Publicly Commends Farmer Cope's Campaign Against Oleo.

TEMARKABLE RECORD OF ARRESTS.

Instituted Against Illicit Dealers in Imitations of Butter and Other Adulterations of Food in Pennsylvania Since the Appointment of the New Commissioner.

Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, July 31.-Governor Willfem A. Stone has publicly congratulated "Farmer" Cope, whom he recenty appointed food and dairy commismoner, upon the eminent success which mas followed his efforts in the brief period that he has been at work in his department.

A marvelous exhibition of energy determination of purpose and practical methods have been given by Farmer Sope since he left his Chester county farm to aid Governor Stone in the enforcement of the laws against the adulteration of food and the illicit sale of

oleomazgarine. The wisdom of the selection of a practical farmer and dairyman for this position has been demonstrated conclusively, and the political enemies of Governor Stone and the Republican organization with which he stands have been disconcerted by the aggressive campaign that Farmer Cope has waged against the violators of the law.

THE GOVERNOR'S COMPLIMENT. This is Governor Stone's public tribute to Farmer Cope

"The showing made by Dairy and Food Commissioner Cope since he took his office is the best evidence in the world that the illegal sale of eleomargarine is to be stopped. The co-operation of the district atterney's office in Philadelphia, which Commissioner Cope tells me he has secured, will enable the dairy and food department's agents in that city to begin work with a degree of certainty as to speedy trials of the cases they bring that certainly ought to spur them on, and I look for the crusade there to have the effect of driving all of the bogus butter men out of the busi-The crusade in other parts of the state is to be conducted on the same vigorous lines by the state dairy and food commissioner as in Philadelphia, and if the illegal dealers in oleomargarine fail to profit by the events of the past four or five weeks and quit before the law reaches them it will be their own fault. And the law will reach them speedily, too. Bogus butter has no place as an article of food in Pennsylvania, and the bogus butter men are being made, and will continue to be rapidly made to realize it."

Now, as to what Farmer Cope has done, according to the records of the dockets of the committing magistrates before whom the men arrested for alleged violations of the laws have been brought by Farmer Cope and his

THE STORY IN FIGURES.

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PROMPT AND ENERGETIC.

Farmer Cope began operations in different sections of the state as soon as his commission was made out by the governor. He called all his subordinates together and instructed them as to what he desired them to do.

"Spare neither time, effort nor expense," he said, "and pay particular attention to the illegal sales of oleomargarine and mixed butter, and overbook no cases where there is adulteration of other food products."

The agents of the commissioner worked night and day carrying out his instructions. Evidence was procured without delay, and although there had been many arrests before Farmer Cope's appointment, he and his assistants have broken the record in making arrests in the short time he has been at the head of the department. A number of special detectives were engaged, and where it was deemed necessary, through the dealers knowing the regular inspectors, women were employed by Farmer Cope to gather samples where dealers were suspected of

selling oleo under cover. Having procured a mass of evidence and had many of the accused dealers held for court. Commissioner Cope went to Philadelphia and had a conference with District Attorney Rothermel with a view of having the cases speedily tried and disposed of at the next term of court. The trouble heretofore has been that these cases have not always been tried promptly.

FARMER COPE'S PLANS.

Farmer Cope, in commenting upon

the situation, said: "When I accepted the appointment tendered me by Governor Stone it was with the determination to stamp out the sale of bogus butter and adulterated food articles with all the haste compatible with thoroughness. Governor Stone was eager that this should be done, and assured me that I should have all the support possible in the

'As every fair minded person will readily understand, such an undertak-ing as that of stamping out the traffic bogus butter could not be accom-

piished in a day or a week or a month. I am glad to be able to say, however, that we have the wheel pretty well in motion, and that arrests of violators of the oleomargarine and pure food laws will be made from now on rapidly, and followed up vigorously in the courts.

"The willingness of the district attorney's office at Philadelphia to assist the dairy and food commissioner in bringing all persons placed under arrest through this department to justice will aid in carrying on the war against the bogus butter men very materially.

"With this to encourage us we will go ahead with all the energy we possess in our efforts to put an absolute stop to the sale of bogus butter and other impure food products, and the sooner the bogus butter men realize that their game is up the better it will be for them.

"The department's regular force of agents has been reinforced at important points by men working in conjunction with the agents, but who are not known personally to any of the oleomargarine dealers. Through these men I expect to be able to obtain a lot of evidence which it would otherwise be practically impossible to obtain-evidence of a sort which will insure conviction.

"The sale of bogus butter and other impure articles of food has got to stop. We have made gratifying progress so far, but we intend to do still better. There is to be no let up on the part of this department, either in making arrests or in pushing the cases to conviction in the courts until every illegal dealer in oleomargarine or other adulterated or impure fond products of any kind has been compelled to quit busi-

SHORTEST ROAD TO BALLOT REFORM

Chauncey F. Black Advocates the Proposition of a Non-Partisan Constitutional Convention.

COMMENDS QUAY'S ATTITUDE.

vania Decide to Vote the Pall Republican Ticket. Which Gives a Death Blow to Legislative Pasion on the United States Senatorship.

Philadelphia, July 31.—Ballot reform may be one of the important state issues in the coming campaign. There is reason to believe, however, that this may be eliminated from the partisan contest, if the leaders of the different elements continue to express sentiments in accord with those uttered within the last few days. Col. Quay, in a recent public declaration, went on record in favor of the most sweeping reforms in the matter of a secret ballot and an absolutely fair return of the votes cast, and he also advocated personal registration of voters. He gave it as his opinion that these reforms could only be had within a reasonable time by the calling of a non-partisan convention, which would amend the present constitution so as to permit the requisite legislation to be passed before the adjournment of the next legislation. ie adjournment of the next legislature. It would be necessary for the legislature which convenes in January next to pass an act providing for the immediate calling of a constitutional convention. Such a convention being held without delay would permit of the introduction of such bills in the general assembly as would be required to carry out the purposes of the framers of the constitution.

GOVERNOR BLACK'S ATTITUDE.

It was, therefore, noteworthy that last week former Lieutenant Governor Chauncey F. Black, one of the most respected and distinguished members of the Democratic party in this state, came out boldly in favor of the holding of a convention to revise the constitution in order to reform the voting system of the commonwealth

In a carefully prepared statement for publication he gave the objections to following the antiquated method of leaving this problem of ballot reform to be solved by the state legislature under the existing constitution. He referred to the fact that John Wanamaker, in at least two of his public speeches, advocated this convention idea as the only plan by which ballot reform could be obtained, and he referred at some length to the failures of the past; declaring that the ballot law now in force in this state is a fraud, and then recounted the abuses that have grown up under the present system.

Governor Black then pointed to declarations from John Wanamaker in November, 1899, and again in March, 1900, on the subject of ballot reform and quoted him as having said on the

last occasion mentioned: "I, therefore, address myself to the people of Pennsylvania, to all qualified electors without distinction of party whose lives, liberties and property lie today at the mercy of irresponsible political machines and their powerful secret and corrupt allies, and ask them to unite in the nomination and election of candidates for the legislature pledged to vote for a fair, non-partisan act calling a constitutional convention for immediate ballot reform, the substance and essential provisions of which shall be embodied in the fundamental law beyond the reach of corporate or machine power.'

QUOTES COLONEL QUAY.

Continuing, Governor Black said: 'And now comes Mr. Quay, the accepted chief of the regular Republican party, not only with a candid admission of the scandalous state of affairs and the universal demand for a change, but with a carefully devised and specific program fer a constitutional convention as the only means of certain and immediate relief. He declares that the legislature, under the present constitution, has no power to pass a personal registration law for the cities or to pro-vide a secret ballot, while any voter may take another into the booth to attest his ticket; that the pending

amendments are not madatory: that even if, after a long and expensive process, they are adopted and incorporated in the constitution, they do not, of themselves, effect a reform, but leave the whole matter dependent upon the will of future legislatures which, as all our experience shows, are little likely to abate abuses that inure to the profit of powerful corporate or private inter-

"Thus we have the intellectual and responsible chiefs of the two divisions of the Republican party," remarked Governor Black, after quoting Col. Quay at length, "in unison upon this most important of all public questions in our state. Mr. Quay, after due consideration, magnanimously and unequivocally accepts Mr. Wanamaker's proposition for an immediate and radical reform by the only means available. He not only accepts it, but he pledges himself and, as far as he can, his party to a fair, non-partisan constitutional convention bill like that of 1872. Here we have the perfect model, the Buckalew bill, under which asconvention embodysembled a ing the very highest wisdom and purest public morality of the commonwealth, and in which not a partisan word was uttered from beginning to end.

CITY MACHINES REBUKED.

"What right has any one to doubt Mr. Quay's sincerity? He is the unquestioned head of the ruling party in this state. He cannot afford to palter with the people, and, in this case it would be an act of rank and gratuitous folly. The Democrats of the nation tested the value of Mr. Quay's it, and they have never found reason to regret their trust. Whatever else he is or aims to be, he is not a faith breaker. He must intend only what he says, since he voluntarily ties himself down to an exact and open scheme for an 'non-partisan constitutional convention for immediate ballot reform,' whereby he doubtless hopes his party may be relieved from the shame and scandal of the present situation. Shall we doubt the sincerity of a great and responsible leader of the dominant party who has every personal and party reason for effecting the reform at the earliest possible moment and who accepts and indorses the only possible method of effecting it as suggested by his only formidable rival and join ourselves in tender trust with petty bosses of city machines who have a plain interest in defeating the reform and who, to that end, talk about accomplishing it by acts of the legislature, or by futile single amendments. Mr. Quay's sincerity will probably be shown in a manner which will put to shame those who have so indecently impugned it. Should the authorities of his party, its state committee and its candidates for the legislature pledge themselves, as he and other responsible leaders have already done, there will be no question left. The regular Republican party has the power to pro-duce the reform for which Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Quay stand and, inasmuch as the 450,000 Democrats in the state are deeply interested in it. I see no reason why we should not make it unanimous and have at once this fair. non-partisan constitutional convention which all sensible people agree is the

only way out," At a meeting of the executive com-mittee of the Democratic Society of the holding of a non-partison conven-

tion DEATH BLOW TO FUSION.

The Democratic advocates of fusion on legislative tickets in Pennsylvania were evidently greatly disappointed at the action of the sound money Democrats at their national conference held at Indianapolis last week. These representative men of the Democratic party resent Bryan's domination of their party organization. They are, of course, unalterably opposed to the 16 to 1 declaration on the silver issue and are determined to stamp out the radical element in the national Democracy at the coming election. They wisely concluded not to fritter away their strength on a third ticket, but resolved to make no nominations for president and vice president. This leaves every sound money Democrat free to support the whole Republican ticket, as most of them will do. There is to be no half way measures resorted to this time. Every man must take one position or the other. He must be either for Bryan and Stevenson and free silver at 16 to 1 or for McKinley and Roosevelt and sound

money. Thousands of Democrats in the Keystone state have determined that the only way to wipe out Bryanism from their party is to vote the entire Re-publican ticket this fall. They will not be content to vote simply for the Republican presidential electors. They know that the Democratic machine of Pennsylvania is under the absolute control of James M. Guffey, who is Bryan's personal representative in this state. To vote simply for the Republican presidential electors and support the balance of the Democratic ticket, the gold Democrats say, would be simply playing into the hand of the Bryan Democracy. They know that McKinley will carry Pennsylvania and that Guffey is merely seeking to elect free silver candidates for congress and members of the legislature who will help him in his aspirations to go to United States senate through fusion with the insurgent Republicans. Guffey's deal, they assert, is that the insurgents will elect him to the United States senate on condition that he will aid the insurgent Republicans in their efforts to disrupt the present Repub-lican organization and help them name a millionaire Philadelphian as successor to Boies Penrose in the United States senate. They declare that the insurgents know they will not have enough strength in the coming legislature to elect one of their number to succeed Col. Quay.

The insurgents must therefore unite with the Democrats to defeat the nominee of the Republican caucus on the United States senatorship next Jan-

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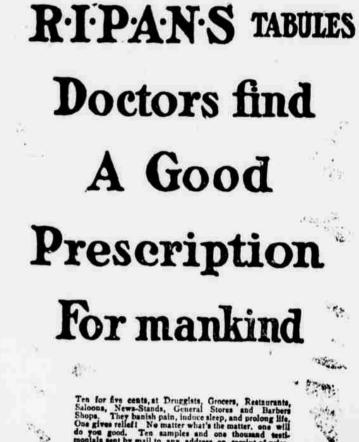
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