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EDITORIAL.

OLD CENTRE'S DEMOCRACY.

Centre county went republican again by a small majority of 59. It is reasonable to suppose that the heavy rains on election day kept a larger per cent. of our vote from the polls, than it did of the republicans. Most of the republican vote in this county is confined to the towns, while the farming districts are largely democratic. Be that as it may, the fact still remains that the republicans have carried this county frequently of late, and now claim that it is firmly anchored in the republican column. To be candid, there is some reason in such an argument. In recent years republican capitalists have started industries in Centre county that gave employment to many workmen. We might, instance the Carnegie iron ore works, at Scotia, the Valentine furnace at Bellefonte, the many enterprises at Philipsburg and other points are dominated by republicans who usually insist on their workmen voting for the republican ticket each year. That is one potent factor in cutting down democratic majorities in this county.

Another weakness has been due to a number of democratic ex-county officials who have grown fat and sleek, from the public patronage while installed at the public crib. Many of these in recent years have ungratefully turned upon the hand that nourished and fed them, and to-day are fighting the party that gave them a start in life. We need not be personal in this matter. Those who are guilty of this offence need not be named in print—they are sufficiently well known.

Another cause for small majorities. The fact that in recent years leading republicans of Centre county have been on the state ticket and by this means were able to direct a large portion of state campaign funds into this county, to get out their own vote and also capture all that was aloft. This has occurred on several occasions and had its effect. The money question without a doubt alienated some old-time democrats from their life-long moorings. In return, we received a number of votes from the opposition, but not as many as we lost. Hard times and a financial panic, general depression in business, was charged up to the democracy and it became the target for the discontent over the land. That was another source of weakness and lost us many votes.

The general impression has prevailed that Centre county is democratic and it is not urgent for every party voter to get to the polls. Some, for this reason, have been very indifferent at times. And that is another reason why our vote falls short and we can't figure out a majority for the democratic candidates, the morning after the election.

The above are some reasons why the democrats were defeated in Centre county. What is in store in the future remains to be seen. One thing is certain, hereafter we must have a united aggressive party and do some hard work if we would win.

THE PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER.

The popular vote of Pennsylvania is against the bosses and the machine, ruling the State so insolently, so unscrupulously and with such an infinitesimal regard for decency or honesty in the conduct of public affairs. Here is the evidence in the return of the votes on State treasurer:

The Quay candidate.....371,053 The opposition candidates.....378,203

Anti-Quay majority..... 7,150

This is the first time for several years that the opposition to the corrupt Republican machine and allied bosses has had a majority on the popular vote of Pennsylvania. Whether it can be united next year against these bosses and their machine is another question. The figures show that if this can be done there will be a political revolution in Pennsylvania in 1898, when governor, other State officers, State Legislature and United States senator are to be elected. If the anti-Quay vote of the State had been united, as it may be next year, the Quay candidate for State treasurer would have been defeated, just as Boss Platt's representative was defeated in the state of New York. The people of Pennsylvania should take courage. They have in their own hands the means of defeating the promised combine of Quay and Widener next year. The remaining question is—is there sufficient political wisdom and patriotism to exercise this power?

Is Centre county democratic? That is becoming a debatable question, it seems.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

The following is the official vote, for Centre county as returned and on record in the Prothonotary's office:

Auditor General: Levi G McCauley, R.....2576-61 Walter E Ritter, D.....2515 William W Lathrop, P.....671 J M Barnes, So.....3

McCauley's Plurality.....61 State Treasurer: James S Beacom, R.....2204-94 M E Brown, D.....2110 Silas C Swallow, P.....1465 Wm H Thomas, So.....12 Wm R Thompson, Ind.....19

Beacom's Plurality.....94 Jury Commissioner: W S Williams, R.....2599-61 J J Hoy, D.....2538 W J Dale, Pro.....614

William's Plurality.....61 County Surveyor: Jesse Cleaver, R.....2606 J H Wetzel, D.....2650-44

Wetzel's Plurality.....44

PREDICTS DEFEAT.

Governor Hastings said last week concerning the result of the election on Tuesday:

"There is no use in hiding the cause of the formidable opposition to the republican party in this state, and unless we get together we will be beaten next year."

As to the vote cast for Swallow he said it had no significance so far as his personality was concerned—that any other candidate, running under like circumstances, would have made as good a race.

THANKSGIVING proclamations are not very consoling to defeated politicians.

It would be a credit to the U.S. Senate to know that Mark Hanna would not be returned.

THE dollar-wheat issue did not keep the western farmers from voting for free silver and democracy.

IT NOW is more doubtful than ever whether Mark Hanna will be returned to the U. S. Senate. How the mighty are fallen.

CHAIRMAN H. S. Taylor is content over the result in Centre county. He thinks there will be a turning of the tables by next fall.

'FIGHTING for postoffices about the county has resumed since the election is over and the biggest plum of all, the Bellefonte, office remains unrewarded.

A CAREFUL canvass of the vote cast last week for State Treasurer shows that more democrats voted for Swallow than republicans. That was a strange move, but it is exactly what happened.

SWALLOW has practically announced his intention to run for governor next year. He says he is willing to do anything he can for the cause of good government and to rid the public from boss rule.

THE Overseers of the poor in Bellefonte and adjoining townships are considerably alarmed over the prospect of an unusual large number of dependent laboringmen and their families who will have to be supported this winter. They have cause to be alarmed. One year ago the republicans assured our people of prosperity. We did not get it.

WAR with Spain. That is about the only sensation in the papers since the election. It might not be a surprise to see a first class racket kicked up with Spain in short order. It might revive business for a time, but in the end it would be a piece of expensive luxury. We don't want to fight—unless we must. Then the dogs of war should be turned loose in all their fury.

NO STATE OFFICER was elected in New Jersey, but the vote on assemblymen, as tabulated, shows only 2,576 republican majority, as against 87,692 for McKinley. Last year the democrats carried only three counties in the state. This year they carry nine of the 21 counties. In no State of the Union was the revolution more marked than in New Jersey, except New York.

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Physicians Astonished.

Williamsport News. An unusually interesting operation for appendicitis was performed at the hospital Friday afternoon. The patient was from the upper part of the state and a stone-like substance as large as the kernel of a peanut was found lodged in the appendix, the concretion evidently having petrified. The physicians present were astounded when the stony substance was removed.

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HARRISBURG LETTER.

The Effect of Dr. Swallow's Big Vote on State Politics.

IS URGED TO RUN FOR GOVERNOR.

In Response He Accepts His Willingness to Announce if Called Upon. The Reported Rupture Between Senators Quay and Penrose.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Nov. 9.—The future effect of the big vote for Dr. Swallow upon the politics of Pennsylvania is a more interesting topic than any other feature of the election in the city or the state. It was generally recognized that in the matter of keeping the combined Swallow and Thompson votes low enough to allay the apprehensions of stalwart Republicans with regard to next year's political battles, Senator Quay's olive branches had not proved very successful.

The Prohibitionists have plenty of company in the rejoicing. Democrats and disaffected Republicans pronounce the Swallow vote a favorable augury for a coalition against the Republicans in the gubernatorial fight. Gossips forthwith nominated Dr. Swallow for governor on the Prohibition ticket, but predicted that political elements which had come to his support on this occasion would next year be united on either a Democrat or a Republican for governor.

The Prohibition state executive committee meets in this city today, and will consider plans for reorganizing the Prohibition forces for the purpose of placing in the field a strong candidate for governor next year. State Chairman Jones, who arrived yesterday, points with pride to the fact that every county carried by Dr. Swallow at last week's election was included in the estimate given out by him two weeks ago. In an interview Mr. Jones said:

"I am in receipt of offers from many citizens to join with us in a movement to place in office in this state men of honesty and integrity who will serve in the public's interest and not that of a political machine. This will result in the reorganization of our forces throughout the state, bringing to the front young men of activity and ability who have shown what they can do by their work in this campaign."

Says Swallow Votes Were Not Counted. "I have positive information that votes cast in Philadelphia for our candidates were not counted. Some of our watchers were ejected from the polling places while the votes were being counted. I propose to thoroughly investigate every case of this kind that is brought to my attention, and will vigorously push the prosecution of all such violators of the election laws."

Mr. Jones remarked unofficially that he thought if Dr. Swallow should run for governor he would be elected. The chairman, however, could not predict the nominee of the Prohibition party. Dr. Swallow was himself interviewed the other day. After being asked what he and his friends propose to do now he said:

"I can scarcely speak for others, but among the important things to be done is to bring to justice the state thieves who have gotten away with large quantities of public money, and also go into a judicial investigation of the cause of the capitol fire. The committee appointed by the senate and house, with Senator McCarrell as their chief inquisitor, sought to suppress the evidence then produced. Much more has accumulated, and if we had the money to pursue the matter in the courts no doubt something very interesting could be unearthed. Unfortunately for us, our resources for such purposes are about exhausted."

"What have you to say about the treasury investigation?" "Of course there will be none at present. Mr. Quay's man, Mr. Beacom, will handle the books as treasurer, and while personally a very reputable gentleman, no doubt, yet if the political creature in this case dares to cross the purposes of his creator it will be an innovation in the established order of things, and hence we must suffer on till another batch of over a hundred thousand voters range themselves alongside of those who have just lined up for honest government, and then the change will come. It is only a question of time."

"Am I to understand that you do not regard the fight as ended?"

The Fight But Fairly Begun. "By no means, but just fairly begun. We must strike for more honest administration of municipal and county business all over the state, for on my journey I learned from men who have opportunities for knowing that in many cities and counties, yes, and in many boroughs and even townships, as much corruption in handling public funds exists in proportion to the amount as in state affairs."

"What do you think will be the issues of the next campaign?"

"The same as in the one just ended. The men who have entered the list will fight this battle to a finish, even if it requires a lifetime."

"Is it true you have received letters threatening your life?" "Yes; several of them. But a life counts but little in this or any other great moral fight in which the millions who now live and the millions to come after are involved. Violence on the part of the villains would raise a regiment for every man stricken down, and vengeance sure and quick would come to the principals as well as to the aiders and abettors of such violence."

Dr. Swallow has received numerous letters from all sections of the state urging him to become a candidate for governor. In response he has written that he "will hold himself in readiness to accept any post of duty to which his fellow citizens may assign him."

Mr. Wharton Barker, of Philadelphia, is one of those who wrote to Dr. Swallow, and in discussing the matter Mr. Barker said: "I have no doubt that an effective organization will be built up in every county of the state to support Dr. Swallow as an independent candidate for Governor." Mr. Barker said that from active participation in the campaigns of 1882 and 1890 for Robert E. Pattison, he claimed to know something of the disposition of Pennsylvania Independents, and by that knowledge he was satisfied that the people were "now

ready to support competent and courageous leadership." Mr. Barker added that definite steps toward organization for Dr. Swallow would soon be taken.

Quay and Martin Again Confer. Senator Quay and Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin had a private talk together for three-quarters of an hour in Philadelphia the other day. When asked before the meeting if he expected to meet Mr. Martin during the day, the senator replied that no meeting was arranged, but he was "always glad to meet Mr. Martin or any other man who takes an interest in the welfare of the Republican party."

Mr. Quay, in reply to a question, declared he had not expressed preference for any gubernatorial candidate. Later in the day Mr. Martin visited Chairman Elkin, in the Republican state committee rooms. That Messrs. Martin and Elkin should meet to talk over campaign matters had been no novelty for the commonwealth was as much of a stranger to the state committee headquarters as Senator Quay had been to the city committee rooms up to the recent peace meeting. Messrs. Martin and Elkin had been conversing but a few minutes when Senator Quay entered and was left alone with the secretary. Meanwhile Congressman Bingham, State Senator Merrick, Captain A. G. C. Quay and others chatted with Chairman Elkin in another room.

The captain had come with his father. While the Martin-Quay interview was going on in the chairman's room on the second floor Senator Penrose drove up to the front door in a cab, with which to take Mr. Quay for a talk with a mutual friend who was understood to be displeased by last week's Quay-Martin meeting. Learning that Mr. Martin was upstairs, Mr. Penrose remained below until the secretary had gone out of the house. Mr. Penrose did not meet Mr. Martin.

The two United States senators took the drive to the mutual friend, and afterward started together for Washington. Before leaving Senator Quay and Senator Durham had a private talk, and it is said that the former assured the anti-combine leader that reports of his making deals with Mr. Martin or others were unfounded in fact. It is understood that while Mr. Durham did not question this assertion he felt that the effect of the peace meetings was injurious to the anti-combine cause.

Quay Also Meets Magee.

Another state politician who met Senator Quay in Philadelphia was State Senator Magee. Nothing is known as to the nature of the interview.

Mr. Martin, with a Widener gubernatorial button on his coat, was questioned two hours after Mr. Quay's departure for Washington about his talk with the senator. He admitted that the meeting was by appointment, although his first knowledge of the senator's coming was from the morning papers. There had been telephonic communication between him and Chairman Elkin in the morning. "I wished to talk with Mr. Elkin about an election matter," said Mr. Martin, "and while with him I learned that Senator Quay would soon be there. So I waited. In our interview nothing was said in reference to state politics of the future of anything of that kind."

Fear of the promised Citizens' Union in the Philadelphia mayoralty canvass is expressed by active Republican workers of all factions. Senator Quay's fear of it is understood to have been confided to several of the foremost Philadelphia leaders on the day of his last private talk with Secretary of the Commonwealth Martin in the state committee rooms. The senator seemed to feel that although the mayor will not be elected until February, 1898, yet the early agitation of the mayoralty movement which representative citizens propose to start in a conference to be held this week would largely increase the perils to the Republicans in next summer's gubernatorial convention, or at the following November election.

Philadelphia combiners and anti-combiners privately admit the force of Senator Quay's arguments that "local and state republicans must get together," though unable to understand just how the city republicans are to be united. They admit the correctness of Senator Quay's observation that if "all should not stand together there might be nothing left for any of them." It is believed by both factions that nothing like a definite deal has been entered into by Senator Quay with local republicans in reference to either the mayoralty or the governorship.

Reported Quay-Penrose Quarrel. Meantime there comes a story regarding Pennsylvania state politics which was telegraphed from Washington to a Chicago paper. The dispatch says: "A bitter row has broken out between Senators Quay and Penrose, of Pennsylvania, according to common report on the street. The story is that they quarreled on a train between here and Philadelphia, and that it is probable that the split between them will not be bridged. The trouble is understood to have grown out of Quay's reconciliation with David Martin, the Philadelphia leader, who is an implacable enemy to Penrose. This row between Senators Quay and Penrose is important in that it will probably have a bearing on the senatorial election next year, when Quay will be before the legislature for a reindorsement, although he has declared his intention of retiring to private life."

Careful inquiry among politicians here and in Philadelphia fails either to confirm or deny this story. Republican State Chairman Elkin is authority for the statement that Mr. Quay denies having made any deal with Messrs. Martin and Magee by which he will keep his hand off the gubernatorial nomination next year in consideration of not being opposed for reelection to the senate in 1898. Mr. Elkin says that he does not believe that there is any such deal on foot, and has the senator's word for it that the latter is not engaged in it.

At the last meeting of the live stock sanitary board it was decided to station at points throughout the state inspectors to see that no infected cattle are admitted into Pennsylvania. Arrangements will be made with United States inspectors at different points outside of Pennsylvania, whereby they will inspect cattle about to be shipped into the state. Certificates will be given in cases where cattle are found healthy. The board also decided to erect at the veterinary department of the University of Pennsylvania a building for experiments in the diseases of cattle.

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