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(Special Correspondence.)  
 Philadelphia, Feb. 26.—The voters of this city having once more administered a crushing rebuke to the insurgents and others who have been maligning the leaders of the Republican organization and the Ashbridge administration, it would seem that these party wreckers would change their tactics.

At the election last Tuesday the choice of the Republicans for receiver of taxes, Capt. Davidson, polled 128,695 votes, and received a plurality of 98,193 votes. These figures are nearly 40,000 in excess of what had been expected by the Republican leaders, in view of the persistent attacks made by the insurgents and the yellow journals of this city. The people have evidently reached the conclusion that they can find little truth in these subsidized organs, when they touch upon politics or matters affecting the local administration.

**THE PEOPLE WERE AROUSED.**  
 The taxpayers resented the malicious assaults upon the city, which were begun as part of the recent campaign, when a few followers of Wana-makerism succeeded in getting Bishop Potter to believe some terrible tales about wickedness in this city and got him over here to speak at a mass meeting, where the initial attack was made upon Philadelphia and her Republican officials.

Then followed protests from business men, manufacturers, property owners and others with large interests in this city against the malicious, unwarranted and sinister attacks upon the fair name of the Quaker City. The Republican organization met the insurgents on their own issue and boldly appealed to the people to stand by their city and the Republican party.

The people rallied around the Republican standard bearers, and the plurality of 98,193 for the head of the Republican ticket was the result.

Yellow journalism and the other newspaper allies of the insurgent machine in this state cannot command popular support.

**JOURNALISM DISGRACED.**  
 A timely deliverance on this disgraceful feature of insurgent journalism has just come from the pen of Col. Theodore Hart, the stalwart Republican editor of the stalwart Pittston Gazette. Col. Hart writes:

"Those who declare and lament the low estate of Pennsylvania journalism base their condemnation unconsciously upon a mongrel type of comparatively recent development—the spiteful, vindictive and pharisaical publication which, during 80 per cent of its existence, tries to establish that everything in its party is all wrong; that the political leaders are knaves and scoundrels; that outside of a few mugwumps or insurgents of high sounding professions virtue has departed from the affairs of state, and that the public man who does not subscribe to this bilious platform is a fair target for misrepresentation and abuse.

"It is true that when a local campaign forces this specimen of buzzard journalism to protect its official pickiness, it momentarily checks its outflow of bile and proceeds to sound the signals for party regularity. But it is also true that for this exhibition of inconsistency, insincerity and greed the best people in every party despise it all the more.

"We have an illustration of this kind of journalism in Luzerne county. It isn't necessary to mention its name. Everybody will recognize it from our description of its kind. It preaches loudly of purity and reform. It is victorious in disparagement and scorn. Its irrepressible consciousness of its superior holiness exudes through every column. It has constituted itself the guardian of the political morals of county, state and nation. It is Sir Oracle with a license to regulate the universe.

Harrisburg, Feb. 26.—The first step taken by the leaders of the Republican organization to carry into effect their pledges for ballot reform was taken last week when Senator Benjamin K. Focht, of Union county, chairman of the committee on elections, presented a bill in the senate which provides for material changes in the present system of balloting.

This bill meets a number of objections that have been raised to the present system and, although it will probably be changed in several particulars before it becomes a law, it represents the general plans of the party leaders on this subject.

The bill will do away with the present unwieldy ballot, and while the demands of the ultra-ballot reform agitators for the "pure Australian" system are not fully granted, the bill is made of such a character as shall meet the demands of the Republicans who comprise a large percentage of the voting population of this commonwealth.

**CONVENIENCE OF PARTY MEN.**  
 One of the demands from these professional reformers has been that there shall be no device or arrangement by which members of any political party can by simply making one mark vote for all the candidates of that party. This proposition has been given careful consideration by the Republican leaders, and they have reached the conclusion that Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists or members of any other well established party should not be put to the inconvenience or annoyance of putting a mark "X" or name of each candidate for whom they wish to vote when they desire to cast a ballot for every candidate of their respective party.

There will be the usual howl from these radical "reformers," none of whom are in sympathy with the regular Republican organization, against the plan provided under Senator Focht's bill. But a great majority of Republicans, Democrats and Prohibitionists unquestionably demand some provision that will facilitate their voting for their party candidates without having to pick out their favorites from a long list of names and possibly, through error, vote for candidates whom they do not favor.

Senator Focht's bill, which is to be substituted for the present Baker ballot law, also comprehends vital and necessary changes in the present primary election law.

The bill practically embodies all the features of the Australian system, the candidates of all parties being grouped under headings designating the office for which they are running. The circles at the top are reserved to accommodate the 80 or 90 per cent of Republicans and Democrats who wish to vote a straight party ticket, while the distinctive Australian feature of grouping candidates affords those desiring to vote a split ticket every opportunity of doing so. The names of candidates are allowed on the ballot but once. Those by party certificates will have printed after the name the party designations, while all nominations by nomination papers will be designated as independent nominations.

**BLANKET BALLOT ABOLISHED.**  
 This greatly reduces the size of the ballot, and the blanket sheet will be something of the past. Senator Focht says he has examined carefully all the ballot laws of all the states, as well as the sample ballots used, and it is his opinion that in this bill he has presented the best system of voting in the country, as well as the most convenient and best constructed ballot, mechanically, now used in the United States.

Senator Focht says nothing can be done with the registration law until there shall be an amendment to the constitution, as the qualification of electors to register is now defined by that instrument. This bill also provides for and simplifies the nomination of all candidates.

The bill retains many provisions of the present law, for instance:  
 First—Mark in the circle is a vote for every candidate of that party whose name is under the circle.

Second—The percentage necessary to place independent candidates upon the ticket is the same, one-half of 1 per cent for candidates for state officers, and 2 per cent for all other officers, the only change being that for state officers the names must be secured in at least ten counties, instead of any one county, as at present.

Third—The ballots are numbered; unused and mutilated ballots are returned, as under the present law, to the court.

Fourth—The penalties remain the same as under the present law.  
**NO NAME TO APPEAR TWICE.**  
 The Focht bill differs from the present law in that no name of a candidate shall appear twice upon the same ballot for the same office. The candidate's name will appear on the ballot under the heading of the party which first nominated him, unless he elects otherwise.

No name can appear on the ticket as a candidate for office representing any element, faction or party maintains a party organization and is so recognized by the public, and then the candidate must have been nominated in accordance with the party rules. All candidates on the ticket will be grouped, each name followed by the party designation, but a straight party ticket may be voted by a cross in the circle, which will appear at the top of the ticket, one for each party represented thereon.

Some changes are made in the time for filing certificates of nomination and nomination papers, such papers having to be filed earlier than is now provided by the Baker ballot law.

**FAKE PARTIES BARRED.**  
 Such terms as "Jeffersonian Democrats," "Lincoln Republicans," "National Democrats," "McKinley Republicans," "Citizens," etc., will not be possible under the new law, unless the parties claiming such titles maintain an organization with fixed rules, policies, etc. All such nominations will appear on the tickets as "independents."

There are a number of provisions designed to prevent fraud, ballot stuffing and other irregularities.  
 "While I have not had time to read the bill introduced by Senator Focht," said Attorney General Elkin, "I understand its provisions in a general way. It is the best bill yet offered, and contains the principles necessary to bring about needed reforms. Some amendments may be made, but that is a matter in the hands of the legislature. The Republican organization and the state administration are committed to ballot reform, and this, as well as all other party pledges, will be faithfully kept."

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**Administrator's Notice.**  
 Estate of Robert F. Rogers, deceased, of Hillsgrove Township, Sullivan County, Pa. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to  
 E. F. IVES, Administrator.  
 Muncy, Pa.  
 A. J. BRADLEY, Attorney.

**Sheriff's Sale.**  
 By virtue of a writ of Testatum Fi Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County, and bearing test at Laporte the 14th day of February, 1901, to me directed and delivered there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Laporte Borough, Pa., on  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1901,**  
 at 11 o'clock a. m.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land lying and being situated in the township of Davidson, County of Sullivan, State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz:

Bounded on the north by land of William Arms, east by land owned by Wm. D. or Esther Spearman, south by land of Henry Swank and west by land of Catherine Stroup and L. S. Wolvorton, containing 248 acres and 48 perches, more or less, deducting therefrom about 70 acres owned by Catherine Stroup, being the same premises conveyed to said Stephen Phillips by Anna E. Phillips by her deed dated May 11, 1896, and recorded in Sullivan County in deed book Vol. 23 at page 240.

Having erected thereon frame house, frame barn and other outbuildings. About 30 acres cleared, balance in timber.

Seized taken in execution and to be sold as the property of L. H. Phillips and Stephen Phillips at the suit of West Branch Building and Loan Association of Williamsport, Pa.  
 J. C. and H. R. HILL, Attys.  
 H. W. OSLER, Sheriff.

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 L. H. BUCK, Assignee.

**about needed reforms.** Some amendments may be made, but that is a matter in the hands of the legislature. The Republican organization and the state administration are committed to ballot reform, and this, as well as all other party pledges, will be faithfully kept.

As the members have not as yet had a chance to review Senator Focht's bill it is impossible to secure an expression upon its merits, but those stalwarts who have read a synopsis of it are much pleased with its general outline.  
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