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## Republicans to Stand by Their Party in Organizing the Legislature.

### MAGEE FOR REPUBLICANISM.

**Democrats Have Three Leading Candidates For Speaker, and Declare That if Wanamaker Wants Fusion He Must Turn His Votes to One of Them.**

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Dec. 6.—The canvass for the speakership of the house of representatives, which organizes here on the first Monday of next month, continues to absorb political interest. The Republicans having 127 votes to 74 Democrats and 3 independents in the next house, they will naturally control the organization of that body. The field of Republican candidates for speaker includes Charles E. Voorhees of Philadelphia, Ward R. Bliss of Delaware, Frank B. McClain of Lancaster, John R. Farr of Lackawanna and W. T. Marshall and George M. Hosack of Allegheny. They are in a free for all race. No one is yet in a position to pick the winner. The contest will in all probability be an open one until the issue is settled in caucus. In the hope of creating animosities toward the senior senator, the Wanamaker political bureau is sending out stories one day naming one of the candidates and the next day picking out another as having been slated for speaker. The fact is that neither Senator Quay nor Governor-elect Stone proposes to interfere in behalf of any aspirant for the speakership. Any of those named will be friendly to Senator Quay and absolutely in accord with the Stone administration.

In line with the campaign they waged against the election of Colonel William A. Stone to the governorship, with their leaders like Merrick, of Tioga, and Thompson, of Allegheny, coming out for his Democratic opponent, Jenks, just before election day, the Wanamaker coterie of party wreckers are pursuing like tactics in an effort to break up the time honored Republican caucus, which is always called for an agreement among the Republicans for speaker and upon Republicans from different sections of the state for the various offices, chief clerk, resident clerk, reading clerk and the many minor positions. This patronage is always filled by Republicans when they elect a majority of the members of the house. Now, in order to get control of these offices to be used for their selfish purposes the Wanamakerites have been going over the state making deals with Democrats and offering personal inducements for Republicans to keep out of the caucus. They are ready to enter into any bargain. Experiences in the Penrose fight will give the people some idea of the character of inducements that might be offered.

They have met with disappointments and rebuffs at every hand. Republicans who have respect for themselves, who hold loyalty to party above personal aggrandizement and who expect to maintain their standing with their party organization, indignantly resent the mere suggestion that they refuse to participate in a caucus of the Republican party. They recognize that to do so, to join hands with the Democrats and be a party to a deal to advance the interests of the Democracy and hand over to the minority important positions which the people, by their votes, decided should be filled by Republicans, would mean that they would be ostracized by their Republican colleagues. Practical politicians look upon a bolt from a Republican caucus in such an important matter as the organization of a legislature as the most certain road to political suicide, especially in Republican Pennsylvania.

### MAGEE SPEAKS OUT.

Senator C. L. Magee, of Allegheny, while he has said he is opposed to the re-election of Senator Quay, and that he will vote against him in caucus, if any other stalwart candidate shall be named for the United States senate, has expressed supreme contempt for the tactics of their fusion scheme. The Wanamaker men had predicted that both Magee, of Pittsburgh, and Martin, in Philadelphia, would keep their followers out of the Republican caucus. These stories, however, are simply on a par with the other campaign lies which they have been spreading over the state to advance Wanamaker's political ambitions, even though the Republican party must be disrupted to attain that end.

"The citizens of Pennsylvania," said Senator Magee, in an authorized interview, "have just elected a Republican executive and a legislature which is Republican in both its branches. The people expect the Republican party to administer the affairs of the state and make its laws, and the Republican party will receive credit from them for that which is good and condemnation for that which is bad. The party must meet its responsibilities, and it will do so. No Republican who respects himself and has any feeling of loyalty to his party in his heart can give any valid excuse for refusing to participate in the caucus of the Republican members of the legislature. Let the fusion scheme succeed and no man can tell what legislation will pass and what obnoxious and dangerous measures shall be saddled upon the Republican party."

This declaration from Magee, of course, means that every one of his followers in Allegheny will take part in the caucus. Like Martin, in Philadelphia, Magee is greatly interested in a

majority election in February, and neither of these party leaders would allow any of his associates in the legislature to do anything calculated to arouse a feeling of disregard or disrespect for party organization or party discipline. None of the Philadelphia members of the legislature, with possibly one exception, the single Wanamaker member of the house, it is declared, would for an instant think of keeping out of the Republican caucus.

The scheme of the Wanamaker political bureau is to get the Democratic members to support Kountz, of Somerset, a Wanamaker Republican, for speaker, with the understanding that the Democrats are to get a liberal share of the patronage of the house and the control of important committees. The Wanamakerites will make no specific agreement on the United States senatorship. They want to elect Wanamaker if they can; next they are for Gordon, who is Wanamaker's Philadelphia Democratic ally and adviser, and if they cannot get him they will turn in for any Democrat. With them it is anybody to defeat Quay, whom Wanamaker, Gordon and District Attorney Graham, of Philadelphia, are determined to "wipe out" at all hazards.

### DEMOCRATS FOR THEIR PARTY.

But the Democratic leaders have not taken kindly to the Wanamaker idea of doing business. They see that Wanamaker is working his own political game, and that although they would represent the big end of any successful fusion deal that might be made, they are only allowed to play second fiddle according to the Wanamaker program. Influential Democrats maintain that as the Democrats have 74 straight votes, and only 29 Republican votes are necessary to make up the 103 required to elect a speaker, a Democrat should be supported for the speakership. There are already three strong men in the Democracy of Pennsylvania engaged in a canvass for the Democratic caucus nomination for the speakership. They are Robert McCay Foster of Centre, Chas. B. Spatz of Berks and Captain George W. Skinner of Fulton.

They are all former members and well equipped for the position. Mr. Foster is a graduate of the State college and is recognized as a leading and influential Democrat of Centre. He has had a valuable experience in mercantile life, and is methodical and exact in his habits. He would make a good speaker, as he always commands the attention and respect of his colleagues. His votes in the last session of the legislature should commend him to the independent Republicans, who claim that their only desire is that the speaker's chair shall be filled by some one in sympathy with reform. Berks county's Democratic candidate for the speakership, Mr. Spatz, is a native of Philadelphia. He was born in November, 1865, just five years after Mr. Foster first saw the light of day. The Spatz household was transferred to Boyertown in 1872, where the subject of this passing comment attended the common schools, and he afterward attended the Kallynean academy and Mt. Pleasant seminary, of Boyertown. In 1884, at the death of his father, he became editor and publisher of the Boyertown Democrat and Der Boyertown Bauer, two of Berks county's leading papers, which he has successfully conducted up to the present time. He has always been an active and consistent Democrat and stands well in his party.

The third and most prominent candidate, Captain Skinner, is one of the best known Democrats in the Keystone state. He was born in Franklin county in January, 1838, was educated at Washington and Jefferson college, enlisted as a private in the Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania volunteers at the age of 16, and rose to the rank of captain, serving over three years in the army. He was elected to the legislature from Franklin county in 1869 and 1870 and from Fulton county in 1888, 1890 and 1892. He was journal clerk of the house in 1875 and 1876, Democratic caucus nominee for speaker in 1891. He was pension agent for the western district of Pennsylvania under Cleveland's last administration. Captain Skinner is a lawyer, editor of the Fulton Democrat and is engaged in the tanning and mercantile business.

## Philadelphia Leads Off in Wiping Out All Republican Factional Lines.

### MARTIN AS A STALWART.

**He Declines to Join the Wanamaker-Gordon-Graham Combine and Stands by His Party—McClure Scores Judge Gordon—The Quay Case.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—The Quaker City is experiencing a remarkable change in political conditions in the contest for the Republican nomination for mayor, which is now under way. Though the convention will not be held until the 28th inst., the result is already foreshadowed in the combination of forces back of the candidacy of Samuel H. Ashbridge, who at last month's election was chosen to succeed himself as coroner. Ashbridge is popular with the rank and file of the Republican party, and, with a positive strength of his own, and with friendly relations with all the leaders, he was the logical candidate for them to unite upon. This was done after an agreement among themselves that factional hostilities must cease. After several years of the most bitter and expensive contests ever waged within any political organization it is a source of satisfaction to all that combines and anti-combiners, leaders' leagues and other factionists shall cease to exist as such, and that all elements can support an acceptable candidate.

### MARTIN A STALWART.

These harmonious relations are not merely confined to local politics, but they cover state politics as well. Senator Martin gave his word to stand by Colonel Stone, and despite the entreaties of the Wanamaker-Gordon-Graham combine to turn in for Jenks he loyally supported the whole Republican ticket, and the \$5,000 plurality for Colonel Stone was the result. The same influences are now working to get Senator Martin to join in the fusion movement to keep Republican members of the legislature out of the Republican caucus for speaker of the house, but he replies, like Senator Magee, of Allegheny, that he is "a Republican." It is Martin's proud boast that he never cut a candidate on any Republican ticket. He has time and time again emphasized his stalwart Republicanism, and every one of his followers in the legislature will be found in the Republican caucus and standing by the choice of the majority for speaker and United States senator.

Interest naturally centers in the trial of Senator Quay, which comes up in court on the 12th inst. Not even those who are pushing this prosecution have any idea that there will be a conviction of any of the defendants. The political conspirators back of this most desperate and contemptible case, however, vainly hope that they may in some manner injure Senator Quay so as to affect him in his canvass for re-election to the United States senate. The combined energies and resources of Wanamaker, Gordon and Graham thrown into this case have failed signally to prejudice the public mind against Senator Quay. It is everywhere regarded as the most infamous case of political persecution ever attempted in this county. It is not generally known, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that even with the Quay interests having no opportunity to be represented by counsel before the grand jury, as defendants are never heard there, the grand jury came within one vote of dismissing all the indictments in the case. And this happened, too, after George S. Graham, with all the power of the district attorney's office at his back, had spoken for more than two hours, presenting the case with all the coloring which a master in this line could paint against the defendants. The vote was 9 to 12 in favor of letting the case go to trial. Under the law Graham had to have 12 votes or his case would have fallen then and there. The proceedings since have been in line with what usually happens under similar circumstances. As was expected, Judge Pinletter, whose son is employed as an assistant to District Attorney Graham, and who took part in the argument, dismissed the demurrers of Senator Quay's counsel, and the case goes to the jury. With anything like an impartial trial acquittal of the accused is bound to follow. Many leading citizens have publicly expressed themselves in declaring that neither Senator Quay nor his son Richard, in their transactions with the People's bank, did anything more than business men do every day in borrowing money, for which they give collateral, and upon which they pay the usual rate of interest.

### MCCLURE SCORES GORDON.

Probably the most amusing of the many exciting episodes of this campaign against Senator Quay occurred this week, following Judge Gordon's sensational retirement from the bench on the morning that the Quay case was to come up in his court. If Judge Gordon had deliberately determined to further impress that idea upon the minds of those who believe his retirement from the judiciary was due to his fear of the impeachment proceedings contemplated by Senator Quay's friends he could not have made a more effective calculated to do so than that which he did this week. Colonel A. K. McClure, of the Times, has been one of the most outspoken of those who have criticized Judge Gordon's operations in politics while sitting on the bench. Gordon, stinging under these sharp comments, came out in a three column letter with a fierce attack on McClure. He accused him of attacking many judges because they would not do as he wished, of being at the head of a band of legislators in his earlier days who exacted tribute for all legislation passed at Harrisburg, and also declared that he was still indebted to the People's bank in a large amount of money. McClure, with characteristic boldness, printed Gordon's letter in full in his own paper, and informed the editors of the Philadelphia papers that he had no objection to their publishing it. In his own paper, The Times, he gave the letter under this heading, "The Compliments of a Forcibly Disrobed Judge to the Man Who Unmasked Him." In an editorial reply The Times said:

"Whether Judge Gordon is to be pitied, as a harmless lunatic, wholly irresponsible for his utterances, or whether he is to be criticized as an intelligent citizen who appreciates the malicious falsity of his statements accusing men who have thwarted his mean ambition and finally compelled him to resign the judicial position which he so conspicuously dishonored, is a question we leave to the considerate judgment of the people." Then after taking up seriously and denying each of the charges made in Judge Gordon's letter, the editorial concludes as follows:

"It has been the pride of A. K. McClure that he has always been able, in his public and private efforts, to provoke and defy the vindictive hatred and defamation of every public jobber, of every public thief, every official perjuror and every forcibly disrobed judge, and in charitable pity he accepts Judge Gordon's letter, the compliment ever given him from the criminal classes of the state."