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THE LEGISLATIVE BATTLE

It Looks as If Pennsylvania Would Show Big Republican Gains.

SENATORIAL SEATS BECKON

It Is a Sure Thing That Republicans Will Have Forty of the Fifty State Senators—Will Gain in the House.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Philadelphia, Oct. 30.

The overshadowing importance of securing a big showing for protection in Pennsylvania's congressional delegation which is to be elected next Tuesday has not blinded Chairman Gilkeson to the need of keeping a sharp eye on the state legislative ticket. He is confident that in this direction the returns of next week's battle at the polls will vindicate his wise management of the closing campaign.

Twenty-five senators are to be elected. Of the retiring senators nine are Republican and sixteen Democrats. In the nine Republican districts Thomas, Penrose and Crouse, of Philadelphia; Kauffman, of Lancaster; Critchfield, of Somerset, Bedford and Fulton; Kennedy and Flynn, of Allgheny; Shortt, of Warren and Venango, are certain of election. Becker, of the Second district of Philadelphia, represents a Democratic constituency, but it is in the Third congressional district, and the McAleer-Harrity fight makes his re-election practically certain. Of the seventeen districts now represented by Democrats, three, Beaver and Washington, Crawford, and Susquehanna and Wayne are Republican, and will undoubtedly redeem themselves by the election of S. P. White, ex-State Chairman W. H. Andrews and ex-Representative E. B. Hardenberg. In the Susquehanna-Wayne district the Populist candidate for governor, Allman, has ordered his followers to drop their own candidate and vote for Saunders, the Democratic candidate. But it gave Harrison 923 majority, Jackson 1,121, and Grow 2,977, and Hardenberg is sure of election.

Other Senatorial Struggles.

In the Tenth district, Bucks county, George Ross, Democrat, had 627 majority in 1890. Harrison lost it by only 160 votes in 1892, Jackson carried it by 486 last fall and Grow by 1,506 in February. The Republican candidate for senator is reasonably sure of election. In the Twelfth district, Montgomery county, Dr. A. D. Markley is trying to repeat his 1,382 majority of 1892, but the odds are dead against him. The Republican slump of that year will not be repeated in 1894. Jackson had 833 majority and Grow 2,302. "Democratic times" have had their effect in Montgomery and Saylor will defeat Markley. The Sixteenth, Eighteenth, Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth districts—Lehigh Northampton, Monroe-Pike-Carbon and Lycoming-Montour-Sullivan-Columbia, will elect Democrats. The Twenty-eighth and Thirty-second, York and Cumberland-Adams, may do the same, although the same causes that make the election of a Republican congressman probable in the district they compose may make the result somewhat doubtful.

In the Twentieth district, composed of part of Luzerne and Lackawanna, M. E. McDonald, Democrat, is having a hard fight for re-election. The Republican candidate, James C. Vaughan, Chairman Gilkeson says, is an active young Irish-American, who is giving Senator McDonald a close chase, and is more than likely to land a winner. The same situation practically exists in the Thirtieth district, made up of part of Schuylkill.

In the Thirty-fourth, Clinton, Clearfield and Center, the Democrats have two candidates, Matthew Savage, of Clearfield, and S. Woods Caldwell, of Clinton. The courts have been invoked to settle which is the legal candidate, and no matter how it is settled, trouble will ensue. All three counties went Republican in February, and M. L. McQuown, of Clearfield, the Republican candidate, has a hold on the people that will go a long way toward permanently redeeming the district from Democratic representation in the state senate. In the Thirty-eighth, composed of Cameron, Elk, Clarion and Forest, and the Fortieth, composed of Fayette and Greene, there are strong chances of Republican success. The great revulsion in political feeling inures to the benefit of the Republican candidates, and that it is not at all improbable that they will win out at the polls.

The Situation in Brief.

Twenty-four of the twenty-five holdover senators are Republicans. Twelve of those to be elected next Tuesday are in districts surely Republican. Two Democratic districts will certainly elect Republicans, and there are five others where the chances for Republican success are highly favorable. That the Republicans will have forty of the fifty senators is practically settled. They may have forty-four.

There were 129 Republicans in the last house. A careful canvass of the situation in the different counties shows that probably this number will be increased to 150, and possibly to 160.

SINGERLY DRAWS NIGH.

He Invades the Lower Coal Regions and Is Cordially Received.

By the United Press.

Reading, Oct. 30.—Candidate Singerly was well received here today in the Schuylkill anthracite coal regions. From Pottsvilel through to Ashland his reception was especially cordial. At Pottsville there was a parade quite imposing in point of numbers and enthusiasm.

The meeting, which was largely attended, was presided over by A. W. Schalck, and the speeches were made by Candidate Singerly and Robert E. Wright, of Allentown. At Tamaqua the opera house was well filled. Mr. Singerly delivered his usual speech in his usual manner, and got the usual number of cheers.

CANADIAN COMPETITION.

Line Counties Strengthened on Republicanism by the New Tariff.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Malone, N. Y., Oct. 30.—Farmers on the Canada line are finding just where the Gorman-Wilson tariff pinches. Although counties there have been steadily Republican, they are more than impelled to vote that way this year. Governor McKinley's reply to the West Virginian who asked "What about the force bill?" might be repeated here: "It is the board bill and not the force bill that is troubling workingmen."

Farmers have found themselves undersold by Canadians in their own home markets. The iron deposits in Essex, Clinton and Franklin counties no longer invite labor. The congressional district is the largest in point of population in the state, and last time gave Weyer a plurality of 8,123. Wallace T. Foote, the candidate this year, will probably increase that plurality very largely. Republican assembly candidates will almost certainly be elected in all four of the counties composing the congress district.

MORTON'S NEAT PLURALITY.

Chairman Hackett Figures That He Will Have Over Fifty Thousand.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

New York, Oct. 30.—The Republican state committee has completed a canvass of the state. Chairman Hackett says that it is most gratifying to their side, and from it he figures out a clear plurality for Morton of 50,000. "We will come down to this city," he said, with at least 90,000, and I do not believe Hill will meet it with over 40,000 from this side. No one knows how many votes Wheeler, the independent Democratic candidate for governor, will poll, but he will certainly get enough to cut down the normal Democratic majority at this end of the state several thousand."

A close analysis of the registration figures in this city discloses a still more unfavorable showing for Tammany than was apparent last night. In round numbers there is a falling off in the Tammany strongholds of about 10,000 and a gain in the Republican districts of nearly 12,000. Prominent Tammany men themselves admit privately that they are disappointed with the result of the registration. They are afraid that it foreshadows the defeat of their local ticket.

GENERAL HASTINGS ILL.

Unable to Address the Audience at Germantown Last Night.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Oct. 30.—A disappointed gathering of Republicans assembled in their own hall, Germantown, tonight, with the expectation of hearing General Hastings speak. When he did appear he stated he had a sore throat and regretted that he would not be able to speak, as every word he uttered gave him pain.

Ex-Minister to Russia, Charles Emory Smith; ex-minister to Italy, William Potter; A. J. Colborn, jr., of Scranton; Representative John T. Harrison, of Germantown, and others made addresses.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Quay predicts an avalanche.

Cleveland will speak for Wilson.

Ex-Congressman Little bolts Hill.

Platt now figures on 100,000 for Morton.

Lamont, at least, will vote for David B.

Smith M. Weed denies that he will help Hill.

Carl Schurz is fighting Hill tooth and nail.

Berks Republicans are making great inroads.

Dr. Depew begins a tour of New York today.

Hooker, of Mississippi, has gone to Wilson's aid.

Nebraska Populists are crowded off the official ballot.

Delaware Democrats say Bayard is a back number.

If defeated, Wilson will strive to be elected senator.

Some Democrats are betting 3 to 2 on McCullen's election.

Senator Faulkner is very sore over his snub from Cleveland.

Stranahan has "touched" Senator Faulkner for more cash.

McKinley on Monday made seventeen speeches to 150,000 voters.

"Our Jack" Colborn is stumping with Hastings in Philadelphia.

It looks as if Congressman Tracey, of Albany, would be beaten.

Postmaster General Bissell registered at Buffalo early this month.

Campbell Jobes, who fought Acheson two years ago, is for him now.

William R. Grace says the A. P. A issue should be kept out of politics.

Ex-Collector Cooper is putting up an electric fight against Judge Clayton.

Postmaster Dayton is working hard for the success of the Tammany ticket.

The chances are Republicans will gain two congressmen even in Tennessee.

A careful poll of Wilson's district shows that Dayton will win by 1,200 majority.

Bourke Cockran is making speeches throughout New York state for Senator Hill.

Tammany is scouring the big cities for floaters, offering $10 and expenses per head.

Hon. Virgil P. Kline has repudiated the silver plank of the Ohio Democratic platform.

The Republicans claim to have a fighting chance in five of the Kentucky districts.

Chicago politicians of all parties are busy accusing the other fellows of gross frauds.

Hasting and Singerly will travel to Norristown together, as guests of Colonel McClure.

John Boyd Thatcher, who is managing Hill's canvass, says Carlisle would speak if he had time.

Senator Martin, of Kansas, called ex-Collector Acers a gambler, and will be arrested for libel.

There is a great demand for tickets of admission to ex-President Harrison's New York speech.

Senaor Blackburn, of Kentucky, denies that he was paid money to vote a certain way on the tariff.

Governor McKinley is wanted by three times as many campaign committees as he can possibly gratify.

Dan Voorhees will retire from public life, and his protege, John E. Lamb, will, it is thought, succeed him.

Having just stumped Illinois, Candidate MacVeagh, Dem., says he will win; but Republicans say otherwise.

F. T. Adams, of the New York Stock exchange, has bet $3,750 to $3,000, that Morton will have 25,000 plurality.

It is thought that the decisions of the courts have destroyed all of Tim Campbell's chances for re-election.

Wilmington Democrats stoned David Healey, of the Irish World, who was making a Republican speech.

Clerk James Kerr expects the Democrats to bag eight Pennsylvania congressmen. He says Merrifield will win.

Matt Savage's name will go on the official ballot in the Thirty-fourth senatorial district as the candidate of the Citizens' party.

Colonel Thomas O'Brien, of Wheeling, W. Va., who recently deserted Democracy, was mobbed by Democrats last Sunday night.

Chairman Apsley, of the Republican congressional committee, has never made a false prediction yet; and he sees victory all along the line.

The Michigan friends of Senator Patton will combine with the anti-Burrows men in order to prevent the congressman from securing the senatorship.

Perry Belmont and ex-Secretary Whitney have taken a deep interest in Senator Hill's candidacy. Mr. Belmont would like to succeed Mr. Hill in the senate.

Senator Faulkner claims Peck will carry Wisconsin; says Cullom will be beaten in Illinois, thinks Indiana is safe and is even disposed to claim New York.

The Brooklyn Eagle is authority for the statement that President Cleveland requested Ambassador Bayard to refrain from making a speech in New York.

A member of the cabinet is authority for the statement that President Cleveland holds Hill to be a renegade and unworthy of Democratic support for his course during the tariff fight in congress.

The contest in the Cleveland, O., district is of the most exciting nature, and it is thought Congressman Tom L. Johnson has an even chance of winning, although the district gave McKinley 6,000 plurality last year.

It is the present intention of the president not to give any utterance, directly or indirectly, upon the political situation in New York, nor to indicate in any manner what is his attitude toward the Democratic candidates.

SEVEN PEOPLE SMOTHERED

Caught Asleep by a Mysterious Fire and Suffocated by Smoke.

MANY SAVED BY FIRE ESCAPES

Forty People Sleeping in a New York Tenement House Are Surprised by Fire, and Those Unable to Reach the Escapes Are Suffocated.

By the United Press.

New York, Oct. 30.

The five story single tenement house, 219 West Thirty-second street, was damaged by fire early this morning. Seven of the inmates were suffocated in their rooms and an eighth victim, a woman who jumped from a third story window, is lying fatally hurt. The dead are:

Annie Appleblatt, 22 years old.
George Friedman, 4 years old.
Levi Friedman, 3 years old.
Mrs. Margaret Killian, 70 years old.
Jacob Killian, her son, 40 years old.
George Lovey, her grand son, 20 years old.
Mrs. Lena Mitchell, 24 years old.

Injured:

Mrs. Lena Friedman, 28 years old; leaped from window, horribly burned.

Just what caused the fire to start up so suddenly at a time when the tenants of the house were asleep is not known. The only thing definitely known is that the fire started in the rear portion of the cellar at 3.20 o'clock, and that it shot up the stairway with startling speed.

The house contained seven families and in all about forty persons were asleep in the house when the fire started. The smoke penetrated on every floor in less than five minutes after the the flames began the little narrow fire escape was swarming with lightly clad and almost naked figures of men, women and children who were half crazed with fear. All those in the front of the house escaped, but the occupants of the back rooms were cut off by the flames and overcame by the smoke.

The damage to the building is estimated at not more than $300.

ANYONE CAN MARRY.

It Is Discovered That the Present Marriage License Law Doesn't Go Into Effect Until Next Year.

By the United Press.

Pittsburg, Oct. 30.—William Reardon, in criminal court today, raised a point of law which amounts to a legal sensation. He was defending Thomas McQuirk, charged with perjury for falsely swearing to the age of the woman he married, and Mr. Reardon moved to quash the indictment on the ground that there was no such offense under the law, as the marriage license was not in force and no license was required to be taken out by parties who desired to be married.

This caued Judge Magee to remark: "Why, Mr. Reardon, you don't make such a statement in earnest?"

"I do, your honor, and I can prove it. The marriage license act was passed in 1885, and was amended in 1893. By that amendment on and after Oct. 1, 1895, parties desiring to be married in this state must take out a license."

The acts of 1885 and 1893 were sent for and read to the court. Judge Magee said that if the act was correctly printed Mr. Reardon was right and the present marriage license law would not be in force until 1895. The point is a new one, and will make Pennsylvania a regular Gretna Green, as any one can then get married in this state without a license.

CHAIN OF NEWSPAPERS.

Senator Brice Said to Be a Leading Stockholder in the Scheme.

By the United Press.

Youngstown, Oct. 30.—A syndicate including capitalists in Boston and New York, and also some in this city, has been quietly organized to engage in the newspaper business. They purpose securing control of a line of daily newspapers from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and when newspapers already established cannot be purchased, they will put in new plants. Those interested assert that there is no politics in the scheme, and that it is purely a business investment.

Thus far the syndicate has, it is alleged, closed deals for the purchase of the Boston Traveller, the Youngstown Telegram, the Kansas City World and the Columbus Press-Post. They have obtained options upon newspapers in St. Paul and St. Joseph, and have presented propositions for the purchase of newspapers in other leading cities of the country. It is asserted that among the large stockholders is Senator Brice.

MEXICO'S WAR SPECK.

Guatemala Frightened Over the Massing of Troops on Her Frontier.

By the United Press.

Guatemala, Oct. 30.—The government here is frightened because it is known that Mexico has sent troops to cover her frontier. The feeling is freely expressed that the troops may invade Guatemala, and that this is surely due to appointing Emile de Leon as minister plenipotentiary to Mexico, who will positively leave about the middle of November.

The opposition press here attacks Mexico, and these articles are causing the greatest sensation.

DEATH OF ANOTHER VICTIM.

Kasha Coterich Dies in a Wilkes-Barre Hospital.

By the United Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 30.—Kasha Coterich, aged 19 years, one of the victims of the dynamite plot on the Wilkes-Barre mountain on Sunday morning last, died at the hospital today. Joseph Colletz, whose back was broken, is sinking rapidly and his death is looked for at any moment.

The county commissioners met again this afternoon and raised the reward to $2,000 for the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators of the horrible deed.

BURGLARS AT LEBANON.

Brewing Company's Safes Are Blown Open and Rifled.

By the United Press.

Lebanon, Pa., Oct. 30.—Burglars entered the office of the Lebanon Brewing company early this morning(removed the combinations and rifled the safes of their contents. The exact amount taken is not known, but is said to be considerable.

This is the third safe that has been blown open in this city the past week.

ATE POISONED FOOD.

Two Altoona Families the Victims of Some Mysterious Work.

By the United Press.

Altoona, Oct. 30.—This city has been greatly startled by the poisoning of two highly respected families. John Myers, a prominent florist, and wife, together with a niece and nephew who were visiting them, have been taken critically and mysteriously ill from eating some sausage and cheese which was part of the noon-day meal.

The family of H. C. Arbegast has also been stricken by eating hogshead cheese supposed to have been poisoned. Much mystery surrounds both cases, but no theory as to the cause can be attributed to the apparent wholesale attempt at poisoning.

FIEND IN HUMAN FORM.

Shocking Crime Is Committed by Thomas Marley, a Young Resident of Pittston. Avengers on His Trail.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Pittston, Pa., Oct. 30.—The citizens of that portion of this borough known as Welsh Hill was thrown into a vortex of excitement today over the intelligence that an assault had been committed upon the 5-year-old daughter of William Moakes, a well known resident of Nafus street.

Thomas Marley, aged 21 years, a son of Frank Marley, was employed with the latter in building a stone cellar wall at the rear of the Moakes' property. Marley was seen to act friendly with the child whenever he went for water to Moakes' house. The child was missed for a few minutes by its mother and the latter commenced a search. On coming out of the kitchen she saw Marley emerging from the garden house and inquired of him if he had seen her daughter. He replied that the child had fallen from off a fence and injured herself and that he had carried her into the building.

Mrs. Moakes, upon going to the building, discovered that something was wrong. She charged Marley with the crime but he flatly denied it. He also denied it to his father.

Seeing the temperament of the people when the news became known the villain fled and was not captured at this writing.

Several citizens of the neighborhood armed themselves and have gone in search of the wretch, and the probabilities are if he is caught he will be roughly dealt with.

WRECK OF A COAL TRAIN.

Three Men Provided with Revolvers, Burglar Tools, Masks and Other Implements, Are Killed in the Smashup.

By the United Press.

Williamsport, Oct. 30.—A frightful coal train wreck, in which three unknown men were killed, and Lewis E. Trump, of Williamsport, was badly injured, occourred about three-quarters of a mile east of Viaduct, a station near Peale, on the line of the Beech Creek railroad, at an early hour this morning.

A coal train was moving past Viaduct, when one of the brakebeams dropped down, and seventeen cars were quickly piled up in a confussed mass.

The first dead man found had his head entirely severed from his body. The other two were found under a coal car. It is supposed that they were either tramps or burglars, as in their clothes were found a lot of burglar tools, seven masks, three revolvers and a number of cartridges.

Lewis Trump, the Williamsport man who was on the same train, had his skull fractured and was otherwise hurt. He was taken to the Cottage hospital at Philipsburg.

HOLMAN IS ON THE RUN.

Republicans Now Hope to Defeat the Great Indiana Objector.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Greensburg, Ind., Oct. 30.—Politics is at high pressure in the Fourth district, and Judge William S. Holman's private secretary now only claims the "Objector" will be elected by 200 plurality in the congressional district, the usual majority ranging in the past about 3,000. The Republicans are greatly in hopes of redeeming the district through Watson, whose campaign is a wonderful succession of ovations wherever he goes. Discord rules among the Democratic leaders, and two of the machine politicians came to blows last night in the office of the Hotel De Armond.

Ex-Senator Cortez Ewing, a son-in-law of Governor Matthews, of Indiana, had just returned from making a political speech at Hamburg, when Polk Armington, an ex-office holder under Cleveland, and leader of the anti-Ewing wing of the local Democracy, passed through the office and heard an insulting epithet applied to himself by Ewing. Armington knocked Ewing down and would have finished him up but the crowd held him off. When released Armington left the hotel and started for his room about two blocks away, stopping at a drinking fountain to wash the blood from his injured hand. Ewing pursued him with a knife, but Armington stood him off with a rock until Night Watchman Bussell put Ewing under arrest. The ex-senator was put behind the bars in the jail until his friends hunted up the Democratic Mayor Northern and bailed him out.

The Ewings have been a power in Democracy here and have upheld Holman for years, but their influence has been greatly weakened, and Holman's personal following here is almost broken up. He spoke here last week to an audience of about 350, and Watson spoke Sunday night of this week to an audience of over 2,000—and it has been this way all over the Fourth district.

TICKS FROM THE WIRE.

Forest fires are doing considerable damage in the vicinity of Corinth, Miss., and Trimble, Tenn.

A gas well recently drilled north of Muncie, Ind., is yielding over 7,000,000 cubic feet a day.

After several months of negotiations, J. A. Bailey has become absolute owner of the Barnum show.

The great refinery of the Standard Oil company at Lima, O., narrowly escaped destruction by fire.

The Baumbartens, the largest mica operators in Europe and America, have just invested largely in Canada.

During a quarrel at Buffalo, N. Y., Adam Eberle was struck and instantly killed by a fist blow by John Liske.

Charged with robbing the safe of his employers in Chicago, 15-year-old Isaac Sternberg was arrested in New York.

After a week's chase the murderers of J. F. Marsh, mayor of Kinsley, Kan., were captured in a cave in Logan county.

Robert Overton, a young farmer near McGregor, Tex., was stabbed to death with a penknife during a quarrel with J. S. Hudson.

Men giving the names of Arnold and Harvey have been captured and confessed to murder of Mayor J. F. Marshall, of Kinsley, Kan.

Three hundred men are hunting for an unknown man who assassinated Jones Hendrickson, a colored school teacher, at Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Charles J. Searey, the train robber, was brought before Justice Fitzhugh at Fredericksburg, Va., for a preliminary hearing and waived an examination.

State College Foot Ball club play the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia on Nov. 3; Princeton, Nov. 17, and Franklin and Marshal, Nov. 24.

D. D. Roe, of Dayton, Mo., became insanely jealous on the eve of his wedding, and after firing four shots at his supposed rival blew his own brains out.

AS TO THE NEXT CONGRESS

Congressional Elections of Great Importance to Both Parties.

SPECULATING ON THE RESULT

The Republicans Will Have to Win Fifty-Three More Seats Than They Have Now to Obtain Control of House—Terms of Thirty Senators to Expire.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, Oct. 29.

One vote in any close congressional district may determine the complexion of the next congress. One vote cast for or against a Republican candidate for congress, or one Republican vote carelessly left unpolled, may decide whether the next house of representatives shall be for protection or free trade. One vote cast for or against a Republican candidate for the state senate or state house of representatives, or one such vote improperly marked or left at home, may decide the political destiny of the United States senate and perhaps change the whole future of America's economic policy. This is true because this year's congressional battle is likely to be exceedingly close.

One authority, a well-known political correspondent, aptly expresses the situatoin when he says that both political parties will have a majority in the next house if the predictions made by the party managers should come true. Inquiries made daily at both headquarters discover an apparent confidence in the success of both parties next month. To prove that this confidence is based on good foundation the gentlemen in charge of the congressional headquarters present exhaustive documents containing in detail the exact situation in all the congressional districts. Reports are received at these headquarters from all over the country every week and sometimes several times a week. According to the utterances of the gentlemen appointed to speak to the press neither party headquarters has received any but the most roseate-hued reports. Such a thing as admitting prospective defeat has never been known. It takes more honest men than has ever yet been placed at the congressional headquarters of either party to even admit that the outlook in any quarter is at least dubious. All this is by way of showing how bootless is an inquiry to either place during the campaign.

The Situation Reviewed.

The Republicans, to obtain control of the next house, will have to win fifty-three districts more than they hold in the present congress. The Democrats of the fifty-third congress had 218 seats; the Republicans 126 and the Populists 12. Should the Democrats lose 41 votes it would deprive them of a majority and enther transfer it to the Republicans or give the balance of power to the Populists. There seems to be a feeling in the air that the Republicans will make considerable gain in the forthcoming elections, but whether sufficient to overcome the big majority now held by the Democrats is a matter requiring very fine calculations. A great deal, of course, will depend upon the speed with which general business throughout the country revives. The loss to the Democracy will decrease in corresponding ratio to the revival of business. It is a difficult thing to win 53 districts from the Democrats. The Republicans have practically nothing to hope for in the south with the possible exception of a vote or two in Louisiana, owing to the sugar disaffection. Should the Democrats lose seats in that section of the country it is much more likely that the loss will be the Populists' gain rather than the Republicans'. Hence it is that whatever seats the Republicans are to win from the Democratic party must be in the northern states.

In the Senate.

The forthcoming election will also involve the political control of the senate after March 4, 1895. Consecutive belief points to the loss of that control by the Democrats. The terms of thirty senators will expire in the present congress. Fourteen of the 30 are Democrats. The senators whose terms will expire are:

Democrats—Berry, Arkansas; Butler, South Carolina; Caffery, Louisiana; Camden, West Virgina; Coke, Texas; Colquitt, Georgia; Harris, Tennessee; Hunton, Virginia; Lindsay, Kentucky; Martin, Kansas; McLaurin, Mississippi; McPherson, New Jersey; Morgan, Alabama; Ransom, North Carolina.

Republicans—Carey, Wyoming; Chandler, New Hampshire; Cullom, Illinois; Dixson, Rhode Island; Dolph, Oregon; Frye, Maine; Higgins, Delaware; Hoar, Massachusetts; Manderson, Nebraska; McMillin, Michigan; Pettigrew, South Dakota; Power, Montana; Shoup, Idaho; Washburn, Minnesota; Wilson, Iowa; Wolcott, Colorado.

Senators Caffrey and Blanchard have been elected to succeed themselves. A Republican has been chosen to succeed Mr. Wilson and a Democrat to succeed Mr. Hunton. There is little doubt felt by either party except in the states of Illinois, Delaware, Kansas, South Carolina and New Jersey. It is pretty generally believed that Tillman, the Populist, will succeed Senator Butler in South Carolina. The Republicans hope to elect a successor to McPherson in New Jersey and to Martin in Kansas. As an offset to this the Democrats expect to elect McVeagh in Illinois and a Democrat to succeed Senator Higgins. Colorado is doubtful for although the Republicans cliam it there is a possibility of a Populist being elected to succeed Wolcott.

Changes Already Foreseen.

In the senate the membership is now eighty-five, vacancies in Montana, Wyoming and Washington. The present senate consists of forty-three Democrats, thirty-seven Republicans and five Populists. The three vacancies now existing will probably be filled during the coming session and the senators chosen be Republican, in which event the Republican strength will be forty. Supposing that the Republicans by the coming election lose Collum and Higgins and gain the seats now occupied by Martin and McPherson, their strength will suffer no loss, while the Democrats by losing Butler in South Carolina would reduce their number to forty-two and thereby place the balance of power in the hands of the six Populists, Jones, of Nevada, Allen, Kyle, Peffer, Tillman and Stewart. Thus it will be seen that the Democracy runs a great risk of losing the senate in the next congress.

The Democrats may retain New Jersey and win seats in Delaware and Illinois, but that would only make their strength 43 and with a full membership 45 would constitute a majority. New Mexico and Utah, the new states, will probably send senators to the Fifty-fourth congress. Possibly the Democrats might therby secure a majority. If all four senators elected in the new states should be Republican, the Republican party would still lack one of a majority; but if the Democrats should win all of them they would have a strength of 47, a majority of one, as the addditional senators would make the membership 92.

Republicans Can Win.

Without regard to the majority of the senate in the Fifty-fourth congress it is interesting to note that the Democrats are by no means sure of retaining their domination in the coming short session. Should senators be selected to fill the present vacancies and those selected be Republicans, 45 votes would be required for a majority and the Democrats have only 43, counting in Irby, of South Carolina, who is to say the most, a decidedly uncertain quantity. It would be very difficult for either the Democrats, with whom he has usually trained, or the Populists, by whom he was elected, to depend on him. In the event of the present vacancies being filled the six Populists, should they combine, would be able to dictate terms to either of the two great parties in the matter of organization and composition of committees, in view of which it is easy to see that the forthcoming election is destined to be of great importance.

The Republican party expects every friend of protection to home industries, every believer in a preserved home market, every wisher for renewed prosperity and every advocate of honest money to do his duty next Tuesday.

OUTLOOK IN MINNESOTA.

Republicans Are Fighting Their Hardest Battle in History of the State.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 30.—At the present time the Republicans in Minnesota are fighting one of the hardest battles in which they were ever engaged. The Democrats have given up all hope of electing their ticket. Instead of polling the second highest vote, they will be third in the list. The question is, can Nelson, the Republican nominee, beat Owen, the Populist?. It may be stated that he can, but everybody will know that a battle has been fought.

In the First congressional district Tawney will be elected easily, in the Second McCleary can read his title clear. In the Third district it is a close fight between Hall, the present Democratic incumbent, and Heat Woole, Republican. In the Fourth Kiefer, Republican, will be returned as far as can be discerned. In the Fifth Fletcher, Republican, will go back unless the unexpected happens. In the Sixth, Towne, Republican, will surely replace Baldwin, the miners on Iron Range absolutely repudiating the latter. In the Seventh, Eddy, Republican, has a good chance of defeating Boen, Populist, and present incumbent, owing to his great local popularity.

The Seventh district is strongly Populist so that the Democratic party has almost passed out of existence there. There is a strong Populist tone to the Sixth district and the Second is badly tainted in the western counties. Many claim that the Populists have lost in the country but have gained in the cities. It is problematical whether that is the case, and only the ballots will show. The hard fight is on the governor and congressmen. The Republican state ticket will be elected at all events.

HASTINGS IS TIRELESS.

The Republican Candidate Passes Another Busy Day on the Stump.

By the United Press.

West Chester, Pa., Oct. 30.—The largest gathering of Republicans within the history of Chester county was that which assembled here today to greet General Hastings and party. General Hastings arrived at 10 o'clock this morning and was met at the station by a large delegation of citizens and a band. They proceeded to the Mansion House, where a reception was held and about 5,000 people shook the standard bearer's hand.

At 11 o'clock the meeting was called to order by County Chairman Eyre. The Opera House was packed with people, several hundred ladies having seats on the stage. Thomas Hooper, one of the proprietors of the largest manufacturing establishments in West Chester, presided and introduced General Hastings as the first speaker. The general spoke for a half hour and was frequently interupted by applause and cheers.

He compared the times enjoyed by the workingmen under the present administration with under the Republican, and drew an evident moral therefrom. He was followed by Congresman Jack Robinson, William L. Schaffer, of Chester, and Colonel B. Frank Eshelman, of Lancaster. General Hastings left West Chester at 12 o'clock for Phenixville, accompanied by the reception committee. He addressed the iron workers there and then went to Philadelphia, where he spoke this evening to enormous audiences, in company with A. J. Colborn, jr., of Scranton.

KEYSTONE VIGNETTES.

The collection of German manufactured products has been added to the State college museum.

George Shitaga, a miner, aged 30 years, was instantly killed by a fall of rock and coal in the Alden mine at Wilkes-Barre.

The man killed at Cheshire, Conn., while trying to escape arrest has been identified as Michael Rogers, of Allentown.

The coroner of Bucks county will today hold an inquest on the bodies of the two men killed in the Pennsylvania railroad wreck at Croydon.

Marion Nymsick, while in the act of blasting coal in the north shaft of the Susquehanna Coal company at Nanticoke, was fatally burned by an explosion of gas.

A Philadelphia syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of the Reading and Perkiomen turnpike as a step toward the continuous trolley line from Reading to Philadelphia.

Peter Noviski, a miner employed at the Katydid colliery, operated by the Red Ash Coal company, was caught beneath a fall of rock and coal and crushed in a horrible manner.

The suit of Mrs. E. M. Byers, of Pittsburg, against Dr. Tallman and other Chicagoans to recover her insane husband, now in a Philadelphia asylum, was dismissed in the Windy City.

The board of pardons has recommended that William H. Bradley, of Philadelphia, in the penitentiary for larceny, be pardoned. James Newton Hill's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Colonel A .B. Colt, whose regiment recently shot into a mob at Washington Court House, O., and who has been in hiding in western Pennsylvania, has gone to New York state to escape mob violence.

FROM WASHINGTON.

The cruiser Cincinnati will be inspected Thursday.

Senator Gorman had a "long talk" with Secretary Carlisle Monday.

The supply of World's fair souvenir half dollars is being rapidly exhausted.

The president has approved the dismissal from the army of Captain William S. Johnson, retired, for refusal to pay his debts at Denver, Col.

Washington correspondents have just learned that a New York syndicate writer was last winter intrusted with a large sugar trust fund for the "boys," which he has not yet dared attempt to distribute.

WEATHER REPORT.

For eastern Pennsylvania, threatening weather and rain; clearing during the day; south winds; cooler Wednesday night.

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