

Philadelphia, January 21.—The Union party organization in the Quaker City has ceased to be held in respect even by its former most ardent champions.

It has been revealed, by its former friends, in its true light of a combination of disgruntled and disappointed and scheming politicians who have nothing in common with the principles and aims of sincere reformers, although their stock in trade in the recent campaign were their professions of reform.

The very men and interests which put up the money to run the recent Union party campaign in Philadelphia are now the loudest in denunciation of the politicians whom they gathered around them and engaged to make their fight against the nominees of the Republican party.

FAKE REFORM. This was, indeed, a "reform campaign," run upon strictly business principles.

These hirelings of the wealthy men, with personal ambitions to advance, or private grievances to satisfy, went at their work to disrupt the Republican party in the hope that besides the ready money of which they were assured, there would be offices to be had after the defeat of the Republican candidates, and then Democrats and Union party men would be entrenched in the city offices.

Mass meetings were gotten up and streets parades were organized, with many of the men in line paid from 50 cents to one dollar a night to turn out under the Union party banners. The insurgent and Democratic newspapers were daily filled with glowing reports of the proceedings in the Union party campaign, and recounting, with graphic descriptions and precise detail, the "grand work being done in the interest of reform," but the voters soon became acquainted with the tactics being resorted to and realized that the whole show was a scheme gotten up to serve the purposes of men who have been repudiated by the Republican party.

These men believed that they had but to defeat the nominees of the Republican party to command consideration from the leaders who had refused to comply with their wishes. When the politicians who had been subsidized into joining the Union party and who had gotten control of its machinery saw a chance last week to possibly benefit themselves they "throw reform to the winds" and started out in business on their own account. They held a Union party convention and nominated two of their own number for magistrates in the hope of electing them as the minority members of the board of magistrates. They believed that they could command more votes than the Democrats, and would thus get representation as the minority party. In order to strengthen their position they placed on their ticket for city solicitor the name of the Republican nominee for that office, John L. Kinsey, who has made a most very creditable record in the office.

MILLIONAIRES ARE INCENSED.

This action of the active workers in the Union party incensed the men who had spent thousands and thousands of dollars backing the Union party in its unsuccessful campaign to defeat John Weaver, the Republican candidate for district attorney. They had hoped to be able to keep up the fight, to form an alliance with the Democrats for a fusion campaign, and to strengthen the Union party and Democratic combination for the real contest for which all the money was being spent, the election of members of the Legislature, which is to take place next fall. These members of the legislature will vote on the United States Senatorship, and this is the grand prize for which the Union party was organized.

The Union party, according to the declaration of its state chairman at the initial convention held in Philadelphia, was formed primarily to figure in the election of a United States senator.

There are half a dozen eminent gentlemen who have either put up cash to keep the Union party going or have given their influence in other directions to serve its purposes who are now damning the men who have gotten control of its Philadelphia machinery. Wanamaker's Philadelphia newspaper, which has been the organ of the Union party in the state, is showing the keenest disappointment. In a scathing arraignment of the Union party this paper, among other things, says:

"The Union party organization in this city has been guilty of an act either of perfidy or supreme folly, or both. In any case, it has abdicated its principles and abused its trust."

Continuing, it states that by the ac-

tion of its convention it became "the tool of spoliemen," and then adds, "as the instrument of mere spoliemen it represents no principles, and has no banner that any independent or partisan citizen can follow."

"The spoils hunters who have temporarily gained control of the Union party organization in this city should be made as contemptible and ridiculous as their folly or perfidy deserves."

And this is what the principal organ of the Union party has to say of the men who have been running its "reform campaign."

WILL PROTECT LABOR

Senator Penrose Meeting the Great Question of Chinese Exclusion.

OPPOSITION NOW DEVELOPING

Business Interests Trading With China Have Taken a Hand in the Fight, But the Republican Party Will Not Ignor the Workingmen.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Jan. 21.—The insincerity of the average reformer has again been demonstrated in the present silence which has been observed among the insurgent newspapers over the question of the exclusion of the Chinese laborers.

The Pennsylvania insurgents have finally discovered that United States Senator Boies Penrose, by reason of his position as chairman of the committee on immigration of the senate, will wield great influence in shaping the legislation in congress on this subject. In an effort to cater to the labor vote some of the insurgent newspapers made a great ado over this issue some weeks ago in seeking to lead the movement for the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law. But things are different now. The editors of these papers have learned that Senator Penrose is the real leader in this agitation and that upon his shoulders will largely rest the responsibility of meeting the organized opposition of large capital interests for liberal legislation affecting the Chinese.

AN IMPORTANT PROBLEM.

Senator Penrose has arranged to give a hearing this week to representatives of both the advocates and the opponents of the proposed legislation to bar Chinese cheap labor from this country. It has developed that many business interests fear that if the action of congress shall be too radical on this subject trade with China will be seriously affected, and it may lead to retaliatory measures on the part of the Chinese government.

New England interests, including the Great Boston and Maine railroad, representatives of the Canadian Pacific railroad, in which a large amount of capital from the United States is invested, the Chamber of Commerce of New York, fearful of curtailment of the importing and export trade with China, and the Cotton Planters Association of the south, who ship millions of dollars worth of cotton and cotton goods to China, are among others who have requested an opportunity to be heard before Senator Penrose's committee.

On the other hand, Senator Penrose has extended a cordial invitation to all labor organizations throughout the country to have representatives at the hearings or to communicate with him direct by mail, that he may submit to his colleagues in the senate, in a practical way, the views of American mechanics and laboring men on this great question.

In conversation on this issue a few days ago, Senator Penrose among other things said: "I was not until recently aware of the many ramifications of this question of the exclusion of the Chinese laborers. I have received many communications from business men, manufacturers, importers and exporters and others on this subject, which go to show how keenly some of our commercial and manufacturing interests are considering this matter. From the outset of this agitation I have made it a point to keep in touch with representative workingmen, among them officers of various trade unions and other organizations, and I have gathered a vast fund of valuable information which will be available in framing the bill which will ultimately come from our committee."

PENNSYLVANIA'S INTERESTS. "Throughout our own state of Pennsylvania the workingmen are fully alive to the situation, and I have had hundreds of letters from almost every section of the commonwealth insisting that there shall be no departure from the policy of exclusion of the Chinese laborers."

"The men engaged in the vast anthracite and bituminous coal fields of Pennsylvania, our great coke industries, the lumber interests and the immense iron and steel plants and the other manufacturing establishments of the Keystone state, including many thousands of workingmen, are all deeply concerned in this subject."

"Personally, my aim from the outset shall be to protect American labor from all encroachment of undesirable foreign labor, which at low wages would come in competition with the men who have served to make this country great and prosperous."

"The American home, above all, must be protected, and I am satisfied that when this issue shall be finally met in congress the Republican party, which has always been a friend of labor, will not be found wanting in appreciation of the claims of the workingmen of the country, and the courage to afford them full protection in this matter."

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