

A BYRANTE BOOM FOR INSURGENTS

Followers of Finn and Martin Disheartened by the Work of Democratic Allies.

PENROSE SCORES A TRIUMPH

The Brilliant Young Senator Scored a Great Victory in Securing the Appropriation for the Immense Stone Dock for League Island.

Philadelphia, Jan. 30.—The action of the Democratic state committee on Thursday last in adopting a resolution declaring William Jennings Bryan to be the choice of the Democracy of Pennsylvania for president was received like a bomb in the camp of the Republican insurgents of this state.

This element in the Republican party that follow the leadership of David Martin in this city and William Finn in the western counties in opposition to the leaders of the regular Republican organization have been hopeful of continuing their alliance with the Guffey Democrats in the canvass for members of the legislature this year. Before Guffey went to Harrisburg the insurgents warned him against allowing the Democratic state committee taking up the Bryan movement. They declared that if it became known that Guffey's friends were committed to Bryan a large element of the Democratic party would refuse to support his candidates for the legislature. This would defeat their schemes for fusion. While the insurgents could control a certain number of Republicans, this number would be small as compared with the Democratic vote in any locality where the full Democratic vote must be polled in order to defeat the regular Republican nominees.

UNDER BRYAN'S STANDARD.

The Bryan standard has thus been raised over the Democratic camp, and if Finn and Martin propose to continue to array themselves against the Republican party and its regularly nominated candidates they must fight with Guffey under the flag of Bryan, stand accused of supporting the Chicago platform and everything else that Bryanism implies. Many of the former followers of Martin and Finn will not go with them into the Bryan camp, and Guffey cannot under any circumstances get the support of the sound money Democrats. Many of them, rather than accept the Bryan platform of the Guffey contingent, will vote the regular Republican ticket, as most of them did in the McKinley campaign four years ago.

If the gold Democratic leaders of Harrisburg had been allowed to tell Bryan their opinion of the situation, it would doubtless have been that the committee was simply taking one more step to reduce the already sadly diminished strength of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, and that there is not the slightest likelihood that he will be able to carry a dozen out of the counties of the state.

A CONDITION, NOT A THEORY.

During his stay in Harrisburg Mr. Bryan delivered himself of the usual speech about the Chicago platform, reiterating his intention to stick to it, declaring that unswerving devotion to it was the true and only test of Democratic faith. At no time did he hold forth the slightest encouragement to the tens of thousands of Democrats who have no sympathy with the Chicago platform to return to the party; he harped again on the silver question with his customary emphasis, and gave his followers distinctly to understand that the battle of 1900 was to be waged along the same lines as that of 1896, with the exception of his new departure on the issue of anti-imperialism.

PENROSE'S GREAT VICTORY.

Senator Penrose finds that the labor and trials of two United States senatorships which have been upon his shoulders since the expiration of Senator Quay's term are wearing heavily. He has secretly had an opportunity to visit his home in this city since Christmas. He is kept at work night and day at Washington attending to the many official responsibilities which come to him from his constituents in every county in the state. He has systematized his correspondence, and he always carries an immense batch of papers on his daily rounds of the departments. He made a determined effort to have League Island equipped with a stone dock such as would place it upon a plane with the great navy yards of the world. There were many objections from members of congress from states far from the seaboard, who at first failed to appreciate the importance of this proposed improvement. He finally succeeded in removing all opposition with the aid of several members of the Pennsylvania delegation in the house, and last week Senator Penrose had the satisfaction of seeing President McKinley attach his signature to the bill making the appropriation for the work. This stone dock will mean much to the industries of Pennsylvania, especially the iron interests. It will mean that supplies

for the building and the repairing of great vessels will come from the iron and steel mills of the Keystone state, that the lumber interests of the commonwealth will be drawn upon heavily and that every manufacturing interest that furnishes supplies for vessels will find an outlet for its products in the rapid development of League Island as a shipbuilding and repair station of the United States navy. Senator Penrose had all these things in mind when he began his fight, and he never lost track of the main issue throughout the long drawn out contest which has resulted so successfully.

ELECTION FRAUDS MUST BE STOPPED

Republican State Convention Will Declare in Favor of Ballot Reform.

THE EVIL NOT WIDESPREAD.

Democrats and Others With Selfish Interests Cannot, However, Make Political Capital Out of Election Crookedness in a Few Districts in the Status of Philadelphia.

Harrisburg, Jan. 30.—Because a couple of cases of election frauds were recently unearthed in the slum districts of Philadelphia a great howl has been raised all over the state in an attempt to place the responsibility of this crookedness upon the Republican organization. This is not done through any particular desire to advance the cause of reform, but with a view to help along the Democratic party and the political ambitions of a few men who, while claiming to be Republicans, are devoting their time to assailing that party because they have failed in their efforts to secure positions through the Republican organization.

The Republican party of Pennsylvania is too great an organization, and its record is such that any fair minded man would not charge it with countenancing corruption at elections, to allow even the discredited Democratic leaders to continue to spread the reports connecting party leaders with this nefarious work. The coming Republican state convention will, in the party platform, denounce in the most emphatic manner all illegal practices at the polls. It will call for the arrest and conviction of all who shall be guilty of election frauds of any character, and will demand of the next legislature the enactment of such legislation as will place additional safeguards about the ballot and insure even in the hotbeds of depravity, in the slum districts of the large cities, as free and as fair an election as is had in a great majority of the voting precincts of the commonwealth under existing conditions. There will be no opportunity or reason to question the sincerity of these declarations or of the party leaders who will frame these declarations, and the state convention, which will be composed of representative Republicans from every county in the commonwealth, will adopt the platform by a unanimous vote. This, then, can be taken as pledging the honor of the Republican party to see that this promise in the platform shall be carried out at the next session of the general assembly.

The Bryanite Democratic organization which met here last week had but two verses to their song. One was for the glorification of Bryan and Guffey as the national and state leaders of their cause, and the other was a sweeping arraignment of the Republican party as the party of corruption. They arraigned Republicans as the party of trusts and corruption in national legislation and as the party whose reign of power was only continued through corruption at the polls.

PEOPLE NOT FOOLED.

Now the facts are the people are not being fooled by any tactics of this character. They know that the Republican party, through its state organization, is responsible for the many reforms that have been secured in this state in the last ten years—all aimed toward a secret ballot, a free and open election and a fair count and proper return of all the votes cast at every election, borough, county or state. They know that the present ballot law insures all these conditions when there is an intelligent and law-abiding constituency to see that the provisions of the law are carried out. Complaints as to imperfections in the law come from very few election districts. As a rule, the voters, since they have become familiar with the method of marking the ballot, are entirely satisfied with the present law in its general provisions, but if amendments can be made to the act which would place additional safeguards in the way of blocking the schemes of the political heeler in the large cities there would be universal satisfaction expressed among those who regard the voting franchise as one of the most sacred of American institutions.

That an honest effort will be made by the leaders of the Republican organization to bring this about is beyond question. They are thoroughly alive to the sentiment of the people on this subject and they will see to it that the ballot law is strengthened in this particular at the coming session of the legislature. Those who are assailing the Republican organization in Philadelphia because of the two cases of election frauds just exposed

are unfair in their assaults, as they are no doubt insincere in their criticisms. They wish to make the Republican organization responsible for the acts of a few men. There was no occasion for the leaders of the Republican organization to encourage or countenance fraud at the last election in the Quaker City. The result of the election was a foregone conclusion. There was practically no opposition of a serious character to the Republican ticket. Not a single ward in the city could be placed in the doubtful list. There was therefore no reason why the party managers should seek to have a false return made.

CONFINED TO THE SLUMS.

It has been notorious for years, however, that in a few election precincts, in which the dives of the city are located, an evil has existed, and which in every large city where election frauds were frequently committed. These frauds are not confined to any party, but Republicans and Democrats alike among the inhabitants of the slums were guilty at various times of flagrant violations of the election laws. Many times, for the mere matter of supremacy in a voting precinct, without regard to the personality of the candidates on the ticket, the most reprehensible practices have been resorted to in "cooking up" the election returns. At the last election two cases, one in the Fifth ward and the other in the Seventh, resulted in arrests of alleged guilty parties. Then the work of these ballot box stuffers was revealed in all its awful details. Time and time again have arrests been made in these localities, and the records of the courts will show how many convictions have been made in cases of violation of the election laws. In these hotbeds of lawlessness election frauds are but part of the record of crime which makes these districts shunned by citizens who dare not venture in such localities without a policeman as a guide after nightfall. The question of protecting the sanctity of the ballot in these districts is no more important a problem than is the protection of the lives and the property of the law-abiding residents. While there may be defects in the ballot law, yet the present act can be amended and reamended, and if fearless, determined men are not obtainable to go into these precincts on election day there will continue to be crimes against the ballot, as there have been against life and property, as long as the slums shall exist.

REPUBLICANS WILL PROSECUTE.

Because then of these recent election fraud cases the hue and cry has been raised against the Republican party and the Republican leaders of Philadelphia by the Democrats and the insurgents. They might as well proclaim the Republican party and the Republican leaders as responsible for every sandbagging incident, highway robbery or murder that occurs among the denizens of the dives.

GOV. STONE AND THE FORESTS.

Under Governor Stone's administration great strides are being made in the movement to protect and develop the forests of Pennsylvania in the interest primarily of the farmers, and for the preservation of the water ways of the commonwealth. Dr. J. T. Rothrock, the state forestry commissioner, has just completed the purchase of 60,000 acres of land, to become a great reservation for the preservation of the forests of the state. He says that the forestry commission has 100,000 additional acres in view, which he hopes to secure soon. A large tract of the new purchase, he states, lies in Centre and Clinton counties, adjoining the Girard and Boudinot tracts, already held by the city of Philadelphia, and affording a continuous stretch of 45,000 acres of land "pledging a perpetual park to posterity and new life to the state." Dr. Rothrock, in commenting upon this subject, said: "It is not often that a reformation as large as this has been accomplished in the lifetime of the generation which started the movement. The forestry cause, however, is won in Pennsylvania. It is not a matter of time as to whether the work of restoring our lumbering industries and the normal flow of water in our streams shall be undertaken, for that is already decided upon. What we have now to consider is by what method this work shall be accomplished.

"The sole object of this whole work has been to establish a precedent in all its forms, to force it upon the public mind to secure the influences which forests bring to climate, health and water supply. This, then, is our platform, using the gifts of God, but not abusing them.

"The actual work of the Pennsylvania forester today is threefold. First, to set apart land for forest growth; second, to plant where nature fails to produce a spontaneous tree growth; and third, to keep the fires off the land upon which trees are growing.

"The creation of the three state forestry reservations, authorized by the legislature, will undoubtedly be perfected before the present year. We may confidently hope that before January, 1901, three state forestry reservations of not less than 40,000 acres each will have been located and set apart for public use as public property, upon the head waters of the principal rivers of the commonwealth. The state reserves will not only contain, but will sooner or later contain, millions of acres, instead of thousands."

"One Minute Cough Cure" is the best remedy I ever used for coughs and colds. It is unequalled for whooping cough, children like it, it is sold by W. A. Kneib, Gentryville, Ind. Never fails. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. Cures coughs, colds, hoarseness, croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and all throat ailments. It is a safe and early use prevents consumption. Health & Killmer.

Miss Annie E. Gunning, Tyre, Mich., says, "I suffered a long time from dyspepsia; lost flesh and became very weak. Knib's Dyspepsia Cure completely cured me." It digests what you eat and cures all forms of stomach trouble. It never fails to give immediate relief in the worst cases. Health & Killmer.

—Hopkins sells the clothing and shoes.

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1899.

S. M. HENRY, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with the State of Pennsylvania for the year ending January 2, 1900.

To tax on indebtedness of Co.	120 00	By printers' bills, Mercantile list	70 20
To Mercantile Tax	782 50	By State Treasurer's receipts	1,676 22
To State personal tax	3 00	By Mercantile tax uncollectible	14 00
To Restaurant licenses	635 10	By 5 per cent. commission on \$1,178.30	68 83
To Billiard and Pool licenses	280 00	By 1 per cent. commission on \$655.00	6 35
	\$1,825 60		\$1,825 60

S. M. HENRY, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with Dog Tax of said County for the year ending Jan. 2, 1900.

Balance from last settlement	200 00	Orders redeemed	183 30
Am't received from individuals	693 75	4 per cent. commission on \$183.30	7 33
	\$893 75	Am't transferred to County acct.	563 12
	\$200 00	Balance	200 00

S. M. HENRY, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with Redemption Fund for the year ending Jan. 2, 1900.

Balance from last settlement	522 04	Am't paid individuals	722 20
Am't received from individuals	734 17	4 per cent. commission on \$722.20	28 89
	\$1,256 21	Balance	\$545 03

S. M. HENRY, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with said County Poor Fund for the year ending Jan. 2, 1900.

Am't rec'd on sale of bonds	\$30,450 00	Orders redeemed as per bills	\$ 5,487 19
State tax for '99	5,333 06	Orders redeemed favor Wolcott and Walters	5,000 00
Unsettled tax for '99	1,413 27	Orders red'd favor J. A. Nixon	15,500 00
Am't rec'd from produce sold	74 03	1 per cent. commission on \$17,000.00	177 00
Am't received from team work	414 50	3 per cent. commission on \$8,867.19	266 62
	\$37,684 88	Into est coupons redeemed	600 00
	\$37,684 88	Balance	\$10,874 07

S. M. HENRY, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with said county for the year ending January 2, 1900.

Balance from last settlement	\$ 8,976 02	Orders redeemed	16,220 65
Seated returns for 1898	594 16	Bonds redeemed	5,000 00
Am't rec'd from Fire warden acct	81 58	Interest on bonds	1,137 22
Am't received on land redeemed from County	148 17	County institute	100 00
Am't rec'd from Insurance Co.	425 00	Collectors' exonerations, '97-'98	274 56
Am't State tax returned	380 43	Seated land returns, '97-'98	394 17
Am't Bicycle tax 1899	537 00	Collectors' commissions	680 98
Am't seated tax 1899	17,817 21	Collectors' 5 per cent. return '99	367 18
Am't unseated tax 1899	5,382 07	State tax on bonds	120 00
Am't rec'd from Green Twp	374 50	5 per cent. allowed on exonerations and land returns charged to collectors after Jan. 1, '99	20 25
Am't 4-5 State tax returned	471 39	4 per cent. commission on \$17,618.87	704 67
Am't license fees County part	142 50	1 per cent. commission on \$8,000.00	80 00
Am't 5 per cent. added to Col. ac'ts	212 38	Balance	\$10,730 88
Am't 5 per cent. added to seated returns 1898	29 71		
Am't interest on unseated tax	277 50		
Am't transferred from Dog acct	503 12		
Am't received from individuals	136 28		
	\$6,448 54		\$6,448 54

J. H. ROBERTSON, Prothonotary of Forest County in account with said County for the year ending January 2, 1900.

Orders drawn	\$ 347 32	Fees allowed	\$ 347 32
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F. P. WALKER Sheriff of Forest County in account with said County for the year ending January 2, 1900.

Orders drawn	\$ 987 76	Sheriff fees allowed	\$ 864 90
		Prisoners board & Turkeys fees	653 50
		Expense allowed	35 36
	\$87 76		\$87 76

S. D. IRWIN, District Attorney of Forest County, in account with said County for the year ending January 2, 1900.

Orders drawn	\$ 77 00	Fees allowed	\$ 77 00
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COMMISSIONERS OF FOREST COUNTY in account with said County for the year ending January 2, 1900.

County orders drawn	\$ 479 50	137 days service County	\$ 479 50
Expense bills	162 74	69 days service Poor	241 50
Poor order drawn	241 50	Expense allowed ad Poor	12 01
Expense bills	12 01	Expense allowed County	102 74
	\$835 75		\$835 75

C. M. WHITEMAN, Commissioner.

County orders drawn	\$ 532 00	152 days service Court acct	\$ 532 00
County expense bills	50 25	73 days service Poor acct	255 50
Poor orders drawn	345 74	Expense allowed Poor acct	57 17
Poor expense bills	97 17	Expense allowed County acct	56 25
	\$940 93		\$940 93

HERMAN BLUM, Commissioner.

County orders drawn	\$ 493 50	141 days service County acct	\$ 493 50
County expense bills	28 09	89 days service Poor acct	241 50
Poor orders drawn	241 50	Expense allowed Poor acct	68 82
Poor expense bills	68 82	Expense allowed County acct	28 09
	\$829 91		\$829 91

We the undersigned Auditors of Forest County do hereby certify that we met at the Court House in Tionesta, said county, according to law, and did audit and adjust the several accounts of the Treasurer, Prothonotary, Sheriff, District Attorney and County Commissioners, for the year ending Jan. 2, 1900, and we found the same as set out in the foregoing report. In testimony whereof we have set our hands and seals this twelfth day of Jan., A. D., 1900.

J. R. CLARK, GEO. L. KING, R. J. FLYNN, County Auditors.

Prothonotary fees	339 65	Telephone	54 00
Sheriff fees	436 90	Auditors clerk	50 00
Commonwealth costs	526 49	Court Clerk	70 00
Constables	935 34	Light and fuel	367 15
Elections	287 49	Water	100 00
Road costs	1,065 23	Tax on county bonds	13 07
Board of prisoners	159 84	Corner	18 98
Commissioners expense	503 50	Stenographer	415 70
Contractors	156 64	Board for Jury	3 25
Express and drayage	70 21	Indexing C. P. Dockets	1,202 16
Postage	22 38	District Attorney	77 00
Repairs on Court House, jail and water closets	402 70	Attorneys fees	25 00
Jury Commissioners	125 26	Barber at jail	2 10
Pennsylvania Reformatory	345 74	Lunatic fees	6 18
Janitor	212 02	Sidewalk	70 00
Commissioners clerk	780 00	Read damages	175 00
Scalps	131 75	Indigent soldiers	69 91
Expenses	685 95	Taking prisoners to penitentiary	47 36
Office supplies	30 24	For wardens	14 01
Supplies for jail	57 38	Commissioners pay	1,665 00
Insurance	25 75	Attorney for walks	80 85
Brushing for jail	23 50	Attorney for county bonds	100 00
Tip Stave	294 04	County bonds redeemed	5,000 00
Warren Insane Asylum	737 75	Interest on county bonds	1,157 22
Jail physician	35 50	County Institute	100 00
Western Penitentiary	556 08	Collectors commission	680 98
Count Auditor	10 00	Tax on county bonds	129 09
		Treasurers commission	754 67
			\$24,052 50

EXPENDITURES OF POOR FUND OF Forest Co. for the year ending Jan. 2, 1900.

Horses	425 00	Judgment and costs, Wolcott vs. Harness, blankets, etc	124 04
Commissioners expense	120 00	Forest county	146 00
Clerk	120 00	Sawed and pipe	233 20
Bonds, etc	12 04	Lumber	11 07
Farm implements	115 03	Manure	38 50
Feed	68 43	Supplies	94 08
Surveying	20 25	Revenue stamps	5 00
Express	49 25	Threshing	48 99
Seed	53 18	Commissioners pay	738 50
Insurance	15 50	S. J. and W. W. Leolt for farm	2,500 00
Blacksmithing	38 74	Mrs. Sarah Walters for farm	2,500 00
Resurvey	297 00	Wagons	160 00
R. W. Ledell	306 30	A railroads	88 00
Geo. Winegard	306 30	Hay, grain, etc.	115 89
J. W. Dewalt	203 0 0	J. A. Nixon, contrae' Co. Home	500 00
Expense	7 08	Treasurers commission	443 62
Farm labor	18 00		
	107 47		\$27,000 81

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF Forest county for the year ending Jan. 2, 1900.

Balance in Treasurers hands	\$10,730 88	ASSETS	
One from Green township	182 50	Liabilities over Assets	\$11,833 08
Due from Hickory township	747 87		
Due from Howe township	68 75		
Due from Tionesta borough	231 25		
Due from Forest township	50 17		
Howe township order	541 33		
Seated land returns	694 17		
Liabilities over Assets	\$11,833 08		

RECEIPTS OF POOR FUNDS, for year ending January 2, 1900.

From bonds sold	\$30,450 00	From produce sold from farm	74 05
From State tax	5,333 06	From work done by teams	414 50
From unseated tax, 1899	1,613 27		
	\$37,396 33		\$37,396 33

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF Poor Fund for year ending Jan. 2, 1900.

Am't in Treasurer's hands	\$10,874 07	Bonds outstanding	\$30,000 00
Liabilities over Assets	\$23,850 93	Am't due on contract Co. home	4,500 00
		Am't due on extras Co. home	225 00
ASSETS	\$34,725 00	LIABILITIES	\$34,725 00

There was raised on the County