

OLYPHANT HEARS SOME DOCTRINE

REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING IN THE OPERA HOUSE.

Issues of the Campaign Ably Handled by Hon. John F. Reynolds, Candidate for the Legislature in the Fourth District; Hon. Jeremiah Snyder, of Allentown, and Fred W. Fleitz—Hall Was Almost Unbearably Cold, But the Audience Stayed to the Last.

Hon. John F. Reynolds, of Carbonate, candidate for the legislature in the Fourth district; Hon. Jeremiah Snyder, of Allentown, and Fred W. Fleitz addressed a large Republican mass meeting in Father Mathew opera house, Olyphant, last night, S. J. Matthews presided.

Mr. Reynolds opened the speechmaking by returning his thanks to the people of Olyphant for the hearty support they gave him two years ago. He then proceeded to discuss in a clear, straightforward style the issues of the campaign.

Two years ago, he began by saying, the two great parties went before the people on two clearly defined questions, tariff reform and currency reform.

The Wilson-Gorman bill, but produced a veritable paralysis to industry. The Democrats had to get some new idea upon which to argue. They were left without a platform to stand upon.

Seeing their desperate condition the Populists of the west made overtures for a coalition and in their dire extremity the Democrats accepted the Populist tactics. Thus arrayed the two parties faced each other. The verdict was for the Republicans.

As a result of that verdict this country last year turned the balance of trade in our favor and not under the beneficent Republican system of revenue \$30,000 in gold drops into the coffers of the United States every hour.

This is about the only section of the country that has not directly felt the return of prosperity. The Democratic tariff thinkers by admitting the soft coal of Nova Scotia and Canada to this country compelled our own soft coal operators to cut down wages and lessen the price of their product.

NATURE TO THE RELIEF. Nature, however, is coming to the rescue. The supply of natural gas in the western part of the state is falling and promises to give out.

The steam fuel that this region produces are the only substitutes for natural gas, and before many years those factories of the western part of the state, now relying on gas for fuel, will have to come here.

This will mean a double benefit, as in addition to increasing the local and consequently best market for our coal, it will furnish additional employment for thousands upon thousands of men, boys and girls.

Viewing the bright and cheery dawn of prosperity that has succeeded the dismal gloom of the closing years of Cleveland's administration, it is no wonder the Democrats do not now wish to take up the national issues.

It is not surprising that they strive for the nonce to relegate free trade and free silver to the rear.

After reviewing the glories of McKinley's brief administration and the situation that now confronts us as a result of attaining those glories, Mr. Reynolds said that we now want constructive and not destructive statesmen, men who will do something more than find fault, men who can look down the vista of the years and lay a suitable foundation for the policy we must work out.

We want men supporting the administration who are in sympathy with it and who will not stubbornly refuse to view territorial expansion in any light other than that of imperialism.

As the Democrats have seen fit to call it. We want men who will say that wherever a drop of American blood

has consecrated the soil and wherever the sunlight has kissed the starry folds of old glory there can be no imperialism, nothing but liberty.

MR. SNYDER'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Snyder, the next speaker, also dealt largely with national affairs. Quoting Chauncey Depew, he said this country saw prior to the civil war three great crises; the revolutionary war which cost \$75,000,000, but which gave us the great boon of freedom; the war of 1812 which cost \$50,000,000, but by which we asserted our privilege of the seas, and the Mexican war, which cost \$25,000,000, but which gave us the golden coast of California and the rich territory of New Mexico.

All these crises, however, if put together, Mr. Snyder went on to say, did not cost us as much as did the Democratic control of the government from 1892 to 1898 and the consequences, instead of being a benefit were a falling short in the revenues, a depleted gold reserve, mills and factories closed down, real estate depreciated and a general depression in all lines of industry except that of establishing soup houses.

The Democrats said these conditions were due to the crime of 1873. The Republicans said it was due to the Wilson-Gorman bill. The people thought with the Republicans and to emphatically register their verdict, elected one man who above all others stands for all that is diametrically opposed to the drastic principles of the Democratic tariff reformers—Major William McKinley, protection's champion.

That no mistake was made by the people experience has amply proved. William McKinley's administration will mark an epoch in history, and if we are not halted by our own folly, New York and not London will be the clearing house of the world.

National issues not only are concerned in this election, Mr. Snyder contended, but ever an hour in the Republican administration demands a Republican congress, a Republican legislature to elect a Republican senator and a Republican majority for governor that will leave no doubt in the minds of the people of the world at large that the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the greatest state in the union, is in sympathy with William McKinley.

NOT STATE ISSUES.

Although the opera house was cold, Mr. Fleitz, the concluding speaker, held the audience for over an hour in the closest attention. Referring to the allegation of the Democrats that we have no concern at present in anything but state issues Mr. Fleitz made the comment that this was quite in keeping with the past history of Democracy.

"The old state with a big S, and nation with a small n. Jenks takes the same position today he did in 1864, when he went about the country talking on 'state issues.' Today he lauds Lincoln and grieves that the Republican party has fallen from the high eminence on which he would establish it. In 1864 he was fighting Lincoln's administration and policy and saying 'let the southern states go. Let us look after our own state.' Mr. Jenks is certainly consistent in the matter of state issues."

Dealing with Dr. Swallow, Mr. Fleitz said he did not propose to adopt the doctor's tactics and abuse him. He would not call Dr. Swallow a thief and was not ready to believe that he is a thief. Neither was he ready to believe that every other man in the state except Dr. Swallow is a thief.

One criticism, however, that could be fairly offered of Dr. Swallow was that he is a candidate with a principle and simply an individual, person-at-seeker for the office to which he aspires. Last election his candidacy was deserving of a fair consideration. He represented a principle. He was a candidate of a recognized party, the Prohibitionists. This year he is simply Dr. S. Swallow, representing no one but himself and depending entirely for success on spectacular play.

A number of earnest thinking Prohibitionists, the speaker said, had been met by him in his campaigning throughout the state, who openly avowed their opposition to Swallow, because of his desertion of their principles.

WANAMAKER REFERRED TO.

Wanamaker's treachery to the party that had so signally honored him and his separate vindictiveness that would not stop at the wrecking of the party

in venting a personal grievance, were dealt with in Mr. Fleitz' straightforward style. At such a time as this conduct like that of Wanamaker, he said, amounts to treason. Every man, regardless of party, should assent in the policy of the administration now in power, considering the circumstances. "Republican as I am," said Mr. Fleitz, "if there was a Democrat in the white house and a congress that was Democratic and they had done what McKinley and the Republican congress have done, I would vote the Democratic ticket this fall. I would say they have done nobly so far and ought to be allowed to finish the job. The Republicans have caught the woodchuck and have the right to skin him."

THANKSGIVING FOR RETURN OF PEACE

Rev. Dr. McLeod Preached on Reasons for Our Gratefulness to God for Ending of War With Spain—It Is Our Paramount Duty to Give Gospel of Christ to Inhabitants of Our New Possessions—Services at St. Mark's and Trinity Lutheran Churches.

Yesterday was set apart in a proclamation by Governor Hastings as a day of special thanksgiving for the return of peace and the end of the Spanish-American war. The banks of the city were closed, and so were most of the offices in city hall.

The pastor read the thanksgiving proclamation of the governor and then preached the sermon. Surely, he said, we ought to be thankful to God for a cessation of hostilities with Spain, and to join in prayer that it may result in a righteous and enduring peace. As lovers of peace and righteousness we ought to pray that rectitude of life, fidelity to home and country, and the faithful performance of every public and private duty may characterize all our people.

FOR A PERMANENT BLESSING. Nor should we forget to pray that those virtues may be more carefully cultivated and more largely exemplified by all who are in authority and by all who occupy conspicuous positions of trust in the state and nation. We should all join, he said, in the prayer that it may please God, who is rich in mercy, so to overrule the war we have waged that its results may prove a permanent blessing to our land and to the cause of advancing civilization.

The world peace is full of promise. To live and die in peace and at peace with God would be a little heaven. But while peace is sweet war is sometimes necessary in order to secure it. God loves peace, but not peace-at-any-price. That is not peace which is secured at the expense of truth and honor. Contention is unpleasant but sometimes necessary. We did not threaten to strike a blow until Spain's barbarous and inhuman treatment of her own subjects had shocked the civilized world.

No war in the history of the world was undertaken for a more righteous reason than our war with Spain. With no thought of adding an acre to our domain, or the shadow of a thought of revenge, or with no thought that for humanity's sake and the saving of lives and securing the liberty of those who were treated most barbarously, did we go to war with Spain. And history will confirm the judgment that the war proclaimed by William McKinley was for a cause as holy—if not so great—as that which led to the fall back into the hands of their tyrant oppressor. Their inhabitants must be taught the value not only of civil but also more especially of religious liberty. We must enlighten them. These islands may become rich fields for commercial enterprise, but the Christian church in its various branches in this nation must utilize the occasion which Providence has placed in its hands.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. Prayer was offered by A. W. Dickson and the services closed with the national anthem, "My Country 'Tis of Thee," by the congregation.

Services were conducted in the St. Mark Lutheran church on the West Side by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Ramer; and at Trinity Lutheran church on Adams avenue, by Rev. Charles L. Spieker.

PLEASANT DANCING PARTY. Given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralsely at the Faurot House.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ralsely, of the Faurot house, 315 Washington avenue, gave a dancing party at their residence before the Faurot house. The event was attended by a large number of the many friends of the esteemed hostess and host. The music was under the direction of Professor Saft.

Mrs. Ralsely was assisted in receiving by Misses Marion Mills, Nellie and Mattie Smith, and Nellie Decker. Dr. Ducker, and Thomas Decker, played the spacious and cozy dining hall dinner was served at 11 o'clock. The decorations throughout the house were exquisite.

The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ralsely, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Dunn, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. James Stein, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Switzer, Mr. and Mrs. James Girney, Mr. and Mrs. Quick, Mr. and Mrs. John Flukes, Dr. and Mrs. Elzery, Mr. and Mrs. Scragg, Mr. and Mrs. William Thayer, Mr. and Mrs. William Pool, Dr. and Mrs. George Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Lukens, Mr. and Mrs. John Mears, Dr. and Mrs. Brewster, Mrs. Lou Payne, Mrs. Wolf, Mrs. Duella, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. J. Faurot, Mrs. Helen May, Misses Rosalie Boyer, Charles Hess, Broadhead, E. P. Mucklow, Hixon and Harry Switzer, Harry Houck, Wallace Ruth, Charles Keisel, Dr. Boyd, Gorman, Bailey, Wiley, Peoples, Miller, Broderick, Angle, Rice, Smith, Cowan, Kueh, McDonald, Dr. McGraw, Hadley, Shaw and Professor Clarke.

Mrs. Caudle. Wife—John, did you miss me the night I was away? Husband—No, I went to a lecture.—Pick-Me-Up.

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