PARTY WRECKERS SHARPLY REBUKED.

Philadelphia's Election a Crushing Defeat For the Insurgent Agitators.

Not Only in the Quaker City. But in Other Parts of the Commonwealth. Has the Honor of the Editorial Profession Been Sullied by Recent Guerrilla Politics.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—The voters of this city having once more administered a crushing rebuke to the insurgents and others who have been maligning the leaders of the Republican organization and the Ashbridge administration. it would seem that these party wreckers would change their tactics.

At the election last Tuesday the choice of the Republicans for receiver of taxes, Capt. Davidson, polled 128,695 votes, and received a plurality of 98,193 votes. These figures are nearly 40,000 in excess of what had been expected by the Republican leaders, in view of the persistent attacks made by the insurgents and the yellow journals of this city. The people have evidently reached the conclusion that they can find little truth in these subsidized organs, when they touch upon politics or matters affecting the local administra-

THE PEOPLE WERE AROUSED. The taxpayers resented the ma licious assaults upon the city, which were begun as part of the recent campaign, when a few followers of Wanamakerism succeeded in getting Bishop Potter to believe some terrible tales about wickedness in this city and got him over here to speak at a mass meeting, where the initial attack was made upon Philadelphia and her Republican

men, manufacturers, property owners and others with large interests in this city against the malletous, unwarranted and sinister attacks upon the fair name of the Quaker City. The Repub-lican organization met the insurgents on their own Issue and boidly appealed to the people to stand by their city and

the Republican party.

The people rallied around the Repub lican standard bearers, and the plurality of 98,193 for the head of the Republican ticket was the result.

Yellow journalism and the other newspaper allies of the insurgent machine in this state cannot command popular support.

JOURNALISM DISGRACED. A timely deliverance on this dis-

graceful feature of insurgent journal-ism has just come from the pen of Col. Theodore Hart, the stalwart Republi-can editor of the stalwart Pitiston Ga-mette. Col. Hart writes: "Those who declare and lament the low estate of Pennsylvania journalism

base their condemnation unconsciously upon a mongrel type of comparatively recent development-the spiteful, vin dictive and pharisaical publication which, during 80 per cent of its existwhich there to establish that every-thing in its party is all wrong; that the political leaders are knaves and scoundrels; that outside of a few mug wumps or insurgents of high sounding professions virtue has departed from the affairs of state, and that the pulman who does not subscribe to for misrepresentation and abuse,

"It is true that when a local cam-paign forces this specimen of buzzard ings, it momentarily checks its outflow of bile and proceeds to sound the signals for party regularity. But it is also true that for this exhibition of inconsistency, insincerity and greed the jest people in every party despise it

"We have an illustration of this kind of journalism in Luzerne county. It isn't necessary to mention its name. Everybody will recognize it from our description of its kind. It preaches loudly of purity and reform. It is vociferous in disparagement and sern. Its irrepressible consciousness of its superior holiness exudes through every column. It has constituted itself the guardian of the pottlent morals of county, state and nation. It is Sir Oracle with a license to regulate the uni-

POLITICAL HYPOCRISY AND PAR-TY TREACHERY.

"And yet its hands are turred with every form of political insincerity, hypoerisy and party treashery; its col-mans in campaign times have been at the disposal of anybody who paid the price, and its stand and deliver tuc-tics are a theme of gossip and jest from Hazleton to Duryez. Every party worker in the county despises its Pecksniffian characteristics, although some may concent their disgust by reason of its threats to use the sandbag should any open opponent aspire for political

pince.

"This is the kind of journalism which has fallen into disrepute and which draws from public men the accusation that all journalism is degenerate. Such a generality is too sweeping. It will not susiain investigation.

"In many cities and towns through-out the commonwealth are journals which view their moral obligations to the community, to their party and to the government with becoming respect, They are not destructionists, but con-structionists; they are critics when abuses have to be remedied, but not common scoids. They believe that honest men and good intentions are not the monopoly of any party, set or fac-tion; but they believe in confining factional strife within party lines and are not in favor of spiteful destruction when fairly outvoted by the majority. This stalwart type of journalism is offered as a wholesome offset to the green vomit of hypocrisy which styles itself independent journalism; and it appeals to and deserves the support of stalwarts everywhere."

An Artist's Sarcasm.

Frederick Sandys, whom some one called the greatest of English draftsmen and Millsis said was worth any five sendemicians, was waited upon in his young days by a departation from a corporation which wanted a portrait of an estimable grocer, their mayor.

When the question of terms was reach-d, the spoke-man of the party announced that they were willing to pay the magnificent sum of \$250. As the painter's face fell, the worthy town councilor hastily added that they only wanted a

"Oh, of course, that makes a differ-ence," said the artist arbinely. "Which half would you prefer, gentlemen?"

BALLOT REFORM WORK BEGUN

Senator Focht, of Union Confident That His Proposed Changes Will Be Made.

BLANKET BALLOTS ARE TO GO.

Mnay Fentures of the Australian System Introduced and the Couvenience of Regular Party Men Is Properly Given Due Consideration. (Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Feb. 26.-The first step inken by the leaders of the Republican erganization to carry into effect their pledges for ballot reform was taken last week when Senator Benjamin K Focht, of Union county, chairman of the committee on elections, presented n bill in the senate which provides for material changes in the present system

of balloting. This bill meets a number of objections that have been raised to the present system and, although it will probably be changed in several particulars before it becomes a law, it represents the general plans of the

party leaders on this subject.
The bill will do away with the present unwicldy ballot, and while the de-mands of the ultra-ballot reform agitators for the "pure Australian" system are not fully granted, the ballot is made of such a character as shall meet the demands of the Republicans who comprise a large percentage of the voting population of this commonwealth. CONVENIENCE OF PARTY MEN.

One of the demands from these professional reformers has been that there shall be no device or arrangement by which members of any political party can by simply making one mark vote for all the candidates of that party. This proposition has been given careful consideration by the Republican leaders, and they have reached the conclusion that Republicans, Democrats Prohibitionists or members of any other well established party should not be put to the inconvenience or anfficials.

Then followed protests from business name of each candiate for whom they wish to vote when they desire to east a bullet for every candidate of their respective party.
There will be the usual bowl from

these radical "reformers," none of whom are in sympathy with the regular Republican organization, against the plan provided under Senator Focht's bill. But a great majority of Republicans, Democrats and Prohib tionists unquestionably demand some provision that will facilitate their voting for their party candidates without having to pick out their favorites from a long list of names and possibly. through error, vots for candidates whom they do not favor.

Senator Focht's bill, which is to be ubstituted for the present Baker ballot law, also comprehends vital and necessary changes in the present primary election law.

The bill practically embodies all the

features of the Australian system, the candidates of all parties being grouped under headings designating the office for which they are running. The circles at the top are reserved to ac-commodate the 80 or 80 per cent of Republicans and Democrats who wish to vote a straight party ticket, while the distinctive Australian feature of grouping candidates affords those desiring to vote a split ticket every anportunity of doing so. The names of candidates are allowed on the ballet but once. Those by party certificates will have printed after the name the party designations, while all nomina-tions by nomination papers will be designated as independent nominations BLANKET BALLOTS ABOLISHED.

This greatly reduces the size of the ballot, and the blanket sheet will be something of the past. Senator Focht says he has examined carefully all the ballot laws of all the states, as well as the sample ballets used, and it is his opinion that in this bill he has presented the best system of voting in country, as well as the most convenient and best constructed ballot, mechan-ically, now used in the United States. Senator Focht says nothing can be

done with the registration law until there shall be an amendment to the constitution, as the qualification of electors to register is now defined by that instrument. This bill also pro-vides for and simplifies the nomination of all candidates.

The bill retains many provisions of

the present law, for instance:
First—Mark in the circle is a vote
for every candidate of that party
whose name is under the circle.

Second-The percentage necessary to place independent candidates upon the ticket is the same, one-half of 1 per cent for candidates for state officers, and 2 per cent for all other officers, the only change being that for state officers the names must be secured to one county, as at present.

Third—The ballots are numbered; unused and mutilated ballots are returned, as under the present law, to the

Fourth-The penalties remain the ame as under the present law,

NO NAME TO APPEAR TWICE. The Focht bill differs from the pres ent law in that no name of a candidate shall appear twice upon the same bal lot for the same office. The candidate's name will appear on the ballot under the heading of the party which first nominated him, unless he elects other-

No name can appear on the ticket as a candidate for office representing an element or party or faction unless that element, faction or party maintains a party organization and is so recon large by the public, and then the candidate must have been nominated in accordance with the party rules. All candidates an the ticket will be grouped, each name followed by the party destination, but a straight party ticket may be voted by a cross in the circle, which will appear at the top of the ticket one for each time. ticket, one for each party represented

Some changes are made in the time for filing certificates or nomination and nomination papers, such papers having to be filed earlier than is now pro-vided by the Haker buildt law.

FAKE PARTIES BARRED. Such terms as "Jeffersonian Demo-crats," "Lincoln Republicans," "Na-tional Democrats," "McKinley Repub-licans," "Citizens," etc., will not be possible under the new law, unless the parties claiming such titles maintain an organization with fixed rules, poli-cies, etc. All such nominations will appear on the tickets as "independ-

There are a number of provisions designed to prevent fraud, ballot box stuffing and other irregularities.

"While I have not had time to read We do high class Job Printing."

the bill introduced by constor recon-said Attorney General Eikin, "I guide-stand its provisions in a general way it is the bost bill yet offered, and contains the principles necessary to bring about needed reforms. Some amend-ments may be made, but that is a mat-ter in the hands of the legislature. The Republican organization and the state administration are committed to ballot reform, and this, as well as all other party pledges, will be faithfully

kept."
As the members have not as yet had a chance to review Senator Focht's bill it is impossible to secure an expression upon its merits, but those stalwarts who have read a synopsis of it are much pleased with its general

INSURGENTS ARE NOT PLEASED. Its presentation at this time is regarded as most opportune, indicating with convincing force the fact that the party promises are to be fulfilled. The Demo-Insurgents are not happy. Their last professed grievance has been re-moved, and they have nothing left to

kick about except the ripper, and the Focht bill will help along the charter. The changes are radical. Under the proposed law the opportunity for fraud will be greatly minimized. Party regplarity is also encouraged. A fusion ticket will be impossible. But the voter will not be obliged to vote a straight party ticket. He may cut at his own sweet will, indersing a candi-date in any of the designated groups, providing he does not place a cross in the party circles. This, of course, will be inconvenient. All, however, will share alike. The bill was not drawn in the interest of any party maleon-tents or bolters, and is not destined as a vehicle by which political minorities may, by joining hands, subvert the will of the majority of the parties at

BUSY WEEK PROMISED.

This promises to be a busy week, especially in the house of representa-tives. The reform charter bill for Pittsburg, which is demanded by mem-bers of the Chamber of Commune of that city, will be on second reading and probably final passage. There is a bitter fight on this measure, led by Flinn and his insurgent lientenants. Filter is relying upon Col. Guffey, who is no as retying upon con councy, was a masses associated with him in a number of business enterprises, to get the Democrats in the house to help block this reform measure. Many Democrats say they cannot conscientiously vote to perpetuate the Flinn ring, after their many reform ptodges made during the

The Kentucky Parson's Guarantee. A good joke is told on a certain minis-ter of the gospel living in this city who likes to trade horses by way of recrea-tion. By some means the preacher came into possession of a horse that wouldn't pull at all when he came to a hill. The parson found a purchaser who inquired particularly as to age, condition and qual-ities of the purson's steed. At last he asked if he was a tried puller. "It would do your soul good to see him pull," was the enthusiastic response. The trade was made, and in a few days the new owner enture back and claimed the parson had misrepresented the qualities of the ani-mal. "I told you it would do your soul good to see him pull, and would it not have done so?" The purchaser saw the point and dropped the subject.-Winches

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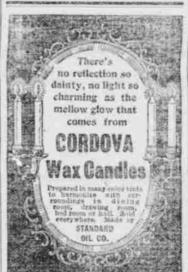
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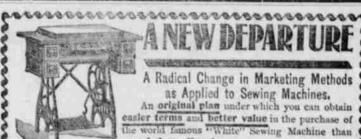


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