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Political Announcement.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. M. Botsford of LaPorte Twp. as a canidate for County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Republican county convention.

We are authorized to announce the name of Boyod P. Bennett of Shrewsbury Twp. as a canidate for County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Republican county convention.

FINE PARTY FERVOR

Gratifying Result of Republican Canvass of the State.

THE COUNTY CHAIRMEN REPORT

Predictions That the Majority Will Be the Largest Ever Given in an "Off Year" Campaign.

> [Special Correspondence.] Harrisburg, July 18.

A canvass of the state has just been completed through the chairmen of the Republican county committees, and it shows a very gratifying condition of affairs from a Republican standpoint.

The party is united and harmonious, and there is a splendid feeling manifested among the rank and file of the organization. That Pennsylvania will make a very creditable showing at the coming election is apparent from re-ports that come from the several counties. In order that at the very outset of the canvass there might be definite data on hand regarding the feeling in the different sections of the state, Chairman Wesley R. Andrews, of the Republican state committee, sent to each of the county chairmen a letter soliciting detailed information as to conditions and sentiment in their respective localities.

In this letter Chairman Andrews said that he fully realized that the phenominal Republican majority polled in Pennsylvania last fall was largely due to the great issues then pending before the American people and the fact that both national and state candidates were running.

A Letter of Inquiry. Continuing, Chairman Andrews said:

"There being no national or congressional ticket in the field this year, it can scarcely be expected that the majority will be as large as last; nevertheless it is exceedingly desirable that the full vote be gotten out, particularly in view of the fact that a noticeable decrease in the majority would invite the criticism of our opponents who would try to make it appear that the Republicans of Pennsylvania were no longer in accord with the policies of the national admin-

"Again, a large falling off in the Republican vote this year would inspire the opposition to make strenuous efforts in the congressional districts in 1906, in the hope of reducing the Republican repre-sentation from Pennsylvania in the national house of representatives, and which, if successful, might imperil the election of a Republican speaker, and thereby seriously embarrass the administration of President Roosevelt. In view of the difficulties that might be oc-casioned by the failure to get out the Republican vote in November next I am led to thus early ad-dress you, and to urge the necessity of your perfecting the organization in your county at the earliest possible date, and of conducting thereafter an energetic cam-paign until the curtain rings down on Tuesday, November 7.

Republicans Standing True. whether it would be reasonable to expect that a full vote can be polled.

In response to this letter, Chairman Andrews has received answers from every Republican county chairman in the state and he is more than delight-

ed with the information they impart. "I do not recall an instance in my years of political work" said Colonel Andrews, in discussing this corresponence, "when I have had such prompt nd highly satisfactory replies to a let-Kennedy Moorehead, of Pittsburg, who ter of inquiry of this character so early in a political contest. All the letters indicate the Republicans of Pennsylvania are standing true to their party colors, and that they will be heard from in no uncertain tones in November next as loyally supporting the en-tire Republican ticket."

Many of the letters gave not only the opinions of the county chairmen, but the latter quoted other leading Republicans in their respective counties, indorsing their statements as to the feeling among the voters.

People Contented and Happy.
"Our county is standing steadfast
in the Republican column." wrote one of the chairmen. "We will give a lar-ger majority than usual in an off-year

party of Pennsylvnafa shall herald to the world in November next that the Keystone state is not faltering in her loyalty to the national administration, and will be found next year electing a solid Republican delegation to con-gress to support the president in his progressive American policies."

"Insurgency and mugwumpery have no foothold in this county," reported another of the chairmen. "We are all another of the chairmen. "We are all in line for the whole Republican ticket. While we may not get out as many votes as we did for President Roosevelt, we will more than hold our own for a state election, and our majority will be above the average. I hear of absolutely no dissention, while, on the other hand, there is an ardent and aggressive Republican spirit evinced by

the young men of this section."

From one of the northern tier of counties the chairman sent this mes-

"Put our county down for fully large a majority as we polled at the presidential election. This may seem strange, but a canvass shows that we are going to get large accessions from men who last year voted the Demo-

cratic ticket for the last time. I don't know what is to become of the Demo-cratic party up our way. Old-time Democrats see no hope for their party in the future. They are satisfied with the condition of affairs the ughout the country, and are going to vote with us next November. Roosevelt has cap-tured many of them, and they are going to be with us from now on. Our people are prosperous."

Coal Mining Regions Loyal.

Throughout the anthracite coal region there appears to be an unusually confident spirit shown in the corres-pondence received by Chairman Andrews. One chairman from this region

among other things said: "Every county in the coal mining districts of this state will be found 'standing pat' with Roosevelt and the Republican party. Our men are employed and contented. They have no concern as to the future, and they are determined to vote the full Republican ticket. They believe in letting well enough alone. They want no change, and cannot be switched from the Republican ticket by any arguments or chicanery of independent Republican or other assistant Democrats.

One of the western county chairmen, after predicting that his county would increase its Republican majority over the highest figure ever given in an off year, added:

"I bank upon this estimate because after having interviewed several hundred of our active Republicans I discovered a remarkable condition of affairs. We have for years been bothered with an element which, while professing Republican principles, have al-

ways found one pretext or another to vote against our ticket.

"Kickers" Stop Kicking.
"They do not comprise over three hundred voters all told, but three hundred voters for the ticket means quite a difference in the size of the majority. There will not be five per cent. of these old-time 'kickers' against us this fall. They may all get into line before election day. Stalwart Republicanism seems to be in the air, and that is why you may look for a splendid showing from our county; in fact, I believe you will have the same reports from all of this section of the state from what I hear in travelling on trains.

All of Chairman Andrews' letters told practically the same story. The majority will surely be above the average for an "off-year."

There was no room to question the intense party fervor which exists.

PENROSE AND KNOX

They Stand Well With the President,

and Are Working in Harmony. Washington, July 18.—Members of the Pennsylvania official colony here are still talking about the conference which Senator Knox held with President Roosevelt last week at Oyster Bay. There is no doubt of the fact that Senator Knox is one of the closest men in the country to the president. Roosevelt has great respect for his judgment and it is known that ques-tions of the highest importance were discussed at this conference.

Pennsylvania's two United States senators stand well with the president, The chairman supplemented this and they are working in absolute har with a request for a report regarding mony in looking after the interests of the political outlook and inquiring their constituents in the Keystone state

Senator Penrose, in his last visit the White House, which was just be fore the Roosevelt family left on their summer vacation, had a very satisfactory talk with the president, and the latter showed his appreciation of the cordial support of the senior senator from Pennsylvania by giving him two important consular appointments that very day

One of these places went to Maxwell was appointed consul to a desirable post in Canada, and the other was landed by B. F. Chase, former chair-man of the Clearfield county Republican committee, who goes to Catania

union do the two United States senators work in greater harmony than do

Senators Penrose and Knox. Every now and then reports to the contrary emanate from Philadelphia.

but they are absolutely unfounded. Senator Knox in his recent interview in Pittsburg showed that he is in full sympathy with the Republican organi zation in Pennsylvania and that he lieves that the Republican party ger majority than usual in an off-year campaign. Our people are contented and happy. They believe in Roosevelt and they propose that the Republican are not good Republicans. ance from Democrats or others was

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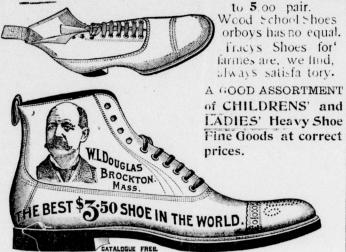
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