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A WANAMAKER WATERLOO.

The most notable contest was that waged in the Fifth senatorial district, where William H. Berkelbach, an active young Republican, was the candidate of the stalwart element, and pitted against him and backed by the Martin-Wanamaker influence was former Speaker Harry F. Walton. It was a bitter struggle. Each side formed a perfect organization, and every precinct was canvassed thoroughly and the voters kept posted with the literature of both sides. The insurgent newspapers kept up a hot fight for Walton, but the people soon got to suspect what inspired much of the newspaper syndicate matter and took it for what it was worth.

In every one of the contested districts the insurgents made their fight against the election of Col. Quay to the United States senate their trump card.

In each of these districts the regulars made their fight upon stalwart Republican lines. They agreed to support the successful candidates, no matter which side won at the primaries.

Each one of the candidates of the regulars answered in the affirmative the queries put to all the candidates by the officers of the Republican city committee, who were directed to interrogate all aspirants for the legislature and to inquire whether in the event of their election they would attend regular caucuses of Republican members of the legislature and abide by the action of the majority.

None of the insurgent candidates, Walton included, answered these interrogatories from the Republican city committee. The Republican voters knew this and they acted accordingly.

Not a single insurgent candidate in any of the districts in which there was a contest was successful. They all went down in an overwhelming defeat of Martinism-Wanamakerism and insurgentism of every manner and kind that would fuse with the Democrats to defeat regular Republicans.

Stalwart Republicans were triumphant everywhere.

On the night of the primaries a message was sent to the regular Republicans of the commonwealth that those who stand by the party organization have the full sympathy and support of a large majority of the Republicans of Philadelphia.

GREAT VOTE POLLED.

There was an immense vote polled in every district in which there was a fight. In some precincts each side had as many as 20 canvassers at the polls wearing badges of their respective candidates and hurrying voters to the front, so that in the two hours allotted for the voting they could get as many votes in as possible. There were as many as 250 voters in a solid line waiting to get in their ballots at some precincts at 7 o'clock. At no general election ever held in this city was there ever anything like this seen.

In many precincts the vote polled exceeded that at the last gubernatorial election. Republicans who frequently neglect to vote at a general election were gotten to the primaries because of the intense rivalry between the followers of Martin and the regulars.

In the Fifth senatorial district Berkelbach, the candidate of the regulars, won 139 delegates to 49 for Walton. Many of the delegates were elected by a narrow margin of votes. The total vote in the district was 21,127 votes for Berkelbach to 13,174 votes for Walton, a popular majority of 7,953 for Berkelbach.

Since this humiliating defeat of the Martinites the insurgent newspapers have been attempting to make it appear that a victory for Berkelbach was won by unfair means, and they point to the fact that the vote in some cases exceeds the vote for Governor Stone. In their effort to explain their defeat these newspapers overlook the fact that the vote in the precincts carried for Walton was correspondingly as large as was the Berkelbach vote in precincts carried by the regulars. In a number of divisions where Walton delegates were elected the total vote exceeded the vote cast for Governor Stone. The insurgent newspapers do not refer to his fact, but keep up their cry of "repeaters" and "false returns" in order to break the force of their crushing defeat.

With the nomination of Berkelbach the regulars named all of the senatorial candidates nominated in this city. The insurgents, while they did not name a senator, on the other hand lost one, because in the district formerly represented by the late Senator Holzworth, a follower of David Martin, the regulars nominated Representative Gransback, a staunch Quay man, for state senator.

STALWART REPRESENTATIVES.

The six disputed assembly districts were all carried by the regulars. In the Twenty-sixth district on the day before the primaries Representative McClellan Herah, who during the last session bolted the Republican caucus and followed Martin into the insurgent camp, decided that he could not be renominated and he announced his withdrawal. B. Frank Bonham, a stalwart Republican, was nominated in his place.

In the Twenty-first legislative district Representative John F. Keator and another insurgent made a great effort to secure a renomination. Against him was pitted former Representative Harrison as a stalwart candidate. Most

of the leaders of the so-called Business Men's League live in this district. It was looked upon as a Wanamaker stronghold. When the votes were counted Harrison had 30 delegates and Keator but 9. On the popular vote Harrison had 5,168 votes and Keator 3,273.

There was a hot contest in the Twenty-fourth legislative district, where the Martinites tried to prevent the renomination of Representatives Adams and Noblit, both of whom had voted for Col. Quay for United States senator. Postmaster Hicks lives in this district. He has been disgruntled because in addition to getting a post-office he was not permitted to boss the politics of this district. So he joined the Martinites. Messrs. Adams and Noblit were both renominated by a popular vote of 6,884 to 3,273 for the candidates backed by the insurgent combine. Another desperate battle was fought in the Twenty-seventh legislative district, which at the last session was represented by two insurgents who bolted the caucus. One of these members has since fled from the city with charges against him. The other, Representative Laubach, who is an employe in Wanamaker's establishment, sought renomination. He was beaten to a standstill. The vote in this district was over five to one in favor of the successful stalwart candidates, Messrs. Walter Willard and John Hamilton.

In the Twenty-eighth district the regulars had a very hard battle to hold the district. The two members of the legislature from this district at the last session voted for Col. Quay, but since that time the leader of the district fell out with the stalwart leaders and joined the Martinites. He had all the party machinery of the ward at his back at the outset, and the regulars had to form an entirely new organization. They went to work with the people at their backs and they won a marvelous victory. Charles F. Kindred was the leader of this district. He recently secured control of the Philadelphia Times, and is at the head of the corporation which now runs that newspaper. He used his newspaper through the fight, and he had the support of the other insurgent newspapers. But when the votes were polled at the primaries the candidates of the regular Republicans carried almost everything before them. Out of the 47 election precincts Kindred carried but ten. The popular vote was for the regular Republican, 5,752, and for the Kindred insurgents, 2,956, a majority of 2,786. The two candidates named in this district, Messrs. Walter D. Stone and Thomas F. Connell, will cooperate with the regulars at Harrisburg.

These figures are sufficient to show the popular sentiment among the Republicans of Philadelphia on this issue between stalwartism and insurgentism. The regulars nominated the entire five candidates for the senate, and of the 39 candidates for the house of representatives the regulars nominated 32. The insurgents have four and there are three placed in the doubtful list. The prospects are that these three will vote with the regulars when the time comes.

Without the three doubtful members the regulars thus show a gain of ten votes in the house and one in the senate, or eleven in all certain from Philadelphia, with a chance of having fourteen.

The effect of this defeat of the insurgents will no doubt be felt all over the state. It has given the regulars encouragement to hope for a complete victory at the organization of the legislature.

DEMOCRATS ARE ACTIVE.

Democrats by their action in Philadelphia have shown that they are eager to carry into effect the fusion deals, because they are all likely to help the Democratic candidates for state or national offices.

Congressmen J. K. P. Hall, of Elk, and Rufus K. Polk, of Montour, were conspicuous in the conferences at Philadelphia last week, and, together with Chairman Rilling, of the Democratic state committee, they mapped out plans for the success of their candidates for state offices and for congress.

The conferences between the Democrats and the insurgent Republican leaders in the state are all held at hotels in Philadelphia. These alleged Republicans are afraid to go to the regular headquarters of the Democratic party. They sneak into the hotels where the Democratic state chairman or National Committeeman Guffey are stopping. Without any one knowing that they are there, they concoct schemes to defeat the regular Republican candidates for the legislature who might vote against the choice for United States senator.

GUFFEY IS ANXIOUS. Guffey and Rilling are anxious to protect their Republican allies, so they make as much mystery as possible about their conferences.

Congressman Hall is interested in the effort to defeat the Republican candidates for the legislature in Centre and Clearfield counties, as he recognizes the fact that the greater the Republican dissensions in these counties the greater will be the opportunity to get Republican votes for the Democratic candidate for congress. In Congressman Polk's district the Democrats are getting the insurgent Republicans to help defeat B. K. Focht for the state senate. They want to divide the Republican forces so as to help Guffey to get a Democrat in the state senate from this district. Guffey believes that he can elect former Congressman Wolverton, and in so doing he can help his candidacy for the United States senate.

Since the Republican primaries in Philadelphia the insurgents have not been so enthusiastic. They do not know where they are at. At present writing they feel very much like giving up the fight. Their only hope lies in a fusion with the Philadelphia Democracy, and in this they will be confronted with many obstacles.

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5:30	4:25	10:25	7:51	Pennsdale	7:35	9:40	11:54	3:57	4:41
5:40	4:32	10:31	8:00	Hughesville	7:25	9:31	11:40	3:48	4:32
5:48	4:40	10:37	8:06	Picture Rocks	9:25	11:32	11:32	4:24	
	4:44		8:09	Lyons Mills	9:20	11:27		4:20	
	4:46		8:11	Chamont	9:18	11:22		4:17	
	4:52		8:16	John Mawr	9:12	11:07		4:11	
	5:01		8:22	Strawbridge	9:05	11:03		4:02	
			8:27	Beech Glen	8:59	11:05		3:58	
			8:30	Muncy Valley	8:56	11:00		3:55	
			8:35	Senesbott	8:50	10:52		3:49	
			8:39	Nordmont		10:44		3:42	
			8:42	Yokoma		10:39		3:37	
			8:45	Laporte		10:34		3:32	
			8:48	Ringdale		10:29		3:27	
			8:51	Bernice Road		10:25		3:24	
			8:54	Satterfield		10:20		3:20	
			8:57			10:15		3:15	

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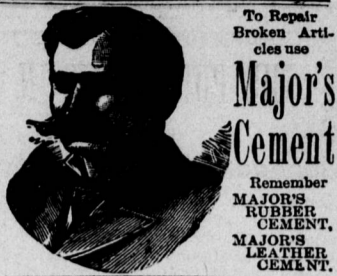
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