

GREASY GRILLS REGREANT INDEPENDENT REPUBLICANS

Criticises Action of a Few Who Have Declared for Sheatz on Insufficient Grounds.

Shows That the Machine Republican Candidate Was Always Servile and Obedient.—He Was Against Roosevelt at a Crucial Time and Against Good Government Legislation All the Time.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 30.

There is an element among the Independent Republicans of Pennsylvania which is already "weary of well doing." This was to be expected. In the history of time there has never been a movement involving a considerable number of men which did not develop some recreants. Even the church is frequently embarrassed in its work by the bad behaviour of some professors of Christianity. Such incidents do not permanently retard the work of the Church, however. The delinquents are set aside and the civilizing and Christianizing processes go on.

Recently there has been no promising movement in the interest of civic improvement than that which organized under the title of the Lincoln Party in this State. It was composed, in the main, of strong and earnest men influenced essentially by the spirit of progress and directed by conscience and patriotism. Such a force could not fail to command popular respect and draw public favor. That was probably its greatest danger. It attracted the support of a lot of self-seeking politicians who hoped to ride into office on the crest of its wave of popularity.

There are men of respectable antecedents and considerable means who would crack a safe if they imagined there was a commission for some public office inside which they could seize. They have an inordinate and insatiable thirst for office. Some of that sort got into the Lincoln party and because their expectation of office was not realized, they are now hurrying back to the machine. A few of them recently held a meeting in Philadelphia and decided that they would support Sheatz. They imagine that such action will please Roosevelt and get them something.

False Promises and Wrong Conclusions.

These fellows, or part of them, have issued a letter addressed to the Independent Republicans in which they say that the nomination of Sheatz was "a concession to decent Republicanism;" that "the good of the State will be best promoted" by his election; that such a result of the vote "will promote the overthrow of Penrose" and that it will be an "endorsement of the Roosevelt policies." It would be difficult to imagine anything more absurd. The election of Sheatz is absolutely essential to the success of Penrose's plans for next year.

How could it be otherwise? Sheatz was nominated by a convention absolutely controlled by Penrose. The fact that it was presided over by Harry F. Walton of Philadelphia is ample proof of that fact. But it doesn't depend on that evidence alone. The important thing to Penrose was control of the organization. Appreciation of this fact was shown last year in the demand for the retirement from the Chairmanship of the State Committee of Mr. Penrose's Private Secretary. The convention which nominated Sheatz unanimously re-elected Wesley R. Andrews.

The action of these so-called Independent Republicans is recreancy of the worst type. But it wasn't the greatest blunder they made. The sending of a copy of their absurd letter to Hon. William T. Creasy enjoys that distinction. It gave Creasy an opportunity to expose their stupidity and hypocrisy. They have betrayed their associates in the movement of the last two years, they have misrepresented facts with respect to the movement and in relation to Sheatz and they have written themselves down as political mercenaries and adventurers.

Mr. Creasy's Proper Reply.

Here is Mr. Creasy's reply to the

letter signed by Mahlon N. Kline, Chairman, and Cyrus D. Foss, Jr., Secretary:

Catawissa, Pa., Oct. 23.
Mr. Mahlon N. Kline, Chairman, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 15th containing reasons why the cause of good government would be conserved by the election of John O. Sheatz to the office of State Treasurer, against John G. Harman. No doubt you have requested me to join you in an appeal to independent Republicans in furtherance of that proposition, because I was one of your candidates for State office last year and for the reason of my identity in the past, in and out of the Legislature, with movements in the interest of those reforms which you profess to advocate.

Mr. Berry Alone Achieved Results.

You will pardon me if I am unable to agree either with your premises or conclusions. The election of Mr. Berry alone brought about the special session, unearthed the gigantic capital frauds and if he had not been retarded by the office of administration, the gratings would have been prosecuted long ago. The nomination of Mr. Stuart was certainly no reform movement, for it was entirely dictated by Senator Penrose; while his election has resulted in the retention in office of all the gangsters of the Kline regime. Even Stutz, who as Secretary of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings, carried up the gratings operations, is still a clerk in the office of the Auditor General, and in the enjoyment of the confidence of the machine leaders.

You add that "the policies of President Roosevelt's administration have the enthusiastic support of all independent Republicans," and pledge to him "for the future, as in the past, our hearty support." You will probably recall the fact that in 1906 when President Roosevelt's most cherished policy was in its crucial stage, a resolution pledging him the moral support of Pennsylvania was introduced into the Legislature, and Mr. Sheatz voted against it. Only a few days ago he declared in speech at Pittsburgh in cordial sympathy with the movement to nominate Senator Knox for President, who not only doesn't reflect the policy of the House at the time, voted for the resolution.—(See Legislative Record, session of 1907, page 284.)

The System Rather Than Men.

You say: "We regard those Penrose and his associates as the chief cause of corrupting, contracting and corporate influences which have so long dominated the politics of the State." In my opinion Senator Penrose is not the centre of this system than was Quay or those who preceded him. The evil is not in the man but in the system. The power of the power of the system is the State Treasurer. We have been striving for the destruction of the system since the election of Mr. Berry two years ago temporarily achieved that result. Your proposition to elect Mr. Sheatz to the office of the State Treasurer, because he owes his nomination to the machine and must depend upon it for his election. On the other hand, the election of Mr. Harman will continue the policies of Mr. Berry and make perpetual the triumph of the rightness which his election secured.

You say that the nomination of John O. Sheatz by the Republican State convention was a concession forced by decent Republicanism, unavoidably and bitterly against the management that sought to retain power. Senator Penrose controlled the convention which nominated Mr. Sheatz as absolutely as any party boss ever controlled a caucus. He dictated the platform, selected the presiding officer, censured the speeches and what is of the greatest importance, he held the organization in his own hands by the re-election of his private secretary to the office of Chairman of the State Committee.

You say that Mr. Sheatz is as truly one of us as if he had given the votes that nominated him. It is a well-known fact that Mr. Sheatz is playing both sides. The Penrose people declare confidently that Mr. Sheatz will go with them. You say he is against them. But why is he silent? A man's position is not defined by him. Mr. Sheatz takes the public into his confidence and frankly announces whether he is for or against Penrose for Senator.

Your letter, in short, conveys the idea that your main concern is to re-enter the machine organization. Recent experience has perfectly proved that minor representation in the State administration is of the highest value. Plain business principles require checks and balances, and the election of John G. Harman will accomplish that result. It will destroy the system absolutely and save the people of the State millions of dollars.

Sheatz's Record Revealed.

You say that in 1906, prior to the reform movement of that year, that Sheatz stood alone in the State Legislature in urging the passage of ballot reform and personal registration acts. The only ballot reform bill introduced during the session of 1906 was "read in place" by Representative Flynn, and it was supported by all the Democrats and by a few Republicans. Sheatz introduced a personal registration act with the apologetic "by request" attached.

I have served in the Legislature during all the time of Mr. Sheatz's membership in the House and am familiar with his record. He voted for a few meritorious measures and against vicious legislation occasionally. But he was not a reformer by a long way. On the contrary, he voted with the machine so usually that the exceptions only proved the rule of his servility to the party. Sheatz voted against the Philadelphia "ripper," but served the machine by voting against an amendment which would have destroyed its evil effects.

I do not concur in your opinion that the good of the State will be conserved by the election of Mr. Sheatz, or that such a result of the election will promote the overthrow of Penrose. On the contrary, to my mind, it will entrench Mr. Penrose in his position as party boss.

In view of these facts I am constrained to support John G. Harman for State Treasurer, and believe that his election will guarantee the results which you pretend to aim for.

Very truly yours,
W. T. CREASY.

Independents Resent Recreancy.

Mr. Creasy's letter has stirred the real independent Republicans of the State to the highest measure of enthusiasm in the support of Mr. Harman. The authors of the letter to which it was a reply, have deliberately falsified the record in order to deceive the voters. Their purpose was, of course, to qualify themselves to participate in the Republican primary elections next Spring. Penrose, and as Mr. Creasy alleges, Sheatz are opposed to Roosevelt's candidate and these mercenaries hope that through the popularity of Roosevelt they will get back into the organization and control it.

But they are pursuing a very stupid course. If Sheatz is elected Penrose will be more firmly established in control of the party organization

than Quay ever was. Quay never went up against a condition as difficult as the capitol scandals presented to Penrose this year. Last year he had a rough road to travel and won with Stuart. If he succeeds this year in rescuing the party from the peril in which it is involved and restoring it to complete control of the government of the State, he will be invincible, for the credit will go to him rather than to the Independents, whatever part they take in the battle.

G. D. H.

Let Us Hope They Will.

From the Reading Telegram.

Maybe if these prosecutors don't look 'out, Sanderson, et al., will up and tell who really got it.

According to the statement of Mahlon N. Kline, Lewis Emery, Jr., is of the opinion that the best interests of the State were conserved by the election of Edwin S. Stuart to the office of Governor last year. Mr. Stuart has done all that was possible to retain Penrose's friends in the public service and to foster the interests of the "criminal conspiracy masquerading as the Republican party." He has inaugurated no reform and delayed the prosecution of the capitol grafters as long as possible, probably with the purpose of letting them escape by way of the statute of limitations, Quay's favorite method. Still Lewis Emery, Jr., was the candidate against him and the possibilities for harm in this country are vast. Taking one consideration with another, therefore, we will not undertake to dispute his point with Mr. Emery.

Representative Creasy has made an interesting, though unattractive spectacle of Mr. Mahlon N. Kline, of Philadelphia, and those associated with him in an effort to delude independent Republicans into the support of Penrose's candidate for State Treasurer. Mr. Creasy shows not only that Mr. Sheatz has always been a servile tool of the machine, but that in a selfish desire to participate in the primaries next Spring Mr. Kline and his associates have attempted to deceive the public by misrepresenting the facts. So long as Wesley R. Andrews, one of the bank wreckers of the Quay regime remains at the head of the Republican organization nobody but a knave would say that it has reformed and only fools would believe the falsehood.

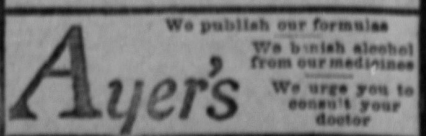
One of the most significant features of the State campaign was the meeting of veterans of the Civil war and the sons of veterans held at Shamokin, a few days ago. The veterans were deeply earnest in their denunciation of the trick by which they were deprived of the pittance contemplated in the Cochran bill and in view of the fact that there is likely to be three times as much surplus money in the treasury as the law would have required at the time the payments would have been made they are justly indignant. They feel that Pennsylvania owes something to the heroes of that great war and that there is little chance of getting it while the gang wants money for speculative purposes.

Chairman Andrews admits that Burd Cassell who was at the time robbing the State of \$1,500,000, gave Senator Penrose a campaign contribution of \$15,000, but protests there was nothing wrong in the transaction. Maybe that is true, according to Chairman Andrews' notions of political morals. But anybody who is not a political degenerate would probably take another view of the subject.

Governor Stuart is for Penrose for Senator and Mr. Sheatz is for Penrose. The election of Sheatz, therefore, will give Penrose complete control of the administration of the State government for the reason that the Governor and the State Treasurer constitute a majority

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MRS. ELLA LOOSE,
Executors, Rebersburg,
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In the Orphans' Court of Centre County.
The undersigned, an Auditor, appointed by said Court, to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, to and among legally entitled thereto, will meet all persons interested in said estate, for the purpose of his appointment, on Tuesday, November 12th, 1907, at ten a. m., at his office in Eagle Block, Bellefonte, Pa. when and where all persons having a claim upon said fund, must appear and present their claims, or be forever debarred from coming in for a share of said fund.

THOMAS J. SEXTON,
Bellefonte, Pa., October 19, 1907. Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphan's Court of Centre County. In the matter of the estate of Arthur C. Norris, late of Patton township, dec'd.
The undersigned, an Auditor, appointed by said Court, to make distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, to and among legally entitled to receive the same, will meet all parties interested in said estate, at No. 19 West High St., in the Borough of Bellefonte, Pa. on Thursday, Nov. 21st 1907, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate are requested to appear and present their claims, or be forever debarred.

F. W. HARRISON WALKER, Auditor
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JOHN BLANCHARD,
Auditor
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