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Harrisburg, April 8.—There is a first-class row on in the Democratic organization in Pennsylvania, which is likely to result in the overthrow of Colonel James M. Guffey, whose alleged leadership of the minority party in this state is characterized by many Democrats as bossism of the most flagrant kind.

Guffey never was a leader. He has been simply a boss. He has no following other than that which recognizes the power of his immense fortune among such Democrats as must have a source of money supply always at hand. "Guffey pays the freight," has become a familiar expression among the weaklings who have gone to the front in the Democratic organization in Pennsylvania since Guffey has been running the machine. Men of the type of Harry, of Philadelphia; former Congressmen Wolverton, of Northumberland, and Meyers, of Dauphin; Robert E. Wright, of Lehigh, and W. U. Hensel and William B. Given, of Lancaster, and other Democrats of recognized ability and standing in public affairs have refused to have anything to do with the Democratic organization since Guffey became sole dictator.

Guffey's policy of getting amateur politicians of the order of Rilling, of Erie, and Creasy, of Columbia, to fill the role of state chairman is explained by his desire to be "the only thing" in the whole Democratic show. Guffey is now accused of setting up the game of having various counties bring out favorite sons for the Democratic nomination for governor so that no one man will be likely to develop any special strength and that he may in the end dictate the nomination for some one whose name he will write upon his slate a few days before the holding of the Democratic state convention.

**TROUBLE FOR GUFFEY.**  
There is liable to be trouble for Guffey at the forthcoming meeting of the Democratic state committee, when a new chairman is to be chosen.

This meeting takes place at Harrisburg on the 23d inst. There is already talk of Guffey's having recognized the sentiment in his party against his scheme of having figure heads as state chairmen and that the state committee may take the matter in hand and select a chairman of their own.

The dissatisfied Democrats point to the fact that the Democratic party has been steadily losing ground since Guffey succeeded Harry as its leader. Guffey's deals with insurgent Republicans and his denunciation of every Democrat who declines to support his fusion tickets have aroused a feeling of resentment among many influential Democrats, which is likely to have emphatic expression at the coming meeting.

The latest exhibition of Guffey's bossism was given in Allegheny county on Saturday last when he arbitrarily directed that there should be no primary election held for the naming of delegates to the state convention, but that the state delegates should be "appointed."

This arrangement gave the rank and file of the Democracy of that county no choice in the matter. They had to bow submissively to Guffey's orders and Guffey fixed up a slate and the men he indicated were "appointed" as delegates to the state convention.

Following out Guffey's program of having favorite sons named, the delegates "appointed" under Guffey's command were instructed to support G. W. Guthrie, of Allegheny, for governor. Thus even the men picked out by this Democratic boss will not be permitted to exercise their own judgment as to the candidate to be supported in the convention. If Guffey wants Guthrie when that state convention date rolls around they will have to vote for Guthrie, and if he should decide to slate another candidate they must be for that candidate.

With this exhibition of Democratic bossism, Guffey's henchmen in Allegheny had the effrontery to adopt resolutions in which they denounced what they are pleased to term the Republican "machine." It has been the proper thing for the Democratic and assistant Democratic newspapers to characterize the Republican organization of Pennsylvania as the "machine," but even though the most virulent and persistent abuse is constantly heaped upon that so-called "machine," the Republicans in Pennsylvania may well be proud of their party organization when they compare it with that of which Guffey is the sole and most domineering boss.

**REPUBLICANS GET POPULAR WILL**  
The Republican "machine" in Pennsylvania is simply what the Republican voters of the state make it. The present canvass for nominations at the hands of the Republican organization of Pennsylvania is a free and open contest. In many counties the Republican voters are being called upon not only to select their own delegates to the state convention at primary elections in which every Republican is invited to participate, but where there is an expressed desire for the voters to have an opportunity to instruct these delegates by popular vote the names of candidates are printed upon the used at these primaries.

Thus the delegates to the Republican state convention will go to Harrisburg with instructions directly from the people, not from any boss or party leader, and the will of the majority will be fairly and honestly expressed in the make-up of the state ticket to be voted for at the November election.

## PENROSE IS FIRM

He Refuses to Allow Any Amendments to Chinese Exclusion Bill.

### REPUBLICAN HARMONY ASSURED

**Party Leaders Are Confident That There Will Be No Friction By the Time the State Convention Shall Be Held.**

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, April 8.—Senator Penrose figured quite conspicuously in the proceedings of the United States senate in the debate on the Chinese Exclusion bill, which he reported to the senate from the committee on immigration, of which he is chairman. He would not yield to a single change in the bill, despite the determined efforts made to have him do so by those who seemed to think that the interests of the steamship companies and other corporations which advocate the admission of the Chinese are more important than the claims of the American workmen, who demand that there shall be a rigid exclusion of such undesirable labor.

Senator Penrose had the floor several times during the discussion of the proposed amendments and fought every suggestion of a change in the bill which would weaken it or leave any room for doubt as to the successful enforcement of its restrictive provisions.

### PENROSE IS CONFIDENT.

Senator Penrose, who was here over Sunday, thinks that the measure will become a law and that all efforts to block or retard its passage will fail.

Much interest has been shown in the reported conference in Washington in which Senators Quay and Penrose, the Olivers, of Pittsburg; Israel W. Durham, of Philadelphia, and other prominent Republicans participated and at which state politics are said to have been discussed.

While no authoritative information has been given as to what was said and done at this conference, there is reason to believe that the proposed harmony plans will be faithfully carried out and that before the state convention shall be held at Harrisburg on June 11th next, there will be absolute harmony throughout the Republican organization of Pennsylvania.

The most serious situation from the outset has been that in Allegheny county, but the chances are that there will be a satisfactory arrangement reached there by which the conflicting elements will be gotten to work loyally for the success of the nominees of the Republican state convention no matter what may be the contentions in the local campaign at home.

It is possible that a local ticket will be agreed upon in Allegheny which all factions can support.

Conditions are not nearly so alarming in Allegheny as they were and many of the best informed Republicans in the county are predicting that there will soon be peace.

The political conditions in Philadelphia have not for many years given more satisfaction to the Republican party leaders. There is practically no organized opposition to the stalwart Republican element which now controls every one of the forty-one wards in the city. It is predicted that every member of the legislature from the Quaker City will be a stalwart Republican and will vote for Senator Penrose to succeed himself in the United States senate.

The announcement from Pittsburg that Henry W. Oliver is not, nor will he be, a candidate for United States senator, was a disappointment to opponents of Senator Penrose, who had hoped to get Mr. Oliver into a campaign for the election of members of the legislature.

### ELKIN QUITE HAPPY.

Attorney General John P. Elkin was here last week to attend the dinner of the Fellowship Club. He was given a great ovation and was hailed as the "next governor of Pennsylvania." The attorney general has no reason to complain about the growth of the movement in favor of his nomination. To the already long list of counties favorable to his nomination two more were added on Saturday last.

These are Mercer and Lycoming counties.

In Mercer county all factions united in support of a set of candidates for delegates to the state convention who were avowed friends of Attorney General Elkin and they were elected without a struggle. The county organization will be controlled by the stalwart element. The same condition of affairs practically existed in Lycoming county, where the primaries went off without serious friction.

Mr. Elkin has been strong in both these counties, where he is personally known to most of the influential Republicans on account of his services as a campaign orator in a number of local and state contests.

Mr. Elkin when in this city said he had every reason to believe that an overwhelming majority of the delegates to the state convention would be favorable to his candidacy.

There is practically but one candidate against Mr. Elkin and Mr. Elkin has carried every county where they have met in a clean-cut contest.

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