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Philadelphia, July 31.—Ballot reform may be one of the important state issues in the coming campaign. There is reason to believe, however, that this may be eliminated from the partisan contest, if the leaders of the different elements continue to express sentiments in accord with those uttered within the last few days. Col. Quay, in a recent public declaration, went on record in favor of the most sweeping reforms in the matter of a secret ballot and an absolutely fair return of the votes cast, and he also advocated personal registration of voters. He gave it as his opinion that these reforms could only be had within a reasonable time by the calling of a non-partisan convention, which would amend the present constitution so as to permit the requisite legislation to be passed before the adjournment of the next legislature. It would be necessary for the legislature which convenes in January next to pass an act providing for the immediate calling of a constitutional next to pass an act providing for the immediate calling of a constitutional convention. Such a convention being held without delay would permit of the introduction of such bills in the general assembly as would be required to carry out the purposes of the framers of the constitution.

GOVERNOR BLACK'S ATTITUDE.

It was, therefore, noteworthy that last week former Lieutenant Governor Chauncey F. Black, one of the most respected and distinguished members of the Democratic party in this state, came out boldly in favor of the holding of a convention to revise the constitution in order to reform the voting system of the commonwealth.

In a carefully prepared statement for publication he gave the objections to following the antiquated method of leaving this problem of ballot reform to be solved by the state legislature under the existing constitution. He referred to the fact that John Wanamaker, in at least two of his public speeches, advocated this convention idea as the only plan by which ballot reform could be obtained, and he referred at some length to the failures of the past, declaring that the ballot law now in force in this state is a fraud, and then recounted the abuses that have grown up under the present system.

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Governor Black then pointed to declarations from John Wanamaker in November, 1899, and again in March, 1900, on the subject of ballot reform and quoted him as having said on the last occasion mentioned:

"I, therefore, address myself to the people of Pennsylvania, to all qualified electors without distinction of party, whose lives. Ilberties and property lie

electors without distinction of party, whose lives, liberties and property lie today at the mercy of irresponsible political machines and their powerful secret and corrupt allies, and ask them to unite in the nomination and election of candidates for the legislature pledged to vote for a fair, non-partisan act calling a constitutional convention for immediate ballot reform, the substance and essential provisions of which shall be embodied in the fundamental law beyond the reach of corporate or machine power."

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Continuing, Governor Black said: Continuing, Governor Black said:
"And now comes Mr. Quay, the accepted chief of the regular Republican party, not only with a candid admission of the scandalous state of affairs and the universal demand for a change, but with a carefully devised and specific program for a constitutional convention as the only means of certain and immediate relief. He declares that the legislature, under the present constitution, has no power to pass a personal registration law for the cities or to provide a secret ballot, while any voter may take another into the booth to attest his ticket; that the pending test his ticket; that the pending

amendments are not madatory; that even if, after a long and expensive process, they are adopted and incorpor-ated in the constitution, they do not, of themselves, effect a reform, but leave the whole matter dependent upon the will of future legislatures which, as all our experience shows, are little likely to abate abuses that inure to the profit of powerful corporate or private inter-ests.

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"Thus we have the intellectual and responsible chiefs of the two divisions of the Republican party," remarked Governor Black, after quoting Col. Quay at length, "in unison upon this most important of all public questions in our state. Mr. Quay, after due consideration, magnanimously and unequivocally accepts Mr. Wanamaker's proposition for an immediate and radical reform by the only means available. He not only accepts it, but he pledges himself and, as far as he can, his party to a fair, non-partisan constitutional convention bill like that of 1872. Here we have the perfect model, the Buckalew bill, under which assembled a convention embodying the very highest wisdom and purest public morality of the commonwealth, and in which not a partisan word was uttered from beginning to end.

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CITY MACHINES REBUKED. "What right has any one to doubt Mr. Quay's sincerity? He is the unquestioned head of the ruling party in this state. He cannot afford to palter with the people, and, in this case it would be an act of rank and gratuitous foily. The Democrats of the nation have tested the value of Mr. Quay's word on more than one critical occa-

sion when it cost him dearly to keep it, and they have never found reason to regret their trust. Whatever else he is or aims to be, he is not a faith breaker. He must intend only what he says, since he voluntarily ties himself down to an exact and open scheme for an honest 'non-partisan constitutional convention for immediate 'ballot reform,' whereby he doubtless hopes his party may be relieved from the shame and scandal of the present situation. Shall we doubt the sincerity of a great and responsible leader of the dominant party who has every personal and party reason for effecting the reform at the earliest possible moment and who accepts and indorses the only possible method of effecting it as suggested by his only formidable rival and join ourselves in tender trust with petty bosses of city machines who have a plain interest in defeating the reform and who, to that end, talk about accomplishing it by acts of the legislature, or by futile single amendments. Mr. Quay's sincerity will probably be shown in a manner which will put to shame those who have so indecently impugned it. Should the authorities of his party, its state committee and its candidates for the legislature pledge themselves, as he and other responsible leaders have already done, there will be no question left. The regular Republican party has the power to produce the reform for which Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Quay stand and, inasmuch as the 450,000 Democrats in the state are deeply interested in it, I see no reason why we should not make it unanimous, and have at once this fair, non-partisan constitutional convention which all sensible people agree is the only way out."

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The Democratic advocates of fusion on legislative tickets in Pennsylvania were evidently greatly disappointed at the action of the sound money Democrats at their national conference held at Indianapolis last week. These representative men of the Democratic party resent Bryan's domination of their party organization. They are, of course, unalterably opposed to the 16 to 1 declaration on the silver issue and are determined to stamp out the radical element in the national Democracy at the coming election. They wisely concluded not to fritter away their strength on a third ticket, but resolved to make no nominations for president and vice president. This leaves every sound money Democrat free to support the whole Republican ticket, as most of them will do. There is to be no half way measures resorted to this time. Every man must take one position or the other. He must be either for Bryan and Stevenson and free silver at 16 to 1 or for McKinley and Roosevelt and sound money.

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Thousands of Democrats in the Keystone state have determined that the
only way to wipe out Bryanism from
their party is to vote the entire Republican ticket this fall. They will
not be content to vote simply for the
Republican presidential electors. They
know that the Democratic machine of
Pennsylvania is under the absolute
control of James M. Guffey, who is
Bryan's personal representative in this
state. To vote simply for the Republican presidential electors and support
the balance of the Democratic ticket,
the gold Democrats say, would be
simply playing into the hand of the
Bryan Democracy. They know that
McKinley will carry Pennsylvania and
that Guffey is merely seeking to elect
free silver candidates for congress and
members of the legislature who will
help him in his aspirations to go to
the United States senate through
fusion with the insurgent Republicans.
Guffey's deal, they assert, is that the
insurgents will elect him to the United
States senate on condition that he will
aid the insurgent Republicans in their
efforts to disrupt the present Republican organization and help them name
a millionaire Philadelphian as successor to Boles Penrose in the United
States senate. They declare that
the insurgents know they will not
have enough strength in the coming
legislature to elect one of their number to succeed Col. Quay.

The insurgents must therefore unite
with the Democrats to defeat the nominee of the Republican caucus on the
United States senatorship next January.

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This is Governor Stone's public tribute to Farmer Cope:

"The showing made by Dairy and Food Commissioner Cope since he took his office is the best evidence in the world that the illegal sale of oleomargarine is to be stopped. The co-operation of the district attorney's office in Philadelphia, which Commissioner Cope tells me he has secured, will enable the dairy and food department's agents in that city to begin work with a degree of certainty as to speedy trials of the cases they bring that certainly ought to spur them on, and I look for the crusade there to have the effect of driving all of the bogus butter men out of the business. The crusade in other parts of the state is to be conducted on the same vigorous lines by the state dairy and food commissioner as in Philadelphia, and if the illegal dealers in oleomargarine fall to profit by the events of the past four or five weeks and quit before the law reaches them it will be their own fault. And the law will reach them speedily, too. Bogus butter men nare being made, and will continue to be rapidly made to realize it."

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