

Monday, May 21, but objection was made by Congressman Judge Terry, of Arkansas, to unanimous consent to the consideration of the bill, as asked by Mr. Grow. Mr. Warner, of Illinois, then asked for a suspension of the rules to consider the bill. Although the chairman of the sub-committee, Mr. Warner, of Illinois, having charge of the bill, reported it favorably to the house, the speaker ruled that "a motion to suspend the rules on committee suspension day, must be specifically authorized by the committee, yet in face of the statement by Mr. Grow, that a majority of the committee on the judiciary had reported the bill and was entitled to move to suspend the rules and consider the bill, the speaker ruled it out of order, and the bill went over to be called up later on. It was, to say the least, a hair-splitting technicality, and had the bill been put upon its passage would have gone through by a large majority. This was what the opponents feared, and interposed the technicality referred to to temporarily set it back.

At the last Republican state convention, when Hon. Galusha A. Grow was a candidate to succeed himself for congressman-at-large, an attempt was made to defeat his nomination. The following description from the Montrose Republican of April 26, 1900, tells the whole story of the outcome:

"At Harrisburg this week, when the outcome of the contest for congressmen-at-large was somewhat in doubt, and when there were indications that an attempt was to be made to defeat Hon. Galusha A. Grow, a brother congressman from a neighboring county threw himself into the thickest of the fight, raised aloft the Grow standard, rallied around the friends of the veteran statesman, and went to work with a will to win. That man was William Connell, of Scranton, Lackawanna's worthy congressman. He brought to bear a great deal of ability and magnificent generalship, and it was under his masterly direction and through his indefatigable efforts that the delegates from the interior cities and country districts were organized for Grow and victory. At every turn the opposition was met, resisted, and finally vanquished, and it is but justice to accord to Congressman Connell a large share of the credit for the splendid triumph achieved by Mr. Grow. From the moment of his arrival at the scene of battle, this courageous and valiant leader, true to his Scotch ancestors, fought night and day until the hour of victory. We doff our hat to Congressman William Connell, and assure him that his splendid services are appreciated by all the friends of Mr. Grow, and he will be gratefully remembered in the future."

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George M. Watson, the candidate for law judge, is a man who springs from the common people, a man who labored on the railroad, and earned his way step by step until he has attained a position at the bar, which is recognized by every person who knows him. During his early life he was a fireman on a locomotive, and as such became acquainted with the manners and ways of the working people. He is, perhaps, closer to union workmen than any man who has asked for a position of trust in this county.

Mr. Watson had a desire to read law, and while on the railroad began preparing himself to enter upon its studies. After leaving the employ of the D. L. & W. R. R. Co., he saw an opportunity of defraying his expenses and entered the office of Alderman Fuller as the constable of the Sixteenth ward of Scranton, at the same time registering as a law student, and began at once the study of law. His course has been steadily upward, and he has become one of the first lawyers, a man of recognized ability, of sterling integrity, and ever keeping in mind the interests of the working men. When the vacancy, which is to be filled in the

November election, was caused by the death of the Hon. Fred W. Gunster, Mr. Watson asked the governor of Pennsylvania to appoint Mr. Carpenter, a man whose ability, integrity, and fitness for the position are beyond question; but this did not meet with the approval of a few men, who have

genuine one, founded on party loyalty.

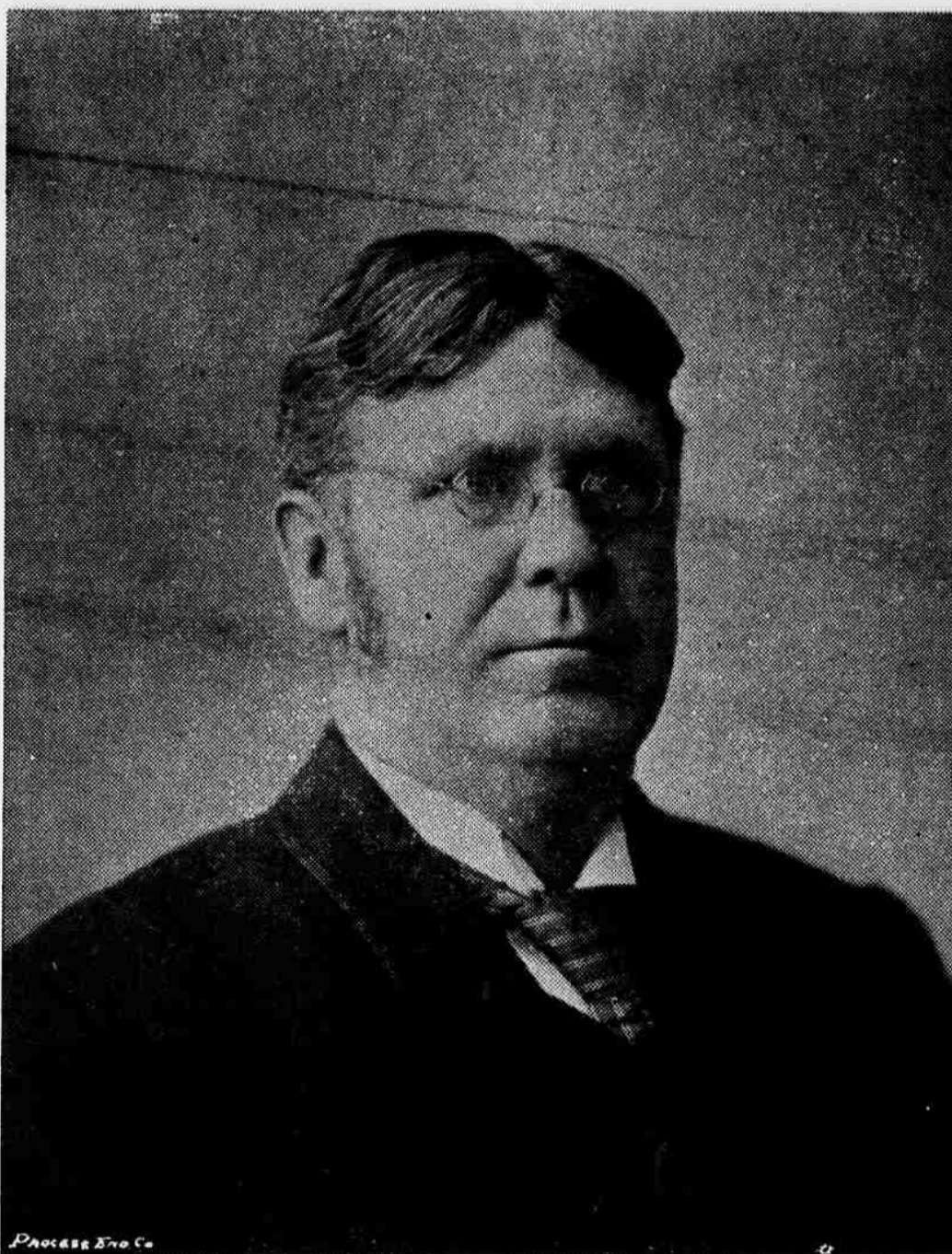
Prominent on this ticket is found the name of John H. Fellows, the people's nominee for the office of Sheriff. No man, perhaps, in Lackawanna county, is better known or has a wider circle of friends than this gentleman. He was born in 1849 in what was then the

borough of Hyde Park, and he has lived in this city all his life. He has been prominently identified with the growth of the city since early manhood, his active and untiring efforts on behalf of the public schools, as a director and president of the board of control and later his clean and public-spirited administration as Mayor of the city of Scranton having solidly entrenched him in the hearts of the masses as a man of the people, honest, fearless and incorruptible, of undoubted determination of character, high business qualifications, sterling integrity and sympathetic nature. All this is coupled with executive ability of the highest order, making him an ideal man for the high office of Sheriff.

The sheriff's office is a citadel of political power. Toward its capture the Democracy is bending and will bend every possible energy. Republicans are summoned to resist with proportionate power. The outcome with respect to this office, means more to them than the success or defeat of any individual. Its retention means party advantage held and preserved, its loss would certainly mean the indefensible multiplication of future political handicaps.

But, aside from any abstract question of party strategy the nominee this year is one whom all Republicans may well work for on his own account. He is a man of personality, strong and vigorous. Throughout his career in public life Mr. Fellows has been an indomitable and tireless worker and a man battling for what he believed to be right, a friend retaining the confidence of his friends and a foe whose hostility is to be feared. These characteristics signify an uncommon man, and they account for the fact that among those prominent in the circles of Lackawanna Republicanism he has managed to retain a following sturdy and loyal and has compelled frank recognition.

The office of sheriff is one at all times of responsibility. Occasions frequently arise which make its responsibilities great. In view of this fact it becomes a proper subject of inquiry whether the man who aspires to perform its functions possesses the courage, the nerve, and the practical common sense essential to a successful ful-



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heretofore controlled the political appointments and nominations of candidates for office, and the governor appointed the Hon. John P. Kelly. It was at this time, and with the purpose to prevent the appointment of a man selected by persons whose interests are antagonistic to the interests of the people, that Mr. Watson became a candidate. He made his appeal to the people, and notwithstanding the fact that there was a hypocritical cry of a non-partisan judiciary, fifteen thousand Republicans said they endorsed the position advocated by Mr. Watson. Mr. Watson comes to you clean handed, capable and honest, a man that no person need offer an apology for, a candidate that stands pre-eminently above many who have aspired and held the office of judge, one in whose hands your business is safe, and to whom no righteous litigant will appeal in vain, fearlessly, conscientiously and honestly; no preferred litigants will receive recognition from him, but all will stand on that equal footing before the law designed by the framers of our constitution and the legislature of our commonwealth.

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From the standpoint of party harmony it must be regarded as an auspicious circumstance that the Republicans of Lackawanna county in the present contest entered the lists of battle with columns unbroken. The ticket named at the June primaries, by the free and fair expression of the party will, under the Crawford county system, brought together all elements and former factions, and the union is a



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