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NAIL CAMPAIGN LIE

Legislators Dispose of Only Issue Democrats Have Raised.

SHEATZ SOLDIERS' FRIEND

Men Who Served at Harrisburg With Nominee For State Treasurer Tell of His Interest in Veterans' Pension Bill.

[Special Correspondence.]
Philadelphia, Sept. 24.

Members of the legislature who served with John O. Sheatz at Harrisburg have supplemented the action of the war veterans in exposing the trick of the Democratic campaign managers who sought to misrepresent the action of Mr. Sheatz as a member of the general assembly in dealing with the bill to provide pensions for old soldiers.

The war veterans of this city, by resolution and through vigorous speeches of some of their most prominent members, repudiated the campaign circular sent out by Democratic politicians of Lycoming county, in which Mr. Sheatz was held responsible for the failure of the plans to have the state provide pensions for veterans of the civil war who enlisted from Pennsylvania, and who are now residents of this state.

Without regard to party or factional affiliations, men who sat in committee with Mr. Sheatz, when the old soldiers' pension bill was under consideration, have united in public declarations which show the falsity of the charges of the Democratic tricksters.

One of the most active of the younger members of the general assembly, Representative Joseph S. Thomas, of Bucks county, has come out boldly in defense of Mr. Sheatz in a statement which leaves no room to doubt that he is speaking with absolute sincerity and candor.

Democratic Lies Nailed.
Mr. Thomas, who is editor of the Bristol Gazette, reproduces the allegations made by the Lycoming Democratic outfit in their document sent out to induce old soldiers against the Republican nominee for state treasurer. He takes up each of the misstatements of fact, and gives the truth as he knows it.

"There is not a single line that does not contain statements which I know to be absolutely untrue," declares Representative Thomas. "John O. Sheatz, in a thoroughly conscientious and businesslike manner, did everything in his power to pass the old pension bill."

"He did not add a single item nor add one dollar to the figures that was not absolutely necessary to carry the bill into effect. He did not sit along side the governor and even suggest the veto of the bill. He did not put a single straw in the way to cause the bill's defeat."

"The alleged pension bill was introduced into the Senate by a Democrat. The bill as introduced by Senator Cochran was a ridiculous farce, and if passed in that shape and approved by the governor it never could have been put into operation. One million dollars appropriation was called for, but no provision was made whatever for the machinery to put the law into motion."

Sheatz's Conscientious Work.
"The bill passed the senate, went to the house and was referred to the appropriations committee, of which I was a member. Mr. Sheatz, the chairman of the committee, realized that the senate was engaged in a game of buncombe set to work and for three weeks labored to whip the bill into shape. He called to his aid the auditor general and General Mulholland, of Philadelphia, the pension expert. Thorough calculations were made as to the amount of money that would be necessary to pay the pensions, and plans for a state pension bureau, under the charge of the auditor general were developed, with the necessary corps of clerks."

"Through General Mulholland, from the best obtainable figures, it was learned that about 55,000 were likely to apply for pensions and that the average to each would amount to \$82.50. That made it necessary to appropriate \$5,574,000 to cover the 15 months until the new legislative appropriation becomes available.

Let Truth Be Known.
"The amounts fixed by the house appropriation committee were carefully figured, and Mr. Sheatz worked earnestly and faithfully to make a sane and correct measure out of the farce passed by the senate. Governor Stuart, in my hearing, declared that he surely would have vetoed the bill if it came from the senate, and that the house had made a thorough bill of it and that he intended to approve it if there was revenue enough."

"The house of representatives also passed a number of revenue bills which would have produced sufficient funds to pay the pensions to old soldiers, but Senator Cochran's colleagues in the senate killed every one of them, and that was the reason the governor vetoed the pension bill."

"John O. Sheatz acted fairly and squarely with the veterans. He was their best friend and labored in their behalf, while Senator Cochran trifled with a sentiment to play politics."

"Mr. Sheatz did his duty honestly and conscientiously, and has nothing to fear from the result of any examination made into its record."

Other Legislators Speak Out.
Representatives Andrew J. Pfaff and John R. Gillette, City Party members of the house from this city, and Representative Robert P. Hahgood, of McKean county, are among others who

have given public declarations that the charges that Mr. Sheatz did not work fairly in the interests of the old soldiers are absolutely false and malicious.

Representative Gillette, among other things, said:
"The nomination of Hon. John O. Sheatz by the Republican party for state treasurer removes the last doubt as to whether a Republican or Democrat shall fill that important office as the successor of Treasurer Berry. The good sense of the party has prevailed, and a more logical candidate could not have been named. Taking into consideration the exigencies of the situation, the nomination was a master stroke, and all factions of the Republican party can have no further reason at this time for remaining outside the breasting works."

"There is absolutely no truth in the campaign charges that Mr. Sheatz is not a friend of the old soldiers. I say this with knowledge of his work at Harrisburg in their interests."

YOUNG MEN ENLIST

Enthusiastic Recruits Among Hosts of Republicanism.

NATIONAL FIGHT COMING

Contest at the Pennsylvania Election This Fall Regarded as Skirmish of the Great Presidential Battle of Next Year.

[Special Correspondence.]
Harrisburg, Sept. 24.

A significant feature of the gathering of Republican clubmen in this city this week is the presence of so many young Republicans, many of them to be first voters at the coming election.

The activity of young men in the ranks of the State League of Republican clubs in this campaign has been the subject of general comment, and the party leaders who have been fighting the battles of Republicanism for years are elated over the accession of so many enthusiastic recruits.

The popularity of the nominee for state treasurer, the fact that he is himself a staunch member of the State League of Clubs, and that his candidacy typifies the desires of the men who seek to advance the cause of Republicanism's highest ideals, may, in a measure, account for the gratifying interest taken in the present state campaign by the young men, both of the cities and the counties of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sheatz's career in public life is calculated to inspire the youth of this commonwealth.

The story of his labors as a lad in the great Baldwin Locomotive works in Philadelphia and his subsequent success as a business man, his nomination for the state legislature in an independent district in the Quaker city his splendid record as a lawmaker at Harrisburg, which led to his nomination by the Republican state convention by a unanimous vote for the office of state treasurer, has been studied by the young Republicans of Pennsylvania, who have enlisted in the campaign to bring about his election by an unprecedented majority for an off year in November next.

Presidential Battle Coming.
The fact that next year will be presidential year may also account for the interest taken in the Republican party organization this fall by the younger element.

Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, chairman of the Republican state committee, reports that the chairmen of the several county committees find that great interest is being taken in national politics this year, and that every one is looking forward to the coming Republican convention.

Pennsylvania will have 68 votes in that national gathering, the largest delegation, save one, that will sit in the convention, and the voice of Pennsylvania, as in the past, it is predicted, will again be potential in the national councils of the party.

In order that Pennsylvania shall maintain her proud place as the keystone of the Republican national arch, it is recognized by the young men who have rallied to the party colors in the present campaign that the vote at the coming election must show a pronounced Republican majority.

It is true that the opposition is demoralized, and is without an issue. The danger to the Republican forces lies in over confidence and the apathy that frequently follows the absence of an aggressive opposition.

The Capitol Grafting Issue.
Nominee for treasurer, Mr. Sheatz, has reason to be proud of the ovation given him here this week by the clubmen gathered from every section of the state.

While in this city, Mr. Sheatz had several conferences with Governor Stuart. They talked over the thorough probing of the capitol job, the Republican state administration is proceeding to prosecute all who had a hand in the affair, the Democrats are absolutely deprived of an opportunity to play the capitol scandal to advance their political interests.

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Even the Sultan.
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The One Exception.
The topic of debate at the Poets' club meeting was, "Which of the Sexes Contributes Most to Life's Happiness?"

"I think," said a woman called upon to speak on the feminine side, "that there is no doubt that man contributes most to the life happiness of woman—that is" (upon second thought) "unless he happens to be her husband."

Not Innocent.
"Tommy, I'm going to punish you severely."
"What for, pa?"
"Now, don't try that innocence game. I know all the bad things you've done today."
"No, you don't, pa. You don't know where I hid the strap you swack me with."

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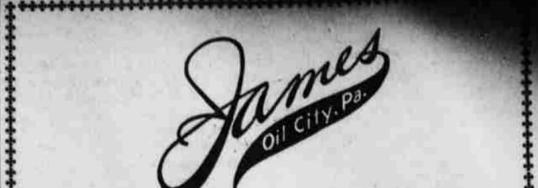
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