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LOOKING TO CONGRESS

Republicans Are Strengthening Organization for Next Year.

UNION MEN ARE DISHEARTENED

With the Republican State Candidates at the Last Election Having a Majority Over All Competitors, Recent Campaign Records Are Surpassed.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Nov. 19.—Encouraged by the magnificent showing made in the recent campaign, when the combined forces of the Democrats and the insurgents failed to accomplish anything more than the election of a few Democratic county officials, the Republican organization leaders of Pennsylvania are now at work preparing for the state campaign of next year.

The Union party managers were very much disappointed over their poor showing after the expenditure of nearly a million of dollars to elect their fusion candidates on the state ticket. The fact that for the second time in five years the Republican state candidates received a majority of the votes cast for all the candidates was an unexpected and very demoralizing revelation to the insurgent Republicans and their Democratic allies when they scanned the returns closely.

STONE A MINORITY CANDIDATE.

When Colonel William A. Stone ran for Governor he was opposed by a similar combination of disgruntled leaders in his own party, and the Democrats made a bitter fight in favor of their candidate, George A. Jenks, one of their strongest and most representative men.

In that contest the Republicans were additionally handicapped by the fact that Rev. Dr. Swallow's candidacy drew from the Republicans many votes. The result was that while Colonel Stone was elected he did not have a majority of all the votes cast, in fact, the Republican vote for the Republican candidate for Governor was 17,313 less than the combined vote for the other candidates.

The Union party men and the Democrats concluded this fall that if they could agree upon a fusion ticket and get their followers to support the same candidates, they would have no difficulty in defeating Representative Harris and Justice Potter, the regular Republican nominees for state treasurer and justice of the supreme court respectively. They made a severe and unwarranted attack upon Justice Potter, and through certain corporation influences they were quite confident of electing Judge Harmon Yerkes, the Democratic candidate for supreme court justice, whose name was placed on the Union party ticket.

REPUBLICANS IN THE MAJORITY.

When they would not bet upon the election of their candidate for district attorney in Philadelphia, where they made their most aggressive campaign the Union party leaders made a number of wagers that Judge Yerkes would beat Justice Potter.

The returns for the election showed how much they were mistaken.

While Colonel Stone had simply a minority of the vote at the last election for governor, and the records show that in but one election in this state for the last five years the Republican state ticket had a majority vote, the returns from the last election give Mr. Harris, the Republican candidate for state treasurer, a majority of nearly fifty thousand votes over the votes cast for all the other candidates, and Justice Potter ran but a little behind him.

This vote demonstrates the futility of the Union party leaders working for a fusion campaign in the next state fight.

The Republicans when they get out their party vote can readily poll a good majority over the united forces of the Democrats and the Union party candidates, even if they, the Democrats and the Union men, have the same candidates as they did in the late campaign.

The Republicans held less than a dozen meetings in the interior of the state in the late campaign. They depended almost entirely upon the activity of the county committeemen, and the Republican newspapers to present the issues to the people.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

In the coming canvass matters will be different. The Republican state organization will be called upon by the Republican National Committee and the Republican congressional committee to look after the interests of the National Republican organization at next November's election. Members of congress, representatives and United States senators will have to be chosen next year and the issues in which the business interests of the state are vitally concerned will have to be presented to the citizens of the country.

Already the district organizations are being strengthened to insure the election of Republicans to congress from every doubtful district in Pennsylvania. General Frank Reeder, chairman of the Republican State Committee, has been invited to confer with members of the congressional committee at Washington early in December to consider plans for electing Republicans to congress and to arrange to educate the Republican voters on the importance of co-operating with the regular Republican organization in state and national affairs.

THE STARS.

Once, lying on a bed of juniper,
I watched the passing of a northern light
That stole, a pale and shadowy eremite,
From the dark mystery of pine and fir
And, leaping upward from the mountain's spur,
With tenuous fingers waged celestial fight
To snatch the star gold blossoms from their height.
Then, falling, wasted into the things that were.
So we, with pastoned strife or anguished toil,
Reach eager hands toward those unseen bars,
Like children at some noble pleasance gate,
Seeking the untold glory of the stars
Ever inscrutable invisible
That view our deadly wounds, our cruel scars.

—Marguerite Merington in Scribner's.

PROUD OF THEIR CITY

Indignant Philadelphians Call Halt Upon Insurgent Newspapers.

A POSITIVE REACTION SETS IN

Editors Who Allowed Misrepresentations to Go Unchallenged Now Admit the Quaker City Is the Best Governed Municipality in the World.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Nov. 19.—During the recent political campaign the exhibition of mendacity made by certain newspapers opposed to the Republican ticket disgusted many citizens who might otherwise have supported the Union party candidates. In order to create sentiment against the Republican organization, its leaders and its candidates, these newspapers, voicing the spirit of Wanamakerism, misrepresented and maligned many of the public officials of the Quaker City and described the city government as reeking with dishonesty, and the city officials with harboring vice of every form.

These scandalous reports have done much to injure the city in the eyes of the world and the statements made during the heat of the campaign in the insurgent Republican and Democratic newspapers have been copied widely in the Democratic newspapers of the country to the discredit of Philadelphia and the Republican party genally.

CITIZENS ARE AROUSED.

The public spirited citizens interested in the great centers of learning in Philadelphia, the University of Pennnsylvania, Jefferson Medical College and other educational institutions with world wide reputations, have at last become aroused to the importance of checking these malicious and damaging reports, and they have impressed this fact upon the editors of some of the more reputable journals of the city which were identified with the campaign against the Republican organization of this city in the political contest just closed.

The Evening Bulletin, which supported the Union ticket, devoted last week nearly two columns of space to show that Philadelphia was never better governed, that her streets were never in finer condition, that her police force and the fire department were never better organized, nor have they ever done better work in protecting the public, that there is less vice in this city than ever before and that no city in the world can compare with Philadelphia in the protection afforded life and property at this time.

While the campaign was under way such a publication would have been as a bomb exploded in the Union party camp, while the Wanamaker newspapers were filled daily with misrepresentations of the city and abuse of its officials.

That the people did not believe nor countenance these newspaper attacks can be imagined from the returns on election night, when John Weaver, the successful Republican candidate for district attorney, was elected by over 43,000 majority with every one of the morning newspapers of Philadelphia, with one exception, the Philadelphia Inquirer, opposing him bitterly, both editorially and in their local news columns.

LITTLE FRAUD DISCLOSED.

The latest effort of the defeated politicians is an attempt to keep alive opposition to the Republican party by a systematic circulation of reports that great frauds were practiced at the late election, and that if the true vote were returned Rothermel would have been elected over Weaver. Out of 1,045 election precincts in this city there have been specific allegations of fraud in but three or four election divisions, and some of these are based upon the statements of men with well-known criminal records. All the men accused reside in what are known as the slum districts, and there is always more or less trouble in these precincts on election day. The fact that Mr. Weaver's majority is over 43,000 precludes possibility of any serious question being raised as to the regularity of his election. He carried three of the four wards in West Philadelphia, the finest residence section in the city, where there could be no suspicion of fraud.

WORKING FOR A CONTEST.

There has been more or less talk in insurgent newspapers about a proposed contest against the successful candidate for supreme court justice, but this agitation has been traced to a few men who have been drawing large salaries from the Union and Democratic party organizations in working up the recent campaign, and they are exceedingly anxious to continue on the payroll. Some of these men are lawyers who have little practice of their own, but who have been taken up by the millionaires who are fighting the Republican party. They have been regularly employed in running the campaign against Republican candidates. If these men can lead the contributors to the Union party campaign fund to believe there is a chance of successfully contesting the election of Justice Potter they will be assured of employment for many months and possibly several years, whether they would win or lose. The proposition to contest the election of Justice Potter is farcical to those who are familiar with the facts of the case.

Women and Jewels.

Jewels, candy, flowers, man—that is the order of a woman's preferences. Jewels form a magnet of mighty power to the average woman. Even that greatest of all jewels, health, is often ruined in the strenuous efforts to make or save the money to purchase them. If a woman will risk her health to get a coveted gem, then let her fortify herself against the insiduous consequence of coughs, colds and bronchial afflictions by the regular use of Dr. Boschee's German Syrup. It will promptly arrest consumption in its early stages and heal the affected lungs and bronchial tubes and drive the dread disease from the system. It is not a cure-all, but it is a certain cure for coughs, colds and all bronchial troubles. Get Green's Special Almanac.

DISEASES KEPT IN BOTTLES.

A Collection of Germs Lies in the Army Medical Museum.

In the Army Medical Museum at Washington there is a bottled stock of nearly all the diseases which are apt to be fatal to human life. There are especially on hand germs of consumption, pneumonia, typhoid fever, diphtheria, Asiatic cholera, blood poisoning, erysipelas and carbuncle.

The museum keeps these diseases bottled in tubes constantly ready for immediate use. The curator in charge of the laboratory mentioned that he could give them all to any one in a few moments. He added that he would be able to do this at no serious loss or expense, inasmuch as there was enough consumption, for instance, in the consumption bottle to communicate the disease to many thousands of people, and it was the same with all the other diseases on hand.

In administering pneumonia to a patient, he said, he would select by preference the method of putting a solution of the germs in water in a spraying vessel and have the victim breathe the spray. The subject operated upon would almost immediately contract the affection with absolute certainty every time. He explained that pneumonia is contracted not from a cold or inflammation of the lungs, as people ordinarily suppose, but from the breathing in of pneumonia germs, whose increase and development are aided by an unhealthy condition, such as a cold may give rise to. The mouths of altogether healthy people very commonly have lots of pneumonia bacteria in them.

As for carbuncle, the curator said that he could produce it any time in the most healthy individual by a simple inoculation with a solution of the germs. Once so inoculated you would have about an even chance with death. Spraying the throat with a solution of the proper germs is the method also for conveying diphtheria.

There is no great difficulty in contracting Asiatic cholera if you want to. Take a few of the germs from the appropriate bottles at the museum and drink them in water or beef tea. If your stomach is in a particularly healthy condition, you may not take the disease, but otherwise you are pretty certain to have it. It is said that an assistant in the laboratory of the famous Dr. Koch once swallowed by accident a lot of germs of Asiatic cholera, with which experiments were being made, and developed what Dr. Koch believed a typical case. The assistant recovered by a narrow chance.

The diseases which the government keeps thus bottled in convenient form are all obtained—the germs, that is to say—from actual diseased tissues of patients afflicted with the complaints. To propagate the germs in any quantity from these tissues is easy enough. Vegetable gelatin, from a Japanese plant called agar-agar, is boiled and mixed with beef tea, so as to form a soft, transparent solid. A small quantity of this is put into a tube tightly corked with cotton. The tube is then placed in an oven and heated until all the germs in it, of whatever sort, are killed. Next, the tube is briefly uncorked and a long steel wire that has been heated also to sterilize it is dipped in the germs of the disease which it is desired to cultivate and scraped across the surface of the gelatin. The tube is now recorked and permitted to stand for a few hours, at the end of which the bacteria of the disease, having found the gelatin to their taste for feeding upon, will have multiplied enormously, so as to cover the surface of the gelatin. Then the germs are ready for the purpose for which they are kept at the museum—namely, to enable the physicians to make experiments to determine the proper method of treating the disease and to seek remedies for it.—New York Sun.

How a Church Was Saved.

According to a story told in Marseilles the Church of Notre Dame de la Garde, in that city, was miraculously saved from destruction in the closing days of the nineteenth century. The story is as follows:

A gentleman entered the church carrying two candles, which he placed in a chandelier. After lighting them he retired from the main body of the church and called two beggars who were standing at the door. Placing them in a position where they could see the chandelier he gave each of them 10 francs to watch the candles and to relight them if the flame went out. He had made a vow, he said, and it was of great importance to his future hopes that both candles should be entirely consumed.

The man then withdrew and the beggars began their watch. As evening came on they became alarmed and called aloud to a priest whom they saw in a distant part of the church. When he went to them, they declared that they had twice heard a voice commanding them to extinguish the candles. The priest listened, but heard nothing. The beggars appealed to him not to leave them, and to please them he blew out the candles and took them from the chandelier. In handling them he was struck by their weight; when in turning one around in his hands the wax peeled off and revealed a cartridge of dynamite.

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If any man thinks the American sailor is a thing of the past, he should spend some time on the great lakes. The American fresh water sailor is every bit as picturesque a personage as was the "salt" of early days who carried our merchant flag into every port of the world. His life is just as full of hardships and just as full of dangers.

There is a large fleet of three and four masted schooners on the lakes, and stories of the wrecking of them come with every big storm. A nastier body of water than Lake Erie when it comes on to blow can be found nowhere, and some of the experiences of the life saving crews along its shores are the most thrilling in the history of the service.

The men who man the big lake steamers, of course, have not much romance in their lives, but there are enough of the old sailing vessels left to keep a considerable army of men employed. Any shipper who can navigate a schooner from Duluth to Buffalo is a good enough sailor to sail around the world, and he will do as well as the next man to take care of the vessel in the roughest sea the Ancient Mariner was ever able to blow up.—Washington Post.

Molly's Letter.

Little Molly sat down to write a letter to her father, who had been absent three months, and this is what she finally wrote: "Dear Father—We are all well and happy. The baby has grown ever so much and has a great deal more sense than he used to have. Hoping the same of you, I remain, your daughter Molly."—Exchange.

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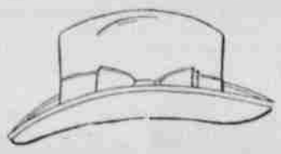

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