

BRUMBAUGH WON SCHOOL FUND OVER POLITICIANS' HEADS

Carried His Fight to the Parents of the Pupils When the Organization Opposed Reforms.

When Councils held the purse strings of the public school system, Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh fought the political forces that sought to deny the children of the city a decent education. This is being impressed upon the voters of the State by friends of the Republican candidate for Governor to refute the charge of Vance C. McCormick that Doctor Brumbaugh never participated in any decisive movement for civic uplift.

Before the present school code became effective in 1911, the Board of Education was subjected to the tyranny of McNichols' men in Select and Common Councils because all educational appropriations were made by the municipal body rather than by the school board itself.

To obtain any favors from the organization, those who were in charge of the public schools were obliged to submit to the rulings of the bosses, regardless of the rights of childhood.

Against this system Doctor Brumbaugh rebelled. When he began his duties as superintendent of schools in July, 1906, he found the condition of Philadelphia's school system worse than that of the rural districts where the "little red school-house" still predominated.

The new superintendent applied himself immediately with his characteristic Pennsylvania German energy to the elimination of all the "sore spots" for which the politicians were regarded among leading educators as not in accordance with their ethics.

APPEALED TO THE PARENTS. Doctor Brumbaugh appealed to the parents of the city rather than to the politicians. He showed the public how children were obliged to sit on window sills and wooden boards thrown across the aisles of classrooms because Councils had failed to appropriate sufficient funds for the maintenance of the school system.

Speaking at a mass-meeting in the Centennial High School on February 21, 1907, the superintendent said: "We need as good a school equipment as any other city in the world. I shall go farther than that—we want a better school system than any other city in the world."

Then he told his audience that 25,000 school benches in use in this city had been declared unfit for use by physicians; that soap boxes were being used as substitutes for desks and that crippled children were obliged to sit on chairs without backs. He assured the assembly that this condition was not an exceptional one, but applied to almost any school in Philadelphia.

Doctor Brumbaugh's action demanded that resolutions be adopted immediately to relieve these conditions. Mothers and fathers showed their approval. "We're with you, Doctor Brumbaugh," they cried; "either new schools or new Councilmen. Our children can't vote, but we'll fight for them."

Subsequently pictures were published showing the shameful state of the schools. The Chandler School, in Kensington, was proved, had no corridors, the cellar was filled with water, making the building too damp for safe occupancy, and the children were obliged to sit on the floor. On the day of the election of John B. Reburn 10 per cent. of the children were attending "part time" sessions.

The chief of the Bureau of Health declared that "many of the school buildings are so dilapidated and insanitary that it is better that the children should be on the streets than subjected to such conditions."

Citing this opinion, Doctor Brumbaugh demanded that 41 new schools be erected for this purpose. A loan of \$5,000,000 had been devoted exclusively to the schools, but through the efforts of Doctor Brumbaugh and his associates special loans for educational purposes were made legal.

URGENT ACT OF ASSEMBLY. A loan was negotiated and steps were taken at once toward the erection of the new school buildings. But Doctor Brumbaugh had not finished his fight. He urged an act of Assembly requiring Councils to set aside one-third of the total taxation on the city's real estate for school purposes. He won that point, too, with the assistance of the Public Education Association and other political independent forces.

Even after the passage of the new school code, which was largely the result of Doctor Brumbaugh's activity, the superintendent was not satisfied with control of the schools, but a reactionary faction in the school board showed itself to be almost as stubborn as the organization's tools had been in legislating a modern school system into existence.

The superintendent was placed in an extremely perilous position. He had been elected by the Board of Education and as its employee he could be discharged by the same body. For the sake of the children of Philadelphia he undertook what few employees would dare to do—accuse his employers of inefficiency.

In substance, that was the action of Doctor Brumbaugh. Directly and frankly he told the reactionary element that he had made no secret of his intention to rescue the schools from their deplorable state, and urged a new loan of \$5,000,000 to accomplish under the new school code what Councils had failed to accomplish under its political system.

A loan was negotiated, but through a last-minute technicality the amount was necessarily reduced to \$3,000,000. When this \$3,000,000 was floated, another loan of \$2,000,000 was floated. Schools are now being erected with the latter sum.

The Board of Education now levies its own taxes and floats all of its own loans. It is completely independent of Councils, and all of these new privileges enjoyed by the school board were obtained through the efforts of Doctor Brumbaugh and his associates in public life.

WALKED HERE FROM CALIFORNIA



From left to right—F. R. Carpenter, Horace, his son; Mrs. Carpenter and Willa, their daughter, crossing City Hall plaza on way to pay respects to Mayor Blankenburg after tramp across continent.

RILED WITNESSES OF REGISTRATIONS TO SUE FOR FEES

Will Take Action Against Porter and Committee of Seventy—Several Hundred Summoned, But Don't Testify.

Witnesses called in registration cases announced today through Attorney Warren C. Graham that suit would be filed against Director of Public Safety Porter and the Committee of Seventy to determine whether payment should be made to persons subpoenaed to testify and then not called.

For the past few days hundreds of witnesses summoned to the office of the Registration Commissioners in City Hall to testify in strike-out cases where evidence had been gathered by investigators for the Committee of Seventy have complained because they were not called and then could find no person to pay witness fees they had lost from their regular employment, the men said. At times extra City Hall guards were called to preserve order among the angry witnesses.

Today more than 40 persons appeared at the office of the commission to testify in 7th Ward cases and after their arrival were told they were not needed because of an agreement reached between Charles Hall, leader of the 7th Ward, and E. L. D. Roach, of the Committee of Seventy. The witnesses demanded fees and were informed there was no money to pay them. Mr. Hall demanded to know why they had been called when such action was not necessary, as the agreement between himself and Mr. Roach had been made several days ago.

Harry Imber, an investigator for the committee, said the Registration Commissioners were responsible and should pay the witnesses. The commissioners today heard strike-out cases from the 39th, 47th and 48th Wards. In the case of James Burns, who has been fighting for permission to vote from 220 South 16th street, which he claims as his home, the commissioners decided to strike his name from the list. The right of this man to vote marked a five days' fight between Republican Organization and Washington Party workers.

Burns, it was alleged, did not spend much of his time in his home, but was in fact there so seldom a maid in the place did not give his name to the assessors. The maid, Mary Peters, refused at first to give her name, said she had been told not to talk and declared she did not know what a voter looked like.

Under all the circumstances, "the commissioners ruled in part," and especially in view of the unwillingness of the land-lord of the premises and his maid to tell the whole truth, we are of the opinion that permission to strike the name of James Burns from the list of registered voters in the 11th Division of the 8th Ward should be granted."

OLD-LINE DEMOCRATS FIGHT LEGISLATIVE CANDIDATES

Naming of T. Henry Walnut and C. W. T. Robinson Before Court.

Objections by Old Guard Democrats in Philadelphia filed against T. Henry Walnut and C. W. T. Robinson, candidates for the Legislature in the 17th District, were presented at Harrisburg today by John H. Pow during argument before Judge McCarrell. T. Henry Walnut and his running mate were nominated by the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Old Guard Democrats opposed the action of the State Committee and the "reorganizers" argued through Attorney Pow that the nominations should have been made by the ward committees of the legislative District, and wanted Walnut and Robinson removed from the ticket.

Old Guards and bi-partisans in the 17th District were presented at Harrisburg today by John H. Pow during argument before Judge McCarrell. T. Henry Walnut and his running mate were nominated by the State Democratic Executive Committee.

MAYOR WELCOMES FAMILY WHO WALKED FROM PACIFIC

Pedestrians Crossed Continent Without Cost of a Cent.

After walking across the continent from Oakland, Cal., with their two children, Willa, 15 years old, and Horace, age 10, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carpenter were welcomed warmly today by Mayor Blankenburg at City Hall.

The persevering family left the Western city on May 21, and since then have not spent a cent for traveling expenses. With them they carried credentials from officials of numerous cities, and also about 15 pounds of baggage. The travelers prepared their own food en route and slept in the open.

Their most harrowing experience was crossing the great American desert, which consumed five weeks. Carpenter declared that in their 80-mile trip over the desert they encountered but four towns. The family walked railroad ties on the Southern Pacific for several hundred miles, and managed to buy food from section hands, who also provided them with water. They earned money for expenses by selling postal cards in the various cities.

In coming to Philadelphia they passed through California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Each of the pedestrians wore out four pairs of shoes.

Carpenter and his son wore suits of khaki, while the wife and daughter were clad in corduroy. While her husband and his family will remain at the home of his parents, Orlanna street, and Lehigh avenue, Carpenter formerly lived in this city, and his grandfather, William H. Carpenter, was employed by the city for more than 50 years.

The family will return West in the spring.

F. T. DUPONT, PROGRESSIVE WILMINGTON, DEL., OCT. 23.—Despite the fact that he is credited with having just completed a process which will revolutionize the manufacture of smokeless powder by reducing the time required in its manufacture, Francis I. duPont, the head of the big powder concern, is apparently more interested in the campaign of the Progressive party in this State than he is with anything else.

The millionaire chemist spends his days at work in the powder business, but almost every evening he can be seen driving about in a big automobile, which carries the speakers of the Progressive party from place to place to make speeches.

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SUPPORT OF LIQUOR INTERESTS A STONE ON CANDIDATE'S NECK

Superintendent of Franklin Home Says Voters Realize Debt They Owe to Future Generation.

"If any politician, or any group of politicians think the liquor interests are strong enough to put him in office, he is sadly mistaken. And if the saloons are spending money to gain that end, then I for one am glad that they are spending, for they will have less to invest in the trimmings and trappings of their bars. The candidate who accepts the support of the liquor people will find that this ally is growing steadily weaker with the years. Popular sentiment is against such support."

Thus spoke Charles K. Gibbs, superintendent of the Franklin Home for the Inebriate, Mr. Gibbs has been in charge of the home for 12 years, and during that time at least 14,000 victims of intemperance have passed under his supervision.

He has seen brilliant men brought to the gutter by their insatiable craving for drink—and he has helped to raise them up again—and out of the wealth of his experience he is convinced that the candidate who joins forces with the liquor interests is "gasping his last gasp."

"I have seen men of culture and brilliant mentality," said he, "sink so low that they would run the risk of a rebuff from their former friends by asking for the process of Inebriates. Mr. Gibbs has been in charge of the home for 12 years, and during that time at least 14,000 victims of intemperance have passed under his supervision."

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PEPPER PRAISES BRUMBAUGH

Candidate Has "Character, Courage and Wide Experience in Public Affairs."

"Character, courage and wide experience in public affairs." In these words George Wharton Pepper, the lawyer, described the fitness of Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh as a Republican candidate for the office of Governor of Pennsylvania. Mr. Pepper is opposed to the re-election of Senator Penrose.

Mr. Pepper took exception to the expressed belief of Doctor Brumbaugh's opponents that he would be "controlled." "It is my opinion that Brumbaugh alone will be the power behind the gubernatorial throne," he said yesterday. "I shall take pleasure in voting for him, for he seems eminently well qualified to fill the position. When he pledges himself to the cause of local option, I am sure he means what he says. It is doubtless true, as some of my friends say, that his administration will be controlled by a powerful man. That man will be Brumbaugh."

Democratic Rally Tomorrow Democrats of Gloucester city will hold a rally at Gloucester City hall tomorrow night. Speakers will be Governor Fielder, Attorney General Wescott, Sheriff Nowrey, State Chairman Grosscup, State Comptroller Edwards and the Democratic candidates for Assembly.

COLORADO IN THROES OF PROHIBITION FIGHT

"Dry" Forces Rallying to Overcome Last Decisive Defeat.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 23.—Whether Colorado will be wet or dry is the question almost overshadowing all others at the election to be held November 3 throughout Colorado. One of the bitterest campaigns in the State's history is being made by the anti-saloon forces.

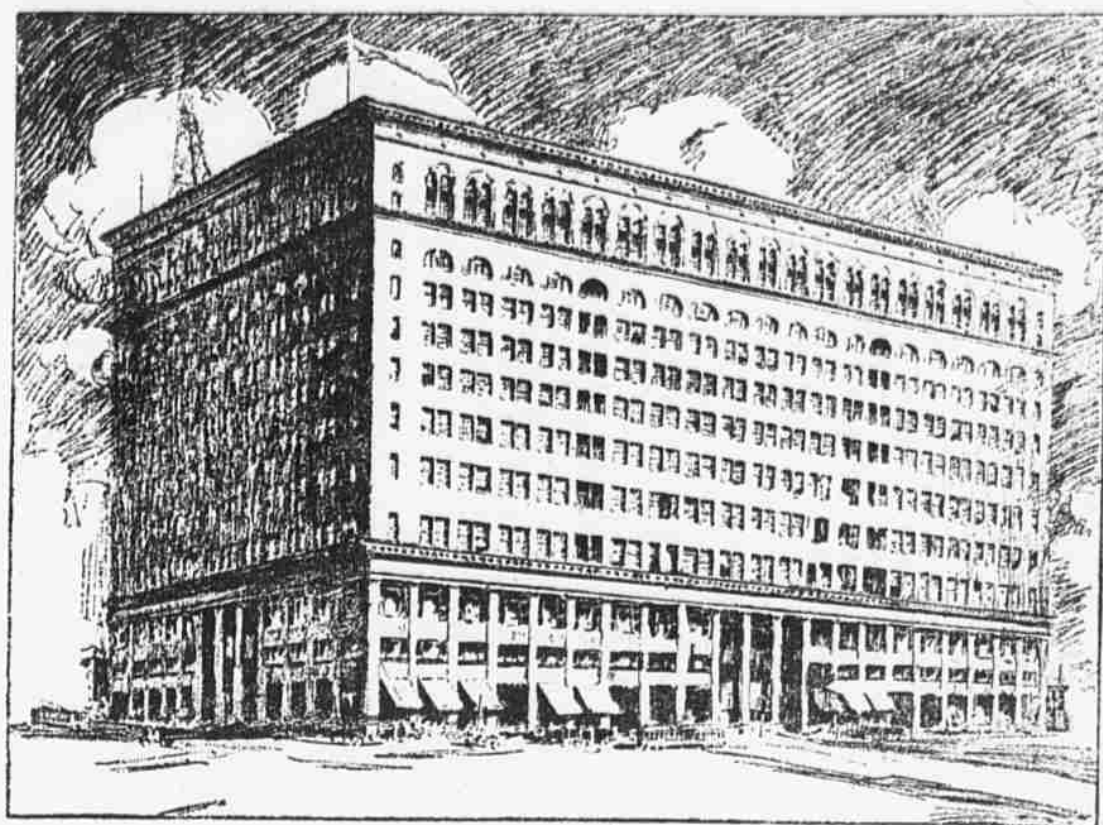
The foes of liquor are supremely confident that they will reverse the result of the last liquor election in Colorado several years ago when the "wets" won by a vote of nearly two to one. One of the principal arguments used by the "wets" is that voting the State "dry" would paralyze the tourist business everywhere in Colorado, as travelers would refuse to visit a State in which they could not get a drink.

This contention is denied by the "drys," who declare that Colorado Springs, one of the principal centers for tourist travel in Colorado, is already a "dry" territory. They declare the absence of saloons has not had any effect on tourist travel. The Rev. "Billy" Sunday, baseball player-evangelist, took a hand in the campaign during his recent revival by preaching a series of powerful sermons on the liquor evil and urging his hearers to vote for prohibition.

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