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Misrepresentations to Make It Believe That They Are the Only Champions of Reform, But Senator Focht Shows That the Measure He Has Presented Meets a Popular Demand.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, March 5.--A lot of cheap notoriety is being given several members of the legislature who have presented bills providing for changes in the present ballot law.

Whenever any one of these bills is opposed by a regular Republican the cry goes forth from insurgent Republican organs that the Republican leaders are against ballot reform. The insurgents who offered these bills probably knew at the time they were offered that the regular Republicans, who are in control of both branches of the legislature, intend to assume the responsibility for any changes that are made in the system of voting. They do not propose to permit any insurgent to dictate to the Republican organization as to what changes shall be made in the ballot.

Senator Quay, while in Harrisburg, last week, conferred with Governor Stone and leading Republican members of the legislature, and it was agreed that no one should be permitted to interfere with the carrying out of every pledge made by the Republican party for ballot reform. Col. Quay had a conference with Senator Benjamin K. Focht, of Union county, who has introduced a ballot reform bill, and who is chairman of the senate committee on elections, which will have to pass upon all ballot and election measures this session.

TO CONFER WITH GUFFEY. Senator Quay stated that inasmuch as the Democratic party has also declared in favor of ballot reform, he would be pleased to confer with Col. Guffey, the leader of the state Democracy, with a view to an agreement upon a fair election ballot bill which Republicans and Democrats alike could support. It is manifest that Col. Quay does not believe that the Republican organization should shirk its duty of giving the people an honest ballot reform bill.

There are several other reforms which the Republican leaders desire to see accomplished. While the insurgent newspapers miss no opportunity to misrepresent the action of the Republicans in the legislature on the ballot reform issue, when the legislature shall have adjourned the people will know that the Republican party has fulfilled all its pledges.

THE FOCHT BALLOT BILL. A bill which is attracting much attention and which will be amended to meet any program that the stalwart Republicans may determine upon, is known as the Focht bill. It was introduced by Senator Focht.

In explaining the provisions of this measure, which is now in the hands of the elections committee, Senator Focht said:

"First--Recognizing that party organization is fundamental to any electoral system, it is proposed to divide nominations into those made by regular political parties and those made by non-political and individual effort.

"For a party nomination it is requisite that there be either a national, state or county organization, governed by a set of rules and requiring a fixed minimum public notice of the time and manner of making nominations. This is the first step toward legislative regulation of primary elections, and by giving official recognition to party entities will naturally lead up to this result.

"Provision is also made for free nominations by any group of citizens not affiliated with any political party. Such nominations are all grouped under one head as independent nominations. It would seem most unwise to allow any group of citizens, having probably no affiliation outside of their own municipal division, to dignify their efforts with a political name and the semblance of party regularity. The Martin bill, in 1899, required representation from every county in the state for nomination by papers; this is an onerous requirement, and would practically be prohibitory. The proposed law requires representation from at least ten counties for a place upon the state ticket, and was so fixed for the reason that it does not seem right that a disaffected group of citizens, or any number of citizens not members of any political party, should be able to secure a place upon the state ticket without definite representation in some regulated number of counties.

CANDIDATES GROUPED TOGETHER. "Second--In the printing of the ballot the names of all candidates for any particular office are to be grouped under one heading, giving priority of place to the dominant party, and arranging all other party nominations in the order of votes cast at the last state election. Following these are the names of all independent candidates, arranged in alphabetical order, under each office, following each name with the designation 'independent nominee.' Except that to choose a party designation, this provision does not differ from the Martin bill or any other proposed measure for decreasing the size of the ballot or doing away with party columns.

"The provision for following all the nominees for each office by as many blank lines as there are persons to be elected to that office gives opportunity for every voter to cast his ballot strictly in accordance with his views without danger of losing his vote through marking in different columns, and so not being counted by either the haste or neglect of an election board.

"Third--For the same reasons that recognition is specifically given to party nominations provision is made for voting a party ticket by placing a horizontal row of circles across the top of the ballot, printing therein the names of all parties making nominations, arranged in the order of party dominants in the last preceding spring election. In order that there may be no misunderstanding as to the import of these circles, this instruction is to be printed underneath:

TO FACILITATE VOTING.

"TO VOTE A STRAIGHT TICKET MAKE AN X MARK WITHIN ONE OF THE CIRCLES, AND DO NOT MARK THE BALLOT ELSEWHERE. "TO VOTE A SPLIT TICKET, THAT IS, FOR CANDIDATES ON DIFFERENT TICKETS, DO NOT MARK IN ANY CIRCLE, BUT MAKE A MARK AFTER EACH CANDIDATE VOTED FOR.

"Fourth--The vexed question as to how assistance can be rendered to a voter who is unable to mark his ballot is compromised between those who would allow a free choice of any voter and those who would restrict this duty to members of the election board, who now have more than they can well do, by restricting the choice of the assistant to one of the duly appointed watchers, and each watcher is required to take an oath prohibiting the disclosure of the way in which he marked any ballot, and is further subjected to all the penalties imposed by the bill upon election officers for any such offense.

"So far as possible, the lines of the existing law which are now fairly understood and reasonably well settled by judicial interpretations have been closely followed, except so far as it seemed possible to simplify either the method of nomination or the form of the ballot. The time within which pretexts must be made is limited and nominations are required to be filed with the officers promptly so that neither the office of the secretary of the commonwealth nor the Dauphin county court will be congested with a multitude of contests within a short time of the election.

IN CASE OF CONFLICT.

"When two or more bodies seek to use the same political name, claiming to represent the same party, the secretary of the commonwealth is required to accept and file the first papers tendered, and the other party is compelled to look to the court for redress. Except as to matters of form the duties of the secretary of the commonwealth are made purely ministerial, although he may reject any certificate or nomination paper for patent fraud in its execution.

"Every candidate is restricted to a single place on the ticket, and where a candidate receives nominations from more than one party or group of voters he is held to prefer to have used on the ballot that one which shall be the first filed, unless he shall within a limited time file a paper under oath expressing preference for some other nomination.

"This absolutely prevents any name appearing twice on the ballot, and yet by grouping all candidates, under each title, gives ample opportunity for every candidate receiving the votes of all of his friends. It is senseless for a candidate's name to appear more than once when no elector is entitled to more than one vote.

"It is estimated that this ballot, on account of its reduced size, will cost from two hundred to many thousands less for each county each year.

"The question of registration does not form any part of this Focht ballot bill, because the constitution must be first amended before any reform in that line can be provided for by legislative enactment."

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STAGE LINES. Stage leaves Hughesville post office for Lairdsville, Mengew and Phillipsdale daily Wilson, Beaver Lake and Fribley on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11.30. Stage leaves Glen Mawr for Hillsgrove and Forksville at 11.02 a. m. Stage leaves Muncy Valley for Unityville, North Mountain and Lungerville daily at 11.19 a. m. Passengers taking trains at flag stations can secure train excursion tickets from the conductors.

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. Wolverton, 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.

Assignee Notice. Notice is hereby given that J. W. Buck has assigned all his property, real and personal, to me for the benefit of his creditors. All persons knowing themselves indebted to him will please pay the same to me, and all persons having any claims against the said J. W. Buck will present the same to me duly authenticated for settlement. L. H. BUCK, Assignee.

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