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MCKINLEY'S FRIENDS SOUND A WARNING.

Members of the Union League Speak
Forcibly to Pennsylvania
Republicans.

"THINK BEFORE YOU VOTE."

A Significant and Timely Declaration From
Men Who Take a Patriotic View of the
Solemn Duty Which Every Voter Will
Be Called Upon to Perform in a Few
Days.

Inspired by the patriotic scenes of
public week, no doubt, and realizing
the fact that the Democratic leaders
are making a still hunt campaign in
the hope of catching Republicans napping
in the present contest in Penn-
sylvania, a number of leading mem-
bers of the Union League, of Philadel-
phia, have united in a warning address
to Republicans of Pennsylvania. Pres-
ident McKinley was a guest of the
Union League on his recent visit to the
Quaker City and had a number of con-
fidential talks on the situation with
influential gentlemen in that famous
organization which since the days of
the rebellion has been the home of
patriotism and a bulwark of Republi-
canism. The members of no other club
in the country did more toward the
election of William McKinley to the
presidency by their quiet and effective
work with the business interests in
the doubtful states, and they are to-
day alive to the alarming conditions
that confront the McKinley adminis-
tration.

Here is the timely, pointed and terse
manner in which these gentlemen now
address the voters of this state:

Stop! Think! Then vote.
Don't wait until after you have voted be-
fore you think.

Stand by McKinley!
Stand by the flag!

No sincere, earnest Republican will,
by his vote, aid the Swallow-Wanamaker
conspiracy to turn Pennsylvania
over to the enemies of President Mc-
Kinley and his splendid administra-
tion.

The heroes of Manila and Santiago
shot straight. Let Republicans in
Pennsylvania VOTE STRAIGHT. Don't
be a guerrilla!

A vote against Colonel William A.
Stone for governor is a vote to em-
barass the McKinley administration
and in approval of the scheme con-
cocted in Washington by enemies of
the Republican party to carry New
York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Iowa
against the McKinley foreign policy,
or to materially cut down the Republi-
can majority in those states.

A vote against a Republican nominee
for the legislature is a vote for a free
silver, anti-McKinley United States
senator to be elected by the legislature
in January next.

Beware of the deceitful cry of "state
issues" by the use of which the attempt
is being made to turn Pennsylvania
over to free silverites, Prohibition ex-
tremists and disgruntled Republicans.

Let EVERY REPUBLICAN DO HIS
DUTY, and by his vote repudiate the
campaign of assassination which has
been waged against Republican leaders
and Republican candidates. Forever
set the seal of disapproval upon Span-
ish methods of warfare as applied to
Pennsylvania politics.

Stand by McKinley!
Stand by the flag!

While this is a plain, simple note of
admonition from members of an or-
ganization which, better than any other
body in the state, represents the solid
business interests of the common-
wealth, with its active and correspond-
ing memberships in every county, it is
conceded by the political leaders to be
the most concise and effective politi-
cal document that has been issued in
the present canvass. It is regarded as
especially important and significant
by reason of the fact that the men who
are responsible for it are numbered
among the warmest personal friends
and staunchest supporters of the pres-
ident. They, more than anyone else
outside of his cabinet, are in a posi-
tion to know his keen interest in the
coming election and of the anxiety he
has for Republican success in every
contested district and state, that it
shall go forth to the world with em-
phasis that the American voters have
sustained him and can be relied upon
to stand by his administration in any
crisis.

The State Senators and the State
Representatives who are elected next
Tuesday, will, in January next, vote
in the Legislature for a United States
Senator. Stand by the Republican
nominees and thus insure the sending
of a Republican to the United States
Senate.

A vote for Swallow is half a vote
for Jenks. Vote the straight Republi-
can ticket next Tuesday.

LOOKS TO PENNSYLVANIA.

Penrose Confers With the President
on the Political Situation.

Exceedingly Anxious That the Vote for the
Republican Party Shall Emphasize the
Feeling of the American People
Toward His Administration.

United States Senator Penrose had a
talk with President McKinley during
the latter's visit to Philadelphia on the
occasion of the peace jubilee and found
him greatly interested in the political
situation. The president, while re-
turning from making political speeches
on his recent trip west, showed a nat-
ural curiosity in conferring with his
friends regarding the coming elections.
He is anxious that he shall have a Rep-
ublican congress at his back in the
settlement of the many problems grow-
ing out of the war, and that the vote
of the doubtful or debatable states next
Tuesday shall indicate a popular sen-
timent in favor of his administration.

CHAT WITH PENROSE.

In commenting upon his talk with
the president Senator Penrose said
among other things:

"I found him as serene and self com-
posed as though not the central figure
in the nation. He seems to believe
that it is impossible for a people so
intelligent as the American people to
fail in devotion to the government at
a time like this.

"We are on the verge of a crisis more
important than any heretofore in our
history, for, while in past times we
have been absorbed in domestic af-
fairs, our country stands today on the
verge of empire. Already the Republi-
can party, in spite of a strong Demo-
cratic opposition in the senate, backed
by a powerful lobby, has achieved the
annexation of Hawaii. Porto Rico has
been added to our territory, with its
1,000,000 people. We shall have control
of Cuba for the time and we shall re-
tain the Philippines, for, wherever the
American flag has been raised at the
expense of American blood it shall not
be lowered.

"The Republican party is construc-
tive and it will not fail, but do you
understand that at this trying time a
change of 28 votes would change the
complexion of the house of representa-
tives, inviting the disaster that would
follow from a Democratic congress
with a Republican president. For use
in the contest of 1900 the Democrats
will make capital of what mistakes
have been made, if any.

"The nation looks to Pennsylvania to
sustain the president, and, speaking
advisedly, I tell you that she will give
William A. Stone more than 150,000 ma-
jority. What can be said to destroy
confidence in Colonel Stone, a self made
man, brought up on a farm, who as a
boy shouldered his musket?"

"The Republican party has a record
to be proud of, notwithstanding the
malignity and spite of men who go
throughout the state to deceive the
people. But the common sense of the
people will denounce their falsehoods.

SWALLOW AND WANAMAKER.

"If ever a deliberate, disingenuous
attempt to deceive the people was
undertaken it is to be found in the speech-
es of Swallow and Wanamaker. I
would not be disposed to stand in the
defense of guilty men, but they have
deliberately distorted the facts with
the purpose of deceiving the people.

SWALLOW HAS NO SHOW.

"The campaign is drawing to a close.
The Swallow tide is at its ebb. A vote
for Swallow is a vote for Jenks. The
Democrats who are disposed toward
Swallow are now returning to a united
assault on Republicans, and I hope
that the few Republican followers of
Swallow will not throw away their
votes upon him, but return to their
party. Apart from this, though, we do
not want a hysterical, untruthful and
absolutely unbalanced crank for gov-
ernor. I take the ground that not in
his past record or his present conduct
do we find anything qualifying him for
the governorship. The contemplation
of Swallow as governor, under the
cloak shadow of Wanamaker, is too
dreadful for sensible men to entertain.
The Republican party is large enough
for reform within its own lines. The
president of the United States appeals
to you to support and sustain him,
and not allow the pettifogger, slanderer
and office seeker to imperil the great
policies of state."

Stay-at-home Republicans are as-
sistant Democrats. If it takes a lit-
tle trouble to get to the polls, your
vote is of that much more impor-
tance. It is of value to the Republi-
can party and to the nation. Remem-
ber that Next Tuesday, November 8,
is election day.

MORE POPPYCOCKISM.

OUR PARTY CAN DO ITS OWN HOUSE
CLEANING IF NEEDED.

Democrats Applying New Tactics. Re-
publicans Whose Only Grievances Are
That They Have Been Rejected for Nom-
ination. Merrick One of Them.

The fusionist in politics is the
bright glint of burlesque and comedy
in a serious drama that otherwise
would often grow dreary and tire-
some. But the fusionist is never
monotonous and never stale. He is
always breaking into the play in a
new role on the very eve of an elec-
tion, and, even though it is all tragic-
al enough the funny burlesque is to
their audiences an unending source
of amusement. But on the violent
contrast with the fusionist who are
sore because the party will not bow
unto them, they try to sink the ves-
sel with all on board, and they are
as sincere as they are grotesque,
which is what makes them humor-
ous.

No intelligent person can object to
a fair criticism of a candidate or of
an administration nor a portrayal of
the virtues of one candidate over an-
other, but the introduction of will-
ful misrepresentations, belittling in-
nuendoes and jingoism into a campaign
is degenerating and uncalled for and
when Mr. Merrick on Monday night
in the court house stooped to mis-
representations and wantonly false
assertions its effect amounted to
nothing. As a lawyer Mr. Merrick
made an extravagant uproar alleging
severe crime and quoting law and
telling his handful of listeners that
it was a civic duty of his to do so
inasmuch that newspapers were not
thoroughly informing the public of
these awful crimes charged against
office holders at Harrisburg. We
have courts and juries in this country
to try issues of this character, and
newspapers and fusion politicians
who seek to air their charges for
political purposes only are not a part
of our judicial system. If the evi-
dence he has is genuine and so strong
why don't he bring suit at once.

DISAPPOINTED OFFICE SEEKER.

Who is this Geo. W. Merrick of
Tioga county, who is making a series
of speeches in this county in the
interest of the Democratic candidates?
Why, when Merrick's political re-
cord is understood his motives become
clear to everybody.

In 1882 he was a candidate at the
Republican State Convention for
Secretary of Internal Affairs. He
failed to get the nomination, how-
ever, and filled with revenge joined
in a movement to defeat the regular
Republican nominee. An independ-
ent ticket was put up and Merrick
was placed upon it as a candidate
for Secretary of Internal Affairs.
That ticket brought about the defeat
of General Beaver for Governor and
the whole Republican State ticket.
Every since that time Merrick, while
calling himself a Republican has
been a traitor to his party and is
known in his native county only as
a political renegade who, disappointed
as an office seeker, now vents his
spleen by turning against his party.
The records show that he got 27
votes in this county in 1882. Can he
fool that many people in 1898?

CONSPIRACY AGAINST WOODIN.

Private Secretary Said to Have Been
Bribed By Democratic Managers.

Bloomsburg, Oct. 30.—The man-
agers of the campaign that is being
waged against W. H. Woodin, are
growing desperate. For the past
three weeks, it is said, secret negotia-
tions have been carried on between
a prominent Democrat of Columbia
county and the private secretary of
Mr. Woodin for the purchase from
the latter of Mr. Woodin's private
correspondence in the hope that some
tell-tale letter would be discovered.
Mr. Woodin suspected his secretary
and had him shadowed.

On Tuesday the plot was exposed
when the private secretary, about to
leave Berwick, was confronted with
the charge and compelled by a de-
tective to open his trunk and surren-
der a package of private letters that
he had abstracted from the files of
Woodin's office and was about to
carry away with him to deliver to
the Democratic chairman. Although
the writing he had in his possession
were entirely harmless and would
not have in the least have compro-
mised Mr. Woodin before the public.
This attempt to get possession of
them goes to show to what straits
Mr. Woodin's opponents in this dis-
trict have been driven.

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE.

What Shall the Harvest Be. The Verdict
Rests With the People.

It has been a hot campaign. Not
even in a Presidential year has there
been more excitement among the
politicians. But the politicians are
only a small part of the voters, and
the voters have been strangely apath-
etic. The great majority of men
who take no special interest in poli-
tics except to read the newspapers
and cast their ballots on election day
have not been aroused as they ordi-
narily are, yet these are the men to
decide the fight. Democratic Ring-
sters of the old stripe have tried to
break through this indifference to
get the masses aroused, but with
rather poor success considering the
efforts they have made. If has been
one of the surprises of the canvass—
this apparent indifference of the
general public.

Yet, the duller mind cannot mis-
take the meaning of the vote. State
issues are not enough to explain it.
The attempt to rob Judge Dunham
of an honest election and throwing
the county heavily in debt, is a "bet-
ter government" howlers. The
wrath of God has already visited
one of the perpetrators in this vile
attempt to rob the people of their
choice and suffer them with the ex-
pense of so doing, and the end is
not yet reached.

These irrepressible howlers may
stuff their own ears with the cotton
of such sophistic treachery until
they bulge, yet they cannot avoid
feeling the truth even as the festive
Phyllostines on the temple roof felt
the thrill of Sampson's muscles
when he put forth his hands upon
the pillars to take vengeance for his
blindness. The people have been
beguiled more than once by these
same croakers and let themselves
be bound, but their invincible strength
is in them still, and they give
notice to those who read the election
returns to stand from under or be-
ware of the smash on Tuesday next.
These votes are made up of the vot-
ers of the Jacksonian type, who
stand by sound principles; who die,
but never surrender to the serpents.

What shall the answer to their
warning be? What will be the
effect of this vote upon the prosperity
of the country? It will make the
result of the election bear fruit in
furthering the reviving industry,
returning prosperity and good times
again, and they have patriotism and
wisdom enough to do it.

If they are unequal to this breadth
of patriotism and go on aiding their
leaders in their blind purpos to
tear down the great industrial struc-
tures merely because it was Republican
hands that built it up then they can
narrow the present fruits of Tues-
day's election, but the intelligent
voter is too wise for that. We can-
not believe the voters will have the
impudence or the party blindness to
do so.

We have been through a war and
we have won. The Congress to be
elected on Tuesday will deal with
all the great questions growing out
of it. There are governments to be
formed, ships to be built for the navy,
merchant vessels to be placed upon
the seas. The extension of commer-
ce and business in two oceans is a
most important problem, and we
are face to face with it. The Republi-
can party can be depended upon to
satisfactorily settle these questions
and the duty of the people of this
district is to send W. H. Woodin to
Congress.

Our Candidate W. H. Woodin.

W. H. Woodin's home life at Ber-
wick is a good indication as to what
kind of a man he would be if chosen
to preside over the interests of this
district at Wash. ngton. His neigh-
bors know him to be honest, active
and charitable as well as very intelli-
gent. His family find him a loving
christian husband and father. He
has a very determined, broad-minded
spirit absolutely necessary in the
make up of a competent congress-
man. Men of ideas must be sent to
Washington and our voters will do
a wrong act if they do not recognize
the merits of the above named.

Marks That Will Tell a Great Story.

The candidates who have made a
mark in their canvass and who will
receive a large majority of marks on
the ballots that will be cast on Tues-
day next are the big four—Woodin,
Christian, Lawrence and Osler.

(X) (X) (X) (X)
H. W. Osler, the popular candidate
for Sheriff is a young man of more
than ordinary ability, and if elected
he will make a splendid county
official. We believe it would be a
step forward to elect him to the office
of Sheriff of Sullivan county, for he
is thoroughly qualified and fully
deserving.

(X) (X) (X) (X)
Wm. J. Lawrence is recognized by
all as the next Prothonotary. His
friends are legion, and they will turn
out en masse on election day and
elect him by a large majority. He
has performed the onerous duties of
his office with marked distinction
and ability. Join the procession and
be on the winning side, and not only
vote for Bill, but the entire ticket.

(X) (X) (X) (X)
H. W. Osler is one of those steady
going, careful business men that
make a success of everything they
undertake. If he should be elected,
and there is every reason to believe
he will be, the office will be in good
and capable hands. When Mr. Osler
came out as a candidate for Sheriff
his availability was at once conced-
ed. In his preliminary canvass at
the convention he carried everything
by storm, and he has never relaxed
since his nomination. His compet-
ency and fitness over his opponent
cannot be questioned. In fact it
would be to the county's best inter-
ests to elect him.

(X) (X) (X) (X)
W. H. Woodin represents the true
American idea of government and
his election will be pleasing to hun-
dreds of thousands of working men
and citizens of this State. He is un-
questionably the man for the honor
and the choice of the people, and
every voter will be wise to realize
this fact and vote accordingly. The
United States Congressmanship is
deeply agitating the people of this
great old commonwealth. We are
all interested in who will be chosen.
All have their preferences. Yet
there is one who is more deeply in-
terested than all the rest. That one
is President McKinley. To him the
choice will be one of very great im-
portance. His wishes are entitled to
due consideration. He has stood by
the people, the people should stand
by him. Mark (X) in the first col-
umn.

(X) (X) (X) (X)
H. W. Osler will come in from the
western end with an almost solid
vote, and if the other part of the
county will do their duty he will be
elected to the office of Sheriff by a
majority that will reach high water
mark. He is a self-made man, en-
ergetic, not in the least bummy, but
progressive and honest, and just the
kind of a man that is needed where
honesty and economy seems to have
been neglected for a number of years
past. No reflection of dishonesty on
the present incumbent, but wasteful
extravagance on the part of his legal
dominator.

(X) (X) (X) (X)
Dr. J. L. Christian represents in
his community every quality that
constitutes a wise, public spirited
and honorable citizen. He will there-
fore not only be identified with but
will be a most effective champion of
every popular reform measure that
will pass through the legislature.
He possesses to a marked degree
every qualification necessary to make
an able representative in the Assem-
bly, possessing firmness of character,
remarkable ability as a parliamen-
tarian, and staunch in his belief that
truth and justice should prevail. If
there is any reform to be wrought
out at Harrisburg it requires the ex-
act personage of Dr. J. L. Christian
of ability coupled with an honesty
of purpose and a conception of right
and duty. The universal expression
of confidence of those best acquainted
with him should make votes for him
and the manner of man he is entitle
him to the suffrages of all.

In the Political Arena.

The leaders of Democracy have an-
nounced their intention of "carrying
the war into Africa," the present
week and in a series of three "honest
government" meetings will doubtless
work a political revolution in West-
ern Sullivan. People must know
that talk is cheap and should always
consider the speaker and the truth-
fulness of his argument.

The Sheriff's business in this coun-
ty has decreased over 60 per cent.
during the past year. How does the
Republican administration compare
with Cleveland's rule of ruin.

In the last two issues of the Gazette
while Strey was verandaing
around the veracity of truth evidently
lost himself. One would have sup-
posed that the elevated position he
is accredited with, by his oath before
the contest court, would have exer-
cised an influence on his action politi-
cally as would have protected him
from making such false statements.
Folks are sure of his traits, but un-
certain about his principles. He has
inspired every feeling necessary to
success in making the public lack
confidence in him. It is a plant of
slow growth with our contemporary.
Beware of his forthcoming issue
and see that truth is given freedom.

At a Mullen-Gallagher political
meeting in Sonestown one night last
week the exponents of "good govern-
ment had an interesting drama of
what might be called "primitive
methods of better government for
Harrisburg." A session of liquid
refreshments followed the gale of
eloquence that prevailed during
Mullen's abusive session. The re-
sults of the combined inspiration
terminated in a free for all fight, in
which their ideas of "better govern-
ment were carried out to a letter.
The respectable citizens of Sonestown
certainly do not feel very highly
flattered by having such campaign
methods brought to their town to
edify intelligent people on the
better government question. Better
learn to govern themselves first.

We would never have known
what a poor, miserable downtrodden
people we are if it wasn't for Mer-
rick.

The attempt to elect Mr. Meyers
by a mud-slinging campaign of vile
insinuations, misleading and false
statements against Dr. Christian will
do the former more harm than the
latter. The decent and respectable
people of Sullivan county will resent
this method of carrying on a cam-
paign of assassination and falsehood,
clothed in pretences of honest govern-
ment. If the Gazette, masquerading
under false colors of honesty, contain-
ed even a grain of that priceless
commodity in its rag of rot, the fact
has so far escaped the observation of
decent people. Editor Strey, so far
as the conducting of a fair, manly,
open and dignified mode of warfare
is concerned, is a fallen idol, and we
are content to be classified among
the number that do protest against
the use of the cowardly and prepon-
derous weapon—misrepresentation—
The motives underlying actions of
this kind are unworthy of any fair
minded man, much less one who
poses before the people as an appli-
cant for public favor, and still less of
one who seeks a place in the halls of
the legislature as is Mr. Meyers. If
a warfare of this sort comports itself
with Mr. Meyers's idea of rectitude
and consciousness of "honest govern-
ment," we can only say that Mey-
ers's consciousness is in no immedi-
ate danger of disturbance by any of
the ordinary lapses of legislative life.

Fusionist Merrick must have car-
ried the idea that he was to appear
before a pack of jayhooths when he
came into Sullivan county, that
never hear of anything outside of
local matters. He stated to his audi-
ence Monday night that he was not
a candidate for office nor never had
been. If his mind can reach back
as far as 1882 he will sustain us in
calling him an unmitigated liar, and
he is one.