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OIL CITY, - PENNA.

TO CONSIDER BALLOT REFORM.

Senator Quay and Colonel Guffey Have This Issue Under Advisement.

DEMAND FOR PARTY CIRCLE.

Chairman Focht, of the Senate's Elections Committee, Voices Popular Sentiment in Favor of the Simplest Form of a Ballot, With Due Regard For the Independent Voters.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, April 16.—Apparitionment bills, the question of ballot reform and the problem of raising revenue to carry out the plan to give the public schools the maximum appropriation and to complete the state capitol building will be among the most important things to command the attention of members of the legislature for the balance of the session.

There are a number of bills of local importance which have to be passed upon, and although the leaders of both parties are anxious for an early adjournment of the legislature, it is possible that the general appropriation bill, which is ordinarily among the last matters to be taken up, may not be ready for final consideration much before June 1.

TO PASS APPOINTMENT BILLS. Attorney General Elkin, who has been closely following the matter of appointment, declares that the Republican leaders propose to make an honest effort to pass the appointment bills. These bills will provide for congressional, judicial, senatorial and legislative appointment.

Within the last week there has been manifested a very emphatic demand from Allegheny county for four congressional districts. This county now has two full districts, and a portion of the county is included in another district, that represented by Congressman Acheson. The population entitles it to four districts, and it is possible that this will be conceded.

PHILADELPHIA MAY SUFFER. Under the original appointment scheme Philadelphia was given two additional congressmen, but this may be cut down to one, giving the Quaker City six instead of five as now established.

The other additional district will be formed from counties in the interior of the state.

Materials have not progressed sufficiently to justify a prediction as to what will be done in regard to the other appointment bills, but they will be gotten into shape within a few days.

QUAY FOR BALLOT REFORM. Senator Quay's invitation to Col. Guffey, the Democratic leader, for a conference to discuss the question of ballot reform is another indication of the purpose of the Republican leaders to meet popular demands on this issue. These leaders met together last Sunday in Washington and arranged to meet again about the 1st of May.

While ready to concede every reasonable demand of the ballot reform

ers, the stalwart Republicans in the legislature are practically of one mind on the question of giving to party men a system which will enable them to readily mark their ballots.

Senator Benjamin K. Focht, chairman of the committee on elections, who had a conference with Col. Quay regarding ballot reform legislation, in commenting upon this phase of the issue, said:

"Having had a talk with Senator Quay the other day I am more hopeful than ever that a satisfactory solution of the problem of ballot reform will be ultimately reached. Senator Quay is thoroughly impressed with the idea of harmonious action on this subject, and will continue his efforts to bring about an agreement between leaders of the great parties of the state, and at the same time satisfy the demands of the independent voters. He informed me that it is his arrangement to have an interview with Col. Guffey, the recognized leader of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, and I expect that this meeting will take place in a few days. From my conversation with the senator I recognize his earnestness and sincerity in this matter and his purpose to labor for the redemption of the pledges of the Republican party.

A POPULAR DEMAND. "Personally I believe there is an overwhelming sentiment, a positive demand, on the part of the people of the commonwealth, for a ballot law which will offer the elector the simplest possible method of recording his preferences in the selection of candidates. This feeling is universal, as manifested in the various states in the Union in legislation providing for separate party tickets, and where the names of all candidates appear on one official ballot the party emblem, the party group, the party emblem, the party square or the party circle.

"The citizens of Pennsylvania of all parties under our present system have become familiar with the plan of voting for party candidates through the medium of the cross mark in the circle. Whatever form the ballot shall be determined upon by this legislature, the sentiment is most pronounced in favor of the retention of the party circle as the means of voting what is known as the straight party ticket. By the retention of the party circle it is not contemplated in any way to hamper, harass or inconvenience the voters who desire to select candidates of different parties or policies. Ample facilities should be offered for the marking of candidates whose names appear other than as the nominees of regular parties.

MAJORITY SHOULD DECIDE. "Every newspaper of standing among the Republicans of Pennsylvania, as well as papers representing other parties, while advocating the most liberal recognition of the independent voter, voice the popular demand for the maintenance of the party circle, which is designated to give at least 90 per cent of the electors, who choose invariably to vote a straight party ticket, an opportunity to express their preference in the shortest time and most convenient way.

"When Col. Guffey and Col. Quay take this matter up they should not be influenced by the vapors of a little clique of professional reformers or their theories or their fantasies.

"They must not inconvenience the great body of voters to satisfy this 'no circle' whim, when by doing so they would not add to the rights, privileges or convenience of this infinite small minority. The people will not approve

of any such proposition, and it will not have the sanction of the legislature."

SEVERAL REVENUE RAISERS.

There are a number of schemes and plans to raise revenue in order to get funds with which to complete the new state capitol building. One proposition is to increase the tax on foreign corporations, which would affect the plants of the large trusts and not add anything to the taxes of the farmers or the small property owners. This scheme seems to meet with favor, although there are two plans suggested, one of which comes from Representative Lack, of Chester county, which was embodied in a bill submitted last week. This bill provides for a tax of two mills upon the capital of all manufacturing corporations, which have been exempt from state taxation since 1888. The proposition is to put a tax upon such corporations covering a period of five years, and the money thus raised shall go into a separate fund.

This bill is entitled "An act to provide revenue by taxation, making certain corporations, joint stock associations, limited partnership associations, and liability companies subject to taxation in manufacturing a separate and distinct class for the purpose of state taxation, imposing a uniform tax upon their capital stock and providing for its disbursement."

In explanation of this measure the ways and means committee gave out the following statement:

"At a meeting of this committee the question of raising funds to complete the capitol building was discussed. Two bills have been introduced for the purpose of levying special taxes for this purpose. One, by Representative Lack, of Chester, levies a tax of two mills on the capital stock of manufacturing corporations for a period of five years. The second is a bill introduced by Representative Hoy, of Clarion, levying a tax of three-fourths of a cent per gallon on beer. It is a mooted question in the committee which of the above named interests should pay for the completion of the building, and after considerable discussion a sub-committee of six was appointed to estimate the probable revenue to be derived from each of the bills and to report to the general committee a bill, which will be passed, raising the \$5,000,000 required by the state for building purposes."

The sub-committee will probably make a report within a few days.

GOVERNOR STONE WARMLY PRAISED.

General Commendation of Elkin's Appointments of Recorder Brown and Superintendent Schaeffer.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ELKIN'S WORK.

By His Assertive Policy Many Hundred Thousands of Dollars Have Been Collected in Taxes by Sales Brought Against Delinquent Corporations of the Commonwealth and Those Who Disputed the State's Claim.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, April 16.—Nothing that Governor Stone has done since he assumed the office of chief executive of the commonwealth has commanded more general commendation than his appointment of Maj. A. M. D. Brown to the recordership of Pittsburgh.

The more the supporters or the opponents of the governor consider this matter the more strongly are they impressed with the fact that he acted fully to the occasion and gave to the citizens of Pittsburgh an official whose personal character and strong individuality have been well and favorably known in that community for many years.

STONE PRAISED BY INSURGENTS.

It is rather amusing to see the unanimity of the insurgent newspapers concerning Governor Stone full praise for the excellence of this selection. Even The Public Ledger, of this city, which since the day the governor took his seat seldom found anything to commend in his official acts, has been actually laudatory in lauding the governor. This journal, which has been giving the insurgents all the comfort and support it could, speaks in the highest terms of Maj. Brown, and is still referring in a most complimentary manner, too, to the governor's reappointment of Superintendent of Public Schools Nathan C. Schaeffer.

Coming within a short time of each other, these appointments have kept the editorial writers of the insurgent papers busy over complimentary references to the governor.

COL. QUAY ALL RIGHT.

While praising the insurgent newspapers have sought to create the impression that the governor in some manner has been scheming to turn down Col. Quay. They desire to arouse a feeling of distrust among the stalwart Republicans in the state in the hope of thereby adding the insurgent movement in some inexplicable and mysterious manner.

But they have failed signally in this. The stalwart Republicans of the state are satisfied that Governor Stone knows what he is doing. He is a resident of Allegheny county, and is familiar with the wishes of the people, and they are satisfied that he is going to aid in every way possible to bring about reform conditions in both Pittsburgh and Allegheny city.

The appointment of Maj. Brown is out the initial move in a plan which will be put into operation whereby the Flinn machine of Pittsburgh, with its pay roll and its contract brigade, will no longer dictate the Republican nominations or interfere with the will of a large majority of the voters and nominate men solely for the purpose of strengthening the corrupt machine which has for years practically dominated the municipal management of Pittsburgh.

REPUBLICAN HARMONY.

When the members of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh and other kindred bodies inaugurated the campaign for reform in Allegheny county Governor Stone was among the first to pledge himself to aid the movement in every way possible. He was one of the strongest advocates of the so-called "ripper" bill, which the Flinn machine fought so strenuously, and his first act under this measure affecting Allegheny county, the selection of a recorder in whom every citizen of Pittsburgh must have absolute confidence in the sincerity of his interest in reform, may be taken as indicating the policy that will be carried out in the future moves for the betterment of the political conditions in Allegheny county. Steps are now being taken to bring about absolute harmony among those who are arrayed against the Flinn or-

ganization, and it is believed that they will be successful. There is absolutely no breach between the stalwart Republican leaders in this county and those influential in the state. The fact that former lieutenants of Flinn are now in frequent consultation with Senator Quay and Governor Stone is but one of the many signs of the times, all pointing to a complete and absolute obliteration of the insurgent machine in Allegheny county.

ELKIN'S SPLENDID WORK.

While Governor Stone has been receiving words of praise from every quarter in the commonwealth, his attorney general, Hon. John P. Elkin, is getting his share of credit for the good work being done at Harrisburg by the governor and his cabinet.

During the last week Gen. Elkin has been busy in the Dauphin county court making a determined fight against the representatives of corporations who are seeking to be relieved of paying the amount of taxes that has been charged up against them by the state officials. It has been the practice for years for the wealthy corporations to engage the most expert and experienced counsel to combat the state authorities who levy taxes. They will take their cases into court and by every imaginable means seek to defer the payment of their just share of taxes, or have them reduced.

A number of delinquent corporations in addition to those disputing the charges of the state authorities have been fought in court by Attorney General Elkin, and under his most aggressive and radical policy he has managed to save the state many hundreds of thousands of dollars. During the last two years there have been nearly \$900,000 in taxes collected through this means, and of the 500 cases which Attorney General Elkin now has on his list, some of which are being tried almost every day, it is expected that Gen. Elkin will add at least \$600,000 more to the revenues of the state.

TAX REFORM WINS.

Insurance Commissioner Durham, of this city, another member of Governor Stone's cabinet, has been congratulated on all sides within the last few days over the passage of the bill providing for reform in the matter of the assessment of taxes in Philadelphia.

For years there has been a system in existence under which certain businesses through appointments made by the board of judges have had control of the assessment of real estate for the purpose of taxation. These assessments have been exerted time and time again in political campaigns to block reforms and they have been such as to call forth criticism from many quarters.

The outcome was an agitation for the election of members of the board of revision of taxes and has set its seal of approval upon the principles of majority rule. This was decisively expressed in the Republican county convention, which was held in Towanda Thursday afternoon of last week to ratify the local primaries of Saturday previous. Last August Bradford went insurgent and passed resolutions instructing the legislative candidates to use every honorable means at Harrisburg to defeat Matthew Stanley Quay or any one proposed by him for United States senator. This score was revealed last week, when, by a vote lacking but five of the 190 delegates, resolutions were passed endorsing the administration of Governor Stone, Senators Quay and Penrose, the Republican state platform and the principle of majority rule. The resolutions declare:

"We endorse the able and upright administration of Governor Stone, a brave soldier, an able executive and a loyal Republican, who has earned the respect and confidence of the people of the state, and we predict that under the sound leadership of himself and the able statesmen who he has united with him in the administration at Harrisburg factionalism will disappear and the great state of Pennsylvania will not only prosper as it never has before, but that peace and harmony will prevail in the party.

STONE AND QUAY INDORSUED.

"We commend our United States senators and the members of congress from this district for their efficient service to the party and the country, and for the loyal support which they have given to the policy of the administration."

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He has millions on millions piled
And tens of millions more,
He has millions in ships and mills
And he never looks
But he never looks
When the dinner bell sounds,
And he looks on a meal as a bore.

HE NEVER SLEEPS WHILE THE SUN CREEPS OVER THE EASTER HILLS.

He tows and waits for the Jews,
And thinks of the miles and his milk,
And always he feels
Disgust for his meals,
Which are largely composed of pills.

He has millions on millions piled,
But the days of his youth are fled,
And he runs down a single quart meal,
As though 'twere a thing as dead;
He must live just so
And is envied, but, oh, on his bed!

—S. E. Kier in Chicago Times-Herald.

TESTIMONY TO FIT.

"You ought to be able to tell a straight story about the affair," said the lawyer to a witness in an embarrassing case. "I don't know about that," replied the witness. "It was a very crooked proceeding."—Detroit Free Press.

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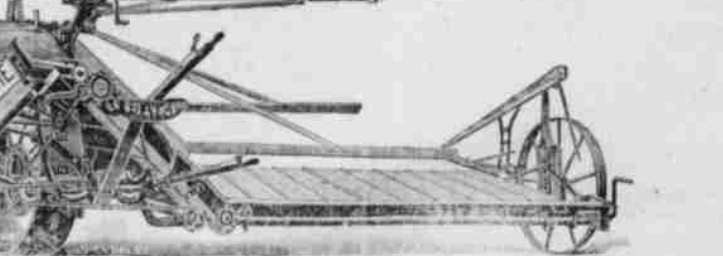
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