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## LAW MAKING IS NOW UNDER WAY.

### Republicans Will Pass Reform Legislation at Harrisburg.

### GOVERNOR STONE LEADS.

#### His Recommendations, Especially Those For Ballot Reform and the Preservation of the Forests, Meet With Popular Favor.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Jan. 15.—Now that the legislature has gotten down to business the party leaders are shaping their plans for the fulfillment of the pledges made by the Republican party in the last campaign.

There is every reason to believe the people will be entirely satisfied with their work. The cause of ballot reform will be among the first matters considered, and the stalwart Republicans intend to take advanced ground on this issue. Legislation will be passed which it is believed will meet every requirement of the situation and that the most radical reformers will be entirely satisfied with the outcome. The contentions over the election of United States senators prompted Governor Stone to advocate the proposition for the election of United States senators by popular vote. This plan was advocated by the last Republican state convention, and to a certain extent has already been put into operation by friends of Col. Quay, who have for years advocated the popular vote system at Republican primary elections for instructions to candidates for the legislature on the United States senatorship.

#### TO IMPROVE THE FORESTS.

This legislature will undoubtedly adopt Governor Stone's suggestion for legislation calculated to extend and preserve the forests of Pennsylvania. The governor, in his annual message, told of the recent purchases by the state of forest lands and on this subject said:

"If these titles prove satisfactory, will increase the acreage owned by the state to something over 113,000 acres. The cost to the state of the 97,962 acres and 20 perches already acquired is at an average of about \$1.35 per acre. Some of this land has increased in value since its purchase by the state and could now be sold at an advance. "The purpose in acquiring these lands is to preserve and increase our forests. Forests exert a great influence on the streams and climate and tend to preserve the health of the community. Their rehabilitation in Pennsylvania, if only to part of their former extent, will be productive of the greatest good. It is the purpose of the present administration to purchase more lands in various sections of the state under the several acts of assembly wherever they can be purchased cheaply. The investment is a good one, and should the state acquire a large acreage of wild lands, it cannot under any circumstances be a mistake.

#### WILL INCREASE IN VALUE.

"The land will increase in value through the rapid growth of timber and, while there will be destruction in part by fire, yet the average value will largely increase. These public lands will become the people's parks, open to them at all times for hunting, fishing and camping, and the people in turn will become the guardians and protectors of the forests. Already they are quite popular in the vicinities where purchases have been made. "There should be additional legislation relating to the forest reservations. As the purchase of large tracts in any one county withdraws those lands from taxation, it is thought that separate tracts scattered all over the state in various places would be productive of better results. Too large bodies of land should not be purchased in one county to the exclusion of others. If the purchases were distributed more evenly over those counties where forest lands still exist, the reduction of local taxation by such purchases would be

trivial. "In a few years the state will receive a large revenue from the sale of matured timber and timber that has been destroyed by insects, fire and wind storm. So far the deeds have been made to the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but in case it became desirable to sell timber that had been destroyed by fire or wind storm the power, under the present laws, is deficient. There are practically three separate bodies or departments that have supervision over these forest lands—the agricultural department, the board of property and the forestry commission. All these bodies give occasion for conflict, although fortunately none has yet occurred.

The governor recommended that an act be passed which would place the purchase and the supervision of these lands under one management.

#### SENATOR WASHBURN.

An interesting character in the coming struggle for reform legislation will be Senator O. R. Washburn, of Crawford county, who recently announced that he had joined the Republican party. In his speech in the Republican caucus Senator Washburn, among other things, said:

"I believe that under the leadership of men who are here represented we are going to have more equitable labor laws, laws that will insure justice between man and man. I believe that we are going to have state appropriations for good roads, so that the farmers may be benefited. I believe that we are going to have an honest enforcement of the laws relating to the agricultural interests; that, with the two city rings kicked out and driven back to private life, and with renewed life in the Republican party, we are going to have real reform. These are among the reasons why I am a Republican. "I ask no sympathy from any one on account of newspaper criticisms of my action. Appealing to time and to the people to justify the wisdom of my course, I take pride in the belief that I have helped to break this deadlock, and whether this contest shall be settled by one ballot or many, I shall, for the sake of the good name of the commonwealth, for the sake of real reform and because it will be yielding to the will of the majority, support that man whom the people have chosen, even against my own efforts—that man who is to settle these things and settle them right, Matthew Stanley Quay."

#### GOT THEIR QUARTERS.

#### She Was Selling Souvenirs From the Southern Battlefields.

They were very busy when she entered, but beauty is far better for the eyes than figures, and they all dropped their pens and looked up.

"What can you do for me, miss?" said the confidential clerk, glancing at her stanning gown and picture hat. "I am afraid I am intruding on your time," she said sweetly. "Rest assured that you are not."

"She opened a dainty little satchel and brought forth several blocks of wood. "Gentlemen," she said, "I am selling these souvenirs of Lookout mountain and Chickamauga battlefields for 25 cents each, the proceeds, after expenses are deducted, to go to a deserving charity. These little blocks of wood, of course, possess no intrinsic value but the memories they call up. If you are southern gentlemen, and of course I know by your appearance that you are southern gentlemen, you will think of the valor displayed on those fields by the noble sons of our dear southland every time you gaze upon these little blocks, and a feeling of pride in your ancestry and your native land will swell your hearts with pride. "How much more she would have said can only be guessed at, but of course they would. The staff of clerks passed up their quarters like small boys before the circus wagon. "Thank you, gentlemen," she said, bowing herself out. "You have indeed assisted in a noble work."

## PHILADELPHIANS ARE AROUSED.

### Wanamaker-Martin Combine Engaged in Another Local Campaign.

### TAXPAYERS ARE VERY INDIGNANT.

#### Insurgents in Their Desperate Tactics Are Defaming the City Government to Help Along Their Campaign, and Loyal Citizens Are Aroused Against Them.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Jan. 15.—An attempt is being made to overthrow the Republican organization in this city by men who have been identified with the insurgent movement in the state. John Wanamaker is the head and front of one of the most desperate attempts to make political capital out of a campaign which is ostensibly waged for the suppression of vice.

Wanamaker's name has not figured in any of the committee lists, nor does he appear in any of the official publications as identified with the movement. But behind the scenes he is revealed as the main spring of the movement, the directing and controlling force, and the aim and purpose of it all is to defeat nominees of the Republican party in this city who will owe their nominations to the support of the stalwart Republican leaders who have for years thwarted John Wanamaker's ambition to go to the United States senate.

#### THAT POTTER MEETING.

There was a mass meeting held in the Academy of Music last Wednesday night, to which Bishop Potter, of New York, was invited. This distinguished divine has been waging an anti-vice crusade against the Tammany rule in New York, and it was thought by the insurgent political manipulators in this city that if he could be gotten to make an address here people not familiar with the facts would imagine that all manner of wickedness is rampant in Philadelphia.

Well, the Bishop Potter meeting was held. While several of the local professional reformers made speeches defaming the city and her officials Bishop Potter was careful not to attempt to substantiate or endorse anything they said. He simply made a speech on general reform work, and in that respect his remarks were a sore disappointment to the men back of this latest political move.

#### WANAMAKER'S QUIET WORK.

The excitement occasioned by the agitation for this meeting has subsided, but Wanamaker and his associates are now perfecting their plans for the campaign which is to be waged against the Republican nominees in the election next month. They cannot succeed, however, as the people are becoming acquainted with the details of the entire scheme. They know that Wanamaker dined Bishop Potter and afterwards sat in a promenade box watching the meeting at the academy, and they are not at all surprised at the program. When the man who had the resolutions calling for the appointment of a committee to engineer the political campaign was requested for an advance copy he politely informed a newspaper man that he could not give him one until he saw Mr. Wanamaker.

The Wanamaker newspapers are taking up the crusade, but they are meeting with indignant protests from manufacturers and merchants, who deny their allegations and say their infamously work is doing irreparable harm to the business interests of the city. The consensus of opinion of the officers of the Christian League is that the moral and physical condition of the city have never been better than at present, and that the city authorities are co-operating in every way with the extract men and women who are working for the city's welfare on effective if not sensational lines. The Christian League has not hunted vice with a brass band, but for five years, week in and week out, its agents have made personal tours of suspected districts. The information in the

hands of the league is, therefore, based on fact and not on imagination. Rev. Kerr Bryer Taylor, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Seventeenth street, below Chestnut, is to deliver an address at Witherspoon, Pa., on the evening of Feb. 5, his subject being "The Elevation of Our Cities." Dr. Taylor is a keen observer of conditions in Philadelphia, and is always studied in his expression of opinion.

"I have been shocked recently," he said yesterday, "in reading statements, especially in newspapers beyond the limits of our city, respecting municipal conditions among us. "I am convinced that if all good citizens would unite hands for the uplifting of the city to a purer atmosphere we should have less occasion to complain. Hardly a night in the week goes by that I am not on the streets, except Saturday, following engagements of different kinds, and as I go about I am not impressed with the immorality of our city as others are representing it at present. I am gratified to know that the testimony of the Christian League, which body has every opportunity of knowing actual conditions, is to the effect that it has never made an appeal to the police or other city authorities which has gone unheeded."

Business men are a unit in desiring that such declarations were not only untrue, but hurtful to the best interests of the community. The sentiment everywhere was that if the vapors continued the business interests of the city would be injured. Adam Borshel, president of the Northwest Business Men's association, said: "I can hardly express my indignation at such an atrocious insult, and hurled at the residents and officials of Philadelphia by Bishop Potter and his followers. What right had they to denounce the city in such virulent terms? At present Philadelphia is in its zenith of business triumph. Never has business been so universally good. Every member of our association, which comprises all the well known business men in this section of the city, are prospering wonderfully. They nearly all speak against Bishop Potter and his crusade. They claim, and I agree with them, that it is the professional class, the doctors and lawyers, who are creating such an ado about vice in this city."

#### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION.

The Republican primary elections will be held on Thursday next, and the city and ward conventions will be held on the following day. The stalwart Republican leaders have for the nomination of receiver of taxes agreed upon John W. Davidson, a retired manufacturer and a veteran of the civil war, who served his country valiantly in both the army and the navy from 1861 to 1865.

The Wanamaker-David Martin insurgents, with their so-called reform allies, are working up a game in which they hope to make a deal with the Democrats on the local ticket, as they did on their fusion candidates for the legislature. They were not very successful before the people last November, but they seem determined to try it again.

#### Ancient Bank Notes.

Among the many products of civilization which were familiar to the Chinese many centuries before they came into use in Europe may be reckoned bank notes. There is in the possession of "The Old Lady in Thimble Street" a specimen supposed to be one of the oldest extant, dating from the fourteenth century of our era. It is now proved, however, that paper money was issued in China as early as 857 A. D. These securities closely resembled the famous French assignats in being based upon the estates of the king-dom. The Bank of Stockholm claims to have been the first western institution to adopt a paper currency, but the Bank of England must have followed very close with its £20 notes, which were issued in 1666.—Bankers' Monthly.

#### British Pensioners.

An officer who loses a limb or eye at once receives a sum equivalent to a year's pay and the price of an artificial limb. A year later he may be granted a permanent annual pension, graduated according to his rank. A lieutenant general receives £400, a major general £350, a colonel £300, a major £200, a captain £100 and a subaltern £70.—Scottish

#### A PAINTER'S VISION.

#### The Story of One of Menckery's Famous Paintings.

Many an incident in the career of Michael Schrodler—created Baron Menckery in the Hungarian nobility—was a pitiless illustration of the truth of Dryden's line that great wits are sure to madness near allied and thin partitions mark the bounds of separation. His marvelous and fantastical career both as man and as artist was marked by a hundred episodes that might have been construed as evidence of an unbalanced mind, but it was not until his reason became hopelessly clouded that the world realized in how tremendous a balance had hung the intellect which had given it three pictures which won for the painter fame, riches, decorations, titles and a devoted regard such as is bestowed upon very few men in any walk of life.

His weird methods of conceiving and working out his pictures never had a more startling illustration than in the case of his most famous canvas, "Christ Before Pilate." This picture, which is 26 feet long and 12 feet high, contains more than 40 figures. All the figures save one were sketched in with a rapidity almost maniacal between dawn and twilight of one day. The one space remaining empty was that reserved for the figure of Jesus and it remained so many days while Menckery worked on the other figures. As he approached the oasis of white canvas left untouched by his blazing colors the artistic and devotional fervor grew upon him, and he shut himself away from the sight of man that he might in perfect solitude and silence realize his conception of the Man of Sorrows.

When the picture was finished and had brought him worldwide fame, he always insisted that while he was sitting alone and lost in a profound reverie a white vision floated before his eyes and passed into the unspaced space on the canvas. The painter, shaking with excitement, sprang forward and with trembling hands painted in the figure which had come to him like the phantasmagoria of a dream.

However the inspiration for that dead white figure, and amid resplendent crimsons and purples, came to him, we all know what its effect upon the world was. It is estimated that 2,000,000 people saw it in the course of its triumphant tour among nations. Courts, embassies, churches, mosques, Jews, Mohammedans, Christians, all were very laudable and very great, crowded to see it. Some were moved to tears; others sank upon their knees and prayed.—Chicago Journal.

#### Unaccountable Moves in Chess.

Some one with a head for figures has recently attempted to calculate the number of moves on the chess board. He starts with the fact that each player has 20 possible moves from which he must select his first move. He then tells us that the number of possible ways of playing the first four moves only, on each side would be 318,978,764,000.

If then, any one met where the chess board is probably in defect, rather than in excess, of the actual number. On their basis, however, and considering the population of the whole world to be 1,483,000,000, more than 217,000,000,000 would be needed to go through them all, even if every man, woman and child on the face of the globe played without cessation for that enormous period at the rate of one set per minute and so yet was repeated.

#### Flies in Winter.

That flies are present in the summer and absent in the winter is a matter of common knowledge. Just where the flies go to in winter, however, is a question which few can answer. This mystery as to the whereabouts of flies in the colder months is deepened by the fact that flies, like Adam and Eve, are born fully grown and of natural size. There are no small flies of the same species, the little ones which you occasionally observe and feel being of a different kind from the larger ones. In winter, if a search of the house be made, these summer tormentors will be found in great numbers secreted in warm places in the roof or between the partitions of floors. Around the chimney myriads of them may be seen hibernating comfortably.

#### Bank Selfishness.

Clara—I hear, Carrie, that you have refused Frank Switzer. Carrie—I had to do it. He is so selfish, you know. He told me he could not live without me. Just thinking of himself, you see.—Boston Transcript.

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