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THE G. F. BLACK WE Given to the Amendment by the Ex-Lieutenant-Governor, Who Believes That

TILDEN WAS A TRUE ORACLE When He Denied the Legality of Any Sumptuary Legislation.

YORK COUNTY FAVORS PROHIBITION

An Interview With Chancery F. Black—He Will Vote and Work Against the Amendment—Tilden's Utterances on Prohibitive Legislation—A Prohibitionist Claims a Majority of 70,000—York County Will Carry Prohibition by About 500—Fighting Off Old Scores—The State Tabulated Up to Date.

It is stated that York county will give a small majority for Constitutional amendment. That is the home of Hon. C. F. Black. He will vote against prohibition, and for his reasons referred our special commissioner to his celebrated letter accepting the Democratic nomination for Governor two and a half years ago.

That part of the document relating to the amendment is therefore republished. Thus far THE DISPATCH canvass of counties shows the following result:

Table with columns: COUNTY, POPULATION, and FAVORABLE VOTES. Lists counties like Armstrong, Berks, Bradford, etc., with their respective populations and the number of favorable votes for prohibition.

\*Aggregate of votes for Harrison, Cleveland and Fiske.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

YORK, February 17.—A rumor has gone abroad that this is to be the scene of one of the June surprises. In other words, it is reported that old-time York, with its Dutch constituency and big Democratic majority, will vote for the Constitutional amendment.

Just how the story started it is not definitely known. Somebody told somebody else, and that somebody told somebody else, and so on.

The report may prove a little more than empty gossip. The county of York really has some ambition to down the liquor interests. Whether it arises from conscientious opposition to the drink traffic or not, I will not undertake to say.

However, there is one vote in York county which will not support the measure. He is a Democrat, too. As the standard-bearer of his party in 1888, he openly fought the Constitutional amendment movement in its infancy, and he couldn't very well do otherwise now, even if he wanted to, and he doesn't want to.

The voter is ex-Lieutenant Governor Chancery F. Black, the Democratic candidate for Governor of the State in the campaign in which Governor Beaver defeated him on a Republican platform to which the amendment submission resolution had been added by Mr. Quay.

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How will York county vote in June? It does not know much about the prospects in the county," replied Mr. Black, "but I know exactly how I shall vote. I intend to vote against Constitutional amendment when the time for the election arrives."

For an answer to that question I refer you to my letter of acceptance in the gubernatorial campaign in this State. I now stand upon the same ground I did then, and my reasons are fully set forth in that document. I can add nothing more to them."

It was this letter of Mr. Black's which John Cosens told me, while in Bedford recently, that stands on record as the attitude of the Democratic Bourbons toward the prohibition issue. Mr. Cosens did not believe the issue would make a question of politics, and he knew of many Democrats who would vote on the affirmative side, but he said there was no use of denying that the Democratic party had been strongly committed by Lieutenant Governor Black on the issue of prohibitory legislation.

Therefore, at this time, that portion of Mr. Black's letter of acceptance, bearing upon the amendment, is worth reproducing, especially as I was referred to it by its distinguished author, as an answer to my question as to his present position. After stating what the Republican and Prohibition State Conventions had done, Mr. Black wrote:

Neither of those parties look toward indemonstration for the large amount of private property which must be measurably destroyed by the enactment of such a law, or the adoption of such an amendment. The Democratic party has, on the other hand, from its formation, consistently opposed sumptuary laws, which were the citizen and interfere with individual liberty."

But this denial of the right of prohibition implies the duty of regulation; and though the just power of the State does not extend to the prescription of the drink, diet or dress of the individual man, it does extend to the prevention of any abuse of his private right affecting his neighbor or society at large, and I favor the enactment of any laws, however stringent, which may be enacted for the purpose of insuring in any event the rigid enforcement of those laws now in existence. Conscious of the terrible evils of excessive indulgence, we do not attempt to eradicate them by a species of legislation which has never failed to increase them, but which inevitably brings on the desperate resistance of a natural right, and with it a train of evils and disorders. I cannot better conclude this paragraph than by the following passage, from the hand of the illustrious Tilden:

Tilden's Utterances. Such legislation springs from a misconception of the duty of the State to coerce the individual man, except so far as his conduct may affect the public interest. It is not only a violation of rights which legislation cannot recognize, and undertake to protect. The opposite principle, that of self-reliance, self-conscience, trusts nothing to self-culture, and substitutes the wisdom of the Senate and Assembly for the wisdom of the individual citizen. The whole progress of society consists in learning how to attain by independent action, those objects which are at first attempted only through the agency of government, and which, as the government grows larger, and the individual conscience and reason, to-day, while the Democratic party is in favor of sobriety and good morals, it cannot produce them, but must create many serious evils; which violate Constitutional guarantees and sound principles of legislation, and which render the individual judgment and conscience, and takes a step backward toward the barbarian age, when the man and his dog, and his sheep, and his flocks, and his herds, were treated to him by a Government calling itself a republic.

A Prohibition Preacher. A. B. Farquhar, a prominent resident of York, and a leader among the Prohibitionists, said: I feel confident that York county will adopt the Constitutional amendment by from 500 to 1,000 majority. The prohibitionists are among us in temperance people, and we held a big meeting for the commencement of the campaign on Tuesday night last. Both the old political parties were well represented. We discussed the question of the amendment, and March 1. Each township and each ward of the city and boroughs have been solicited to form local committees. Everything possible to win the vote has been done.

There has been a decided change in the sentiment of the York county people since the option days. That issue was defeated in this county. We are Democratic by 4,000 majority, and the prohibitionists are a small minority. I believe the State will come down to the support of the amendment, and that east of the Susquehanna the vote will be a tie. So there you see, York county is in favor of the amendment. York will help to make a tie east of the Susquehanna.

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SEEING THE COUNTRY.

The Wamamaker of China on a Visit to the United States—A Big Man of Many Millions—What is His Country.

NEW YORK, February 17.—Baron Li Yen Pang, a distant cousin of Li Hung Chang, the Premier of China, who is considered the Wamamaker of China, arrived here with a small bodyguard of secretaries and interpreters from the West, via British Columbia, last evening. He is not only a big man financially, but physically as well. He is 63 years old, nearly 6 feet in height and straight as an arrow. His financial agents in this city are Messrs. of 32 Motz, and he is at present stopping with them.

He said that for years he had been told of the wonderful city of New York, with its rich Americans, and he decided to take a trip around the world to visit New York and other places of interest, and at the same time to call upon his financial agents in Australia, Bombay, Mandalay, Burmah, Honolulu, San Francisco and Victoria, B. C. His headquarters as a whole are in Hong Kong. He is not only a big man financially, but physically as well. He is 63 years old, nearly 6 feet in height and straight as an arrow. His financial agents in this city are Messrs. of 32 Motz, and he is at present stopping with them.

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A GRAND TUMBLE.

A Fourteen-Story Office Building Collapses in New York—The Four Upper Stories Left Hanging in the Air.

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