

PENROSE MEETS THE PRESIDENT

An Important Federal Appointment Quickly Follows.

REGULAR ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED

Discussion of the Outlook For the Political Campaign Gives Assurance of Republican Success in November.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, July 24.—United States Senator Belas Penrose has returned from a visit to Washington, where he went to look after some official business with the departments. He met President McKinley when he went to the national capital to confer with his cabinet officers relative to the crisis over affairs in China. Senator Penrose, who had a long talk with the president, says he is entirely satisfied with the outlook as far as the political situation is concerned.

While in Washington Senator Penrose had a conference with United States Senator Nathan Scott, of West Virginia, who was on his way to New York to take charge of the Republican national committee headquarters, which will be opened this week. Senator Scott had just returned from a three weeks' trip through the west and northwest, and predicts that those states will be carried for McKinley and Roosevelt beyond a doubt. He says this certainty of the final outcome, however, does not mean that the Republican campaign manager will take anything for granted. The opening guns of the campaign will be fired some time between the 15th and 20th of August, and from that time until election day the canvass will be pushed with vigor.

Senator Scott declared that he believes that the Republicans will carry Colorado this fall. He visited Pueblo during his stay in that state, and while there a McKinley and Roosevelt club was formed. The remarkable thing about this was that 62 members of this club voted for Bryan in 1896. This is only one example of the way people are dropping the free silver idea.

"The campaign will be fought upon all the issues, for there are none that the Republicans wish to evade," said Senator Scott to his friend from Pennsylvania. "If the Democrats want to make imperialism the paramount issue we will meet them on their own ground. We will talk about 16 to 1 and the prosperity that has resulted from the wise Republican legislation. We will stand upon the record of the administration of William McKinley, in which there is nothing to apologize for."

In Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, where the Democrats have been making claims of dissatisfaction among the Germans because of the so-called imperialistic policy of the Republican party, I look for increased gains for McKinley and Roosevelt. All these states are sure to cast their votes for the Republican candidates. The dissatisfaction among the Germans exists only in the minds of the Bryanites. Kansas can be safely counted in the Republican column. The farmers in that state look upon McKinley as the agent of prosperity and are going to give the ticket their unanimous support. I also think we have a good chance of carrying Nebraska and electing a Republican legislature. It is assured that West Virginia will give a plurality for the Republican ticket.

Senator Scott will be chairman of the eastern speakers' bureau at the New York headquarters. STALWARTS HONORED. One of the results of Senator Penrose's conference with President McKinley was the appointment of State Senator Walter T. Merrick, of Tioga county, as naval officer for the port of Philadelphia. Senator Merrick voted for Penrose for United States senator and was one of the stalwart friends of Col. Quay in the deadlock over the United States senatorial election in the Pennsylvania legislature last winter.

The appointment by President McKinley of Senator Merrick is regarded as a crushing rebuke to the insurgent Republicans, following so closely, as it does, upon the appointment of another supporter of Quay and Penrose, James B. Holland, of Montgomery county, who was a few days ago sworn in as United States attorney for the eastern district of Pennsylvania upon the recommendation of Col. Quay and Senator Penrose.

The selection of Senator Merrick will be received with general approval among active Republicans residing in counties east of the Alleghenies, where he is well known to the men identified with the Republican organization. He has many admirers among the party men throughout the commonwealth.

Senator Merrick was born in Charleston township, Tioga county, Pa., June 12, 1859. He was educated at the Mansfield State Normal school and the Elmira Free academy. He studied law with the Hon. Charles H. Seymore, of Tioga, and at Wellsboro, was admitted to practice at the bar in 1886. He followed his profession at Blossburg, the mining center of Tioga county, where he still resides. Senator Merrick has had considerable experience in the Pennsylvania legislature, both as a member of the house and of the senate. He was elected to the house in 1893, and in 1895 and 1896 he was promoted to the senate from the district which embraces Tioga, Potter and McKean counties.

PROGRESSIVE STALWARTS IN FIGHTING THE FLINN-MARTIN COMBINE, BOTH IN THE JOINT SENATORIAL CONVENTION AT ITS DAILY SESSIONS AND ON THE FLOOR OF THE STATE SENATE. STATE SHARES IN PROSPERITY.

Philadelphia Republicans were delighted to read a local announcement this week that a vessel had been chartered to sail from this port with a cargo of four thousand tons of Pennsylvania coal for England.

Ten years ago the idea that British railways and factories would become dependent in even a partial degree upon coal supplies from this side of the Atlantic would have been received with derisive incredulity in the United Kingdom. But in this case, as in many others, the unexpected has happened, and the forthcoming shipment of coal from Philadelphia to England promises to mark the beginning of a new era in the development and transportation of the world's coal supply.

Not only in Great Britain, but in some continental countries, many coal veins are either becoming exhausted or their working has grown unprofitable, owing to the great depth to which they have been followed. Modern industry has an inexhaustible appetite for the black fuel from the bowels of the earth, and the European magazines of coal are showing distinct signs of impoverishment.

The United States already supplies the countries of Europe with a large proportion of their bread and meat. It does not seem unlikely that the next few years will see this country also acting as a producer of coal in large quantities for foreign consumption. Fortunately our own resources in this direction are practically limitless, and Pennsylvania has the finest facilities of all the states for taking a prominent part in this movement.

All these conditions may fairly be attributed to the wise and statesmanlike policy that has been pursued by the leaders of the Republican party in national affairs. McKinley prosperity seems to pervade every section of the United States, and fresh evidence comes almost daily of the determination of the American people to continue the Republican party in power. The coming election will show how appreciative the people are of the efforts of the Republican party to advance the commercial interests of the nation.

GUFFEY IS TAKEN TO BRYAN'S BREAST

Pennsylvania's Leader to Help Run the National Campaign.

FOR FUSION AT HOME

But He Will Find That Sound Money Democrats of Pennsylvania Are Going to Vote the Whole Republican Ticket This Fall.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, July 24.—The announcement came a few days ago that Col. William Jennings Bryan had insisted upon the appointment of Col. James M. Guffey, of Pennsylvania, as a member of the executive committee of the Democratic national committee. While this intelligence to the outside world would not be calculated to cause more than passing comment to Pennsylvania Democrats, and Republicans as well, this selection is particularly significant. Col. Guffey, as one of the chief advisers and manipulators in the Democratic national campaign, will be looked upon with interest and curiosity as the prime mover in Pennsylvania in the great fusion movement for the capture of the legislature of the Keystone state from the Republican organization and the possible election of Col. Guffey himself as a fusion candidate for United States senator.

While Col. Guffey, as a member of Bryan's Democratic national committee's executive committee, will be appealing throughout the national campaign to Democrats to stand by the Bryan ticket, in the hope of capturing the presidency, he will in Pennsylvania be the leading figure among those Democrats and insurgent politicians who will, under the guise of reform, seek to lead Republicans from their party organization to help elect fusion members of the legislature. The insurgents under the lead of Martin, of Philadelphia, and Flinn, of Pittsburgh, will work hand in hand with Guffey in the legislative fight. Guffey will wisely take advantage of the opportunity to elect Democrats, where, with the Republican party united, there would not be any chance for a Democrat to go to Harrisburg. Besides aiding in making strife in the Republican party, Guffey sees a chance to elect Democrats to congress, where otherwise there would be not the slightest show for the defeat of the regular Republican nominees.

While Col. Guffey will be entreating Republicans in Pennsylvania to desert their party candidates and support the fusion tickets for the legislature, he will find that he will be without the votes of the sound money Democrats, who are openly declaring their purpose to vote for President McKinley and the whole Republican ticket this fall. Pennsylvania is furnishing her full share of this former Democratic vote which will continue to be cast with the Republican party as long as the Democracy stands for the 16 to 1 idea on the financial issue.

AGAINST 16 TO 1.

Every county in the Keystone state has its due proportion of former Democrats who will not vote the Bryan ticket this year and who will not be led by Guffey or anybody else in touch with the Bryan campaign into voting the fusion tickets for the legislature. They are for straightout Republicanism and all that implies, and they will be among the most ardent opponents of fusion. They want to see a full delegation sent to congress to thwart the Democratic plans on the silver issue, and they know that the only way to accomplish this is to make the Republican organization in this state as strong as possible.

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