

Republican News Item.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 1898.

JOHN WANAMAKER'S RECORD

Political Career of the Philadelphia Millionaire Told in Five Paragraphs.

1887—Failed to receive the Republican nomination for mayor of Philadelphia given unanimously to Hon. Edwin H. Fittler. Wanamaker entered into negotiations with William F. Harrilly and others for Democratic support for an independent candidacy, but gave up the job when it became apparent that Fittler could not be beaten.
1889—Successfully backed by Senator M. S. Quay, who was then chairman of the Republican national committee, for the postmaster generalship under President Harrison.
1897—Rejected by the Republican caucus which named Hon. Boies Penrose for United States senator, after he had expended thousands of dollars.
1898—After a fair contest, in which he made more heavy expenditures, defeated for the Republican nomination for governor, which was bestowed upon Colonel William A. Stone.
1898—Takes the stump, denouncing the Republican party and its leaders; advocates deals with Democrats and Prohibitionists to defeat regularly nominated Republican candidates for the legislature, thereby imperiling the election of a Republican to the United States senate and inspiring the free trade and free silver Democracy with hopes of carrying Pennsylvania against the party of President McKinley with a war with Spain still undecided.
And he is still spending money.

County Seat Indices.

AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

It will soon be over.
Country before party.
Candidates are busy; very much so.
The weather clerk must have lost the cork.
County Chairman F. P. Vincent was in town on Monday.
John P. Kennedy has opened a barber shop at the Commercial.
The outlook for a big crop of votes this fall seems promising.
The toothsome buckwheat cakes now add joy to the morning feast.
John Green left for Washington D. C., Tuesday where he will spend the winter.
Ulysses Bird of Estella, transacted business in town one day last week.
Mrs. Geo. Nortz of Belfer, N. Y., is visiting her brothers Wm. and Thos. Kennedy this week.
Judge Dunham, W. C. Mason and Chas. Lauer journeyed to Philadelphia Tuesday to take in the peace jubilee.
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Hon. Thos. J. Ingham and wife left for Philadelphia on Friday of last week where they visited friends and will remain to see the peace jubilee.
Dr. J. L. Christian, in his customary good humor, dropped into town Monday morning, shook hands with a few friends, and left later in the day to other points of his canvass.
Among the many bargains realized at the Spencer estate sale on Saturday, was a valuable horse which went for \$16.50. Evidently no one wanted a horse as badly as Richard Hill.
D. D. G. M. Hon. John S. Line, installed the officers of Laporte Lodge, No. 923, I. O. O. F. last Monday evening as follows: N. G., F. W. Meylert; V. S. John McElrn, Treas. E. M. Dunham.
About the Court House the one absorbing topic from now until the election will be that of politics, and an inquirer can hear anything he desires, seasoned to suit the taste, as the callers drop in from over the county.
The NEWS ITEM is a sound paper for sound money, sound government and sound people. You can help the sound cause along by subscribing, or, if a delinquent, by paying your indebtedness to it.
Dr. Wackenuth, the Republican nominee for Coroner is a wide-awake up-to-date physician and the kind of a man that should occupy this important position. As he has no opposition, we guess he'll continue in office.
FOR SALE—A bargain; a large No. 130 "Sunshine" heater, suitable for a large room, stove room or hall; in perfect condition.
H. T. DOWNS.

—Mr. Ellis Kelsenger and Miss Lizzie Smith of Eagles Mere, were married at this place on Wednesday.
—B. P. Bennett and Henry Smith of Muncy Valley, were in town on Wednesday. Mr. Smith is negotiating for the Morgan estate in his neighborhood.
—The NEWS ITEM youngster will be a stranger in many homes this week. See that he behaves well and meets every member of the family, and invite your neighbors to call and see him. For the moderate sum of a postage stamp each week he will visit your home regularly. Subscribe.
—Our many thanks are due to J. C. Deininger, Assistant Chief Clerk at Harrisburg, for his deeply appreciated kindness in favoring us with a copy of the ballot several days in advance of the official production which was delayed by a court decision. It has enabled us to present our readers with an exact production of the official this week, which will not reach our county officials until today.
Hillsgrove.
Mathias Vogel fell from an apple tree Friday and was carried home unconscious.
Seth Griffin of Canton, purchased fifteen head of horses and mules from the Tannery Co. last week.
Henry Shaffer of Proctorville has moved into the cottage on Chestnut Heights.
It's all right for a girl to flirt, but Purty objects to them flirting about.
Miss Cora Folkrod of Loyal Sock, is visiting friends in town.
Washington Woody of this place was a business visitor at Hughesville last week.
Miss Cora Fields of Proctorville, is visiting friends in town.
Daniel Grafhus is on the sick list.
Remember that all are cordially invited to the supper given by the P. O. S. of A. at the home of W. A. Gumble Saturday evening. A good time is assured.
Programme.
Convention of Sullivan county W. C. T. U. to be held at Estella, Pa., Wednesday, November 2, 1898.
Devotional exercises at 10 a. m. Appointment of committees, enrollment of delegates, reading of minutes of executive committee, report of officers, reports of Sup'ts of departments of work, question box, adjournment for basket lunch at noon hour.
1:30 p. m.—Bible reading by Mrs. T. A. Boyle, address by Ex-Pres. Mrs. W. B. Glidewell, address by acting Pres. Mrs. A. T. Nye, report of first state convention in which Sullivan county was represented by Mrs. C. B. L. Rothrock, report of last state convention in which Sullivan county was represented by Mrs. Abbie Rogers, question box.
7 p. m.—Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Mosier, music by Estella choir, recitation by Mabel Boyle, quartet, a ten-minute address by Rev. F. Frazier, a ten-minute address by Rev. Locke, solo by Mrs. Mosier, a ten-minute address by Rev. Ward Mosier, music by choir, collection.
ANNA F. NYE, Sec'y.
Incorporation Notice.
Notice is hereby given that an application for the incorporation of the Borough of Eagles Mere was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions, in and for the county of Sullivan, on the 29 of September 1898, and an order there made by the court that the same be filed with the clerk and notice thereof given in one newspaper of the said county for a period of not less than thirty days immediately before the next regular term of the court following the presentation of such application and the filing thereof; and that a hearing will be given to said application at the next regular term of said court.
WM. J. LAWRENCE, Clerk.
INGHAM ATTORNEYS, Oct. 29, 1898.
Administratrix Notice.
Estate of Walter Spencer, late of Laporte Boro, Sullivan county, deceased.
Letters of administration upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the same will present them for payment, duly authenticated; and those indebted thereto, will please make immediate payment to:
EMMA SPENCER, Admrx.
A. J. BRADLEY, Atty. Laporte, Pa.
Sheriff's Sale.
By virtue of a writ of Alias Fieri Facias issued out of the court of Common Pleas of Sullivan Co., and to me directed and delivered there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Laporte, Pa. on:
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1898.
at 10 o'clock p. m. the following described property:
A piece of parcel of land lying and being in the township of Davidson, county of Sullivan and state of Pennsylvania, being parts of two tracts of land in the warrant names of Paul Evans and Joel Evans, described as follows:
Beginning at a corner on the line of Lyonsburg county, thence northerly on common line of Paul Evans and George Evans to common corner of said tracts with Ann and Elizabeth James tracts, thence easterly along lines of Elizabeth and Deborah James, Grace James and Joel Evans tracts, thence southerly along common lines of Paul Evans and George Evans to the county line, thence westerly along the county line to the place of beginning, containing together four hundred and fifty acres more or less from which is reserved one-half of all coal oil and minerals, on which is a large quantity of valuable timber convenient to market, about 20 acres improved.
Selected taken into execution and to be sold as the property of G. C. SWANK at the suit of T. J. & E. P. Ingham.
ELLIS SWANK Sheriff.
INGHAM ATTYS. Sheriff's office, Laporte Pa., Oct. 17, 1898.
Executor's Notice.
Estate of Frederick Heinze, late of Elkland township, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the estate of said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to:
HUBERT S. E. HEINZE, Executor.
Lake Run, Pa., Oct. 11, 1898.
Boarders.
John V. Finkle has opened his large and comfortable house for the accommodation of court boarders, and also for regular boarders by the day or week, at reasonable rates.
Corner of Maple and Muncy Sts., Laporte.

REFORM WILL NOT COME FROM DEMOCRATS

Republicans Not Willing to Stultify Themselves and Their Party.

TO MEET EVERY ISSUE.

The Legislative Records Calmly Reviewed and Facts Presented Showing That the Republican Voters Have Risen to the Occasion.

"Now that the campaign orators have pretty well covered all the important issues of the present canvass in this state, I am convinced that Republicans generally are going to stand by their party nominees," remarked General Henry H. Bingham to a Philadelphia interviewer a couple of days ago. "They have very properly come to the conclusion that it is useless to look to the Democratic party for reforms. Pennsylvania is a Republican state and it would be an insult to the honesty and intelligence of Republicans to say that in Pennsylvania, with her great Republican majorities, reforms can only come through Democratic channels."

HE SPEAKS BY THE CARD.

In this connection, and while the topic of reform was under discussion, reference was made to the comment of Frank Willing Leach on the record of the last legislature, he having had supervision of the work of supplying a number of newspapers with information exhibiting the short comings of the members of that body. "It cannot be denied," said Mr. Leach, "that the performances of the last legislature were not acceptable to the people of the state. But I speak advisedly when I say that it was not one whit worse than any one of the dozen legislatures which have convened since the new constitution went into effect. There was this difference—the doings of the legislators last year were, as never before, made known to the people. While, however, the last legislature was no worse than its predecessors, it was bad enough. But it is a mistake to assume that all the legislators were corrupt, or that the wrongdoing was confined to the Republican party or to a faction thereof. There were many conspicuous members of the two branches who valiantly battled for the people, but it is historically incorrect to assume that all of them were from the so-called '76' who supported Mr. Wanamaker for the United States senate. Not a few of the most lauded '76' proved derelict before the session closed. Of course, many of the '76' did heroic work for the people which should never be forgotten, but so did other members of both houses who had not been Mr. Wanamaker's supporters for the senatorship. In other words, both the wrongdoing and the rightdoing, so to speak, were non-factional, and it is a perversion of history to claim the reverse."

"Nor was the wrongdoing partisan. Those now engaged in a crusade against the Republican organization are forming alliances in many of the counties with a view to the election of Democrats to the legislature. While in the last legislature some of the Democratic senators and a number of the Democratic members of the lower house, led by the incorruptible Creasy, of Columbia county, were always found upon the side of the people, others, and generally the majority, gave their support to the various vicious bills which it was sought to enact, and which the recent Democratic state convention so vigorously assailed. "In a word, it is strikingly unjust to charge all that was vicious in the last legislature to either party, or to either faction of the dominant party. It was simply a case of some corrupt men getting into the legislature—and they have gotten into every legislature since a Republican form of government was devised—who sought to further their own interests at the expense of the people's."

PROFESSOR HAMILTON'S REVIEW.

On this point, Professor John Hamilton, of the state department of agriculture, and a director of the Farmer's Institute, of Pennsylvania, talked interestingly the other day. He has made a careful study of the work of the last legislature. "Bad deeds are indefensible," said Professor Hamilton, "whether committed by an individual, a legislative body or a political party, and I have no desire to defend a single bad action, but my investigations disclose the fact that the objectionable votes were cast by Republicans and Democrats alike of all factions. We hear a good deal of talk now about 'fusion.' Would not it have been a fitting time to 'fuse' in the last legislature? Why did not the '76' and the Democrats 'fuse' then, when they had an opportunity of doing valuable service to the people of the state, instead of leaving it until now? The facts show that neither Mr. Quay nor Mr. Wanamaker nor Mr. anybody else controlled the last legislature. It was a law unto itself. One or two people attempted early in the session to tell members what they ought to do and how they ought to vote, and the reception these gentlemen received prevented forever after the repetition of a similar attempt. The record shows that no party or faction of a party possessed all of the virtues, and it also shows that neither were wholly destitute, but that they were all alike in this respect, sometimes doing well and sometimes doing ill. Much oftener, however, we can truthfully say, well than ill, as you will be convinced if you go over their entire work. The records show that the charges that Republicans alone were in guilt in the passage of objectionable bills is untrue, for the vote shows that the Democrats were equal participants in what

ever harm the passage of the bills involved.

RESULTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

"The record of that period shows that whatever mistakes or crimes that legislative body had attempted were either corrected by themselves or by the governor of the state, and never became laws. Five hundred and thirty-two bills were read in place in the senate that session, and 1,021 were offered in the house, making 1,553 in all. Of these only 496 were passed both bodies, and of this number 86 were either wholly or partially vetoed by the governor, leaving 409 as the accomplished and completed work of that legislative term. Sixty-eight per cent of the bills presented the legislature killed itself, and when the governor had completed his revision, 76 per cent had fallen by the way, and only 24 per cent came into force as law. Does this look like corruption unrestrained?"

"Whoever will carefully go over the laws of 1897, as published in the statute books of the state, will be convinced that not a single wicked or intentionally injurious law can there be found. "Upon this, then, their final and completed work, the Republican party, which has been entrusted with power to furnish salutary laws for the government of the state should be judged. Open this volume and make attacks. Not upon old, dead and buried bodies, but upon the living law, and the book itself will be its own and the party's triumphant vindication. "The last legislature, if it was no better, was certainly no worse than many of its predecessors."

REPUBLICANS APPLY THE REMEDY.

In this connection Republicans are reminded that when they hear the record of the last legislature criticised, they can direct attention to the fact that the Republican party is big and broad and honest enough to meet every exigency that may occur in its history. Recognizing that the party has suffered by the objectionable work of some of its members, the Republican voters at the primary elections held but recently at once proceeded to apply the proper remedy. In the last house of representatives at Harrisburg out of 204 members there were 171 Republicans, and of that number 162 have not been renominated. Of the 69 others, 23 of these voted for Wanamaker for senator, and only 28 for Penrose, and two voted for other candidates. It will thus be seen that the Republican party has sized up the occasion, as it always has and always will, and the people of Pennsylvania will show their confidence in that party when they go to the polls at the coming election and stand by its candidates. They have had too many experiments at trying to bring about reform through the Democracy. That proposition has proven a failure every time it has been tried. The Democracy of Pennsylvania now is in the control of men who have no standing in the community because of their close affiliation with the Bryanite national organization. If they by any chance could get control of either branch of the Pennsylvania legislature, or have the balance of power between Republican factions, their influence for harm would be terrible.

KICKER TALKS MUCH BUT VOTES ONCE.

Few Dissenters Are Making a Racket, But Regulars Are Saying Little.

WAIT FOR THE RETURNS.

The Grand Army of Patriotic Stalwart Republicans Will March to the Polls and Support All the Regularly Nominated Candidates.

As the state political campaign is drawing to a close it is becoming more and more apparent that the percentage of Republicans who are not going to support their full party ticket is quite small, considering the uproar that has been made by the disgruntled element. In this connection the remarks of David H. Lane, a well known Republican leader of the Quaker City, quoted by a special correspondent from Philadelphia, are timely and interesting. "What do you think of the political outlook?" Mr. Lane was asked.

REPUBLICANS ARE ALL RIGHT.

"Why, I think the prospects of Republican success in Pennsylvania are all right," was his prompt reply. "But how about this racket being made by the Swallow and the Wanamaker orators?" "I do not think that anybody who knows anything believes that Swallow will be higher than third in the race." "But his supporters are making great claims," remarked the interviewer. "Of course that is only natural," replied Mr. Lane. "A kicker is always very loud and very frequent. Wherever he goes he proclaims his opposition to his former party, and people who hear from him are inclined to believe that every time he speaks he is another person, and that instead of being one man he is a dozen. The regular does not go round talking about his belief, or if he did, no attention would be paid to him, but the moment he quits his party and begins to abuse McKinley or Bryan then he makes a sensation and sets people to talking. When we come to vote, however, our blarney talk counts for nothing but the one vote we cast individually."

COLLAPSE OF THE STEWART BOOM.

"Here in Philadelphia in 1882 there was a tremendous amount of talk about the independent Republican candidate for governor, John Stewart. It was even more general than was the Swallow agitation in this city a few weeks ago, before the Republican tide set in so strongly. When the election returns were read it was found that there were but 7,992 votes cast for Stewart in the entire city of Philadelphia, while General Beaver polled 70,

875 votes and Pattison 67,401. It has ever since been a matter of wonder to the people how they could have gotten the idea that Stewart was going to carry the city. It is the same with the Swallow boom. After election returns were read where the votes went to that they were expecting and did not get. The kicker talks much, but votes only once. I find the Republicans in my locality saying very little, while a few agitators are engaged in flooding the district with literature, but when I asked some of them how they are going the other day they became indignant at my questioning their loyalty to the Republican party at such a critical period in the history of our country. I have concluded not to bother about the frantic efforts of a few disgruntled voters to cause dissension in our ranks. They have the noise now. Our Republican candidate will get the votes on election day, and our majorities will be larger than ever."

AS SPEAKER REED VIEWS OUR CAMPAIGN

The Distinguished Leader Has No Concern About the Pennsylvania Election.

HE BELIEVES IN OUR PATRIOTISM.

He Tells of the Democracy's Hopes, With Their Cries of Local Issues, in Several Important Contests, But Has Absolute Faith in Keystone State Republicanism.

Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, represents the type of statesman that has always been popular with Pennsylvania Republicans—bold, stalwart and staunch in his adherence to the principles of the party and aggressive always in his defense of those principles. In a recent letter from the speaker to a well known Republican of this state the distinguished representative from the state of Maine took occasion to express his appreciation of the many flattering invitations he has received to address meetings in Pennsylvania during the present canvass. "You can be assured," said Speaker Reed in this correspondence, "that I must have a keen sense of feeling for the many kindly and urgent requests I have had to go to your state. Were it not for the fact that I honestly believe my services are more needed in what we ordinarily designate as doubtful territory I would certainly give myself the pleasure to be with you. "Pennsylvania a doubtful state on either her governorship, her congressional delegation, or, most important



THOMAS B. REED.

of all, her selection of a Republican for United States senator, seems to me a preposterous proposition. This citadel of Republicanism in question, with the grave issues involved in the present campaign appears almost ridiculous. The success of the Republican party at next month's election is as of great importance to the nation as it was that the party which saved the Union in the days of the civil war should have charge of the administration of the affairs of the government upon the close of that war. "Republicans cannot afford to allow personal prejudice to influence them as against their party nominees this fall. The whole civilized world is watching America and speculating as to the ability of our government to meet the serious problems that confront us. A large Republican vote at the coming election will be accepted by the European nations as evidence of the fact that the people of America are in accord with the administration of President McKinley, while Republican defeat would be taken as indicating that our people were opposed to the war and were not sustaining our government."

THE LOCAL ISSUE TRICK.

"Let no Republican be misled. If there are matters in the affairs of your state that need correcting the Republican party, that has had the confidence of the people for so many years, can safely be trusted to meet any demand for reforms. We hear the cry of local issues and state issues in New York, New Jersey, Iowa and elsewhere, as well as in Pennsylvania. It is a catching phrase, which the Democracy are not slow to take advantage of, but what would be the result if enough Republicans could be caught in each of these states by this device of our opponents to swing those states from their Republican moorings? In each of these commonwealths a United States senator is at stake, as well as the congressional delegation and the governorship. What a calamity to our country if a Bryanite legislature should be chosen in any one of these states to send a Bryanite United States senator to Washington. What a terrible thing to contemplate for this to happen in Pennsylvania. But I have already written more than I had intended to, but you can say to my friends in your state that I have so much confidence in the intelligence and loyalty and patriotism of Pennsylvania Republicans that I am giving myself no concern about the result of the election there."

WAR PROBLEMS NOT SETTLED

Over a Hundred Thousand of the Enemy's Troops Still in Cuba, and the Crafty Spaniards in the Paris Conference Show No Signs of Yielding.

The presence of President McKinley within the borders of the Keystone State in attendance at the peace jubilee celebration in Philadelphia, cannot but be an inspiration to every Republican in Pennsylvania. The magnificent speeches of the president on his tour to the Omaha exposition teemed with patriotic sentiments and aroused feelings of admiration and pride in the breast of every Republican and sound money Democrat who in any way aided in his election and the overthrow of Bryanism in 1896. While in no instance did the president make any direct allusion to politics, which on his travels west, in his private talks with friends whom he met in the several states it was made quite apparent that he is exceedingly anxious that there shall be nothing in the returns of next month's election which will in any way indicate lack of interest on the part of the people, and particularly among his fellow Republicans. In the grave situation which now confronts his administration, the president has received assurances from the Republican leaders in all the doubtful states that his recent public utterances have had a wonderful effect upon the voters in reminding them that an opportunity will be presented in a few days for them to go to the polls and give by their ballots, in the most direct way possible, a vote of confidence and approval of the national administration. The lining up of the Republicans in such states as Iowa, New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and the others in which there are debatable congressional districts, within the last week has been the subject of general comment.

THE WAR NOT OVER.

No one knows better than the president the serious nature of the problems yet to be solved in connection with the Spanish war. Great peace jubilees, in the minds of many, while calculated to keep alive the spirit of patriotism, are in fact, misnomers. The war is not over by any means. A special dispatch from Washington to the New York Tribune on this subject is interesting. It directs attention to the fact that there are still 120,000 soldiers of the Spanish army in Cuba, with all their accoutrements of war. While it was thought that the Spanish government would have had the greatest portion of this army out of the island by this time, it is now stated that no efforts will be made to send these troops home before Dec. 1. The municipal affairs of Havana are still in the hands of the Spanish officials. The reports from Paris regarding the peace commissioners all show that little if any progress has been made toward reaching a settlement of the many questions involved. The crafty Spaniards are employing every known trick of European diplomacy to thwart the efforts of the American commissioners and the best advised correspondents of the great newspapers cable their editors that they are unable to give any assurances that the commissioners will reach an early agreement. They declare that there is nothing to indicate that the commissioners are any nearer a settlement than they were the first day they met.

A WARNING TO REPUBLICANS.

Congressman James Rankin Young gave a timely warning to Republicans of Pennsylvania a few days ago, when he publicly declared, "As yet, as is no peace. Let us cherish no such illusion. There will be no peace until the Paris commissioners sign and seal the bond. The president's wishes will only be regarded when they are emphasized by your votes as the will of the American people. These gentlemen of Spain, now in Paris as commissioners, are well informed as to this campaign. They are as anxious for the defeat of Mr. McKinley as Jefferson Davis was for the defeat of Lincoln. Every blow aimed at the president, every vote thrown against him, every intemperate speech, every morsel of scandal swept out of the gutters of a polluted journalism, weakens the hands of the president, and tends to hamstring our commissioners in Paris. If there should be such a calamity as the defeat of the administration in November, it will invite a renewal of the war. It will give a premium upon disloyalty, and invite a contingency in which the blood and treasure spent at Santiago and Manila will be as water spilled upon the ground. "We cannot take too high ground in support of the president. More than at any time since Lincoln proclaimed emancipation, it is our duty to be with our leader in these glorious wars. Not in a dubious, uncertain, half hearted fashion, as a mere expression of party zeal, but firm, outspoken, incandescent. Auxiliary questions will be met in due time. Upon these there will be legitimate, welcome differences of opinion. Before we arrange the household let the fire go down. A war is not over in a day. The sea throbs and sobs long after a hurricane, and we are now in the throbbing and sobbing of the war with Spain, which can be settled promptly only by the American people standing loyally by their president at the coming election."

Both Swallow and Jenks are running around over the state dumb as oysters on the great questions which must confront President McKinley in the next congress, but confining their speeches to the parrot cry of Quay, Quay, Quay, and indulging in passionate tirades of personal abuse of individual Republicans. On the side of the opposition to the Republicans, it is a campaign of cowardice and vilification. What a spectacle for thoughtful people to contemplate.—Uniontown News.

It is a campaign which continually violates the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness." Relying upon the violation of this commandment for success, the anti-Republican campaign seeks to defeat Stone for governor, capture the legislature and turn the United States senate over to the foes of President McKinley. Are the Republican voters of Pennsylvania going to permit such a campaign to succeed?—Bryn Mawr News.