

**JOB HOLDERS MAKE FARCE OF MAYOR'S EDICT**

**Sherman Law Being Openly Violated in Various Wards Throughout City**

**LEADERS DODGE ISSUE**

It is not the Sherman law being violated—the Sherman law which prohibits city officeholders being members of political committees or taking part in political campaigns—is not the Sherman law—theoretically eliminates a powerful means of controlling votes being laughed at in spite of Mayor Smith's warning to his directors.

The Republican City Committee, head of the "organization," denies that it is. The ward committee branches of the "organization" deny that it is.

But they will not "come across" and prove that it is not.

The Committee of Seventy, which has prosecuted violators of election laws in the past, is ready to take steps to have the law enforced—if it is backed by the citizens of Philadelphia. It is up to the people to show Mayor Smith's sincerity, it says.

The Republican City Committee will not allow its ward committees to be scanned, although complaints are numerous that there are many city employees-ward committee men who are actors in the dual role of servants of the people and servants of a political organization.

A typical case is that of the Forty-sixth Ward. Here are the names of seven men who are alleged to be members of the Forty-sixth Ward Republican committee, although they are municipal employees:

- | Name                 | City Job                                |
|----------------------|---|
| Robert A. Pitts      | Chief of Bureau of Elevator Inspectors  |
| Samuel W. Sibley     | clerk in Department of Health           |
| Charles Sipple       | assistant inspector in Bureau of Health |
| Edward W. Choate     | clerk in Bureau of Health               |
| William Welsh        | inspector in Bureau of Highways         |
| Charles L. Boyle     | clerk in Bureau of Highways             |
| Edward I. MacFarland | inspector in Bureau of Highways         |

Mayor Smith's warning to his directors of the city departments was as follows:

"Again I want to call your attention to the fact that employees under you must not hold membership in city and ward committees. Under the law, city employees must not participate in politics. It is your duty and mine to see that the law, whether we like them or not, are upheld. You will please notify every man who you think is in violation of the law in any way in political factional squabbles. Violation of these instructions will result in separation from the service of the city."

It was this warning that gave rise to the complaint that the Forty-sixth Ward committee was "backed" by officeholders. The complainant named Sibley, Sipple, Choate, Welsh, Boyle, MacFarland, John Young and William Simon—ten in all.

William E. Finley, executive director of the Republican City Committee, was called by an EVENING LEADER reporter at the committee headquarters, at Eleventh and Chestnut streets, to verify the complaint. He was told that the EVENING LEADER would like to see a complete list of ward committees.

"No," he shook his head. "Why do you want it?"

"There is complaint that the Sherman act is being violated by ward committees holding city positions," he was told.

"You can't see the list of the lists that took us months to make up," replied Mr. Finley. "They are private property."

"But the charge is made that the law is being violated. Is it not true, that you are not providing it by showing the list?"

"I'm not saying whether it's true or not," Mr. Finley replied. "I won't show you the list. Give me something definite."

"Will you show me the list for the Forty-sixth Ward?"

"What are the names of the men? Give me the names and I'll tell you whether they are right or not."

Mr. Finley was shown the list of ten names. He read the names and then thought a moment.

"Wait and I'll find out," he said. He took the list into an adjacent room and called to some one on the telephone. In a few minutes he called the reporter to his desk.

"These six," said Mr. Finley, including the names of Sibley, Choate, Welsh, Boyle and MacFarland in a bracket that he made with his pencil, "are not members of the ward committee. They resigned when they received their positions."

"Pitts has not been a member of the committee for two years. Ferguson and Simon are in private work, therefore, have a right to be members of the committee. Young is in the Recorder of Deeds' office, under the county, and not the city. The list has a right to be a member of the committee."

The names and the answers he gave were repeated to Mr. Finley, who affirmed them.

Inquiry then was made at the office of Harry A. Mackey, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board. Mr. Mackey is the vice leader of the Forty-sixth Ward and chairman of the executive committee.

An EVENING LEADER reporter, without saying that he was an EVENING LEADER reporter, called up Mr. Mackey's office on the telephone.

Is Bob Pitts still a member of the Forty-sixth Ward committee? was the question he asked, giving a fictitious name. "Yes," was the answer.

"Well, then, this is the list, isn't it?" and the reporter read off the ten names.

"Yes, that's the list," came the reply.

Later another EVENING LEADER reporter called up Mr. Mackey's office and asked for the list of the Forty-sixth Ward's committee. He said he was a reporter.

"What do you want with it?" asked Mr. Mackey's secretary.

"I want the list of the committee," said the reporter.

"Are you getting lists from other wards, too, or just from the Forty-sixth?" asked the secretary.

"I don't know that," the reporter answered.

"Well," said the secretary, "I can't give you the list. You might want to use it as a knock."

But he offered to clear up any trouble. The reporter showed him the list. Mr. Mackey said that not one of the ten was violating the Sherman law, as all city employees on the list had resigned their positions as ward committee men.

Mayor Smith's ringing warning brought forth another complaint, involving the Thirty-sixth Ward. It went direct to Mayor Smith, it was specific. It gave the names and addresses of men alleged to be in the illegal dual service. It named the manager of Director of Public Safety Wilson as a ward committee man.

The complaint, sent also to Director Wilson and other members of the Mayor's cabinet, contains the names of ten men who are ward committee men and gives their municipal jobs. They are given as follows:

- | Name          | Address                                      | Job                       |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|
| William McGee | 2223 Federal street, room 201                | clerk in Bureau of Health |
| John Smith    | 20th and Spruce streets                      | clerk in Bureau of Health |
| James Wilson  | South Twenty-fourth street, Bureau of Health | clerk in Bureau of Health |
| John Young    | 2023 Mountain street, Bureau of Health       | clerk in Bureau of Health |
| William Simon | 2021 Marion street, room 201                 | clerk in Bureau of Health |

David O'Hara, 2028 Galloway street, Wharton street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The letter, which calls for instant action, not post-election investigation, says in part: "Trusting that you will show the public your sincerity by preventing these officeholders from participating in politics."

"Committee Representing Taxpayers of the City of Philadelphia,"

The charges that ward committee men were drawing city salaries were taken to the offices of the Committee of Seventy. Edward D. Roach, secretary of the committee, was asked if the committee would investigate them.

"No, we haven't the facilities to investigate," Mr. Roach said. "But we will prosecute if the evidence in books in the form of depositions. In 1911, during the Blankenburg administration, we prosecuted 1700 cases of officeholders in politics, taking 7700 depositions."

"If it were shown to you that the Sherman law is being violated by ward committees, would you prosecute?" Mr. Roach was asked.

"We would take it up with the Mayor," he replied. "As a matter of fact, we are already receiving affidavits that the law now is being violated in minor cases not so important as those of ward committee men holding city positions. We will present those affidavits to the Mayor, giving him the opportunity to show his sincerity in taking part in politics would be dismissed, saying:

"No man on a public payroll should be permitted to act as a member of any political committee or convention, or engage in any form of political activity. With the casting of his vote his political duties and obligations should end. This limitation on the officeholding class should be absolute."

"This was the genesis of the Sherman act. It was introduced during the extraordinary session of the Legislature in 1906, after the death of the Hon. George W. Peck, who was elected to the office of Governor of the State of Pennsylvania in 1905."

"The whole question is up to the people. If we are furnished with depositions stating that the law is being violated we stand ready to take the cases up."

"Can the people really do anything?" Mr. Roach was asked. "Are conditions better now than they were before the reform fight when the Sherman act was passed?"

"Yes, indeed," he said. "Although officeholders are returning to political activity, it cannot be said that they are anxious to do so. Proof that conditions are better now is shown by the majorities in the wards at election time."

"That the Sherman law has been effective, though subject to various interpretations by the courts, is shown by records in the Law Association Library, which contain six editions of court cases involving the law were found."

The first record of invocation of the law came in 1912, six years after its passage, when it was invoked against the Rev. H. A. Smith, of Lehigh, and the Rev. Frank R. Pershing, of the Second Church, of this city; G. S. Muschitz, Mauch Chunk, and C. H. Wolfe, of Freeport, were chosen lay commissioners to the synod to meet at Johnstown October 23 next.

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**STEWART LEAVES CASH TO MASONS AND G. A. R.**

Relatives of Late Adjutant General Benefit Through Trust Fund and Money PROVIDES F. & A. M. HOMES

NORRISTOWN, Sept. 19. In his will, executed November 5, 1915, and probated here today, Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart provides that his estate, estimated to be worth \$50,000 and upward, be given to relatives and Masonic and G. A. R. organizations.

He directs that his body be interred in either Montgomery Cemetery or the Community Mausoleum at Riverside Cemetery.

He gives \$5000 to his sister, Margaret Emma Stewart; \$5000 to his sister, Mrs. Mary J. Yadin; \$2500 to his brother, William H. Stewart; \$5000 to his step-daughter, Mrs. Sharpless Bailey, of Philadelphia, to General Zook Post, No. 11, G. A. R., Norristown, is given \$500 to be used for extending relief to members. To Montgomery Cemetery Company \$500 is given, the interest of which is to be used for caring for the lot of his father and mother.

After these provisions are made the residue of his estate is to be converted into cash and the proceeds are to be held in trust by the executor, William H. Stewart, his brother, and Penn. Trust Company; then to his sister Margaret is to be paid the interest of \$20,000; to his sister Mary the interest of \$10,000; to his brother William the interest of \$10,000. In the event of the death of either the others shall share the portion of the one dying.

**MASONIC HOMES TO BENEFIT**

When the last shall die the principal and the accrued interest is to be paid "to the right worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging and to the committees on Masonic homes under its control for the purpose of erecting at the Masonic home at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, two or more cottages as the committee on Masonic homes may determine."

Should there be any residue of his estate after the bequests and trusts before mentioned are provided, it shall be divided equally among his two sisters and his brother William, and paid to them in cash.

**EXEMPTS RELICS FROM SALE**

His sister Margaret is to receive the piano, which was given to him by the Grand Army of the Republic. Miss Stewart, who is a resident of Norristown, was a music teacher.

He exempts from sale by his executors such badges, swords, books, uniforms, silver service, clocks, jewelry, cut glass, china, pictures, photographs, canes and Civil War relics as may be selected by his sisters, and such other articles of value as he may see fit to include in his will.

His two sisters will be Benjamin W. Demming and Frank D. Beary, who were associated with him in National Guard circles.

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**DISTRICT DRAFT BOARD COMPLAINS OF LOCALS**

Men Whose Appeals Are Pending Ordered to Report for Military Service

In a letter sent today by District Board No. 2 to the Adjutant General at Harrisburg complaint was lodged against those local boards which have repeatedly ordered to report for military service men who still have appeals and industrial claims pending in the Federal Building, have been notified to appear for service in spite of the fact that their final appeals have as yet not been acted upon.

The letter to the Adjutant General reads: Adjutant General, Harrisburg, Pa. We are informed that many local boards in Philadelphia have sent out pink cards requiring the appearance of men for military service. Among these are many who have industrial claims pending and appeals pending action by this board. These notices have been sent out prior to certification to such local boards by us. Under the rules and regulations, we are clearly of the opinion that this procedure is improper and that such men are not liable for military service until their appeals or industrial claims have been considered and finally disposed of by this board.

We believe that our position is the only proper one, under the circumstances, and would ask you to instruct the local boards by telegraph accordingly.

DISTRICT BOARD NO. 2 FRANK C. HAMMOND, Secretary.

**Licensed at Elkton to Wed**

ELKTON, Md., Sept. 19.—Marriage licenses were issued here today to Edward H. Boyer and Lily M. Riegel, William Esley and Elizabeth M. Vile, Anthony Wilson and Marie E. Wilmore, Philip Madden and Jessie Franklin, and Clarence L. Schaefer and Marie G. Ryan, all of Philadelphia; Fred Garrison, Millville; Emma H. Hollingshead, Leesburg, N. J.; Delbert Kilson and Violetta Thomas, Goff, Md.; Ira I. Croustman and Laura R. King, Lansdale, Pa.; John R. Hassler and Laura S. Ream, Reading, and William H. Rayne, Chester, and Carrie E. Chambers, Richardson Park, Del.

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**LEHIGH PRESBYTERY ENDS**

Announces Election of Commissioners and Changes of Pastorates

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