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Harrisburg, May 1.—There is nothing but praise heard regarding the work of the Republican state convention held here last week. The ticket nominated has been very favorably received. Although the supporters of the unsuccessful candidates for congressman-at-large were manifestly disappointed over the result, they have taken their defeat gracefully, and there is a general disposition to turn in and support the largest Republican majority that has ever been given in the Keystone state. It is certain that Pennsylvania will again lead the column of states in the size of the majority she will give to the McKinley presidential ticket. The nominees on the state ticket will keep well up with the electors. The nomination of Senator E. B. Hardenbergh, of Wayne county, was a foregone conclusion. Before the balloting all other aspirants for auditor general withdrew. With a clear field, this popular Republican from the northeastern end of the state, upon motion of Senator Penrose, was nominated by acclamation. There was a little brush over the selection of candidates for congressmen-at-large. Robert H. Forreder, a well known manufacturer of Philadelphia, and Galusha A. Grow were finally declared to be the winners. Mr. Forreder got 338 votes and Mr. Grow 225. The balance was divided between the losers, Dr. Flood, of Crawford, getting 89 and former Congressman Arnold, of Clearfield, 40. The insurgent Republicans, while all voting for Grow, would have liked to had him defeated, as they would then have made a campaign against the regular organization leaders, charging them with his defeat. Colonel Quay, however, insisted all along that the veteran Grow should be renominated, even though he had lost his political following and there were only sentimental considerations which influenced those who did not wish to see the old warhorse turned down.

**INSURGENTS DISAPPOINTED.**

Not only were the insurgents disappointed at the renomination of Grow, but they had the ground cut from under them by the work of the stalwart leaders who framed the party platform. Flinn and his machine followers of Allegheny turned up with all sorts of reform resolutions regarding the ballot, the election of United States senators by popular vote and other issues, which they hoped would be ignored by the friends of Colonel Quay. In this they were checkmated. Colonel Quay, who has had costly experience with the tricks of a small clique of politicians of his own party uniting with the Democrats in blocking an election of a United States senator in the legislature, requested his friends to go on record as absolutely in favor of the election of United States senators directly by the people. Had that been the method of procedure in this state last year Colonel Quay would have been victorious. He has not hesitated to go before the people in the past and he would not in the future, should occasion require it. The same insurgent influences that were again his in the last legislature tried to prevent the election of Colonel Stone for the governorship and Colonel Barnett for state treasurer by making combinations with Democrats, and in each case they were routed by the stalwart Republicans of the state at the polls. In both campaigns the issue was made by them as "Quay or anti-Quay," and the candidates of the Republican organization were assailed as friends of Colonel Quay.

It was noteworthy that upon the only test vote in the state convention of Wednesday last the insurgents were shown to have but a very insignificant following in the convention. William Flinn found that not only did the platform committee report in favor of the election of United States senators by popular vote, but took the most radical ground in favor of ballot reform and against all forms of election frauds.

**FOR BALLOT REFORM.**

This is the plank on ballot reform: "The Republican party of Pennsylvania has always stood for an honest ballot and a fair count. In the furtherance of this idea, an act was passed in 1891, known as the Baker ballot law, for the purpose of protecting the citizen in the exercise of the elective franchise. "This act was passed by a Republican legislature at the instance of the Ballot Reform association, and was intended to secure a secret and honest ballot. Further safeguards were thrown around the ballot law by the supplemental act of 1893. In addition, however, to these laws we favor such legislation as will enable the courts to open the ballot boxes upon the petition of citizens, duly presented, in all cases where complaint is properly made, alleging fraud in the holding of an election or the counting of the vote cast, so that if fraudulent ballots are placed in the boxes or a false count has been made it can be exposed by the courts with expedition and all offenders against the purity of the ballot detected and brought to speedy justice."

Another issue that was squarely met by the state convention was that as to majority rule. Upon this subject the platform read:

"We believe in the fundamental principle of government that the will of the majority, properly ascertained, shall always prevail. We declare that this principle applies as well to political parties as to other governmental affairs. The will of the majority must always be ascertained under the rules, cus-

toms and usages of a party organization. Therefore, the primary elections, the county and state conventions, the senatorial and congressional conferences and the party caucuses have come to be an integral part of the machinery of party organization for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the majority of those who have a right to participate therein. We declare it to be the test of party fealty to observe these rules and customs in ascertaining the will of the majority by attending the party convention, conference or caucus, and when the will of the majority has been ascertained it is the duty of every person who claims to be a Republican to abide by that decision."

That plank was a body blow to the caucus bolters of the last legislature and the manipulators of the fusion schemes already on foot for the defeat of regularly nominated candidates for the next legislature.

**ON RECORD FOR QUAY.**

But it was the convention's declarations as regards Colonel Quay that gave the Flinn-Martin combine a brain crusher.

The news of the failure of the senate to seat Colonel Quay had been received the night before, and the platform makers were not slow in putting upon paper the thoughts that ran through their minds. The plank that was agreed upon on this subject read as follows:

"We again record our firm conviction that in the appointment of the Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay as a member of the United States senate from Pennsylvania Governor Stone was acting within his constitutional authority, and the thanks of the Republicans of Pennsylvania are due to Hon. John P. Elkin, attorney general, for his masterly and logical argument before the committee on privileges and elections of the United States senate, clearly demonstrating the existence of this power in the chief executive of the state. We deplore the action of the United States senate in denying us the right of full representation to which we are entitled under the federal constitution. We still contend that the governor had constitutional authority to make the appointment, and in selecting the Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay he was acting in accordance with the clearly expressed will of a large majority of the Republicans of the state. We express our confidence in Senator Quay's leadership and we believe in his political and personal integrity. A great wrong has been done him, which the people will right at the proper time, and therefore we urge and insist that the Hon. Matthew Stanley Quay shall be a candidate for reelection to the United States senate, in which he has so long served the people with such distinguished ability and fidelity, and to this end we pledge him our hearty and cordial support."

This naturally aroused the ire and the hostility of both Flinn and Martin. Flinn, who is the recognized leader of the anti-Quay organization, moved to strike out all reference in the platform to Colonel Quay, and when he called for the yeas and nays on the motion Senator Durham, of Philadelphia, a stalwart Quay adherent, seconded the motion, as he wished the world to know how the representatives of the Republican voters of Pennsylvania stood on that issue.

The roll was called and the result was that 68 delegates voted with Flinn as against the indorsement of Colonel Quay and 280 voted for the above Quay plank as submitted from the platform committee. This showing of over four to one in favor of Colonel Quay was hailed with cheers of delight from the stalwart element. When the opposition to Quay was analyzed it was found that of the 69 votes 31 come from the Flinn machine in Allegheny and 17 were followers of David Martin in Philadelphia. This left but 21 delegates against Colonel Quay from the entire state outside of the organizations of the Flinn and Martin interests in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 1.—Governor Stone continues to wage an unrelenting warfare against violators of the laws drafted to protect the dairy interests of this state and to prevent impositions in the sale of imitations of pure butter. There were a number of additional arrests made last week by the state authorities. Hearings held in this city and elsewhere resulted in heavy fines being imposed and a number of accused being held for court on criminal prosecutions. While the law permits the sale of oleomargarine under certain restrictions, it has developed that the law has been violated in a number of cases, and as a result of investigations by state agents evidence has been accumulated, resulting in a number of prosecutions of dealers in colored imitations of butter and oleomargarine which has not been conspicuously stamped as such in accordance with the law. There is a general crusade under way against violators of the law, and good results are already shown in the large cities where violations of the law have been frequent. In a big batch of cases before Magistrate Stratton, of this city, on Thursday the state secured favorable decisions, but in almost every case the accused took an appeal and showed a determination to fight against conviction. It will be found that Governor Stone's instructions to leave no loophole for escape for any of the guilty parties will be rigidly followed, and that many convictions in court will surely result.

A ridiculous feature of the agitation over these cases is the effort of certain political opponents of Governor Stone's administration to misrepresent the facts and to take credit for the work which the agents of the state have performed in collecting the evidence upon which these cases are based. The governor has announced that he will welcome assistance in this crusade from any quarter, and that any evidence of dereliction on the part of state officials will be gratefully received. No man will be spared, no matter what may be the influence behind him, if he fails to perform his full duty in the enforcement of the laws against the sale of artificial butter or the trafficking in "oleo," except where all the restrictions provided in the recent legislation shall be complied with fully.

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