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THAT IS AIM OF LINCOLN PARTY

Berry, Bryanite, Free Silver Candidate For State Treasurer, Gets Body Blows at Two Ends of the State.

[Special Correspondence.] Philadelphia, Oct. 3. The so-called Lincoln Party, which was formed to defeat the Republican ticket at next month's election has proved a complete fizzle.

Outside of the few men at the head of the organization, all of whom are disappointed office seekers, and many of them long ago repudiated by the Republican party, there is absolutely no backing to the agitation, aside from the Wanamaker newspaper combination.

Here and there, there will be found little groups of followers of these leaders who make speeches and adopt resolutions for publication in the insurgent newspapers, so as to make it appear that there is a popular sentiment for their cause.

But the people are not being fooled.

The Same Old Game.

The Lincoln Party is virtually a revival of the old insurgent movement which was financed by Wanamaker interests, when Wanamaker was a candidate for United States senator.

The same old faces are seen at their meetings and the same old anti-Republican speeches are heard at all of their gatherings.

Former Senator Emery, of McKean county, who has been heard frequently

on the stump for Democratic candidates for office, is now at the front of the Lincoln Party movement, which is backing Berry, the Free-Silver Bryanite, Democrat and Prohibitionist, for State Treasurer against J. Lee Plummer, one of the most loyal and sincere Republicans that this state ever knew and a man whose integrity and honesty of purpose have never been questioned.

With Emery in New York, who has twice been turned down for superior court justice in Republican conventions and who has probably come to the conclusion that he must wreck the Republican party before he can satisfy his craving for a fat office.

Niles is chairman of the state committee of the Lincoln Party, and associated with him as secretary is George E. Mapes, an editor on the Democratic Philadelphia Record, which is dominated by the Wanamaker interests.

Where the Wires Are Pulled. The Lincoln party leaders up the state have frequent conferences with E. A. VanValkenburg, the Wanamaker political manager in Philadelphia.

In fact, the whole movement is virtually directed from the Wanamaker headquarters. Realizing the interests which have been promoting this scheme, the great body of voters in Pennsylvania have refused to have anything to do with it.

Many are of the opinion that the whole agitation is leading up to a movement to make former Judge James Gay Gordon, a Democrat, an independent candidate for governor, with the ultimate aim of electing Wanamaker United States senator to succeed Penrose.

The more this idea gets abroad the less popular will be the Lincoln party in the eyes of Republicans of Pennsylvania.

Reports from every county in the

state received by Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, chairman of the Republican state committee, indicate that there will be a large Republican vote polled at the coming election and that the Republican candidates will be elected by majorities which will exceed any given to Republican nominees in an "off year" at any time in the history of Pennsylvania.

Berry Gets Two Hard Blows. The Berry campaigners were given severe blows from unexpected quarters in both Allegheny county and Philadelphia.

They were counting in the west upon the support of the Citizens' Party in Allegheny county. They had all their plans made upon the basis of getting Berry's name upon the Citizens' Party ticket and thus secure for him the large vote which the Independent organization will poll for its local candidates.

But the Republicans who are affiliated with the Citizens' Party did not propose to have their organization made a tail to the Wanamaker kite. They said:

"No! We will place the name of J. Lee Plummer, the Republican nominee for state treasurer, at the head of our ticket, along with those of the other Republican state candidates."

And that is just what they did. Then a howl went up from the Lincolnites. The Wanamakerites throughout the state fairly shrieked with anger. Their Democratic allies were swearing mad.

The whole Berry campaign depended upon a deal with the Citizens' Party to give them the shadow of a chance of figuring in the election returns as a factor in the fight.

So indignant was "Wes" Guffey, a brother of Colonel Guffey, the Democratic state leader, over the throw-down which the Berry men got from the Citizens' Party that he immediately resigned from the Democratic committee and said that he would have nothing further to do with the men responsible for the repudiation of Berry.

Business Men Said No. The facts are that business men and manufacturers of Allegheny county who stood by the Republican party in past campaigns for sound money and the preservation of the Republican policies in regard to the tariff, would have nothing to do with the free silver and free trade Berry, whom the Lincolnites and the Democrats sought to foist upon the Citizens' Party.

The Republican candidate for state treasurer, Mr. Plummer, is now upon the regular Republican ticket and the Citizens' Party ticket in Allegheny county, and he is assured of a very large majority there.

The Philadelphia situation could not be more gratifying.

The City Party, like the Citizen's Party in the west, decided that they could not afford to have a Bryanite at the head of their ticket. They, too, turned down the Lincolnite-Democratic proposition to name Berry for state treasurer and they decided to put no state ticket in the field. This was done for purely local reasons.

The men back of the City Party are practically the same as those who are financing the Lincoln Party. They want Berry elected state treasurer but they feared that they would lose votes for their Philadelphia local candidates if they put his name on the City Party ticket.

Their game is to have all their radical insurgents vote the Lincoln Party ticket in Philadelphia, which will have the City Party candidates for the Philadelphia local offices in the Lincoln column.

Democrats Are Mad. The refusal to put Berry's name at the head of the City Party ticket has raised a ruction among the Philadelphia Democrats.

Many of them declare they have been sold out. After the Democratic convention nominated the full City Party ticket for local offices the Democratic leaders were led to expect that the City Party would put Berry on their ticket.

Now the Democrats are organizing in every ward in Philadelphia to oppose the whole City Party movement. They have a Bryan ticket with Berry for state treasurer and the full Republican local ticket for local offices. In that way they will get even with the Lincolnites and City Party men, by helping to defeat their Philadelphia local ticket.

Coffee and Smoke in Spain. Even of wine, so cheap and abundant in Spain, the natives seem to use very little. They are frugally temperate, however, in their use of tobacco and coffee. They drink coffee at all hours and apparently every hour. The clerk who takes his morning cup at 9 has another at his desk an hour later, purchased from a street vendor. The business men passing through the streets pause while a fellow who carries hot coffee, hot milk, sugar and spoons harnessed upon him serves them on the sidewalk.

If the Spaniard does not smoke in his sleep it is his only respite from the habit.—Rosary Magazine.

State Bread Bag. A traveler says that a curious weakness of grownup Moors is the love of eating newly baked bread. The cold of Azenmoor, in Morocco, discovered that old bread was thrown away as waste. To waste food is a serious offense in the eyes of a Moslem. The cold of Azenmoor therefore issued a bylaw prohibiting the baking of bread upon one day in each week. The citizens, he declared, must eat up the bread already baked, and he fixed Wednesday as the "bitlah," or holiday.

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W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

Interesting Meeting Held at Marienville, September 18 and 19.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the W. C. T. U., of Forest county held its first session in the Presbyterian church, Marienville, Monday afternoon September 18, 1905, after song and praise service conducted by Mrs. Margaret Beck, the convention was called to order at 3 o'clock by President Mrs. Sue May Sharpe. Each of the seven Unions in the county was well represented by delegates and a large number of superintendents. Rev. Adam of the M. E. church gave a few words of welcome to the convention to which Mrs. Cook, of Nebraska, very ably responded. The President, Mrs. Sharpe, then gave her address which was received with much appreciation and a rising vote of thanks by the convention.

Mrs. Kelly, of Tionesta, then gave her report which was accepted. Report showed a balance of \$18 20 in the treasury.

The following reports of Superintendents were read and accepted:—Morcy, Mrs. Cole; Soldiers and Sailors, Mrs. Cook. The President urged that each Union take up the work the coming year and told with what appreciation the "comfort bags" are received by the soldier boys. Prison and Almshouse, Mrs. Clara Carson. Mrs. Carson and her co-laborers are doing a noble work by visiting the Co. Home and holding praise and prayer services. They are always gladly received by the inmates as well as by those in authority and after each visit, return to their homes—carrying with them a blessing which is the reward of duty well done. Mrs. Carson asked for two bibles, with large print, to present to two of the inmates. Convention voted that each send sufficient fund to Co. Treasurer to purchase them.

A letter of greeting was then read from Mr. Cleon Erberhart, District Supt. of the Penna. Anti-Saloon League.

Announcement of Committee. Adjournment.

Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock convention opened with devotions conducted by Mrs. Meckling, of Clarington. Reports of Superintendents were then taken up as follows:—Literature, Mrs. Maris Abbott; Press, Mrs. Vinnie Pickens. Convention tendered vote of thanks to all three editors of the County for the kindness in publishing all temperance items sent them by the unions. Two vocal solos were beautifully rendered by Miss Campbell, of Clarion. Report of R. E. Mrs. Anna Carson. By request, the letter of greeting from Mr. Erberhart was again read. Discussion followed as to the advisability of allying ourselves with the Anti-Saloon League should one be organized in our county. Convention voted that as an organization, we cooperate with the League and that each union contribute according to their ability. The hour for memorial service having arrived was conducted by Mrs. Kelly, in the absence of Mrs. Derrickson. Mrs. Cook offered brief prayer after which memorials of two of our departed workers were read. Memorial of Mrs. Cobb, read by Mrs. Kelly and one of Mrs. Emily A. Gorman, read by Mrs. Alabaugh. Report of Sabbath Observance, Mrs. Meckling. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs. Margaret Beck, Marienville; Vice president, Mrs. Meckling, Clarington; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Krubbs, Marienville; Treasurer, Mrs. Kelly, Tionesta; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Sharpe, Tionesta. Mrs. Warden, of Endeavor, and Mrs. Derrickson, of Tionesta, were elected delegates to State Convention, at Washington, Pa., and Mrs. Small, of Nebraska, and Mrs. Henderson, of Clarington, alternates. The Cor. Secretary, Mrs. Warden, then gave her report which was received with rising votes of thanks.

Forest county stands 20th in our state of 67 counties. Encouraging reports given from Tionesta, Lamona, Nebraska, Marienville, Clarington, Endeavor and West Hickory. Cor. Secretary said if a banner was awarded, Marienville would receive it for excellent work done the past year.

Report of Suffrage, Mrs. Small. Mrs. Small presented to the Convention one of two, of the women school directors in Barnett township. S. S. Mrs. Henderson, Flower, Mission; Mrs. Lynch, noontide prayer, voiced by Mrs. Kelly, of Tionesta, after which announcements, and adjournment.

Convention convened at 2 p. m. After the reading of the minutes, Mrs. Warden, of Endeavor, conducted the Mothers in Council. After three verses of "How Firm a Foundation," prayer was voiced by Mrs. Adams, of Marienville. Mrs. Warden then read 10 verses from 2nd chapter of Col., also a very helpful paper on the training of children. A number expressed ideas on the subject: "What age should children be Taught Religion in the Home." "Kind of books that should be provided for the children." "Some one said books should not be brought into a home that the children should not read. The advisability of reading the very best literature to small children, was advanced and thus create in the child, an interest for solid reading. Mrs. Warden advised each mother to take up the Chautauqua reading course. Next was one of the most interesting and inspiring hours of the Convention, when Madame Barakat, who has a National reputation as a bible reader and lecturer, gave one of her readings. A goodly audience attended and she was closely followed. She took up the different vessels as are referred to in the Scriptures; then she transferred her audience to the Orient and showed the use of each vessel there. From that then she drew the lesson suited to our own lives. Madame Barakat has a wonderful insight into the Work of God and the rare gift of interpreting to others in a helpful and uplifting manner.

Report of Parlor Work, Mrs. Hunt. Report of Committees were then received. Time and place, reported Tionesta as place for next Convention. Resolutions read and adopted. Chairman on nominating Superintendents as follows:—Mrs. Elizabeth Crossman, Rediff; Sabbath Observance and Evangelistic; Mrs. Arley Lynch, Endeavor; Flower Mission; Mrs. Maris Abbott, Tionesta; Literature; Mrs. Ephraim Meckling, Clarington; Lumbermen; Mrs. Emily Cole, Nebraska; Morcy; Mrs. Belle Hunt, Marienville; Parlor Meetings; Mrs. Martha Derrickson, Tionesta, Purity; Mrs. Clara Carson, Tionesta, Prisons and Alms Houses; Mrs. Ada Kock, Marienville, Narcotics; Mrs. Vinnie Pickens, Marienville; Press; Mrs. Anna Carson, Tionesta, Railroad; Mrs. Margaret Beck, Marienville, L. T. L.; Mrs. Sara Hagerty, Tionesta, School Savings Banks; Mrs. Ida Small, Nebraska, Suffrage; Miss Grace Russell, Lamona, Scientific Temperance

Instruction; Mrs. Anna Henderson, Clarington, Sabbath School; Mrs. Harriet Cook, Nebraska, Soldiers and Sailors; Mrs. Sue Warden, Endeavor, Young Woman's Branch; Mrs. Rachel Wheeler, Endeavor, Mothers' Meetings; Mrs. Lina Barnes, Lamona, Petitions and Legislation; Mrs. Alice Siggins, West Hickory, Parliamentary Practice.

Miss Russell had no report on Scientific Temperance Instruction, but gave a very interesting talk. L. T. L. report by Mrs. Beck, showed but one organization, the one in Marienville. Miss Norton, of Endeavor, reported for the Y of that place and Miss Morrow for Tionesta. Miss Campbell of Clarion, with her sister as accompanist, delighted the Convention at each session with sweet voice and well chosen selections.

The Convention was a very helpful and pleasant one, and will long be remembered by those who attended.

Tuesday evening Madame Barakat, who is an Assyrian by birth, gave one of the finest lectures that it has been our pleasure to listen to. She took for her subject a bible reference concerning a palm tree, and taking the tree she followed it step by step through its life, and at each step likened it into the life of a Christian as it should be. The audience followed the speaker from place to place and from point to point, and gave approval by undivided attention which was manifested by the nod of the head or the smile as the different points were made. Madame Barakat is certainly an eloquent, intellectual and conscientious talker and worker.

Monday night a large audience attended the "Silver Medal Contest," which was between six young ladies of Marienville, all of whom did so well that the Judges had great difficulty in deciding which of the speakers was entitled to wear the medal. It was awarded to Miss Edith Austin by Mrs. Sharpe. The L. T. L. interspersed the exercises with music and a flag drill. The evening was an enjoyable one to all present.

The convention closed its work with a solo by Miss Campbell and the usual hymn, "God be With You Till We Meet Again," being sung by the entire audience.

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