

# HON. JOHN WANAMAKER.

## The Story of His Rise from Obscurity to Prominence.

### A TYPE OF THE SELF MADE MAN.

By Virtue of His Marked Ability He Advances to a Position of Influence in the Community from an Humble Beginning.

John Wanamaker, whose name is now most prominently mentioned in connection with the succession to Cameron in the United States senate, is a typical American, and the story of his life might serve as an illustrative example of the career open to every American as intelligent, as energetic, as industrious and as honorable as he has proved himself to be. He was born on July 7, 1838, in the lower part of Philadelphia county, which was then "in the country," though since included within the city limits. His father, Nelson Wanamaker, was a brickmaker, and the education his son received was in attendance at the Landroth public school. Leaving school at the age of 14 he entered upon his long and successful business career as a boy in a book store, the location being on Market street below Fifth street, in Philadelphia, within one



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square of the corner where nine years after he opened a store for himself. At the age of 15 he went with his family to Indiana, but remained there only one year, returning to Philadelphia and finding a place in a clothing house, where he devoted himself to work with such energy that he thoroughly mastered the business in a few years, laboring so persistently as to seriously impair his health. So far did he push his attention to business at the expense of physique that, when the war broke out, his services in the army were refused by the government officials, because of physical disability.

His service for the Union. He was, however, very active in the cause of the Union from the outset, and as a member of several helpful organizations gave far more aid to the government than he could have done in carrying a musket. He was one of the founders of the Union League, and in association with the late George H. Stewart he organized the Christian commission, which worked so effectively with the sanitary commission throughout the war in caring for sick and wounded soldiers.

He also aided in organizing the Young Men's Christian association in Philadelphia, and in 1862, at the age of 24 years, was elected the first salaried secretary of this association in America, rendering in this capacity also important service to the young men engaged in the war.

It should be further stated that he was for eight years president of the Young Men's Christian association of Philadelphia, and it was mainly through his efforts that the great building of this association at Fifth and Chestnut streets was erected. This structure has the manifold advantages of library, gymnasium, school, lecture and meeting rooms, and was built at a cost of nearly half a million dollars, most of the money being raised by Mr. Wanamaker's personal exertions.

Capacity for organization. It was early said of him that he was "a natural born organizer," and, when the project for the Centennial exhibition of 1876 was first proposed, he was immediately appointed to, and in response he raised the first million dollars for that great national undertaking by subscriptions among his business acquaintances. Among similar public services mention should be made of the fact that he was chairman of the citizens' relief committee during the famine in Ireland, and visited Ireland to organize the distribution of the liberal funds which he helped to raise. He was also chairman of the commission to aid the sufferers from yellow fever in the south, and has been an active worker in every such charitable movement for which Philadelphia has been distinguished during the past quarter of a century.

He was the second subscriber to the fund for founding the Presbyterian hospital, of which he was trustee and, with Mrs. Wanamaker, he built the children's ward as a memorial to his mother. He was the founder and is the leader of the famous Bethany school, that center of religious teaching and charitable influence which thousands of sojourners in Philadelphia visit with unflagging interest. He also founded the Bethany Industrial college, the first of its kind in this country, and as president of the first penny savings fund, he was the framer of the law under state supervision, a law which has led to the establishment of many savings institutions throughout Pennsylvania. As president of the Pennsylvania State Sunday school association, the Philadelphia Sabbath association and the Friendly Hand, he has ever shown an active and helpful interest in the education of the young and in the aid of the deserving poor.

An Humble Beginning. Mr. Wanamaker began business for himself in 1861, at the corner of Sixth and Market streets, Philadelphia, in a store about thirty feet square, which has since been gradually enlarged to the largest clothing establishment in the United States, and is known everywhere by its familiar name of Oak Hall. He subsequently opened another clothing store on Chestnut street, below Ninth, and in 1875 he bought from the Pennsylvania Railroad company their freight station, which is now known as the Grand Depot, extending from Chestnut street to City hall, and from Thirteenth street to Market, opening this, also, as a clothing store, with the addition of men's merchandise of every description. The growth of this

store, and its extension to include dry goods, women's wear, books, carpets, furniture, upholstery, household furnishings, and, indeed, everything that is wanted by men, women or children for use, for comfort or for adornment in public life or in the home, is surely one of the wonders of modern commerce. In this last establishment is now carried on the largest and most comprehensive retail business in this country, if not in the world.

Here Mr. Wanamaker has not only built up an enormous business, amounting to many millions annually, but he has revolutionized the methods of retailing throughout the country. To consult the convenience and comfort of customers, to return the purchase money where the purchase fails to prove satisfactory, to fix uniform prices, to preserve uniform excellence of quality, to make public by advertising correct information respecting the business, to offer the buyer by mail the same facilities and the same safety as for the shopper in the store—these are some of the advantages that the American public owes to the system of retailing devised and perfected by John Wanamaker, a system which is now extending to all great cities of the United States. His firm recently purchased the entire business and stock of the New York house of Hill, Hughes & Co., the successors to the famous Alexander T. Stewart. That establishment has been reorganized on the same basis as the Grand Depot in Philadelphia, and in it business is conducted on the same plan and scale as in the Philadelphia house. The purchase of the New York concern was the largest operation of the kind in the history of this country, if not in the world.

Mr. Wanamaker employs in his Philadelphia business between 2,000 and 2,500 persons; sometimes, during holiday seasons, nearly 3,000. The relations between the head of the great house and his employees have been of the most intimate and cordial character. While enforcing absolute discipline in the conduct of his business he has ever considered the material welfare of those employed by him. As early as 1868 he presented to 150 of his employees a one year policy of life insurance. According to the plan instituted by him some years ago each of his employees received continuously for seven years received a percentage of the profits, and in the first year after this arrangement was effected the amount thus divided among his salesmen, etc., was \$109,436.68, including \$10,000 set aside as an addition to the "pension fund" for their benefit, which is regularly sustained.

His Political Experience. Mr. Wanamaker's business career has been supplemented by an equally useful and successful participation in politics. He has long taken an active part in local political movements. In the presidential campaign of 1888 he served as chairman of a committee appointed to promote the Republican cause, which aided materially in the successful outcome of that canvass. When General Harrison entered the Presidential office in March, 1889, he tendered Mr. Wanamaker a seat in the cabinet as postmaster general, a position for which he was pre-eminently qualified by his long business training. He introduced into the department the business methods which had been so successful in his private life, and under his management the postal service of the country acquired an unprecedented degree of efficiency. Mr. Wanamaker entered, with his accustomed activity, upon the presidential campaign of 1896. He made a tour of Pennsylvania extending through twenty-four counties, and at every one of the many meetings which he addressed he brought home to his hearers the vital issues of the hour, especially as seen from the business man's standpoint. Great numbers of people flocked to the meetings at which he was announced to speak, and his face became familiar to ten of thousands of our citizens to whom his name and reputation had alone been previously known.

Should Mr. Wanamaker be chosen to the United States senate, the Keystone state would have a brilliant representative in the highest legislative body of the nation; one in whom the citizens of the commonwealth might justly take pride.

### WANAMAKER AT HOME

His Candidacy as Viewed by the Newspapers of His Own City.

The campaign in the interest of the Hon. John Wanamaker, as the successor to Senator Cameron has assumed such proportions that it must be viewed with real interest. So far he is the only avowed candidate representing a fixed and definite principle. There may be many aspirants, but in the strict sense of the word there is but one candidate.

It is instructive, therefore, to know how his candidacy is viewed in his own home, and an adequate idea of this may be gained from the following editorial comments of the Philadelphia newspapers:

In the Front Rank. There is but one opinion amongst the people of this state concerning the succession to Senator Cameron. The vacancy in the upper branch of congress, which will occur on March 4 next, should be filled by the selection of a representative citizen of the highest character and attainments; one who possesses in the largest possible degree the respect and confidence of the whole commonwealth; who is especially fitted, through ability and knowledge of affairs, for efficient public service in an influential legislative body; who is free from all obligations to factionalism of any sort, and who will have but one purpose throughout his term—namely, to perform the task assigned him with zeal, fidelity and acceptability. \* \* \* Every one knows that as senator John Wanamaker would be in the front rank at the outset. The wonderful energy which has characterized the successful career of the merchant prince would be concentrated in the performance of public duties, and the people of the whole country, as well as those of his own state, would reap the benefit.—The Evening Telegraph.

An Ideal Candidate. Mr. Wanamaker will prove a formidable candidate against the field. His superior knowledge, his splendid business qualifications and undoubted high character mark him as a man admirably fitted for the important position. Philadelphia has not had a senator for more than sixty years. By all means the man selected by the legislature this winter should come from this city, and with the vast business interests centered here Mr. Wanamaker is offered as an ideal candidate best representative of those interests.—The Call.

Experience in Public Life. The new candidate comes with many advantages. He is a representative Philadelphia man. Here his life work has thus far been done. Here he has as a merchant done not alone national, but international largely with our city interests, and especially in the furtherance of good works. \* \* \* Mr. Wanamaker, however, has other claims. He embodies culture, en-

terprise, good citizenship. He is a clear headed speaker, a gentleman of reading and observation, with that rare experience of public life which comes from his service in the cabinet.—The Star.

Business Men's Candidate. Mr. Wanamaker enters the canvass with the support of both the League of Business Men and of the Manufacturers' Club, two distinctly business organizations. They urge his candidacy before the legislature upon the grounds of his ability and intimate association with and knowledge of the important commercial and industrial affairs of the state and city. Their contention that Philadelphia should be represented in the United States senate by one of her own citizens, because of the magnitude of her material interests, will naturally commend itself to a large part of this community.—The Public Ledger.

Many Elements of Strength. A candidacy of such strength in itself and so strongly backed becomes formidable from the outset. Mr. Wanamaker's great ability, his public experience, his practical knowledge of affairs, his broad grasp of public issues and wants, his power of impressing himself and his ideas, all mark him as conspicuously fitted for representative position. In the recent campaign he went widely over the state and came into personal contact with large masses of the people. Every where known before as the foremost merchant, he made a deep, direct impression by his earnest and forceful speeches, and is now a personal and familiar figure in large sections of the commonwealth. The formal inauguration of his campaign by the League of Business Men will meet with a wide response and assure a vigorous and powerful contest.—The Press.

No Doubt of His Fitness. There are some general observations as to the choice of the United States senator from Pennsylvania to succeed Senator Cameron which may not be deemed impertinent upon the part of a journal not in sympathy with the political party in control of the legislature. The announced candidacy of Mr. John Wanamaker, who is a man of affairs rather than a man who makes a business of politics, brings into the question of choice some considerations so far out of the ordinary course of political management as to justify independent criticism. The first and most essential thing in picking out a United States senator is to get a man of established character and capacity, fitted to serve the state with honor. Mr. Wanamaker has made for himself a place in the esteem of his fellow citizens by his industry, energy, integrity and business foresight, which rank him as one of the foremost men of Philadelphia. His services in a public capacity as postmaster general during the Harrison administration have given new proof of capacity in the conduct of large affairs, and have besides enlarged his means of usefulness by bringing him into personal contact with the leaders of his own party in all parts of the Union. There is no doubt of his fitness.—The Record.

Claims to Consideration. Mr. Wanamaker's claims to consideration are specially enforced by the justice of the demand that a Pennsylvania senatorship shall, at least, after a lapse of sixty years, be filled by a Philadelphian. His large range of information, his experience, his persuasive acquaintance with the problems of finance and business, which will engage the attention of the senate in the next few years, all go far to commend him as a man who could make the voice of Pennsylvania heard and respected in the national councils.—The Evening Bulletin.

The Logical Candidate. It is no disrespect to the other distinguished men of Pennsylvania who aspire to a position in the senate to say that Mr. Wanamaker embodies the best attributes to make an efficient, useful and honorable career in the senate, and the great state he would represent in the highest legislative tribunal of the nation. He is thoroughly familiar with all the great financial, commercial, manufacturing and industrial interests of the commonwealth. He is not only familiar with them in theory, but he has acquired the practical information that is most valuable in statesmanship, and he possesses also the ability to defend his convictions before the people or in the forum of the senate. It was only logical, therefore, that the Business Men's League of this city should present his name to the Pennsylvania legislature for the highest position of honor in the gift of the state.—The Times.

LOSCH FOR WANAMAKER. His District, He Says, Is Overwhelmingly in His Favor. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 24.—Major Samuel A. Losch, of Schuylkill county, who has just been elected to the state senate from the Twenty-ninth district, is off on a trip west to recuperate from the effects of the campaign. In the course of an interview before leaving this city he said: "I am for ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker as the next United States senator. My district is overwhelmingly for him, and I believe he is just the kind of a man who should be sent to the senate, particularly at the present time. Major McKinley was nominated by the business men of the country, though the politicians were largely against him; and he was elected by the business men as well. If such a result can be brought about by business men under the leadership of a well equipped business man like Mr. Hanna, is it not equally important that Mr. McKinley's administration should have the support of business men in the senate? There are too many scheming politicians in that body, anyhow. A few business men there might leave the whole lump and bring the senate a little nearer the people and make it more popular body."

"Mr. Wanamaker would make an ideal senator," continued the major. "His administration of the postoffice department under President Harrison proved him to be a successful in statecraft as in business. His recent tour of Pennsylvania during the presidential campaign in behalf of McKinley and Hobart was a revelation to the people of the state. No man ever appeared on the stump in this commonwealth who made such a deep impression upon his auditors. His appearance in my county partook of the nature of an oration, and I am sure his speech there made us hundreds of votes. The time is at hand to give the great business interests of Pennsylvania adequate representation in the senate of the United States. There has been a remarkable awakening among the business men of the country during the past six months, as they have realized their power against the politicians in the nomination and election of McKinley, and from this time on I am satisfied that they will take a conspicuous part in politics."

# McKINLEY'S ADVISORS.

## He Will Depend Upon Sound Business Men for Suggestions.

### PRACTICAL POLITICIANS UNEASY.

Talks with Howard B. French and Thomas Dolan, of the Business Men's League, Which Give a Comprehensive Idea of the New President's Intentions.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 24.—If there is one thing more than another that engages the attention of the aspiring politician at this time, it is the question of the "distribution" of "federal patronage." This much may be said in answer, and without fear of contradiction, that place seekers who are relying upon the promises of political influence are doomed to disappointment if they have no stronger claim. The policy of the new president, as explained by those who have the best means of knowing, will be radically different from that which aspiring leaders are attempting to make the people believe. There have been very significant developments since the close of the campaign, not the least of which is the organization of the National League of Business Men.

This league, though its history is brief, has already attracted the attention of politicians throughout the state, who are depending upon political influence for preferment under the coming administration, and they are beginning to know, and with good reason, too, that something more than political juggling will be necessary if their ambitions are to be gratified.

And in this city this change of policy is actually viewed with alarm by the professional office seekers. Active men in local politics who are being besieged by applicants for endorsement are tacitly admitting their doubt of ability to be of any service. President-elect McKinley will undoubtedly take the advice of the business men when it comes to making changes in the service.

President French's Views. President Howard B. French, of the Business League, when asked for his views on the subject, spoke as follows: "In my opinion the time has come for business men to take part in politics, and it is my belief that Major McKinley's administration will be a business one, in close touch with the business interests of the country."

In response to the question, "What influence will business men have with the administration in making appointments?" he said: "I can see no reason why the recommendations of the business men should not be fully recognized, and have equally as much, if not more, weight with the administration than those of the practical politician. While we want no offices ourselves, we are interested in the appointment of the best obtainable officials, and shall use our influence in this direction."

"Nearly all the leading politicians throughout the country were bitterly hostile to McKinley's nomination—Platt, Quay, Clarkson and others. Yet, under the leadership of Mr. Hanna, a business man and not a politician, the people rallied to the McKinley standard, and he was nominated by an overwhelming majority. So it was throughout the campaign which closed so successfully on the 3d inst. Never was there a campaign where the business men took such a prominent and active part. Numerous organizations similar to the McKinley and Hobart business men's national campaign committee, which we organized in Philadelphia, took the right of the line in the great battle for sound money and against repudiation, and under the lead of the business men's representative, Mr. Hanna, a most magnificent victory was won."

The National League of Business Men, which is the outgrowth of the McKinley and Hobart business men's national campaign committee, is now permanently organized, and actively cooperating with similar organizations throughout the country. Mr. Hanna has personally approved the move we have made, as indicated by the following telegram received on the 10th inst: "Telegram received: I like your proposition to keep up your organization for the support of sound money and good government."

"There is no question about the permanency of our organization, as it was formed to continue the fight for sound money and the nation's honor. The business men will uphold President McKinley's administration, and render it every possible assistance. We are satisfied that the incoming administration will not be run by any clique of politicians, and I feel confident that they will not control the distribution of federal patronage. So far as Pennsylvania is concerned the National League of Business Men will vigorously oppose by every proper means in their power the appointment of all unworthy men. In a word, Major McKinley's nomination and election were directed by business men, and I believe his administration is certain to be conducted strictly upon business principles."

Thomas Dolan Talks. Thomas Dolan, who is one of the vice presidents of the Philadelphia branch of the league, not only endorses the views of Mr. French, but, if possible, makes them more emphatic. Mr. Dolan enjoys a close personal relationship with the president-elect, and with Chairman Hanna; besides, he has had a valuable political experience, as is well known. In 1888 he was a member of the advisory board of the Republican national committee, of which John Wanamaker, now the Business League's candidate for the United States senate, was the chairman. In 1892 he was the chairman of the same board. During both campaigns Mr. Hanna was one of his colleagues. In the recent campaign he was compelled to decline a similar honor because his health, early in the summer, would not permit him to undertake the labor it involved; but he constantly cooperated with the national committee and was always in touch with Mr. Hanna. It is generally conceded here that he will be a very conspicuous figure in Pennsylvania affairs during the next administration.

Mr. Dolan, probably because of his intimate relations with Mr. McKinley, did not at first desire to discuss the subject, but when convinced that it really was of broad wide view held and expressed by President French, he said: "Mr. French has not stated the situation so strongly. Major McKinley knows that his campaign was conducted by the business interests. He knows that the polit-

icians, as they are called, did very little to aid him, until their assistance was too late to be of value. He would in any event have given us a business administration, and it was the knowledge of this that turned the professional politicians away from him. It is fortunate, indeed, that this is so, for now they can not make even the sentimental claim of 'gratitude,' by means of which cunning politicians sometimes seek to turn men with good intentions from their fixed purposes.

"Major McKinley, let me say, is not a man who could be so swayed. He has fixed and definite intentions, and all of his sympathy and effort will be to promote the interests of the business man. I feel persuaded he will consult with them in all matters of importance, and if in the cities he intends to insist upon this policy so much the more will it be applicable to the country districts. It is undoubtedly the program to select for the public service men who will not only be competent to perform the required duties, but who will, at the same time, fittingly represent the business element, thus being the better qualified to protect and promote the actual needs of their respective communities. This means that a new element will be introduced, and to make it more efficacious the Business Men's League in this state will be formed into many local branches, which will have a membership of the prominent business men of the various counties. This organization will sustain the president and his administration, and, at the proper time, will take such steps as will make known to the appointing power the merits and demerits of aspirants for federal places."

WANAMAKER AS A CANDIDATE. Warm Words of Endorsement from All Parts of the State.

That the candidacy of ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker for the United States senate is making rapid headway and that it is meeting with great favor is evidenced by the comments of the influential papers throughout the state, some of which are as follows:

Mr. Wanamaker's Candidacy. Hon. John Wanamaker has formally announced his candidacy for the seat in the United States senate and the people will watch the battle for this great honor with consuming interest. Mr. Wanamaker has a large public following, is the choice of a large number of Pennsylvanians, and his election would be highly satisfactory to the Republican party of the state. His pre-eminence for the responsible place makes his candidacy of importance, for with a man of his caliber in the highest legislative body in the land the Keystone state would be ably represented.

Mr. Wanamaker is peculiarly fitted for such a post by reason of his ability as a public speaker, his wide acquaintance with men and measures and the business knowledge he has acquired, both in his capacity as a merchant and in public life. His unquestioned Americanism likewise makes him a popular candidate, and if the people's representatives at Harrisburg should elect him, the action will be endorsed throughout the Keystone state.—Chester (Pa.) News.

Broad and Liberal Views. In the discussion of the succession to Senator Cameron, no name has yet been mentioned more satisfactory than that of Hon. John Wanamaker. He is not only one of the foremost men of the commonwealth, and one of the most successful business men of our day, but he has proven himself a statesman with broad and liberal views, and has displayed a remarkable ability in handling state questions. He is a man absolutely without reproach, and with him in the senate Pennsylvania would regain her lost prestige in national affairs.—Newtown Enterprise.

Lebanon County's Choice. Lebanon county, as far as we are able to ascertain, is decidedly in favor of the "merchant prince," and it is expected that our representatives to the senate and legislature will cast their ballots for Mr. Wanamaker when they meet to elect Senator Cameron's successor. Measures of vast importance, such as relate to finance and economics, will have to be passed by the next senate, and men like Mr. Wanamaker will be especially needed in the next senate to aid in framing and passing such laws.—Lebanon Daily News.

A Business Man Needed. Wanamaker represents the legitimate business interests of the country, and his strong mental grasp and remarkable executive ability are the qualities most needed in public affairs. The era of the man who lives by politics is passing. The government of the United States is nothing more than a gigantic business concern, and men of business capacity of the highest order and of sterling integrity are coming to the front.—Bradford Star.

The People Demand It. Mr. Wanamaker is a man of remarkable business acumen and of considerable experience in public affairs, and represents the highest type of American citizenship and business enterprise. He is known and respected everywhere by reason of his vast mercantile interests, and is consulted on many matters by leaders of the Republican party because of his broad gauge and understanding of wholesome laws and personal experiences in their practical application. That he would reflect credit upon the Keystone state in the halls of the senate goes without saying, and his candidacy is the result more of popular demand on the part of the people than of any manipulation of his own.—Lansdale Reporter.

Typical American Citizen. Every enterprising and patriotic citizen of Montgomery county should favor the candidacy of ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker for United States senator. He is eminently fitted for the position, as he is a typical American citizen. If there is any rural prejudice existing against his choice it will surely melt away before the warm enthusiasm of his appreciative admirers.—North Wales Record.

His Record Commended. It certainly appears as though Mr. Wanamaker would be most distinctly and emphatically the people's candidate for senator from this time forward. He assuredly is in closer touch already with the public than any other man who has been suggested for the senate. His records in office and in business are satisfactory to everybody.—Doylestown Intelligence.

The Logical Candidate. John Wanamaker is unquestionably the logical candidate. His ability and integrity are unquestioned. A successful business man who has done more for the advancement of Philadelphia than almost any other individual citizen, and who so ably discharged his duties as postmaster general as to obtain the applause of all citizens, irrespective of party, for the many reforms inaugurated.—Conshohocken Recorder.

Has All the Essentials. We believe Mr. John Wanamaker combines all the essential elements to make a representative that would reflect credit on the old Keystone state. Were he sent to United States senate Pennsylvania would never need to take a back seat on any important question that would come up when the welfare of the nation should be in any wise involved.—Sunbury Evening Item.

An Able Representative. Hon. John Wanamaker, we believe, without any reservation, would make a most able representative, one thoroughly in harmony with the spirit of the incoming administration, able and capable in all lines.—New Bloomfield Advocate and Press.

His Election Assured. The most formidable candidate is Hon. John Wanamaker, of Philadelphia, who has shown his ability as a statesman as well as a progressive business man. His election is practically assured.—Danbury Non Record.

The Type the People Want. Mr. Wanamaker is the type of man that the people want in the senate of the United States, and Pennsylvania would have a senator of whom she should be proud if this distinguished citizen should be chosen. He is a genuine American, a man of marvelous success and ability and a Pennsylvanian who understands Pennsylvania and her needs.—Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin.

His Splendid Service. No one did better service for our state in the late campaign than did Mr. Wanamaker. He was the most popular speaker in Pennsylvania, and as such attracted great crowds to hear him speak. He spoke as a business man, and his words bore good fruit. His candidacy for the senate will reflect credit upon this state.—Pottstown Ledger.

Bucks County Demands It. John Wanamaker is unquestionably the logical candidate for United States senator. The voters of Bucks county are for him, and if the members of the legislature from our county express the choice of their constituents they will unquestionably cast their support to John Wanamaker.—Langhorne Standard.

Worthy of Implicit Confidence. If the members of the legislature should select him to succeed J. Donald Cameron, this state would have a worthy representative and one in whom a worthy place of implicit confidence. He has performed effective work in the interest of the party in the past and continues to do so.—Shenandoah Record.

A Fitting Climax. It would be a fitting climax to the great campaign the country has ever seen to know that such a man as John Wanamaker was sure to represent the grand old Keystone state on the floor of the United States senate.—Freeburg Courier.

He Stands Pre-eminent. Mr. Wanamaker in the popular mind stands pre-eminent, and it is his selection that will evoke the more sincere and generous popular applause.—Reading Herald.

A Credit to the Country. Pennsylvania would make no mistake in sending Mr. John Wanamaker to the United States senate. He would be a credit to that body, and he would represent the great Keystone state better than it has been represented for many years.—Towanda News.

Fitted for the Position. Mr. Wanamaker is eminently fitted for the position and would be a credit to the great state of Pennsylvania in the highest legislative tribunal of the land.—Kan Redeemer.

They Will Honor Themselves. If the people, through their representatives in the legislature, select him for Cameron's successor they will do well.—Doylestown Republican.

The People Will Prevail. Mr. Wanamaker is especially the candidate of the people, and while the people do not have a direct voice in the senatorial selection, their influence must be felt to no small degree in shaping the attitude of the legislature.—Altoona Gazette.

FAVORS JOHN WANAMAKER. Representative-Elect W. L. Nesbit Discusses the Political Situation. PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 24.—Representative-elect W. L. Nesbit, of Northumberland, a former Democratic stronghold, who was in this city recently, is for both Boyer and Wanamaker. He is a member of the state board of agriculture, and has a very wide acquaintance and influence throughout the state, particularly among the farmers. Being asked his views regarding the United States senatorship contest, Mr. Nesbit said:

"I think that office should now be conceded to the city of Philadelphia, and that a Philadelphian should be chosen who is in the best and largest sense a representative of that city and its business interests, and that he should be a man of national reputation. It seems to me that Mr. Wanamaker more than any other man who has been named measures up to the standard that should be insisted upon for United States senator."

"His long and eminently successful business career, his identification with the various business interests of the city, state and nation and his eminently successful and businesslike administration of the post office department, under President Harrison, all add their concurrent testimony to his eminent fitness for the office of United States senator at this time. The recent political campaign was conducted as a business man's campaign and upon business principles, and I do not see how we could now more fittingly round it out than by electing John Wanamaker United States senator. For these reasons and because he is a gentleman of high Christian character and unblemished reputation, I shall give him my hearty and earnest support."

"What about the speakership?" "I believe it is to be exceedingly important that large and somewhat turbulent bodies like the Pennsylvania house of representatives should be presided over by able and ready parliamentarians and thoroughly capable men. I believe that Mr. Boyer is generally conceded to be possessed in a high degree of the qualities necessary to constitute a capable presiding officer, and for this reason I shall give him my support for the speakership."

"In your judgment, then, there is no connection between the senatorship and the speakership?" "None whatever. I know of other men who, like myself, are in favor of Mr. Wanamaker's election to the senate, who are disposed to support Mr. Boyer for speaker. On the other hand, there may be some members opposed to Mr. Wanamaker who will not vote for Mr. Boyer."