

THURSDAY, NOV. 3, 1898.

JOHN WANAMAKER'S RECORD

Political Career of the Philadelphia Millionaire Told in Five Paragraphs.

1837—Failed to receive the Republican nomination for mayor of Philadelphia given unanimously to Hon. Edwin H. Pfitler. Wanamaker entered into negotiations with William F. Harry and others for Democratic support for an independent candidacy, but gave up the job when it became apparent that Pfitler could not be beaten.

County Seat Indices.

AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Mike Flynn spent Sunday at Dushore.
—Many of our people thought it was a Holler eve.
—Ernest Hegel enjoyed a drive to Bernice on Sunday.
—B. F. Crossley of Dushore, called on friends in town Sunday.
—A. L. Dyer of Lopez, was a business caller in town Tuesday.
—R. W. Bennets of Eagles Mere, made business calls in town Monday.
Born, to Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Powell, Wednesday, Oct. 26, a son.
—Meyers is likely to find that his campaign sadly lacks terminal facilities.
—Emby Chase and family of Eagles Mere, Sundayed with friends in town.
—Mrs. L. Casperine who has been visiting friends at New York, has returned home.
—A good many failed to see the humor in the deprecations committed Monday night.
—Miss May Donovan spent the latter part of last week with friends at Muncy Valley.
—Miss Anna Kennedy visited friends in town Tuesday, previous to going to York State for the winter.
—Arthur Miner and Delroy Heim returned home on Monday having been mustered out of service as privates in Co. M.
—The Democratic party is ignoring National issues, and the people taking their cue from that will ignore them on election day.
—Dr. Nutt of Williamsport, was called to this place Wednesday in consultation with Dr. Wackenhuth over the severe illness of Mrs. Powell.
—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Coleman, John Fries, Anna Rouse, Jackie Fries, and Maggie Donovan spent Sunday at Dushore with Mr. and Mrs. John S. Farrell.
—The newspaper that reaches the people in the quiet of their homes, where plain facts can best appeal to the intellect, is by far the most preferable medium of communication.
—The editor is in receipt of a letter by someone who signed no name, that they wanted their paper sent to Sonestown in place of Eagles Mere. Sorry, but we can't accommodate the party.
—The entertainment given by the Boro. schools in the court house on Friday evening, was well attended and a pronounced success. At the close a collection of over \$11 was raised for the Lafayette fund.
Dr. Laubach of Benton, who announced in these columns in a previous issue, his intention of opening a dental room in Dr. Wackenhuth's drug store where he would be engaged one week every three months, filled his first appointment last week to the highest satisfaction of those who secured his services. He desires that his patrons address him previous to his next engagement, and state the nature of the work they wished done, and will thereby receive his prompt attention in advance of others.

Sonestown.
Miss Rose Simmons is entertaining Miss Maud Koons of Hughesville.
G. W. Snyder registered at the Magarale House last Friday.
Monroe Panton's child, Harry, is very sick with pneumonia.
Spencer Starr returned to his school at Emmons on Sunday after a Saturday at home.
Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Armstrong and children are home from the jubilee.
Miss Mary McClain has gone to the southern part of the state for a time.
Miss May Mencer spent Saturday at home with her brother.
The members of the E. V. church gave a chicken and waffle supper with oysters and ice cream at their festival building last Saturday evening.
Our blacksmiths are exceedingly busy just now. One is out electioneering and the other is catching bears.
Pierce Schug's mill on the mountain is moved to Edkin Hill.
James Laird and sister Maud, and Elvory Horn and sister Alma visited in town last week.
C. E. Billamboz has moved into the house vacated by C. J. Brink who has moved to Eagles Mere.
The Democratic speech of last week was a "howling success." The Republicans were expected to have one last Tuesday evening but they must have been scared out.
A wood chopping in the day time and a rag sewing in the evening made Alex. Hesse's premises merry all last Wednesday. Everyone had a good time except the boys who tried to sew their fingers along with the carpet rags.
The literary this week will discuss the question, resolved that the mental capacity of the sexes is equal.
Little Frankie Starr, son of Chas. Starr, died last Saturday. Interment was made at Lairdville on Monday. The little fellow was universally liked and his loss is felt by all.
Andrew Edgar and Will's bird caught two more bears last Saturday. They have now killed four inside two weeks and report bear signs to be "thicker than ever" yet.
Forksville High School Notes.
School is progressing under the instruction of Prof. M. R. Black and Miss Bertha Grange.
The literary society was organized the 12th of last month and the following officers were elected: President, Guy W. Rogers; Vice-Pres., J. Clyde Plotts; Sec'y, Anna Brown; Treasurer, Claire Nye; Librarian, Mollie Rogers; Janitor, John Randall.
Lafayette Day was observed with fitting exercises by the school.
A very interesting literary program was given last Wednesday evening. Great credit is due the society for the careful preparation of their work.
County Supt. Meylert called upon us Monday and cheered us with his words of encouragement.
Bernice Echoes.
P. C. Connor has returned from New York where he has been purchasing goods for W. H. Blight.
James Long visited friends at Dushore Monday of last week.
Mrs. C. A. Brown visited friends at New Albany the latter part of last week.
The following went to Philadelphia to the Peace Jubilee last week: Thomas Finn and son William, Misses Mary Ryan, Nellie Haley, Mrs. Peter Murphy, Joseph Ryan and Carl Klintgart.
A number from here attended the Democratic Rally at Lopez Thursday Evening.
Mrs. S. O. Northrop visited friends at Lovellon the latter part of last week.
Chauncey Walters visited friends and relatives at Dushore Saturday.
C. P. Hope transacted business at Dushore Saturday.
Mrs. G. L. Norton of New Albany has opened a millinery store at Schaad's Hotel for a few days.
Prof. James Rutherford and John Thayer transacted business at Dushore on Saturday.
Henry Dunahoe and wife of Dushore were the guests of Thomas Dunahoe Sunday.
The addition to W. H. Blight's meat market is completed. The engine and boiler are ready for business and you can get meat of all kinds and in all shapes as every thing will be done by steam.
Mrs. Solomon Burns is visiting friends at Long Valley.
Miss Mary Farrell of Lopez visited friends here Saturday.
Prof. J. H. Thayer of Dushore spent Saturday with friends at this place.
Muncy Valley.
Dr. Christian Republican candidate for Assembly, was looking up his friends in this place last week.
Jos. Shea of Williamsport was looking after the insurance business at this place a few days last week.
Jas. Walsh Democratic candidate for Sheriff was shaking hands with his friends at this place last week.
Mr. R. R. Scott spent last Thursday in Hughesville.
J. Wm. Moran spent a few days in Williamsport last week.
A large number from here attended the speech of E. J. Mullen at Sonestown.
Miss Mabel and Clara Taylor spent a couple of days in Hughesville last week.
Miss Jennie Hause of Williamsport is spending a few days with her parents at this place.
Mrs. Frank Magargel returned home from Philadelphia last Saturday, where she spent the week attending the great peace jubilee.
Mrs. E. E. Webb returned home from Philadelphia on Monday.
A large number from this place attended the funeral of little Frankie Starr at Sonestown on Monday.
The boys and girls of this place seemed to be playing their old-time tricks on the day night.
Our schools at this place was closed Monday on account of the funeral of Frankie Starr.

Hillsgrove.
Uncle Josiah Warren of Millview placed his annual visit to friends at this place during the week.
Prof. A. C. T. Edkin visited friends in town Sunday.
The P. O. S. of A. banquet was a success both socially and financially.
Harry Haas of Susquehanna University spent a few days with his parents.
H. W. ... the popular candidate for Sheriff ... lands with friends in town Saturday.
Last an absence of five years Mrs. Deborah Gilbert and son Charles, of Norfolk, Va., are welcome callers at their former home.
U. A. Moulthrop returned Saturday from a weeks visit with friends at Sidney.
Rev. J. L. Phoenix and wife of Troy visited friends here Friday.
Rev. Mosher of Forks-ville, preached a very interesting sermon in the M. E. church Sunday.
Miss Maudie Crowhill of Williamsport is calling on friends in town.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall returned from their summer residence at Heniker, N.Y., to their home at this place Monday last.
Teachers' Local Institutes.
The first series of teachers' local institutes will be held as follows:
For Davidson, LaPorte Boro., LaPorte Twp., and Shrewsbury, at Sonestown, November 19.
For Cherry, Colley and Dushore, at DuShore, November 26.
For Elkland, Forks, Fox, Forks-ville and Hillsgrove, at Forks-ville, Dec. 2.
Two sessions of each institute will be held, the first commencing at 9:30 a. m., and the second at 1:30 p. m. It is hoped that every teacher will attend the institute held for his district and be prepared to take an active part in the exercises. A copy of the program will be mailed to each teacher, will also appear in the county papers next week.
Directors, patrons and citizens are cordially invited to join with us in making these meetings helpful to the causes of education.
F. W. MEYLETT,
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, LAPORTE, PA., OCT. 31, 1898.
COURT PROCLAMATION.
WHEREAS, Hon. E. M. DENHAM, President Judge, Honorable John S. Line and Conrad Kraus, Associate Judges of the County of Lycoming and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued their process, bearing date the 28 day of Sept. 1898, to me directed, for holding the several courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the 12th day of October, next, at 10 o'clock p. m. Therefore, notice is hereby given to the Corner Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their proper places, to receive and receive the oaths of office and to be sworn in and to those who are bound by their recognition to prosecute against prisoners who are or shall be in the jail of the said county of Sullivan, are hereby notified to be then and there to prosecute against them as will be just.
ELLIS SWANK, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Laporte, Pa., Oct. 31, 1898.
Trial List, December Term, 1898.
1. A. C. Haverly, vs Benjamin Kuykendall, Jr. No. 71. Term 1897. Trespass. Plea "not guilty."
2. Mitchell, Young & Co. vs A. J. Hackley, No. 101. Term 1895. Secre Fugias, Plea. "Payment."
3. James McFarlane, vs W. C. Mason, No. 92. Foby. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea "Non Assumpsit, payment, payment with leave to set aside."
4. Martin Shaffer, vs Josephine Fitzpatrick, No. 98. May Term 1898. Feigned Issue. Plea "Payment."
5. Martin Markle, vs E. V. Ingham, No. 152. Sept. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea "Non Assumpsit, payment, payment with leave to set aside."
6. F. M. Lewis, vs J. W. Ballard, No. 5. Dec. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea. "Non Assumpsit, payment, payment with leave to set aside."
7. E. H. Tomlinson vs Jacob A. Meyers and William L. Taylor, No. 14. Feb. T. 1898. Ejectment. Plea. "Not guilty."
8. J. Wm. Allen and Martha Allen vs Taper Hunsinger and Rush J. Hunsinger, No. 99. May T. 1898. Ejectment. Mullen and Thomson (Hill and Platt).
WM. J. LAWRENCE, Proth. Proth's office, Laporte, Pa., Oct. 31, 1898.
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 Lycoming, on the 21st 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.
SULLIVAN 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 claiming thereon, 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 1 o'clock p. m. the following described property viz:
A piece or 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 Job Evans, described as follows:
Beginning at a corner on the line of Lycoming 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 line of Elizabeth and Deborah James, Grace James and Job Evans tracts, thence southerly along common line of Job Evans and Job Evans in 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 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, 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:
CHRISTIAN E. HEINZE, Executor, Lake Run Pa., Oct. 11, 1898.
Boarders.
John V. Finkle has opened his large and comfortable house for the accommodation of boarders, and also for regular boarders by the day or week, at reasonable rates.
Corner of Maple and Muncy Sts., Laporte.
Subscribe for the NEWS ITEM.

READY FOR THE BIG BATTLE AT THE POLLS

Pennsylvania Republicans Intensely Interested in the Election Near at Hand.

THE DEMOCRATS BANK ON APATHY

Colonel Stone a Prime Favorite in the Betting in the Quaker City.

SWALLOW A POOR THIRD.

Reports From Different Counties in the State Received at Republican State Headquarters Indicate that the Committeemen Are Alive to the Situation and Will See That the Vote Is Gotten to the Polls.

"With a few days left until the issue is settled at the election," says a special correspondent from Philadelphia, "the Republican campaign managers in Pennsylvania, recognizing that the fight is now with their old time opponent, the Democracy, are confident that Colonel Stone will sweep the state with a great majority. They do not expect this to be accomplished without a tremendous amount of hard work on the part of those responsible for getting out the vote, but they have every reason to believe that this will be done. Diligent inquiry has been made to ascertain the weak spots in the party organization and precautions have been taken so that there shall be no losses in these localities. The reports from every section go to show that the Wanamaker-Swallow campaign against the Republican party has had the effect, first, to inspire the Democrats with the hope of capturing the state and to bring their warring factions together for Jenks, and next to awaken the Republicans of Pennsylvania to the danger that confronts them through apathy or indifference, while the Bourbon forces are harmonious and aggressive and determined to win a victory, if possible. There are evidences that the Democratic organization is unusually well supplied with campaign funds. Colonel Guffey, the acknowledged leader of the Democracy, is reported to be a millionaire many times over, and he has been unusually liberal this year.

THE WANAMAKER BARREL.
They have had the advantage of the immense expenditures of the Wanamaker organization in its campaign to discredit the Republican party in the eyes of the independent voters. The fact that the Philadelphia Democratic machine, which was supposed to be bankrupt, managed to pay the poll tax of over 25,000 Democratic voters in the Quaker City, was one of the early indications that the Democrats were well supplied with cash. There is said to be a special fund which is to be devoted to the congressional and legislative district contests, wherever the Democrats or fusionists think they have a chance of defeating Republican candidates.

These and other facts bearing on the inside workings of the Democratic campaign have come to the knowledge of Chairman John P. Elkin, of the Republican state committee, and he has sent out a warning notice to the Republican committeemen where it has been deemed necessary in the close districts it has been stated that the Democrats propose to work an old Tammany Hall game by which they hope to secure Republicans to stay away from the polls where they cannot get them to vote for the Democratic or fusion tickets. They have a special appropriation to be expended for this purpose. Republican workers have been advised to be on the alert as to the danger from such a scheme, and there is reason to believe that they will see that every voter is at the polls on election day or know the reason why.

BETTING QUITE LIVELY.
So confident are the Republican leaders of the fact that the Republican voters of the state are alive to the true condition of affairs and that the county committeemen are going to get out the vote that they are backing their convictions with liberal offers to wager on Colonel Stone's election. In Philadelphia this week a member of the Union League and also of the Stock Exchange announced that he had \$2,000 to bet on Colonel Stone against \$1,000 on Mr. Jenks, but he had no takers, even at these big odds. A number of smaller bets have been made—one of \$500 on Stone to \$200 on Jenks, another of \$200 to \$100 that Stone will be elected and one of \$200 even that Stone will have 50,000 majority. A bet of \$200 to \$100 has been made by a well known Democrat in Pittsburg that Jenks will poll twice as many votes as Swallow. All the betting places Swallow third man in the race.

The reports received at the Republican state committee headquarters from prominent party men in different sections of the state all show that the Swallow movement, except in a few localities, is on the wane.

STONE TO HEAD THE TICKET.
Chester county will be carried by every candidate on the Republican ticket from top to bottom," said State Senator William Preston Snyder, of Chester county, confidently. "Colonel Stone will head the ticket in the county. While earlier in the canvass it looked as though there would be a formidable

independent Republican vote, it is now apparent that the Republicans have come to realize the importance of this election. They recognize the fact that a vote for Swallow is half a vote for Jenks. The national phase of the coming election, with President McKinley's administration commanding the support of every Republican, that the vote of the people may justly reflect the universal desire to stand by the president, is having its influence in every direction.

NO BRYANITE FOR SENATOR.

The danger of electing a Bryanite United States senator from Pennsylvania, which would be the ultimate outcome of the Republican support of these fusion legislative tickets, has had the effect of lining up Republicans for a full and hearty support of all their candidates. The Republican nominees for the legislature in Chester county are exceptionally strong, and each in his own locality will exert a personal influence for the whole ticket.

"How about the fusion on the legislature?" he was asked.
"The Democratic voters, who are now solid for Jenks, object to voting for Republicans for the legislature. The two Republicans on their ticket will be cut generally by the Democratic voters.

With the Republican vote going to Stone and the Democrats standing by Jenks, you can see that Swallow is bound to be last in the race in our county."

A BLAIR COUNTY REPORT.

The situation in Blair county is very favorable for the Republican ticket, according to a report received at the Republican headquarters. C. O. Templeton, of Tyrone, is a well known member of the Blair county bar and a prominent Republican.

"There can be no doubt of the fact that the sentiment in favor of the Republican ticket is daily becoming stronger," said Mr. Templeton. "The Swallow boom is on the decline, and while the Democrats are showing more interest in the campaign for Mr. Jenks, the very fact has its influence on the Republican voters, and they will be found standing by their party nominees."

Howard Lyon, who is chairman of the Republican committee of Lycoming county, was in consultation with State Chairman Elkin a few days ago, and he gave a very hopeful view of the outlook in his section of the state.

"We have every reason to be satisfied with political conditions in our county," remarked Mr. Lyon, confidently, when asked as to the outlook in Lycoming county. "The Republicans are lining up splendidly for the candidates on the state ticket and are evincing unusual interest in the preparatory work for getting out the vote and rolling up good majorities for all the nominees. Colonel Stone on his recent visit to our county made a very favorable impression. He inspired every one who heard him with absolute confidence in his honesty of purpose and in his determination to adhere to the pledges he has made to institute reforms in state affairs and to veto any objectionable legislation that may be presented to him. His public declaration that he will refuse to sign objectionable appropriation bills such as failed to receive the sanction of the present executive and which, it is intimated, may be re-introduced at the coming session of the legislature, has placed the critics of the Republican party at a disadvantage. Republicans of Lycoming county decline to admit that they have to go to the Democracy to secure reforms, and they fall to recall when experiments in that line have been effective. With a candid, manly and honorable candidate like Colonel Stone, whose word can be relied upon, they will stand by their party in the present canvass with every assurance that they will have no occasion to regret having done so."

"What about the Swallow sentiment in your locality?" Mr. Lyon was asked. "There was quite a large vote polled for Swallow in our county the last time he ran," he replied, "but he will not get anything like that vote this time. The more the people get to know about Dr. Swallow and his peculiar ideas the less are they disposed to vote for him. Business men and other men of affairs who have studied the character of the man do not hesitate to express the opinion that it would be a serious blunder to entrust a man of that type with the grave responsibilities of the chief executive of the commonwealth. With the exceptionally strong nominees on the Republican state ticket we have no concern about Republicans in our section standing by their candidates next month. They all realize the national significance attached to the coming election. President McKinley's administration would unquestionably suffer in the estimation of the European nations should the Republicans in states like Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Iowa and others permit Democratic victories next month through their being carried away by the Democratic cry of state issues. In this state the fight is undoubtedly between Stone and Jenks, as anyone familiar with the political conditions must place Swallow a poor third in the race, and here we have the same attacks being made upon Colonel Stone as the Tammany Democrats of New York are making against Colonel Roosevelt. There they are shouting local issues and maligning the brave commander of the rough riders just as they are attempting to discredit Colonel Stone, a brave soldier of the civil war, but this is not a good way to resort to such tactics, and I am confident the election returns from Lycoming county will fully bear me out in this prediction."

THE INSPIRATION OF M'KINLEY.
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This condition in Pennsylvania corresponds with that in other states. Much of it is undoubtedly due to the influence of President McKinley's speaking tour of the country. While he did not in any case violate the proprieties of his position by climbing upon the stump every speech was a reminder to Republicans of the high charge laid upon him and upon them, and a bugle call to do their duty.

Democrats Still Pretending Fusion and Independence, but Will Not Be on Election Day—Republicans Thoroughly Aroused to the Gravity of the Situation, and Are Lining Up For an Old Fashioned Majority—What the Township Reports Show.

(Special Correspondence.)
Philadelphia, Oct. 24.—With the closing weeks of the campaign come the usual conditions of political contests. Men who have had grievances, or what they honestly thought were grievances, against the state or local leadership of their party will talk all summer about voting a ticket hostile to all their convictions and their faith.

but when the frosty air of the month before the election gets into their lungs they put aside petty considerations. Men who have sincerely preached criticism, often with a biting tongue, against certain things done by members of their party in its name, take a larger view of the importance of their right of suffrage as November approaches.

They recall the traditions of their party, in which they have gloried during all their manhood. They remember their pride in its achievements when it has been in power, and no less exact in their loyalty to it and to each other when the fortunes of politics cast them down in defeat. They remind themselves that outside of their two great parties, no sensible political good to the people has been accomplished in 40 years. They call over the list of side issues, propagated by all the various side show political organizations, since anti-Masonry and Know-nothingism, and they find no results from them to which those who participated in these movements can point with satisfaction.

And so, with the advent of frosty weather, men's minds expand to the appreciation of the larger and more important public questions. They take thought of what a vote cast against their party ticket will be taken to mean. They hear in advance the jubilant cheers of those to whom they have always been opposed until now, but whom they have been beguiled into assisting to victory. They can imagine their jeers, as well, and realize that somebody has been fooling them. They can smell beforehand the offensive smoke of the burning tar barrels around which their ancient enemies will dance in triumph on election night, and it is all the more offensive in their foreboding because they realize that they have been misled into helping a movement to deliver their party into the hands of its enemies.

And then their stalwart blood is roused in their veins, and they cast aside small considerations, and march to the polls under their old and honored party standards.

There have been many illustrations of this, but never a better than the recent subsidence of the crank wave in Pennsylvania politics, which has been led by Dr. Swallow. As a midsummer madness it did threaten in August to submerge some of the old party lines, at least in the opinion of those who did not think far enough back to recall that even Horace Greeley would apparently have been elected in August, 1872, and yet died broken hearted by his overwhelming defeat in November.

There is no such consummation to be expected in the case of the vociferous Swallow, or at least he will not die of lung disease.

But all the indications of the past few weeks point out that he will be a ridiculous third in the race, and that the issue is now squarely joined between Stone and Jenks, between Republicanism and Democracy.

You can read it in the unceasing jubilation of the reports in the leading Democratic papers of the state, proclaiming the news from various counties that the Democratic rank and file who have been talking Swallow and fusion are lining up to their regular party tickets, and exulting in the chances of electing Democratic members of congress, state senators and members of the state legislature, by party tickets, and exiting in the virtue of their hope that Republicans will fool away their votes on Swallow. One of the most significant signs of this feeling upon the Democratic side was displayed this week when the wily William F. Harry (who was deposed from the Democratic national committee by Guffey for refusing to support Bryan and Bryanism in 1896), came out publicly for the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Harry is a thrifty gentleman and doesn't waste out and wet his feet unless he thinks he sees a chance to gather in an oyster. He sees now how the party is solidifying again under the old free silver leadership, and the sacrifice of a little thing like consistency is not going to stand between him and a seat in the band wagon.

The evidence of this return to natural party allegiance is even more apparent at Republican state headquarters than among the Democratic authorities. All over the state the spirit of party loyalty is coming through a revival.

A couple of weeks ago, when the Swallow campaign of vituperation, ignorance and misrepresentation had already reached its height, blanks were sent out to 2,000 different precincts and township members of Republican county committees throughout the state, asking them for a careful individual poll, and their most accurate estimate of how the votes of their people would probably be cast. The purpose expressed was to get as near the exact situation as possible. I have personally been given the opportunity to examine a bushel or more of the replies, taking them at random as they came in, and comparing them with the vote of last year. There are some political plague spots, of course, where local factional differences have bred party disorders, but the general run of the returns show beyond question that the conservative common sense of the people of Pennsylvania, which has so often decided critical elections in the past, has awakened to the situation. Thoughtful business men, whose judgment goes far beyond the party lines, have begun to realize what a significantly large vote for a raving crank and demagogue would mean for Pennsylvania.

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GEORGE H. WELSHONS.