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ANDREWS PUTS LIFE IN THE FIGHT

Pennsylvania Republicans Busy All Along the Line.

MANY MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Capital and Labor Concerned Over the Situation and Will Co-operate to Bring About the Election of Taft and the Full Ticket of His Party.

[Special Correspondence.] Philadelphia, Oct. 6.

There have been very busy times about the Republican state headquarters during the last week.

Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, chairman of the state committee, has been almost overwhelmed with callers from the different counties, eager to contribute towards the success of the ticket.

Vice President Fairbanks, Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury; Representative Nicholas Longworth, the president's son-in-law; Senator Julius Caesar Burrows, of Michigan; John M. Thurston and other prominent speakers have accepted invitations to deliver political addresses in this state.

A large number of Pennsylvania orators will also be on the stump from this week until election day.

Mr. Shaw will deliver four speeches. With Lieutenant Governor Robert S. Murphy, he is scheduled to address a political rally at Johnstown tonight.

Representative Longworth and Senator Burrows are booked to address a meeting in Pittsburg this evening. Mr. Longworth's speeches in this campaign have attracted much attention, and he has received invitations to speak in every state.

Republican Meetings Planned.

Henry F. Walton, chief of the speakers' bureau of the state committee, has announced these assignments of speakers:

October 6 - Middletown, Snyder county, James M. Yeager, of Scranton; Clarence F. Huth, of Shamokin.

October 6 - Houlette, Potter county, D. E. Murray, of Perry county.

October 7 - Austin, Potter county, D. E. Murray, of Perry county.

October 8 - Titusville, Crawford county, Congressman James Francis Burke, of Pittsburg, W. L. Swopes, of Clearfield.

October 8 - Erie, Erie county, Major Alexander McDowell, of Sharon; Congressman Arthur L. Bates, of Meadville.

October 9 - Galton, Potter county, D. E. Murray, of Perry county.

October 9 - Shingle House, Potter county, D. E. Murray, of Perry county.

October 12 - Kane, McKean county, Congressman J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia.

October 13 - Smethport, McKean county, Congressman J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia.

October 14 - Bradford, McKean county, Congressman J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia.

October 15 - Pittsburg, Allegheny county, Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart.

October 16 - Allentown, Lehigh county, Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart.

October 27 - Altoona, Blair county, Congressman James Francis Burke, of Pittsburg.

A Question of Wages.

In the mail of Colonel Andrews a few days ago was a letter from an officer of the National Roller Bearing company, of Philadelphia, who stated that a notice had been posted in the factory to the effect that the 10 per cent reduction which had been made in the wages of the employees of that corporation in the midst of the panic of last year, would be restored to all employees in November if Taft shall be elected president.

The increase would amount to \$30,000 a year. In commenting upon this announcement the editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer said:

"We have not the slightest doubt that should Mr. Bryan run across that notice he would tell his hearers that bribery had been resorted to; that there was an attempt to influence the workingmen. But we doubt very much if his hearers would agree with him.

"It is prosperity, the pursuit of happiness and liberty that everybody seeks. It is good wages that the workman is after. The government, the

policy that gives him good wages, is the government, the policy that he believes in and supports—if he knows where his interests lie.

"Back under the Cleveland administration the country was plunged into a depression that closed the mills and produced the free soup kitchens. Mr. Bryan was a member of the Democratic house that insisted upon a tariff bill that brought disaster. Today he is a candidate for president and is standing upon a platform which, if enacted into law, would again throw the country into a commercial panic and again close the mills and manufactories.

"The company above mentioned merely speaks for every other manufacturing concern in the country. It represents the existing sentiment among employers of labor. They have not forgotten. They fully understand what would be the result should Mr. Bryan be elected. They are waiting for the decision of the people. A Republican victory means the restoration of wages and the mills running at full time. A Democratic victory means uncertainty and depression.

"It is for the voters of the nation to determine what they will do.

"It is for them to make the choice between certainty and uncertainty—between Taft and Bryan."

HASKELL IS NOT THE ONLY BURDEN

Bryan Handicapped by Kerr's Corporation Connections.

GUFFEY MEN NOW LAUGHING

With the Oklahoma Steam Roller Machine in Disrepute and the New National Committeeman From This State Uncovered, the Pittsburg Colonel Seems to Have Had His Revenge.

[Special Correspondence.] New York, Oct. 6.

Pennsylvanians, both Republicans and Democrats, will be interested in disclosures made by a correspondent of the New York Sun regarding the corporation connections of Bryan's intimate friend, James Kerr, of Clearfield, Pa., whom he catapulted into the Democratic national committee at Denver after the Haskell steam roller, at Bryan's direction, had crushed out Colonel James M. Guffey, who had not only subscribed many thousands of dollars to Bryan's campaign funds, but also furnished free of cost the stained glass windows which adorn the Bryan household at Lincoln.

Haskell, owing to the exposure of his Standard Oil connections, has had to retire from the treasurership of the Democratic national committee. But Kerr still holds on.

Kerr and Corporations. Here is what a New York Sun correspondent has just written about Mr. Kerr:

"To the accompaniment of the blare of trumpets and the waving of many flags, Colonel James M. Guffey, of Pennsylvania, was convicted at Denver of the unpardonable sin of being a corporation man, and the spotless James Kerr was installed in his place as Democratic national committeeman from the Keystone state. Never mind the fact that Colonel Guffey was the selection by a large majority of the properly constituted delegation of Democrats of his state. The state is hopelessly for Taft anyway, and therefore personal animosities must be gratified while the ancient bluff of 'peepul' is carried out.

"The Peerless Leader therefore smiled expansively and the faithful cohorts chortled for joy when the wicked Mr. Guffey was exiled and that well-known corporation hater, free from spot or blemish or any such thing," was presented faultless before the representatives of the downtrodden masses!

"But what is this we find? Upon taking up the Directory of Directors for the year 1907-08—a satanic roll of malefactors, appropriately bound in red—we discover on page 347 the following entry:

A Pretty Good List.

- "Kerr, James, president and director Beech Creek Coal & Coke company, 17 Battery place. "American Union Telephone company, Harrisburg, Pa., director. "Automatic Coaling & Weighing Barge company, of Delaware, president and director. "Beech Creek Railroad company director. "Chest Creek Railroad company director. "Clearfield Manufacturing company, president and director. "Clearfield Trust company, director. "Commonwealth Coal & Coke company, president and director. "Farmers' bank, of Indiana, Pa., director. "First National bank, Patton, Pa., director. "Hooverhurst & Southwestern railroad, president and director. "Iroquois China company, president and director. "National Corporation Securities company, president and director. "New York Weighing Barge & Coaling company, president and director.

- "North River Coal & Wharf company, president and director. "O'Gara Coal company, director. "Pennsylvania, Beech Creek & Eastern Coal company, president and director. "Pennsylvania Coal & Coke company, director. "Pennsylvania Construction & Investment company, president and director. "Philadelphia Record, director. "Potts Run Land company, president and director.

Looking Backward.

"As the late Hon. Henry Clay Barnabee was wont feelingly to remark: 'Another fond hope shattered!'

"Can this exalted apostle of civic righteousness be the same James Kerr who for years has shared with that other disinterested Democrat and one time candidate for governor of New York, the Hon. John B. Stanchfield, the distinction—representable but remunerative—of safeguarding the interests of the New York Central in the regions which lie between Geneva on the north and Williamsport on the south? Can this same Mr. Kerr be the immaculate defender of the 'peepul's rights who in the organization of the New York Central's coal corporation, the 'Beech Creek Coal & Coke company,' sat in his office and 'created wealth' by signing up an artistic collection of common stock certificates which were not heavily weighed down by mere physical assets as equity therof?"

"Alas! Alas! How are the mighty fallen and the weapons of war perished! IT IS TO LAUGH."

Taft to Farmers.

Pennsylvania farmers will be interested in the speeches being made by Judge Taft in the west, especially his references to the beneficial results of the enforcement of the Republican policy of a protective tariff.

At Dodge City a sign had been placed on a grain elevator which read: "Wheat, 1908, 92 cents, Republican rule; wheat, 55 cents, Democratic rule."

Taking notice of the sign, Mr. Taft said to his large audience:

"I have statistics a little more complete than that. The average price of corn in Kansas in '96, after four years of Democratic rule, was 13 cents per bushel. Now it is more than 44 cents per bushel. This Republican price of 44 cents for corn in Kansas gave to the farmers of Kansas for their corn crop of 1907 more than \$40,000,000 in excess of what they would have received if they had sold at the Democratic price of 13 cents.

"With respect to wheat, in which I think this community is rather more interested than corn, the average price of wheat in Kansas for the four Democratic years was 49 cents per bushel. At present it is over 92 cents per bushel, and if your present wheat crop had been sold at Democratic prices it would have left you \$21,000,000 less than you have today.

"For oats the Democratic price was 16 cents; for barley, 22 cents, and for potatoes, 27 cents, and for hay, \$2.70 a ton. The Republican prices gave to the farmers of Kansas for the crop of oats, barley, potatoes and hay in 1907 over \$18,000,000 in excess of what they would have received if they had sold those crops at the Democratic prices which prevailed all over Kansas in 1896, after the Democrats had run the government for four years.

Tariff Helped Farmer.

"You have increased the value of your horses over what you had in 1896 from about \$16,000,000 to \$96,000,000.

"The same is true of other stock. "Of course the argument is that this was not due to Democratic rule, but as a matter of fact, in Harrison's administration you had no such prices. You had them in Cleveland's administration, after the Gorman-Wilson tariff bill, and just as soon as the Republicans came in again and passed the Dingley bill, the prices began to rise. You had a good market and you have been prosperous ever since.

"I ask in heaven's name how sensible people can take the power out of the hands of the party that has made such prosperity possible and put it in the hands of a party whose record is what I have given."

Pennsylvania farmers are keenly interested in this tariff agitation. The tobacco growers of Lancaster county all appreciate the fact that without the protection which two representatives in the United States senate give

them in that body and a large majority of Republican representatives in the house command, they would be seriously handicapped.

The iron, coal, manufacturing and other important interests of the Keystone state would be similarly affected by any serious disturbance of present tariff conditions.

All admit that there must be tariff revision, but Pennsylvanians demand that this service shall be done by Republican protectionists—not Democratic free traders.

Phonograph, Too, Is Silent.

None of the Bryan phonograph records has the speeches advocating free silver and immediate government ownership of the railways, nor have they the "great commoner's" attacks on Roger Sullivan, Colonels Watterson and Guffey. These omissions tell an important story.—Brookville Republican.

Why Does He Kick?

As Mr. Bryan made all his money under Republican administration, what is he really kicking about, anyway?—Fulton Republican.

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