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**An Important Conference With the Secretary of the Republican Congressional Committee Regarding the Election of Members of Congress.**

(Special Correspondence.)  
Philadelphia, Aug. 14.—The Republican state campaign in Pennsylvania was formally opened today with the starting in to work of the entire force of the Republican state committee, under the direction of Gen. Frank Reeder, the state chairman. For several weeks the preliminary work was looked after by T. Larry Eyre, chief executive officer of the state committee, with Chairman Reeder making frequent visits to this city for consultation with his assistants. From now on both Chairman Reeder and Mr. Eyre will be at the state headquarters daily, looking after the details of the campaign and getting matters in shape for the fall fight. There will be little speech making until next month, but there is always a vast amount of correspondence between the state committee officials and the county chairmen in making arrangements for meetings and the canvassing of the various districts.

**TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED.**  
"We propose to run this campaign," said Chairman Reeder today, "upon the principle of taking nothing for granted, and we want to impress upon the Republicans of Pennsylvania at the outset the danger of overconfidence. We are too apt to assume because Pennsylvania has prospered more than has any other state, under the McKinley administration, that our people will rush to the polls and vote the whole Republican ticket as an evidence of appreciation of what the Republican party has done for the state and the country at large. Unfortunately our experiences do not teach us that we can expect this movement to come voluntarily from all classes of our voters. There are always many who seem to forget the advantages they derive from the success of the Republican party until it is sometimes too late to overcome the result of this lack of appreciation of the benefits of Republican supremacy. Many Republican candidates have in the past been defeated not because a majority of the voters in their respective districts were opposed to them, but because many of those who really favored their election, neglected to go to the polls and vote for them."

"Now, the aim of the Republican organization in this state this fall will be to impress upon those citizens who are not ordinarily interested in politics that they must go to the polls in November next to vote the whole Republican ticket to insure a continuance of present prosperous conditions."  
"It will not do to allow the campaign in this state to go by default because it can be taken for granted that President McKinley will get a large majority next November. We must see to it that every close or debatable congressional and assembly district is won for the Republican party and that the Democracy, with their fusion alliances, shall not be permitted to defeat regular Republican candidates for congress or the state legislature."

"The Republican party has lost members of congress in the past through fusion deals made with the Democracy by disgruntled Republicans and the loss of Republican members of the legislature by similar combinations will all have a bearing upon the election of a United States senator, which will come up before the legislature which meets in January next."

**A REPUBLICAN U. S. SENATOR.**  
"No Republican can afford to jeopardize the election of a Republican to the United States senate. Those who give aid and encouragement to the Democracy in the election of members of the legislature will be held responsible for the result of such alliances against regularly nominated Republican candidates for the senate and of the state house of representatives."

"The Republican state committee will throughout this campaign give every assistance possible to the county organizations, not only to get out a full vote for the state ticket, including the presidential electors, but wherever necessary a helping hand will be given to pull through nominees for county offices. We want and expect to have the hearty co-operation of the various Republican county committees and any Republican who can in any way contribute to the party success this fall will be always welcome at the state committee headquarters to give suggestions or advice in the interest of Republican nominees."

"With the Republican organization presenting a solid front against the Democracy in November we should make important gains in the congressional delegation, but this can be accomplished only by hard work and persistent canvassing."  
**MUST GAIN CONGRESSMEN.**  
Congressman Jesse Overstreet, of the Seventh Indiana district, who is secretary of the Republican national congressional committee, stopped off in this city yesterday while on his way to New York and had a conference with Gen. Reeder regarding the situation in the doubtful congressional districts in Pennsylvania.

"The great danger to the Republican party this fall will be in overconfidence," said Congressman Overstreet. "We must make a determined fight in

every doubtful district if we are to elect a Republican majority to the house. In '98 we carried the house by a majority of 13. By contests decided in our favor our majority was increased, but we cannot now depend on the districts they came from. We had three congressmen from North Carolina, but of course since the disfranchisement of the negroes we shall not get a representative from that state. In '98 we had two from Kentucky, but one was by the narrow majority of ten. We are not counting on that as certain. The other district in Kentucky gave us a large majority, and they cannot count us out of it. We had one representative from Texas—from the Galveston district—but it is always close there, and the presidential election may change the result this time.

**DEMOCRATS HAVE AN ADVANTAGE.**  
"This makes a total of five that we are almost sure to lose from what we now have, leaving us a bare majority of three. We are making our estimates on a majority of three now. But the odds this time are really in favor of the Democrats. They have to begin with 122 representatives from the southern states that always give a solid congressional delegation for them. In some northern states they have 40 per cent of the congressmen. In New York they had 18 in the last house, or 60 per cent of the New York delegation. So on the face of the outlook their chances for carrying the house this time are better than ours."

"We look for gains in Pennsylvania and New York," concluded Congressman Overstreet, "but we know that these gains cannot be made unless Republicans shall stand together and labor to get out the party vote for the full Republican ticket. Factional interests must be subordinated for the welfare of the party. By the Republicans of Pennsylvania presenting a solid front to the Democracy we should win in every debatable district in this state."

It is understood that Gen. Reeder and Congressman Overstreet arranged for another meeting in the near future, when plans will be mapped out for close co-operation in the work of the Republican organization of this state and the congressional campaign committee in the several congressional districts where the Democrats think they have a chance to win.

**MR. ELKIN, REMEMBER MR. ELKIN,** "more than a majority of the doubtful districts will be carried by the regulars. Most of the counties in the regular column are safely Republican, and in a Presidential year will be carried by the stalwarts. The above figures are only for members of the house, but they clearly show that if the Republican party does its whole duty in November the contest will be settled by Republican votes in the insurgents in November and elect Democratic members in counties where they think such tactics will win. This, of course, will be done, but the lead of the regulars is too great to be overcome. This is a Republican year, and fusion with free silver Democrats is not palatable to sound money Republicans. The fusion movement is falling flat all over the state. The masses of Republican voters are becoming very tired of being made the tail to the Democratic kite, flying free silver and insurgent streamers. The allied forces in the Republican party will win against the mad designs of the Boxer element within its own ranks and the wild vagaries of the Bryan Democracy outside."

"This is a table showing probable make-up of the senate at the next session of the legislature:

Regular Republicans	27
Insurgents	7
Democrats	14
Doubtful	4
Total	50

"When all the nominations are made," concluded Mr. Elkin, "the result will be as follows as nearly as can be estimated in advance:

**REGULARS.**  
Already nominated in lower house 83  
Estimate of those to be nominated 28  
Probable nominations in doubtful list 12-133  
Estimate of regulars in senate 27  
Half of doubtful list 2-29

Total nominations by regulars in both branches of the legislature—estimated—162

**INSURGENTS.**  
Already nominated in lower house 27  
Estimate of those to be nominated 5  
Total in house, estimated 32  
Estimate of insurgents in senate 7-9  
Half of doubtful list 2-9

Total nominations by insurgents in both branches of legislature—estimated—45

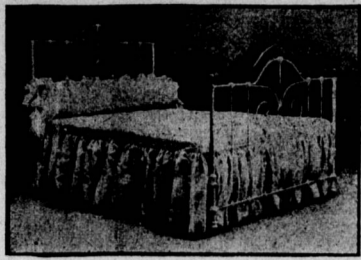
Doubtful among probable nominees to house 11

**WILL WORK WITH HANNA.**  
Gen. Reeder has been invited to visit New York and confer with the leaders of the Republican national committee in reference to the work of the campaign, as it is desired that the chairman of the various state committees shall be in touch with the national committee and work in harmony with Chairman Hanna.

The speech of acceptance from Bryan, in which he made imperialism almost the only issue, made an impression upon the conservative element of the Democracy and the Republican leaders fear that unless there shall be a renewal of the agitation on the silver question, this speech from Bryan will have the effect of sending sons of the sound money Democrats back into line with the national democracy. It is believed that this speech was prepared with the sole purpose of misleading the gold Democrats of the east and getting them to give their support to Democratic candidates for congress. Bryan has the confidence of the silverites of the west and the northwest, and they know that he will be true to their interests no matter what he may deem politic to say in any of his campaign speeches. With the knowledge that the silverites are for him, Bryan diplomatically made his speech of acceptance on imperialism, with the idea of getting the sound money Democrats of the east working in sympathy with the Democratic organization. The Democratic silverites of Pennsylvania are now boasting that Bryan's Indianapolis speech will bring back into the Democratic party many of the sound money advocates and that they will be serviceable in helping to elect Democratic candidates for congress and the Democrats on the fusion tickets for the state legislature.

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