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Harrisburg, June 19.—The sensation of the week in state politics was the action of William Flinn, the alleged reformer, in unmasking himself by his high handed proceedings in forcing out of office William Bigelow, the director of public works of Pittsburg. Bigelow had antagonized Flinn; that is, he had refused to take orders, and as Flinn is a great contractor, whose business is largely with the city, there was but one conclusion to reach, and that was that Flinn had good business reasons for wanting Bigelow out of this important office.

The county of Allegheny has been all torn up over the matter, the newspapers have been teeming with columns of interviews and other statements from leading citizens, business men and manufacturers, denouncing Flinn, and throughout the state the citizens are taking up the agitation, and they are determined that the voters of the commonwealth shall be no longer fooled by the so-called reform movement headed by "Bill" Flinn and "Dave" Martin.

Referring to a great meeting held by business men and others in the council chamber before that body took its orders and voted Bigelow out of office, a special from Pittsburg said:

A GREAT PROTEST.

"Several thousand men, bankers, merchants, manufacturers and others, tried to crowd into a room that would not hold 500. The rotunda of city hall and the steps on Smithfield street leading to the building were choked with others trying to express their indignation. At the head of the citizens was James H. Park, one of the most prominent steel manufacturers in the country. Thomas D. Keller, of the Germania Insurance company, was chosen chairman. Mr. Park, John Bradley, Frank J. Gosser, R. B. Ivory and Thomas McNeill made red hot speeches against the proposed action of councils.

"The following resolution was adopted: "That it is the sentiment of the people of Pittsburg that before E. M. Bigelow, director of the department of public works, shall be condemned by our councils charges, if there are any, shall be made against him and he be allowed the right to face his accusers and answer said charges, thus giving him simply the right that is allowed any American citizen, to be heard before he is condemned."

DONE BY BRUTE FORCE.

"The joint session of councils was the most exciting gathering that has been held in city hall in the last dozen years. John S. Lambie, whom Flinn's Republican organization defeated for mayor and elected a Democrat, presided. Of the 87 members of councils, 84 were present.

"Ever since Thursday of last week Senator Flinn had runners out to drive them in. There was never a doubt about having a majority, but Flinn wanted as big a score against Bigelow as possible. The refusal of 21 members to 'take orders' was commented upon and shows the demoralized condition of the Pittsburg machine. The following was the resolution deposing Bigelow:

"Resolved, in select and common councils, that Edward M. Bigelow be and hereby is removed from his office of director of the department of public works, and that the said office be and is hereby declared vacant."

SCARED BY THE SIGHT OF FLINN.

"The 21 members who voted against the resolution pleaded with the others to defer action until Bigelow could be heard in his own defense, but the sight of Flinn through the open doors of the city clerk's office scared all the county office holders and other dependents, and they refused to be fair. During the speeches there was considerable applause from the lobby, which the police officers could not suppress. After the resolution had been adopted Mr. Wilson was elected. He was the director of the department of charities.

A BIG FIGHT ON THE BOSS.

"The fight between Flinn and Bigelow has been going on for months. Heretofore Flinn got nearly all the city contracts, but Bigelow objected to the way the work was being done. Some of it was rejected because it did not come up to specifications, and this made Flinn mad.

"The city is about to spend \$2,500,000 for a filtration plant and Flinn wants the contract for the work. As long as Bigelow remained at the head of the department of public works he could not get any favors, and he induced Magee to depose Bigelow. Now Bigelow is against Magee because the latter, he claims, invited him to come to New York while Flinn and the others 'cut his official throat' in Pittsburg.

"Bigelow will in all probability be the leader of a new organization, which will have for its object the political extermination of Flinn. The Pittsburg fight will keep him at home next winter, and he will have little time to attend to running state affairs at Harrisburg.

THE EXCUSE FOR THE OUTRAGE.

"The excuse given for ousting Bigelow is the 'ring' charge that he is responsible for certain defalcations in the shape of padded pay rolls. These rolls existed under Samuel T. Paisley, superintendent of highways, and were discovered by Bigelow."

A Scathing Arrangement of the Methods by Which the Republican State Administration is Being Misrepresented.

Philadelphia, June 19.—The action of Governor Stone in selecting a practical farmer and dairyman as the head of the dairy and food commission has met with general expressions of approval. It has been looked up as a master stroke and it undoubtedly spikes the guns of the insurgent political batteries that has been trained upon his administration since his election. Major Wells, whom the governor retained, upon the urgent recommendation of some of the best known farmers and many old soldiers, having resigned, it devolved upon the governor to appoint a successor who would carry out the policy of the administration.

Jesse K. Cope, a prominent member of the Society of Friends and a practical farmer and dairyman of Chester county, has been appointed as Major Wells' successor.

STONE ON RECORD.

In a letter forwarding him his appointment, Governor Stone wrote: I have today appointed you dairy and food commissioner, to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Levi Wells.

In making this appointment I have been influenced by my belief in your honesty and capacity, and your experience as a farmer and producer of dairy products. My only desire is that you will fully and fearlessly enforce the laws, which it becomes your duty to execute, without prejudice and without favor to any one.

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Great difficulty has been experienced heretofore, owing to the fact that the courts had not adjudicated the law and violators, when prosecuted, would take appeals, but now that the superior court has decided the law to be constitutional, we have a right to expect less difficulty.

I have no specific instructions to give, except to vigorously enforce the law that it becomes your duty to maintain and to assure you that at any and all times you will have in this attempt my hearty and prompt co-operation and support.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM A. STONE.

Mr. Cope is an influential representative of the dairy and butter interests of the state, and since his name has been mentioned in connection with the place those who criticized the conduct of the department at the hearing before the governor have expressed their satisfaction with his selection. Mr. Cope is a progressive, intelligent farmer, whose honesty has never been questioned, and who will discharge the duties of the office with zeal and fidelity. He has never been active in politics, but he attended the convention which nominated Governor Stone and voted for his old schoolmate. He is about middle age and is regarded as a strong man in every way. He lives near West Chester.

A CONTEMPTIBLE ACT.

The West Chester Village Record, in commenting upon recent misrepresentations of Governor Stone, under the caption "An Infamous Charge Completely Refuted," had this to say in its last issue:

"At the annual meeting of the Guernsey Breeders' association, at the home of Benjamin Sharpless, in Birmingham township, last Friday, Thomas Sharpless, one of the dairymen who recently called upon Governor Stone to demand the decapitation of Secretary of Agriculture Hamilton, made a serious charge against the governor, if his speech, as published in the Daily Local News, was correctly reported. Mr. Sharpless was quoted as saying that—

"Again last Monday, in Harrisburg, Governor Stone renewed those broken promises, but explained that some prosecutions had to be dropped, because some politician demanded that they should be, to save some one of his friends. Imagine a burglar, or horse thief, or defaulter shielded from justice on such a plea."

"At the interview between Governor Stone and the dairymen the former made no utterances that could possibly be construed into the statement made to the Guernsey Breeders by Mr. Sharpless. Every word uttered by the governor and his visitors was taken down by a stenographer, and to show that Mr. Sharpless outrageously misrepresented Governor Stone we herewith reproduce from the stenographic reports the exact language used by the latter in addressing the representatives of the dairy and agricultural interests. Governor Stone said:

"I do not want any credit I am not entitled to. I can stand any criticism whether I am entitled to it or not. I have got used to it, but I will enforce this law. It all depends to a great extent upon getting a good man. Lincoln tried many generals before he found the right one. Here is required an unusually capable man. Here is a man starting out and an agent reports that such a man is prosecuted and the law says that this man prosecuted must be punished in such and such a way if he is convicted. It may be a stalwart or an insurgent, or a Quay or anti-Quay man. It does not make any difference under the act; the commonwealth wants it stopped. Some prominent and influential politician, it may be, will intervene in behalf of the one prosecuted. The dairy and food commissioner has to pass upon that. Now, I want a man who will not stop. I know, gentlemen, you want that as much as I do. Now a man may be for all intents and purposes just the man, and yet may not have the capacity to enforce this law."

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9 07	7 17	9 07	7 17	9 07	7 17	9 07	7 17
9 13	7 23	9 13	7 23	9 13	7 23	9 13	7 23
9 22	7 32	9 22	7 32	9 22	7 32	9 22	7 32
9 28	7 38	9 28	7 38	9 28	7 38	9 28	7 38
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Connection with Phila. & Reading at Halls for Philadelphia, New York and intermediate stations—Leave Williamsport 7:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; Arrive Halls 7:48 a.m.; 10:19 a.m. For Shamokin and intermediate stations—Leave Williamsport 4:00 p.m.; arrive Halls 4:20 p.m. From Phila., New York and intermediate stations—Leave Phila. 10:21 a.m. and 11:36 p.m.; leave New York via Phila. 7:30 a.m.; 9:00 p.m.; leave New York via Tamaqua, 9:10 a.m. Arrive Halls, 6:34 a.m. and 5:21 p.m. From Shamokin and intermediate stations—Leave Shamokin 8:10 a.m. Arrive Halls 9:49 a.m. Connecting with L. V. R.R. at Satterfield. For Towanda and intermediate stations, leave Wilkesbarre 3:05 p.m.; arrive at Satterfield 6:25 p.m. For Towanda and intermediate stations, leave Bernice 6:40 a.m.; arrive Satterfield 7:04 a.m. For Wilkesbarre and intermediate sta-

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