District, composed of the Counties of Lycoming, Columbia, Montour and Sullivan. That candidate is James L. Richardson, Washington party. His election is not regarded as a probability.

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A Chance in Clearfield
CLEARFIELD, Pa., Oct. 21.—Local option has not appeared in the present campaign as an important issue, but the Democratic candidate for State Senator, William Patterson, and the Washington party candidate, A. L. Moulthrop, are avowedly in favor of temperance reform, and both are publicly pledged to support a local option measure.

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Fight Hard in Northumberland
MILTON, Pa., Oct. 21.—John H. Kretzler, a merchant of Milton, is the local option candidate for State Senator. His opponents are William C. McCou-

nell, Shamokin, Republican, and J. P. Strickler, of Lewisburg, Democrat.

Kretzler has a large following in Northumberland and Union Counties and is receiving enthusiastic support among the church workers, as well as among the independent voters. He is conducting an active campaign and, in the opinion of old-time political observers, his chances to win are bright.

No Candidate Endorsed

BEDFORD, Pa., Oct. 21.—The Anti-Saloon League has not as yet endorsed any candidate for State Senator in the district composed of Bedford, Somerset and Fulton Counties. J. W. Endsley, of Somerset, the present State Senator, a Republican, and a candidate for reelection, has declared openly for local option, but it is charged that in 1913 he wrote a letter recommending the application for a license in his home town. The State Department of roads under Commissioner Brewster.

Many persons believe that when Clarence Ackers, an avowed liquor candidate, withdrew from the Republican ticket there was a deal with Endsley as to local option. Charles J. Hemminger, of Fulton, the Washington party candidate, a member of the House in the last session, is receiving strong support from the temperance people of all three counties.

Hemminger was a candidate on the Republican ticket at the primaries and received a large vote, but was defeated by Endsley by a small majority. Dr. P. R. Ritter, Democratic candidate, has not announced his position on local option.

Forlorn Hope in Luzerne

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Oct. 21.—In the 26th Senatorial District Asa K. Dewitt has the Republican, Democratic and Seaford nominations for State Senator. He is opposed to local option.

His opponent is Sepp Reiss, and the success of the local option forces is regarded as an extremely forlorn hope.

Bitter Fight in Cambria

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Oct. 21.—The fight for State Senator in the 23d District, composed of Cambria County, is one of the most bitterly contested seen here in years. Party lines have in a measure been broken, for an element of the Republican party that opposes the Penrose candidacy and favors local option has lined up behind W. David Lloyd, of Johnstown, the party's regular candidate.

Lloyd also has the Washington nomination, and because of the bitter schism between the Republican and Bull Moose organizations in Cambria, the Penrose candidacy, organization, headed by former State Senator George M. Wertz, is fighting Lloyd tooth and nail.

Horace A. Tompkins, the Democratic candidate nominated on the same anti-local option ticket, headed by Ryan for Governor, that carried Cambria at the primaries, will receive practically the same Democratic vote, together with the support of the Penrose-Wertz organization.

Lloyd has the benefit of the energetic support of the old "Billy" Sunday Anti-Saloon League, organized when Sunday carried the town by storm last year, and with membership of several thousand. Paid publicity against local option is being utilized liberally by the liquor forces.

SITUATION IN LACKAWANNA

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THE 26TH FOR LOCAL OPTION

CLARION, Pa., Oct. 21.—Wayne Hindman, of Clarion, the local option candidate for State Senator in the 25th District, composed of Cameron, Clinton, Elk, Forest and Clarion Counties, got his nomination on the Democratic ticket against the opposition of the Hall machine. He appears on three tickets—Democratic, Washington and Prohibition. He has been endorsed by the American Issue, official paper of the Anti-Saloon League, and by the Clarion County Sabbath School Bulletin.

He also has the endorsement of the temperance organization of the five counties of this district. He publicly declares himself to stand squarely on the platform of his party, in opposition to local option. The 25th District is normally about 80% Democratic and as Mr. Hindman has been endorsed also by the Washington and Prohibition parties there is little doubt as to his election.

Mr. Hindman is one of the leading young attorneys of the Clarion area. He is a son of the late Judge W. A. Hindman.

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THOMAS ALVA EDISON Wizard of Menlo Park honored today by all America for his invention 35 years ago of the incandescent light.

THIS IS EDISON DAY; INVENTOR HONORED BY ELECTRICAL MEN

Delegates to Convention Pay
Tribute to Work of the
Incandescent Lamp's Con-
triver, Given to the World
October 21, 1879.

There was an air of deep disappointment about the Bellevue-Stratford today. The wonder was that man who enriched his time with one of the most precious inventions—the Edison lamp, with a form of illumination so wonderfully cheap and efficient that it has enabled the teacher and the printer to extend the influence of civilization where it has never been felt before.

The following laurel is placed upon the brow of Edison by another wizard of electricity, Charles P. Steinmetz.

"The first time I met Edison was in 1883, at the International Electrical Congress in Paris. He was a man of theory, power, and energy. He was a man of practice and at himself pure practice." This is the attitude Edison has always taken, declaring himself a mere practical man, and the newspaper men have expanded on this and so created the popular belief that Edison does not know anything about science, our merely experiments and trials which he and everybody else can think of. There is nothing more untrue than this. It is true, Edison never went to any college—but he knows more about the subjects taught in colleges than most college men. From my experience I consider Edison today as the man best informed in all fields of human knowledge.

John Wanamaker today paid tribute to the genius of the "wizard." He said:

"The conquerors of the world are not all warriors. The inventors of the world are oftentimes conquerors. Thirty-five years ago a young mechanic, 32 years old, bearing the name of Thomas A. Edison, discovered the incandescent light. William N. McKeen, the old man of the Lincoln at that time, with the writer of this anniversary greeting to his old friend, went down to Menlo Park in October, 1879, to see the wonderful lamp exhibited to them by the modest young Edison.

"What Mr. Edison has achieved to date places his name upon the roll:

"Columbus.
Franklin.
"Today all America inscribes upon that honor roll in letters of brightest light: Thomas Alva Edison.

"It is something for us all to say that we live in the same generation with Edison.

"It is an honor to take the hand of this master of greater mind and of transcendent genius.

"No man on kingly throne will be longer remembered than he.

"And how has he done so much in his perfect way to bless the world?

"Only by working and working and working all the time, days and nights, and at some periods that he made into a day,

it takes to make the world a better place to live in.

The following tribute has been paid by Waldemar Kaempfert, the great electrical engineer, to Thomas Edison on the occasion of today's anniversary:

"His work, and particularly the invention of the electric incandescent lamp, remains a force, remain an inspiration to mankind. The long weeks and months of tedious experimenting, the dauntless patience that bravely struggled on after each momentary defeat, and the resourcefulness that turned even failure to account have perhaps never been equalled.

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