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## ONLY ONE PLAIN ISSUE

### Which all Democratic Voters Must Face at the Primaries—Principles Not Men.

It is the duty of every citizen to attend the primary election on Saturday next, April 13. It is the most important Democratic primary election held in many years, as it involves principles, policies and men that either are for the welfare of the party or its detriment in the coming years.

This nation has received a "shaking up" in recent years. In our indifference to popular government the money power, the corporations, and the special interests have controlled both national and state legislation by securing the mastery at times over both the two leading parties, and in consequence the people suffered in numerous ways, and the cost of living advances and those who toil must bear the burden and their families often suffer in consequence, while the rich grow richer and more powerful.

For some years past the Standard Oil, the large iron and steel corporations, the railroads, the whiskey distillers, the beer breweries and saloons of Pennsylvania have practically paid the expenses of both the Republican and Democratic parties of Pennsylvania. The state headquarters then send small allowances from this corruption fund to the different counties where most in both parties in Pennsylvania and the honest voters have been led around needed to elect some man for assembly, senate, county chairman or delegate to state convention who will be of use to them. This system has been at work like mere dupes. This is the cold cruel truth that comes home to every Democrat and Republican in Pennsylvania who reads and thinks; and the men who deny it, or defend this system, and no doubt many are sincere and honest, simply are deluding themselves to truth.

This system was represented in the Republican party originally by the Cameron's, then came the Quay dynasty, and now we have the Penrose machine—all powerful only because the big interests are back of him.

In the Democratic party we have the same forces at work. Guffey and his millions represent the Standard Oil, and the big corporations, while Jim Hall takes care of the interests of the whiskey distillers, the beer breweries and the saloons.

Berry, a clean, christian man of moral courage and convictions, whom they could not control, was the wrong man for these people for Governor—and they slaughtered him at Allentown. The people revolted; but it was the blow that aroused the people to the fact that both parties were dominated by bosses in behalf of special interests. Then came the demand for re-organization of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania by the elimination of Guffey, Hall, Donnelly, Ryan, Mulvihill, and his lieutenants.

At the primaries on Saturday there is but one issue confronting every Democratic voter and that is, will you vote to continue these Democratic bosses in power? Are you satisfied with the Guffey-Hall-Donnelly-Ryan leaders who controlled our party for the past ten or more years? Will you approve of these Democratic bosses who deal with the Penrose machine and sell out the Democracy of Pennsylvania as a mere commodity on the market as was done at the Allentown convention? If you stand for all this you should vote for every man on the ticket opposed to re-organization.

If you have any confidence in Wm. J. Bryan; if you trust ex-state treasurer Wm. H. Berry; if you have any faith in men like "Farmer Wm. T. Creasy,"—the famous worker in Grange and champion of equal taxation—and other men of like standing and reputation, won't you accept their advice and vote at the primaries only for candidates who openly pledge you to fight these existing evils and the boss system in our party? You must either endorse or condemn the Guffey-Hall alliance with Penrose by your vote.

The man with convictions, and who prides his citizenship, can not for a moment permit personal considerations to influence him from doing his plain duty.

If your friend as a candidate is on the wrong side—it is not your duty to your friend to go wrong also. Instead—stand on your dignity, your honor, and your manhood! Stand for the right, stand for the good of your party, stand for the good of your state!

When you have thoughtfully considered this question as a good Democrat and a conscientious citizen go and do what your conscience prompts you is your duty, at the primary election next Saturday.

#### WHERE THEY STAND.

In order that our readers may know where the various candidates stand on the question of eliminating the Guffey-Hall leadership and choosing new men, we will take up the candidates as their names appear on the Primary Ballot:

#### FOR RE-ORGANIZATION. FOR GUFFEY—HALL.

**James A. Gleason.**  
Made no public pledge, but is known as favoring re-organization.

**R. M. Foster.**  
His public pledge for Re-organization will be found under "Political Announcements" in this issue.

**L. T. Munson.**  
Has made no pledge and his position is unknown to us on this issue.

**John C. Barclay.**  
Made positive pledge for Re-organization.

**Asher R. Johnson.**  
Made positive pledge for Re-organization.

**Geo. L. Goodhart.**  
Pledged to Re-organization; and to vote for him you must write or paste his name on the ballot under Abraham Weber's name.

**Arthur B. Kimpfort.**  
Voted for Re-Organization, and has openly pledged, and so doing the Guffey people now demand his defeat.

In the above classification we have tried to be fair to each candidate. From this every reader of "The Centre Democrat" will know what each represents and he should carefully mark his ballot so that his vote will be accurately recorded.

#### A TIMELY GRANGE EDITORIAL.

The Pennsylvania Grange News for April contains a leading editorial by the state master, William T. Creasy, in which he scorching candidates for convention delegates who refuse to pledge themselves to their constituents, and advises voters to vote for no candidates of the "trust-me" type.

The Patrons of Husbandry being a non-partisan organization, Creasy, of course, refrains from mentioning any names. The editorial is as follows:

"It is the bounden duty of every citizen to participate in all elections. It is especially the duty of every Patron of Husbandry to take an active interest in governmental affairs. On Saturday, April 13, at every election box in Pennsylvania, the qualified election officers will sit for the purpose of receiving votes of electors in all parties for the nomination of candidates for legislature, the state senate, members of congress and delegates to the state and national party conventions.

"Patrons, attend the primaries and let your votes and influence go to the candidates who you know will serve the interests of the whole people. Our Pennsylvania law makes it possible for delegates to party conventions to pledge themselves openly upon the ballot for certain announced candidates, and we would commend to the members of all parties the importance of voting for candidates for delegateships who will come out in black and white and tell where they stand. The day for buying a 'pig in a poke' in politics is past, and our primary system gives us the opportunity of smashing these political machines in all parties that hold their strength only through darkness and evasion.

"If a candidate has no other pledge to make to you than his desire to gratify a personal ambition, you owe nothing to him. Be 'feary' of the man who insists upon the personal integrity. It is true that 'an egg that must be vouched for it is a bad egg every time,' and this is ever true in political elections. Your best interests will be served by voting for the man who tells you where he stands. And by all means do not waste your work upon a candidate for legislative or congressional preferment who refuses to state clearly his position on the things for which the grange stands."

## A CALL TO DUTY.

To the Democracy of Centre County:

Last Friday I, J. Drees, of Lemont, directed the County Commissioners to withdraw his name from the official ballot as a candidate for Delegate to the Democratic State Convention. He had announced himself as the Re-organization candidate for that position. As the time lapsed, no nomination or substitution could be made by which another's name, representing the same movement, could be printed on the official ballot.

This reminds all of similar tactics employed, at the 11th hour, at the Allentown Convention by this same crowd to betray the people, and defeat them at the polls.

For State Delegate but one candidate's name therefore will be printed on the official ballot; and he is opposed to the present Re-organization movement and is in sympathy with the same crowd who betrayed our party at Allentown, and in fact for years have been in league with Boss Penrose and his corrupt machine in the state.

This kind of a ballot is the result of a conspiracy, hatched at a late hour, to make it difficult for the Re-organization Democrats in Centre County, who are in the large majority, to accurately record their wishes at the polls.

When this situation was discovered, loyal Democrats from over Centre County, were hastily summoned to an impromptu conference. The sentiment was unanimous to take up the fight, throughout Centre County, at every polling place, until the last vote was polled.

Unknown to me, and entirely unsuspected, my name was selected as the one which all Re-organizers throughout the county, should support. When notified and consulting only my personal feelings, I preferred to decline, but remembering that my party had rewarded me with the office of County Commissioner for six years, I realized my obligation. It now appeals to me as a call to duty, which I will not shrink; I now am on the firing line, and will stay in the fight to the finish. My platform is brief:

I believe the majority should rule. I believe the men and the organization, who defeated Berry at Allentown, and brought the party to a humiliating defeat, are unworthy of further confidence, and should retire gracefully without creating further factional discord in our party. I believe the Democracy of Pennsylvania is in need of complete re-organization.

I heartily endorse the action of our County Chairman, A. B. Kimpfort, in respecting the wishes of our people at Harrisburg last July; and approve of his successful conduct of the last campaign.

Fellow Democrats, I enter this contest solely for the welfare of our party. I will do my duty, and if you will do your full duty, we will win.

My name will not appear on the Official Ballot, therefore, instruct every one to use a sticker or write my name (G. L. Goodhart) in the blank space, under that of Mr. Weber, who is opposed to our cause.

For the sake of good government, clean politics, and a true Jeffersonian Democracy, I appeal to you to come to the polls April 13, and do your full duty.

Yours respectfully,  
G. L. GOODHART.

Centre Hall, Pa., April 1st, 1912.

## How to Vote for G. L. Goodhart.

If You Want to Vote For Mr. Goodhart Carefully Note the Following, Where to Insert His Name on the Official Ballot:

Delegate to State Convention.  
(Vote, Write, or Paste)

Abraham Weber.

(Here "write or paste" following name:

G. L. Goodhart

## SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Rash Act of J. Calvin Sunday, of Penna. Furnace.

Though in a most precarious condition from a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head, J. Calvin Sunday, of Pennsylvania Furnace, was reported to be still living at a late hour Monday evening. Mr. Sunday's rash act is attributed to an extended illness, the ravages of which temporarily affected his reason. After making some purchases at the store of W. S. Ward, of Pennsylvania Furnace, he left for his home and was found several minutes afterward lying on the ground in an unconscious condition. A revolver nearby told the tale, although nobody seemed to have heard the shot. Residents across from the Ward store saw the man lying on the ground and hastened to his side. The physicians summoned found that the bullet had entered the head just above the right temple and produced a wound of such nature that all hopes of recovery are abandoned. After having been given temporary treatment on the scene of the shooting he was taken to his home. Mr. Sunday has a wife and four children and owned a fine home. He was considered a most prosperous farmer. He is aged 39 years and has five brothers and two sisters, two of his brothers being Lutheran ministers—Rev. William Sunday, of New Bethlehem, and Rev. Orrie Sunday, of Newport. Being a most prominent and reliable resident of that vicinity, the affair was deeply deplored. He had been suffering from chronic illness for about a year.

## A CHAIN OF EVIDENCE.

It has come to the writer, from reliable source, that the funds that have been necessary for some years past to conduct the Democratic State Headquarters of the old bosses were largely the contributions of the distillers and the brewers in this state. The same source supplies the funds for the Republican party. A vote for Walker is an endorsement for Sheriff Taylor, and Taylor stands for Jim Hall; and Jim Hall never was known to attend an anti-saloon convention. That is the combination, and few realize the meaning of a vote for Walker. Hall naturally does want to see Centre county stand by him and is having Taylor and all his lieutenants travel the county to lick Arthur B. Kimpfort, who would not bow down and serve the Guffey-Hall crowd.

## The Real Issue.

Guffey represents the Standard Oil company, the iron and steel corporations, and the railroads; Hall handles the distillery and the brewery interests. It naturally is important that these two men have complete control of the Democratic party in this state. That is the bottom of all this revolt in the Democratic party, and the people will not stand for it any longer.

No one should use the Democratic organization of Centre county to "build up his business"—that is pure selfishness, not Democracy.

## MR. FURST'S NARROW ESCAPE.

John E. Furst, a farmer, living one half mile west of Mackeyville along Fishing Creek, met with an accident Tuesday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock which might have resulted in his death and that of his team also says the Lock Haven Democrat. Mr. Furst was hauling manure from his barnyard to the field, using a manure spreader wagon, and had occasion to cross a bridge spanning Fishing Creek near his home, and when his team and wagon on which he was seated, got on the middle of the first span of the bridge, four of the sills suddenly gave way and precipitated horses, wagon and driver into the creek the water of which is raging high. Fortunately Mr. Furst's predicament was seen by the C. R. Company's work crew, who were working on the road bed but a short distance away, and all dropped their tools and rushed to his assistance. The accident was also seen by Mrs. H. L. McCloskey who lives within sight of the bridge, and she rushed into the house and called aid by telephone from the village of Mackeyville and very soon enough help was at hand to rescue Mr. Furst and later the horses.

Mr. Furst received a few scratches and bruises besides a complete immersion in the chilly waters. The horses were gotten out with much difficulty and came near drowning during the effort, but when landed it was found that they were but slightly hurt and the wagon had nothing broken but the tongue, the very deep wear protecting all in the fall, yet it was an almost miraculous escape for man and beasts. A new bridge will be immediately constructed by the road supervisors to take the place of the old one which proved so faulty.

## A BANNER YEAR.

The following shows the majorities for every Democratic candidate on our ticket last fall:

A. B. Lee, Sheriff.....	176
D. R. Foreman, Prothonotary.....	1023
Jno. D. Miller, Treasurer.....	814
J. Frank Smith, Register.....	420
W. Francis Spear, Recorder.....	371
W. H. Noll, Coms.....	1148
Daniel A. Grove, Coms.....	1109
D. Paul Farnley, Dist. Atty.....	672
Jere. Brunhart, Auditor.....	194
S. H. Hoy, Auditor.....	135
J. H. Wetzel, Surveyor.....	399

Some Republicans now insist that Henry C. Quigly, the Republican County Chairman should be licked for this crushing defeat of the Republican ticket.

On the other hand, Sheriff Taylor, Senator Meek and W. Harrison Walker insist that Arthur B. Kimpfort should be licked; they say he is no good as County Chairman!

Some one certainly deserves a good licking.

**Hay Brings \$30 a Ton.**  
Hay sold highest at Cincinnati, O. this week than at any time since the Civil War. For good timothy hay \$30 a ton was the ruling figure.

If W. Harrison Walker wants harmony, why did he come out to defeat Kimpfort and start a factional fight?

## "FARMER CREASY'S" MESSAGE.

### True Friend of the Farmers of Pennsylvania Sounds A Note of Warning.

During a visit to Harrisburg on Saturday evening William T. Creasy, formerly chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, and for several years the Democratic floor leader of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, talked freely and emphatically to a representative of The Patriot regarding the importance of the coming primary election.

Naturally Mr. Creasy—who was at the head of the Democratic organization in this State in 1902, when Robert E. Pattison, the Democratic candidate for Governor, polled 436,451 Democratic votes, as against 129,395 Democratic votes polled for Webster Grim, the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1910, when Arthur G. Dewalt, of the Penrose annex, was chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee—is earnestly in favor of the Reorganization movement.

Farmer Creasy is known personally to almost every reader of this paper. He is prominent in Grange work and is one of the strongest and most forceful speakers at Grange Park, Centre Hall, every season. He is a power of strength and a pillar of plain honesty among the farmers and the common people who must toil. Here is what plain Farmer Creasy tells every Democrat in Pennsylvania regarding the coming primary election:

#### FARMER CREASY SPEAKS OUT.

"The primary election that is to take place next Saturday," said Mr. Creasy, "is more important to the Democratic party than any that has ever taken place in this State. It is to harvest and make secure the fruits of the victory of last year over the traders and traitors under whose leadership the party was brought to the verge of ruin.

"The Democratic voters of the State are practically a unit for the Reorganization of the party represented by A. Mitchell Palmer and George W. Guthrie.

#### Disorganizers' Trickery.

"The opponents of an honest and real reorganization cannot win except by trickery. That they know this and are ready to resort to the most disreputable devices of crooked politics is proved by the exposure of their conspiracies in Centre County and in the Nineteenth and Twenty-eighth Congressional Districts.

"It is proved also," continued Mr. Creasy, "by the secret conference at the Holland House, New York, a few days ago, among leading members of the Penrose annex.

"The Holland House," said Mr. Creasy, parenthetically, "has a history for such surreptitious communings. It was at the Holland House that Colonel Guffey, who, clandestinely, did his utmost to defeat the anti-machine candidate for Governor, on the 16th of August, 1906, met Senator Penrose at a session attended by only those two.

"The deal at Allentown in June, 1910, when the Democratic party was bartered, sold and traded off by Jim Hall and his confederates the people are entirely familiar with. They know that if they had not been basely betrayed and sold out then Pennsylvania would now have a Democratic Governor. In whatever disguise the opponents of Reorganization appear, their purpose is the same, to regain control of the Democratic organization to betray it again.

#### For Honest Leadership.

"Intelligent Democrats know that the party can only hope to succeed with honest and intelligent leadership. I know of no more promising leadership than that of A. Mitchell Palmer, one of the most influential Democrats in Congress. And I know it to be a fact that the Democrats of the State feel that the cause of Democracy would be best served by having the national committeeman come from outside of the great cities.

"Could there be a better recommendation of Mr. Palmer than the well-known fact that Jim Hall, Penrose and Jim McNichol are in cahoots trying to defeat him for renomination in his district?

"The advice that I would give and emphasize," said Mr. Creasy in conclusion, "is that every Democrat shall know that the man he votes for delegate to the State or national convention can be depended on to uphold the Reorganization movement as represented by Palmer and Guthrie and that every candidate for the Legislature he supports is unalterably opposed to the machine and pledged to honest and progressive policies."

#### W. J. BRYAN ON GUFFEY.

On January 10th, 1912, William J. Bryan gave out an interview in Philadelphia on the situation in Pennsylvania. All Democrats who have confidence in Bryan's motives and sentiments should read the following, in speaking of Guffey being retained on the National Democratic Committee. Mr. Bryan said:

"My own opinion is that the State committee had formally tried him (Guffey) and found him guilty of misrepresenting the Democratic voters of the state, the highest political crime one can commit, and this conclusion was supported by evidence so overwhelming that I felt that an outrage would be perpetrated on the Democrats of Pennsylvania if he were kept in his position. And that opinion has not been changed in the least by the action of the National committee. I think it was a political crime to seat Colonel Guffey, and the reasons given for it were unsound."

"The only consolation is found in the fact that it will be a few weeks until the Democratic voters will have an opportunity to repudiate him at the polls and thus rid themselves of one whose leadership is a calamity to Pennsylvania at home and a disgrace abroad."

"You think then that Colonel Guffey will be ousted?" was asked.

"I do, surely, if the opinions of the members of the legislature in Pennsylvania represent the real sentiment of the people," was the answer.

"Do you think there is any likelihood of Colonel Guffey withdrawing voluntarily?" was another query.

"It is as likely for Colonel Guffey to withdraw voluntarily as it is for a highway robber to ask to be arrested and put in the penitentiary," Mr. Bryan answered. "He is one of the kind who is not apt to resign, because he is not interested in giving the party the benefit that would come from his resignation."

"Then you do not think the vote on Colonel Guffey represents the strength of the conservative and the progressive element in the Democratic party?" was asked.

"Oh, no; it is hardly fair to class Guffey as a conservative, a term that ought to be applied only to those who honestly oppose progressive measures and not to those who serve predatory interests," answered Mr. Bryan.

#### No Presidency Discussion.

"Will you discuss the available Democratic candidates for president?" was asked.

"No, I will not discuss candidates or persons. I am not discussing Guffey personally, I am merely discussing Guffey as a man who, in my opinion, stands for all that is corrupt in politics and injurious to the party," said Mr. Bryan. "But about candidates I have not a word to say."

#### "A Movement For Good Government."

From the Philadelphia Ledger (Republican) December 29th:

"In the State the Keystone voters in the gubernatorial election consisted also of both independent Republicans and Democrats, but it is perfectly obvious that the great preponderance were Democrats who distrusted their leaders in this State just as the Democrats of Philadelphia distrusted the Donnelly-Ryan contingent. Therefore, if the Democrats desire to aid their party and the State they will set themselves assiduously to the task of removing that distrust by cleaning their house. They must attack the work with the utmost decision and earnestness, and must not only clean house, but convince the people, especially the Democratic voters, that they have done so. There is no practical difference between the McNichol-Penrose machine Republicans and the Donnelly-Ryan Democrats. Their labels are different, but their hearts beat in unison, even at the election booths. Philadelphia has clipped the claws of these tigers, and now the Democratic party of the State must eliminate them and all that they represent.

"Every Pennsylvanian, regardless of his party affiliations or economic beliefs, has a vital interest in this movement to purify and strengthen the Democratic party. In the face of a united and trusted Democracy Mr. Penrose never would have dared to nominate Mr. Tener. The time has arrived to make a real minority party of the Pennsylvania Democracy.

"If the Republicans of the Pennsylvania are put upon their mettle by a strong antagonist, their party will be forced to advocate proper measures and select strong men. The movement within the Democratic party is, therefore, a movement for good government which will exert a far-reaching influence upon both parties and rebound to the benefit of the State and nation. In this work the reformers within the Democratic ranks ought to have their hands upheld. Let them choose men of light and leading; let them abjure double-dealing and trickery; may they have the presence and the power to create a party responsive to the public will and conscious of its real duties to the public."