

STATE ISSUES ARE BOLDLY MET

State Treasurer Beacom Talks About His Office Right Among the People.

EVERY DOLLAR ACCOUNTED FOR

Democrats Demoralized Over the Frank Action of Republicans in Discussing the State Issues.

(Special Correspondence.)
Harrisburg, Oct. 24.—The Democratic leaders and their sympathizers have been amazed and chagrined at the bold and defiant manner in which the Republican candidate and other orators in this campaign have met every attack made upon the administration of the state treasury. The Democracy have been banking upon the thought that with national issues properly to the front of the canvass, owing to the fact that Bryan and his followers have been assailing President McKinley, that Republicans would confine their speeches solely to topics bearing upon the war. But there has not been a single utterance from a Democrat worthy of replying to that has not met a prompt and vigorous response from the Republican camp. A novel feature of the canvass is the appearance on the stump of State Treasurer James S. Beacom, who meets the people face to face to discuss the condition of the finances of the commonwealth with the taxpayers.

In the platform adopted at the Republican state convention it was declared:

"We favor an economical administration of state affairs and demand the prompt settlement and collection of all claims and taxes due by individuals, companies and corporations. We also favor the prompt payment of school warrants drawn upon the treasurer, so that each district shall be paid as soon as the appropriation is needed and demand be made for the payment thereof.

"We believe in reducing the expenses of the judicial, executive and legislative branches of the state government to the minimum, so that the public expenditure shall not exceed the annual revenues. It is a source of gratification to recall that our state has never lost a dollar by reason of the negligence, default or dishonesty of any of its accounting officers, and we especially commend the business-like and efficient administration of the retiring state treasurer, James S. Beacom.

Upon these two planks of the platform the Republicans of Pennsylvania are making an aggressive canvass. Colonel Barnett, the nominee for state treasurer, stands pledged to carry out the policy therein outlined.

BEACOM ON THE ISSUES.

State Treasurer Beacom, in commenting upon the important issues of the canvass, had this to say:

"During this campaign statements have appeared in the Democratic and sorehead newspapers that the Republicans dare not go to the country this year on state issues; that we are afraid to discuss the management of the treasury department, and are endeavoring to throw dust in the eyes of the people by keeping up a hurrah on national questions. So far as I am personally concerned I think the very strongest issue of the Republican party in this campaign is the management of the treasury department for the last 35 years under successive state treasurers."

Mr. Beacom then entered into a minute explanation of how the money of the people is managed by the treasury department; how it is collected, how it is cared for, and how it is paid out. He showed that every cent of money paid into the state treasury is traced to the hands of the treasurer, not only by the receipt of the treasurer, countersigned by the auditor general, but also by the detailed annual report of the state treasurer, and by the books of the auditor general. It would be impossible, he said, for a state treasurer to receive the smallest sum of money without the public knowing that he had so received it.

Continuing, he said: "There is some difference of opinion as to the best method of caring for public funds. A distinguished Pennsylvanian argued in a speech made in Philadelphia during the last campaign that the money should be kept in the vaults of the treasury department and paid out over its own counters. I do not pose as a great financier, but I believe I express to you the conviction of the best financiers of the world when I say that this would be a most primitive and vicious system."

"Just now, when business is flourishing and new enterprises are springing up all around us, furnishing an unparalleled demand for money and labor, the business world is confronted with the fact that several hundred millions of dollars are absolutely withdrawn from the channels of business and stored up in the vaults of the United States sub-treasury, whence it can only come for the purpose of paying claims against the government. Now, suppose every state treasurer and every county treasurer—for if good for one it is good for all—should lock up the balances in their own vaults, what would be the result? Such an argument, reduced to its last analysis, means that every man ought to carry his money in his own pocket, and that the whole banking system is an evil that ought to be abolished, which is to reduce the argument to such obvious absurdity that nothing more need be said about it to an intelligent audience."

"According to my humble view it is the right thing to keep all the money of the country in the channels of business, which is the same thing as saying that it ought to be kept in the banks. In addition, it is an undeniable fact that the money of the people of this state has been so well safeguarded that the taxpayers have suffered absolutely no loss whatever, and it will

be time enough to talk about a change in the system when it is found that the present system cannot be continued with safety to the people."

TREASURER BEACOM'S POLICY.

After entering into the financial conditions of the state and explaining the system of paying out the appropriations to the public schools, he continued: "The policy of the treasury department since I have had charge of it has been to pay the appropriations where needed and when needed. As the public funds are upon interest for the taxpayers at large while they remain in the state depositories, it has seemed to me to be good business to leave them there until they are needed for the purposes for which they are appropriated. Of course, as soon as a school district actually needs its appropriation it should be paid, and I say that every school district in the state that has ever made known to either the school department or the treasury department that it was in need of its appropriation has been promptly accommodated with either the whole amount due or as much thereof as was necessary for its purpose. This was the record made last year, and that is the record this year up to the present time.

ALL THE BOOKS ARE OPEN.

"Now, having explained how your money is collected, cared for and paid out, I will indulge in a few general remarks about the treasury department and its critics. I notice that 'Farmer' Creasy is traveling about the state telling the people how anxious he is to get into the treasury department and take the lid off. He is making the boldest assertions about official rottenness and corruption and holding forth the idea that the people can be only relieved from their thralldom by his election as state treasurer. This is the merest political twaddle. The records of the treasury department are public records. Every citizen of this commonwealth has a right to come there and examine every book and paper in the department, and no man since I have been treasurer has been refused access to anything that is in the office.

"If 'Farmer' Creasy is as honest as he pretends to be why does he not come to the treasury department and 'lift the lid,' as he calls it, and find out what is wrong and tell the people in plain English what it is that is rotten and corrupt? 'Farmer' Creasy's statements about the treasury department and its management show either lamentable ignorance or a willful disposition to misstate facts, and in either case he is not the best man to be selected for the office.

EFFORT TO DECEIVE DISHONEST.

"The whole effort to deceive the people into the belief that there is something concealed about the treasury department is simply bold dishonesty. I have stood upon the platform time after time since I have taken charge of the treasury department and have asked the people before whom I was talking to come to the treasury department themselves if they were so disposed, or to appoint experts to examine everything in it and about it, and satisfy themselves as to whether there was anything there that would not bear public inspection. This whole talk about the treasury department is for political purpose solely and absolutely and is a wrong to the people of the commonwealth.

"Creasy and his band of orators are going over the state telling the people that if Creasy is elected state treasurer he will pay out \$5,500,000 every year of the public schools, notwithstanding the governor's veto. It is hard to believe absurdity could reach such a climax. How does he expect to go over to the school department, take the superintendent by the neck and compel him to sign warrants? And if he gets the warrants signed there will be no auditor general's department, and at the point of the bayonet compel the auditor general to countersign the warrants?"

"Orators on the stump are endeavoring to create a belief that the public funds are loaned out from the state treasury. This is not only not true, but it is not possible that any such thing could be done without the public knowing it. A monthly statement is published by the state treasurer, giving out the amount of the balance in the department and naming the banks in which the money is deposited, and it would be simply impossible for the money to be any place else without immediate detection.

NOT A DOLLAR LOST.

"It should be a matter of pride for you to consider that for more than 35 years the officials of your party have managed the treasury department without the loss of a single dollar to the taxpayers of the state, and that your party through its representatives has passed laws so hedging the state officials about as to make it almost impossible for the taxpayers to suffer injury.

"The worst that has been said of the treasury is that some banks which had the state moneys on deposit sometimes lend their money to politicians. I would remind you that when the state treasurer places public funds in a bank they become the funds of the bank and are no longer public funds, no more than your private funds placed in a bank remain yours after they have been deposited. When you make a deposit in a bank you have no power to say what use it shall make of the money. The banker gets the money to lend and not to look at. He is required to pay interest on it and he must use it, and the state treasurer has no right to say to him what use he shall make of it.

"In this Republican year, when the glories of Republican legislation are sounding in the hum of industry and business prosperity, there can be no reason why a Republican should not vote the Republican ticket unless the candidates are clearly unfitted for the duties of the offices which they seek. I have known the candidate for state treasurer, Colonel James E. Barnett, for 20 years, and I have never heard his honesty and integrity questioned by friend or foe. If he is honest and capable, which seems to be generally admitted, then you can depend upon it that he and nobody else will run the treasury department.

POLITICIANS NEVER INTERFERED

"I want to say right here and now that if you have any fault to find with

the present management of the public funds you need not abuse the Republican party or the politicians on that account. In fairness to all parties I am compelled to say that I have never been interfered with in any way. For whatever has been or is being done I am solely and entirely responsible and ought to bear personally whatever just criticisms can be made.

"I believe I can say that after May 1, 1900, Colonel Barnett will run the treasury department, and he alone, and not only our candidate for state treasurer, but every man on the Republican ticket will be elected by majorities only measured by the percentage of voters that will find time from these busy, prosperous, Republican days to go to the polls."

ALL LINING UP.

Republican Journalistic Corps Arrayed Against Democracy.

DISCUSSING THE ISSUES.

Intelligent Consideration of Grave Questions That Concern the Welfare of the People of This Commonwealth.

"On Tuesday, Nov. 7, Pennsylvania will go to the polls," says the Philadelphia Inquirer. "The Republican party presents a ticket that it is proud of. The Democrats say that the issue is purely local. Very well, be it so. Can the Republican ticket be matched?"

"There is Hay Brown for judge of the supreme court. He is known in every county. Is there a word to be said against him?"

"There is James E. Barnett, the gallant commander of the fighting Tenth regiment, the candidate for state treasurer. Has any one dared to bring a charge against him? Yes. He is a Republican and a soldier. That is his crime. And so they place against him William T. Creasy, who is neither a Republican nor a soldier, and they say of Creasy—what? Why, he is honest. He may be. He undoubtedly is. But no one yet has dared even to breathe a suspicion of the honesty of Colonel Barnett."

And there is John I. Mitchell for superior court judge. We fancy that there is not even an "insurgent" who would care to assail Judge Mitchell. His life has been an open book. He was raised on a farm, taught school, studied law, was three years district attorney of Tioga county, went to war for a year, was five years in the legislature, served four years in the national house of representatives, was for six years United States senator, and for the past ten years has been president judge of the court of common pleas of Tioga county. He was re-elected last November. Where is the man who is going to say that Judge Mitchell is not worthy of a seat on the bench of the superior court?"

"If there is a Republican who cannot vote that ticket he ought to be ashamed of his association with the Republican party."

"Pennsylvania will be expected to fall into line with the states that believe in prosperity, patriotism and peace, and support McKinley. There can be no question of the loyalty of Pennsylvania. This great state will elect Brown and Mitchell and it will prefer Barnett, the man who fought Spain and Aguineldo, to Creasy, who fights for Aguineldo by opposing those who gave battle to him."

"ONLY A LOCAL ISSUE."

Vote For Creasy and Give Aguineldo a Lift.

"Only a local issue," cries Mr. Creasy, Democratic candidate for state treasurer in Pennsylvania," says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

"We should pray to God that the Democratic party may win," proclaims Aguineldo to his insurgents.

"Only a local issue," indeed!

"In every state in the Union where an election is to be held Aguineldo is arrayed against the McKinley administration."

"We must show our gratitude to the Democrats," declares Aguineldo, "pray that they may win."

"Mr. Creasy has found a powerful ally in Aguineldo, and the party of Aguineldo—and Creasy—is expected to go to the polls and support the alliance and Republicans are expected by Guffey and Creasy to aid in the work."

"By all means vote for Creasy—and Aguineldo. It is 'only a local issue.'"

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BARNETT'S TOUR.

Itinerary of the Soldier Candidate For the Closing Days.

CANVASS A GREAT SUCCESS.

Immense Crowds of Enthusiastic Citizens Greet the Republican Nominee For State Treasurer at Every Point.

The receptions accorded Colonel Barnett, the Republican candidate for state treasurer, and his colleagues, who are traveling through the state, continue to be of the most enthusiastic character. The crowds that gather to meet the gallant officer of the Fighting Tenth regiment and his comrades who are with him on the stump are always large and demonstrative, says a special dispatch from Philadelphia. Colonel Barnett has picked up wonderfully in health since he left the doctor's hands a short time ago, and he has made a favorable impression in his speechmaking. He has not hesitated to meet the issues, whether state or national, and his pledge to administer the duties of the office of state treasurer with fidelity and in strict accordance with law, to insist upon the prompt payment of interest on all public monies in the banks, and to pay out upon demand all monies for which a properly drawn warrant shall be presented, has called forth many expressions of approval.

Colonel Barnett, for the final ten days of the canvass, has an interesting itinerary, which will take him into the western and central sections of the state. He was the central figure at a splendid reception given Monday evening, the 23d inst., at the clubhouse of the William R. Leeds association, Philadelphia. From there he goes to Indiana, Indiana county, where he is booked to speak tomorrow night. Then he visits Apollo, Armstrong county, on the 25th inst.; New Castle, Lawrence county, on the 26th; Oil City, Venango county, on the 27th; Erie, Erie county, on the 28th; Warren, Warren county, on the 30th; Bradford, McKean county, on the 31st; Williamsport, Lycoming county, on Nov. 1; Lewisburg, Union county, on Nov. 2; Chambersburg, Franklin county, on Nov. 3, and on Saturday, Nov. 4, he returns to Philadelphia, where, with the other candidates on the Republican state ticket, he will be given a reception by the Young Republicans of Philadelphia. The final Barnett meeting of the campaign will be held at Harrisburg on the day before the election, Monday, Nov. 6, where a great turnout of Republicans is anticipated.

During the remaining days of the canvass the two parties of Republican spellbinders who have been touring the state will be consolidated, and the famous Tenth Regiment Glee club will accompany Colonel Barnett to all the meetings, as will Captains Crago and Watson, Surgeon Major Neff, Lieutenant Aiken, Adjutant Scott and other officers and privates of the Tenth regiment. Colonel Charles M. Clement, of Sunbury, commander of the Twelfth regiment, N. G. P., has recently joined the corps of Republican orators. He makes an entertaining and captivating address.

In one of his recent speeches he said: "When I came to look for the issue that was being raised in behalf of the Creasy ticket I found the same old availed issue of every real issue that has characterized his party for 30 years past. It comes as a strident as those of

any other party as they were attacking any and every Republican as a thief and a robber. Fortunately there are no issues in this campaign that are not prominently and intensely national. But if there is to be any state issue, any review of the past history of the commonwealth, the Republican party has nothing to fear.

"Twenty years ago a Democrat of such personal integrity that he was known as 'square timber' was elected state treasurer. Two years later, when he came to turn over his office to his Republican successor, the transfer had to be postponed for several weeks because the latter would not accept obligations; but demanded cash. The result of this one administration was the failure of the incumbent and the sacrifice of many reputations. On the other hand, in all the years that the Republican party has administered that office never has been one dollar unaccounted for.

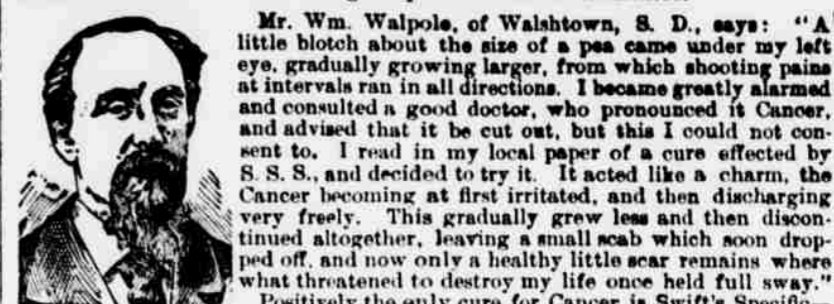
"At that time the total revenues of the state would scarcely have paid the school appropriation of today. Its growth and expansion is the history of the Republican party. It has more than quintupled the school appropriation and has taken taxes off many objects to place them exclusively upon the corporation."

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