

THE CITIZEN

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ANSWERING A DEMAGOGUE

Philadelphia branch of the National League of Business Men has issued the following statement regarding the criticisms of the organization by the members of the various branches of the National League of Business Men throughout Pennsylvania, but the great mass of business men generally must have been startled at the remarkable language used by Senator Quay.

Senator Quay rails against the business men of America, the men who rallied to the support of the Republican party in 1858, who did not seek to rob him of any of the glory of that victory, though without their vigorous co-operation he would have been impotent.

Notwithstanding his spectacular flight to Canton, last spring, Mr. Quay continued his opposition to Mr. McKimley up to the last minute, even going so far as to attend a meeting of the National committee on the 11th of December, at Columbia, accompanied by his son and by his chief lieutenant, W. H. Andrews, on proxies.

It is remarkable that Mr. Quay should have so suddenly awakened to the evils of "millionaire" representatives in the United States Senate. Was not Mr. Quay alone responsible for the re-election of Mr. Cameron to the United States Senate in 1891, and is not Mr. Cameron a millionaire many times over?

It is true that the business men have contributed largely to campaign funds, and in this State never more liberally than for the last campaign, but with the assurance from Mr. Hanna that their money would be spent legitimately and not used for corrupt purposes, and that the books of the National committee would be open for inspection of all contributors, no one should be in better position than Mr. Quay to know whether these contributions were used in previous campaigns to make politics sordid and corrupt, and if he has such knowledge it is his duty to give the matter to the people, so that the business men in future may be warned against contributing to a national campaign.

"During the campaign, about two weeks before the election, State Chairman Elliott sent out the following letter to a number of candidates for the State Senate and House enclosing checks for \$500 and \$250 respectively. By request of Senator Quay I take pleasure in enclosing contribution to help defray your campaign expenses. While not criticizing the rendering of legitimate and official or otherwise to any candidate for office, how does Senator Quay's conduct in this matter comport with his vehement denunciations of the growing use of money in politics?"

"The National League of Business Men is the outgrowth of the McKinley and Hobart Business Men's National Campaign committee, which rendered efficient service during the Presidential campaign. Our purpose is to uphold President McKinley's administration and to prepare legislation, one of our declared objects is to promote the election of members of the National Legislature in the Senate and House of Representatives who are in sympathy with this movement and who will distinctly represent the business interests of the country."

In furtherance of this object the committee has chosen to induce a representative business man—one who has had large experience in public affairs—for the United States Senatorship in succession to Senator Cameron. Branch leagues are being established daily throughout the Commonwealth, and the names of the principal towns and boroughs will be organized by the first of the year, and their work will be extended to the township.

"By business men we mean every man who is distinctly the material welfare of the country and the conduct of the government upon business principles. We distinctly stated in our declaration of principles that, in our estimation, the term business man comprises the farmer, merchant, laborer, manufacturer, professional man or mechanic. In short, we consider every man who makes it his business to earn a honest living a business man. Among our members are thousands of stockholders, farmers and artisans."

"The organization of the new league has indeed taken on the nature of an uprising of the people. They are determined to be heard, and to have proper recognition, and no hysterical outbreak can stay the tide. Canute's protest against the waves of the sea and Pope's bull against the comet were not so futile in their purpose than is Mr. Quay's attack upon the business men of Pennsylvania."

A POPULAR UPRISING

The Business Men's League Grows with Amazing Rapidity.

A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Great Interest Being Manifested by the People, Who Recognize the League as the Medium Through Which Their Influence Will be Reflected.

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During the week the league has implemented itself in Avondale, Coatesville, Reading, Allentown, Bedford, Bradford, Wilkesbarre, Smithport, Kennett Square, Pottsville, Warren, Muncy and the Chesapeake League, which includes a number of smaller towns, has also been organized.

The people are aroused to the importance of the movement. It is indeed a popular uprising. They see in its principles the practical application of the theory of the state. The people are not only interested in the movement, but they are also interested in the success of the movement.

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