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ENTHUSIASTIC MEETINGS

Big Reception Given to the State Candidates

JENKS AND SOWDEN TALK

The Court House Was Quickly Packed and the Opera House Well Filled—Strong Speeches by the Candidates—A Favorable Impression—At Bellefonte Over Sunday.

The people of Bellefonte were greatly surprised on Saturday evening by the large turnout from all parts of the county to hear the addresses of the democratic gubernatorial party. The attendance surpassed all expectations; there were not only democrats, but republicans and prohibitionists in large numbers, all of whom displayed a thoughtful interest in the addresses that is significant.

On Saturday afternoon at 1:05 the campaigning party reached Bellefonte consisting of Hon. Geo. A. Jenks, Hon. Wm. H. Sowden, and a number of representatives of the leading papers in the state. A delegation of Centre county democracy, consisting of Postmaster D. F. Fortney, Candidate Wm. C. Heinle, Editors P. Gray Meek, Fred Kurtz, Sr., and Chas. R. Kurtz, Robt. F. Hunter, T. Adams, Wm. H. Fry and others met them at Lock Haven and escorted them to this place.

Upon the arrival in Bellefonte, a large crowd greeted them at the depot. The party was escorted to carriages and the Undine band lead the way to the Brockert-Hoff house where the party had their headquarters and received the many who surged about the hotel anxious to form the acquaintance of the distinguished candidate for governor and his party. In the afternoon the County Committee were in session and made their report, which indicated a united, harmonious party and a most favorable outlook.

By seven o'clock an immense crowd was in town and soon after the court house was filled to its utmost capacity. The doors of the opera house were opened and in a short time it was well filled.

Both buildings were very tastefully decorated with flags and festooned with bunting. This work was done by the ladies of the town. In the opera house the speaker's table was underneath an immense flag. This seemed to indicate that the democrats have decided to adopt the National emblem also in this campaign.

When the Hon. Geo. A. Jenks was introduced he received a great ovation. The large room was packed to suffocation, and when he began his address all became closely attentive and eager to catch every word. Mr. Jenks is not a platform orator. He makes no efforts to arouse his audience by playing upon their feelings with catchy phrases and bombastic periods. There are no brilliant flights of oratory—only argument. No platform trickery, no nonsense, or political demagoguery. He is a plain, unassuming, honest man, and that is his style of speaking. He confines himself absolutely to facts and argument; he goes direct to the mind of his hearers and there he discusses with his audience the issues that are involved in the campaign. His positions are certain and conclusions logical, therefore convincing and telling, and for that reason he is considered a most effective speaker. Mr. Jenks described the duties of citizenship and the obligations of our public servants. He clearly portrayed the evils of machine rule, Quayism, in this state, how it was robbing the public purse, and appealed to the individual voter to act and do on November as his conscience directed him and then he will be doing his full duty and "God would bless this grand old State."

While Mr. Jenks was speaking in the court house Mr. Sowden addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting in the opera house. He is a vigorous speaker, with a powerful voice and corresponding brain capacity. He dealt more with fact and figures, showing absolutely the notorious corruption of the last assembly and other state departments.

He proved by Quay's own letter that federal patronage had been used to corrupt votes. He read some of the infamous bills and steals of the last legislature, all of which were received with great applause. He ridiculed candidate Stone's pathetic appeals to republicans to vindicate "Protection, Sound Money, The War and President McKinley" by electing him governor.

He could not understand what candidate Stone meant by talking about the danger of the Spanish war, when they were celebrating a Peace Jubilee in Philadelphia.

If that was a republican war Sowden wanted to know what business a lot of democrats like Dewey had at Manila;

or Hobson, Schley and Joe Wheeler had at Santiago, or Fitzhugh Lee had at Havana.

In that style he held candidate Stone up before the public and it had its effect. Sowden is a great campaigner. He delivers sledge-hammer blows that have crushed the armor of Quayism and caused consternation in their camp.

As Mr. Jenks humorously remarked, they exchanged pulpits, from the opera house to the court house, so that each audience could hear them.

Colonel Spangler, who has been at the head of the Democratic State Executive Committee and who has spent the past month in the state headquarters in Philadelphia, addressed both audiences. He came with words of good cheer. He declared that there were the brightest prospects for the defeat of Quayism. The disaffection in the republican ranks was greater than most anticipated. Many of them would vote for Swallow and if democrats only come to the polls in November there would be a glorious victory for clean politics and good government. Col. Spangler's remarks were enthusiastically received.

Hon. C. M. Bower, our candidate for Superior Court, was called and made some brief remarks in which he pointed out the importance of the election and the duty of every democrat to come to the polls.

The attendance at these meetings was exceptional. The speeches have made an impression upon our people, and especially the thoughtful and earnest citizens who vote conscientiously and largely shape and mould the sentiment of a community.

The gubernatorial party stayed in Bellefonte over Sunday, and Monday they left for Huntingdon and other points holding two meetings each day until the close of the campaign.

They were greatly pleased with their visit to Bellefonte, and especially the splendid attendance and intelligent audiences that favored them with their presence.

The court house meeting had the following organization:

PRESIDENT—John A. Woodward, Howard. VICE PRESIDENTS—C. M. McCurdy, w-Bellefonte; Andrew Brockert-Hoff, s w-Bellefonte; Richard McCafferty, s w-Bellefonte; Thomas Shaughency, n w-Bellefonte; Martin Reese, w p-Spring; Samuel Dunlap, e-Ferguson; Samuel Graham, 1st w-Philipsburg; Jno. P. Johnston, 2nd w-Philipsburg; A. A. Kohlbecker, w p-Boggs; D. M. Whitman, m-Walker; Michael Shaffer, n-Potter; W. H. Gardner, Liberty; Dr. A. A. Frank, Millheim; M. L. Rishel, w-Gregg; J. C. Condo, e-Gregg; Jacob S. Meyer, Penn; Samuel Harpster, Jr., w-Ferguson; C. A. Weaver, w-Haines; John S. Dauberman, Centre Hall; Jacob Wagner, s-Potter; Cyrus Durst, Harris; A. C. Thompson, Half Moon; Anthony Gatens, n-Benner; Michael Kerstetter, s-Spring; P. W. McDowell, Marion; Samuel Basor, Patton. SECRETARIES—John Spangler, Geo. R. Meek, Fred Kurtz, Jr.

The opera house meeting had the following organization:

PRESIDENT—Fred Kurtz, Sr., Centre Hall. VICE PRESIDENTS—Lewis Aikay, w-Boggs; Orrin Miller, s w-Bellefonte; Lew McQuistian, w w-Bellefonte; Geo. Koch, n-Potter; Samuel Weiser, Millheim; Squire Garthoff, Penn; R. E. Stover, e-Haines; W. B. Mingle, Centre Hall; Jacob Wagner, s-Potter; R. B. Harrison, Harris; J. B. Roan, n-Benner; Dominick Judge, w-Spring; Perry Gentile, s-Spring; Henry Bartley, n-Spring; I. S. Frain, Marion; A. A. Pletcher, e-Walker; Jacob Dunkle, m-Walker; W. A. Royer, w-Walker; G. H. Leyman, e-Boggs; Henry Sampsel, s-Benner; Henry Walkey, s w-Bellefonte; Clymer Stover, e-Haines. SECRETARIES—P. Gray Meek, Chas. R. Kurtz, R. F. Hunter.

ANOTHER WAY OF LOOKING AT IT.

For the benefit of those voters who are sincere reformers and who might possibly be led astray by the Swallowignatus, which is now flitting about over the state to the interest of Quay's candidate, we furnish the following figures:

The highest republican vote ever cast for a gubernatorial candidate was that for Hastings, in 1894. It was 578,801. The lowest democratic vote cast for a gubernatorial candidate since 1878 was that for Singlerly, in 1894. It was 333,404.

If Swallow shall get one of every two votes cast for Hastings he will receive 286,000. Add to this the prohibition vote, 195,000, and Swallow would have 308,500. Even if Jenks shall get no more than Singlerly received, the vote would then stand: Jenks, 333,404; Swallow, 308,400; Stone, 289,400.

But Swallow cannot poll half of the republican vote, and his democratic vote will be comparatively insignificant. The contest, therefore, is between Jenks and Stone.

"SINGLENESSE of purpose, clearness of thought with common honesty, will make our Union perpetual and our flag to float over every nation of the earth before time shall have elapsed."—Geo. A. Jenks at Huntingdon.

Get out the vote.

STONE ANSWERED.

Jenks Says His Election Will Be a Victory for Reform, Not Free Silver.

Huntingdon, Pa., Oct. 31.

To the Public:

I am informed that Mr. Stone at Pittsburg on Saturday announced that my election as governor of Pennsylvania would be a victory for Free Trade and Free Silver, and that I would so claim. This is not true. It would not be a victory for, nor would I claim it as a victory for either. If I did I would be false to the platform adopted by the Altoona convention. My election would simply mean economy and reform in state affairs. Votes cast for me will express a determination by all good citizens to drive out of public office those who have robbed the state and corrupted our government. My purpose is, and shall be, to introduce an honest, economical, just and fair state administration.

I now say to all voters in Pennsylvania who may wish to vote for me on state issues that I do not, and will not if elected, claim that my election would indicate aught except a desire for reform in our state. National issues will be settled in the presidential election of 1900. My election as governor of Pennsylvania should not, and shall not, be used to affect the next presidential election or the issues which may then arise so far as I can prevent.

GEORGE A. JENKS.

ISSUES DEFINED.

"The candidates for the legislature are pretty well earmarked as Quay or anti-Quay. Those candidates who refuse to commit themselves squarely as opposed to Mr. Quay's re-election may properly be classed as Quay men. This is no time for men who own themselves to be afraid to say so. Certainly men who refuse to take ground in the present contest for or against the rule of the Quay machine and the retention of Mr. Quay in the senate are not of the material that can be depended upon to oppose Mr. Quay's re-election and machine dictation in the legislature."—From Sunday's Philadelphia Press, Republican.

The Situation.

The voters of Centre county should have no trouble to determine, when the senatorial and legislative candidates stand on this issue as follows:

FOR SENATE—Wm. A. Osborne, republican nominee, defeated Miller of Clinton, the anti-Quay candidate for the nomination and is an open and avowed Quayite. Wm. C. Heinle, democrat, stands on the party platform; and further has announced in speeches that if elected he will oppose Quayism and Quay's re-election.

FOR LEGISLATURE—John A. Daley and Eli Townsend, republicans, have been interrogated and refuse to declare themselves on Quayism. The democratic nominees, R. M. Foster and J. H. Wetzel, are on record, over their signatures, to oppose Quayism and the re-election of M. S. Quay to the U. S. senate. Further these gentlemen have even declared their willingness to vote for any reputable compromise candidate of any party, to accomplish this result.

The issue is before you. The position of each candidate is known. You therefore can vote as you desire, for or against Quayism, without mistake. Vote as a true patriot, for the protection of your homes and the best interests of this state and do that as your conscience directs and you will do your duty.

WORTHLESSNESS VS. WEALTH.

"Hon. W. C. Arnold does not run a 'plack-me-store.' He is a poor man himself and the poor man's friend. He is not a millionaire, aristocratic, but a man whom we all can approach for help. Vote for Arnold. He's a hustler.—Ridge-way Advocate."

If Wm. C. Arnold had put his talents to good use, dealt honorably with his fellowmen, been frugal and industrious and not lingered so long over the flowing bowl, he too might be a man of some means, instead of having a whole host of creditors holding his worthless obligations. If there is merit in such poverty, worthlessness we fail to detect it.

Jim Hall was a bright young man who was born poor, but by his own effort, acquired considerable means, and did it honestly. He has largely developed the resources of that country and by doing so gave employment to thousands. He has furnished the opportunity in his mines and lumber operations and other industries for thousands of men to secure that which clothed and fed many families and made contented and happy homes. His charitable acts are probably only exceeded by Arnold's worthless obligations.

Here is the true picture of Hall's wealth and Arnold's worthlessness. The voter on Tuesday must approve one or the other.

M. I. GARDNER is a methodical, careful, competent, industrious, sober, intelligent man; courteous and obliging, with much experience he would make the kind of a man who is needed in the prothonotary's office. No mistake about that.

THE STATE AND THE TAXES.

Some effort has been made by the republican stump orators to dispute Mr. Jenks' showing, in his Gettysburg speech, that democratic tax laws carried the State through the war and, in taxing corporations for all purposes, instead of as now, for State purposes only, were fairer to the people. But they were very feeble efforts.

In round figures there are \$50,000,000 of taxes gathered in Pennsylvania of which corporations contribute something less than \$7,000,000. This division is seen to be unequal when it is comprehended that the corporation franchises have a money value equal about to that of all the realty of the State.

The facts, accessible to all men, fully vindicates the position taken by Mr. Jenks.

And Mr. Jenks is not given credit by those who have so lamely attempted to antagonize his figures on this tax matter, for bravely supplementing them with the assertion, amounting to a pledge as to the policy that governs its course if elected, that taxation should be lessened, not increased, that the State has no right to tax either corporations or individuals for one penny more than is needed for the legitimate purposes of government.

Under an honest and wise administration there would be no treasury surpluses, real or manufactured. If unforced circumstances should, as sometimes happens, abnormally pile up the State's moneys, the excess should be at once used either to wipe out debt, lessen taxes or provide some permanent public improvement.

THE CLOSE OF THE CAMPAIGN

A Most Promising Outlook for Reform Movement.

JENKS IS A SURE WINNER

That is What the Leaders Say—The Newspapers Concur in This—Quay Getting Desperate and Will Sacrifice Stone—Watch the Legislature.

"Jenks will be elected." That statement has frequently been made in the past few days, and by parties who are able to grasp the situation. This opinion has been given by such men as ex-Governor Robert E. Pattison, Hon. W. U. Hensel, Hon. Wm. F. Harry, James Guffy, state chairman, John Garman, Hon. Wm. H. Sowden and others. The opinions of such men are reliable. During the past few days our esteemed friend, Bro. Alec. McClure, in his Philadelphia Times, has said that Jenks is the strongest candidate in the field, with Stone second and Parson Swallow the third. The Record and Ledger intimate the same. The Pittsburg Post, Dispatch and Ledger hold the same opinion.

Leading republicans declare that Stone is sure to go down. All politicians admit that the Jenks boom has grown rapidly the past week and has bright prospects.

At this writing we share in the same opinion which is based on observation and from special information of reliable nature. Only the enormous use of money on election day can change the present situation, next Tuesday.

WATCH THE LEGISLATURE.

It is asserted that Quay realizes that Stone will be defeated. In this situation he will look out for himself—secure the election of only Quay candidates to the legislature. Quay is a selfish man, and at a critical point would sell out Stone to save himself. Word has been sent out for democrats and anti-Quay people to watch this part of the ticket, as Quay will make a trade—Quay republicans will offer to vote for Jenks to get a democratic vote in return for Townsend and Daley, the Quay candidates for legislature in our county. When republicans make such a proposition it is evident that Stone will be defeated and Jenks elected. In that case Jenks will not need their support and you can present the defeat of our legislative candidates.

Democrats, watch this point. Stone is sure to go down and this is our opportunity to elect a legislature that will defeat the boss for re-election to the United States Senate and thus effectually banish Quayism from the fair name of our good old state of Pennsylvania. Watch another point. Quayites may offer to trade votes on the county ticket in favor of Daley and Townsend. No democrat should entertain such a proposition. The democracy of our county is united this year. There is no disaffection anywhere—the whole ticket will pull through by a handsome majority, if the democrats in the townships only come to the polls. Don't trade to help Townsend and Daley, the Quay candidates.

There is an old saying, "Fear the Greeks when they come bearing gifts." Democrats, avoid republicans when they offer a trade. Vote the straight ticket, and the whole ticket will be elected.

ARNOLD LICKED.

True to our predictions of last week, information now comes from reliable source that Wm. C. Arnold, candidate for re-election to congress from this district, is a "dead duck." Democrats in this locality long ago knew Mr. Arnold had entirely broken his neck by his duplicity and dishonesty with some of the best men in his party. That has been done in every section of the district.

Leading republicans, the few remaining supporters, have declared it is useless to make a fight against Hall.

To verify these predictions read the Philadelphia Enquirer of last Sunday, the recognized Quay organ. In a summary of the congressional situation over the country, it places our district as certainly democratic, not even doubtful.

In another column it states that J. K. P. Hall of the popular Hall family, will be elected.

Yes, Wm. C. Arnold, the corrupt, unreliable, dissipated misfit, will not be supported by the better element of his party on this trip to Washington.

Centre county will give him a black eye, and at the same time blacken the eyes of the aristocratic republican roosters and few selfish officials who imagine themselves dictators. They are only clothed with brief authority MARK THAT.

HORACE B. HERRING is our candidate for county surveyor. The office is not the most important, but he is a worthy man and should be elected by a handsome majority. Don't forget Herring.

THE PRESS' ADVICE TO A VOTER.

The Philadelphia Press, in reply to a correspondent, always a Republican but in doubt as for whom he shall vote for governor, does not advise him to vote for Stone, as "his election will strengthen the pernicious rule of the Quay machine in the state." Nor does the Press advise a vote for Swallow; and as to Jenks it cannot advise, but leaves the voter to make up his mind, with this statement:

No one questions Mr. Jenks' capacity, high character and unusual attainments as a lawyer. In many respects he would make an ideal governor; nothing could be better than to have the crude work of the legislature subjected to his keen scrutiny and sharp criticism, and winnowed by the vetoes of one of the greatest lawyers in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has rarely had a governor so well qualified for its duties as President Cleveland's solicitor general. Yet how can Republicans vote for a man who is a free silver Democrat? True, there is no mint in Harrisburg, and Mr. Jenks' views on silver bear no relation to the duties he would be called on to perform as governor. His Democracy, too, is rather of the old-fashioned type of the Jere Black, George Sharswood and Charles R. Buckalew variety.

The common-sense statement that "there is no mint in Harrisburg, and Mr. Jenks' views on silver bear no relation to the duties he would be called on to perform as governor," should go far to solve the doubts of this voter, who is desirous of breaking the Quay machine by defeating one whom he calls "the creature of Senator Quay."

LOOK OUT FOR MONEY.

It is a common cry that elections are bought. In some sections of our county, the integrity of the people is far beyond any such practice. In others, it has become a disgraceful proceeding. The open use of money is notorious.

This is a desperate fight for the Quay machine. They have the hardest fight of their lives on hand. It is for their political supremacy or downfall. It is a life or death struggle—therefore at the point of desperation. The Quay machine always was able to raise immense sums of money, for campaign purposes. The amounts are so high that many would not believe it.

The situation in this state during the past two weeks has been decidedly in favor of the election of Jenks and an Anti Quay legislature. The last stroke is at hand. They can not recuperate or recover their strength by literature or stump speeches.

The only possible way to save themselves is to throw immense sums of money into districts where money will buy men's votes and thus debauch the ballot box. It is the only hope, and likely to be done.

Our advice is: Look out for republican campaign boodle next Monday. Any man caught bribing votes should be arrested. Another safe plan is to take the money and vote as you think best.

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The Pittsburg Leader, an influential Republican journal, declares that the nomination of George A. Jenks at this juncture was in the nature of a special providence. It says: "His purity of life, dignity of character, high intellectual attainments and proven usefulness as a public servant render him peculiarly eligible as a candidate in the crucial struggle against the evil influences that have long dominated this Commonwealth." The Leader predicts a landslide for Jenks and permanent good for the people as a result of the overthrow of the Quay machine.

Henry T. Ryman.

Henry T. Ryman, of Milesburg, died Monday night. His death was due to old age. For the last year he was bed-fast.

His age was 84 years, 6 months and 3 days. All his life since childhood has been spent in the town of Milesburg, except two years that he was milling at Shaws-ville, Pa.

July 25th 1839 he married Sarah Jane Parkhurst and by this union 3 children were born, viz: Mary E., now deceased was married to Harrison Long; James H. T., now living in Missoula, Montana; and Jane C. now living at home.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment in the old Milesburg cemetery. The Odd Fellows will have charge of the funeral. Rev. George King and Rev. W. O. Wright will conduct the services.

Public Sale.

The personal property of Elizabeth Rupert, dec'd., of near Hecla Park, will be offered at public sale, on Saturday, November 19th.

Down with Quayism.