GUFFEY REVEALS DEMOCRATIC PLANS.

An Indiscreet Statement in New York Exposes His Game.

HE IS AFTER THE SENATORSHIP.

Real Secret of the Fusion Campaign on the Legislature, Which Cannot Be Covered Up by a Second Thought Interview Put Out For Political Effect.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Aug. 7.—Col. James M. Guffey, the Bryanite leader of the Pennsylvania Democracy, as a full fledged candidate for United States senator is the latest revelation in the political situation in the Keystone state.

While it has all along been suspected that Millionaire Guffey was not wasting his time and money for nothing, it was hardly supposed that he seriously expected to be able to prevent the Republican party from filling the present vacancy in the United States senate from this state. Guffey has been playing a waiting game. He has been devoting almost his entire energies to disrupting the Republican organization and then spreading the doctrine of fusion in the legislative districts.

He has been preaching reform, so as to detract attention from his main purpose, the election of Democrats to the legislature who will vote on the United States senatorship.

He has, of course, started out with the idea of first electing Democrats but where he finds that conditions make that impossible he seeks to do the next best thing for the Democracy—make a fusion deal by which one Democrat and one independent Republican are nominated and together they are to wage a campaign against the regular Republican nominees. In that way Guffey counts upon cutting down his Republican opposition and at the same time stirring up a feeling of bitterness between the factions in the Republican organization that will ultimately be to his advantage.

GUFFEY'S REAL POSITION.

But the Republican voters of Pennsylvania, through an indiscreet utterance from Col. Guffey, due possibly to his surroundings, have been given an insight into his plans, and they now have Guffey explaining.

Guffey was in New York attending the initial conference of the leaders of the Democratic national committee, and with Richard Croker spent a whole day at Elberon with Chairman J. K. Jones, of the Democratic national committee, mapping out plans for the Bryan campaign.

While on his way home Col. Guffey was interviewed by a reporter of the New York Journal, and in that interview [illegible] the Democratic national committee [illegible] on July 30 last appeared a statement from Col. Guffey regarding the Democratic outlook in Pennsylvania. In this interview he made no secret of the real purpose of his plans for fusion with the disgruntled Republicans. The Journal quoted him as follows:

"IT IS THE PLAN OF THE DEMOCRATIC MANAGERS THERE TO MAKE THE MOST AGGRESSIVE FIGHT POSSIBLE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE SO WE CAN SUPPLANT MATTHEW S. QUAY WITH A DEMOCRATIC SENATOR."

When Guffey reached Pittsburg he discovered that he had made a very bad break in so freely and frankly stating while in New York his hopes of Democratic triumphs in the Keystone state. He was taken to task by his Republican insurgent allies, who said that if this Democratic boast got wide circulation in Pennsylvania it would drive the independent Republicans back into their old party lines and the fusion scheme would go to smash.

Guffey quickly realized the force of this argument and he set to work to counteract what he had done in New York.

He prepared another statement intended for the eyes of Pennsylvania Republicans. In this declaration he disclaimed any thought of Democratic victories at the coming election in this state. Accordingly this statement was sent broadcast through the commonwealth, and was given due prominence by those papers that are backing the fusion movement on the legislative nominations.

The statement, which was printed verbatim in all such newspapers, appeared in the Philadelphia Times, one of the insurgent organs, on Aug. 1, as follows:

"IN SO FAR AS THE ELECTION OF A DEMOCRATIC UNITED STATES SENATOR IS CONCERNED, THAT IS NOT BEING CONSIDERED FOR A MOMENT, UNLESS WE SUCCEED IN ELECTING A DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATURE AND THAT IS NOT WITHIN THE RANGE OF POSSIBILITIES IN THIS FALL'S CAMPAIGN."

In Guffey's first statement the Democrats were to make a most aggressive fight to supplant Matthew Stanley Quay with a Democratic United States senator, and in the second statement Guffey declares "the election of a Democratic United States senator is not considered for a moment."

Republicans have awakened to the insincerity of the Guffey campaign, and they are not going to be caught in his fusion trap in this most important year in American politics.

They know that Guffey is one of the most intimate and trusted lieutenants of Bryan, and that his election to the Democratic national committee over William F. Harrity was only accomplished through the personal intervention of Bryan himself.

GUFFEY'S BRYANITE RECORD.

Experience in Kansas City at the Democratic national convention demonstrated the character of the relations that exist between Col. Guffey and Bryan and all the other Bryanites of the present wild-eyed leadership of the rattle-trapped national Democracy. Guffey, while professing to be with David B. Hill in favor of a conservative platform and the elimination of the 16 to 1 plank, upon which Bryan had set his heart, permitted the Pennsylvania delegation, which was absolutely under his control, to vote down Governor Hill's proposition to have a minority report against the 16 to 1 plank introduced. This was to have been fought out on the floor of the convention, where the undoubted sentiment of a large majority of the delegates was against the 16 to 1 proposition.

The vote in the Pennsylvania delegation under the unit rule made the Keystone state Democracy put their 64 votes on record with those of the most rampant of the Tillmans, the Altgelds and the Joneses in opposition to a minority report against 16 to 1. With Guffey in this game was Richard Croker, who closed Hill's mouth by springing the unit rule upon him and casting the entire New York delegation of 72 votes against the minority report, advocated by Hill. The action of Guffey and Croker decided the fate of the 16 to 1 plank. It went into the platform without attempted objection on the floor of the convention.

It was quite natural that Col. Guffey and Richard Croker should be summoned to the first conference arranged by Chairman J. K. Jones, of the Democratic national committee. Guffey and Croker were the only prominent party leaders invited.

GOLD DEMOCRATS SHY.

Guffey is going to have his own troubles in pushing his canvass for United States senator.

The Republicans are now familiar with his game, and are going to watch him closely, but there is a conservative element in his own party that will not permit him to use them for his personal advantage.

Guffey stands for Bryanism and free silver, and the sound money men will have none of either.

No other consistent course is open to the gold Democrats. Practically the only reason that they opposed Bryan four years ago was his advocacy of free silver. The action of the Kansas City convention in specifically adopting a free silver plank at Bryan's demand brings the silver question again before the public. Gold Democrats cannot support Bryan or Guffey in the present campaign without virtually repudiating the principles they professed in 1896.

Their leaders evidently perceive that the only way to crush out the free silver delusion is to concentrate the sound money vote of the country on McKinley. The course of Bryan in forcing free silver again on the Democratic party shows that it is futile to expect him to abandon this craze as long as he thinks there is a political profit in it for him, and the only manner by which he can be cured of this error is by another overwhelming defeat. For this purpose no occasion could be more propitious than the present. The country is prosperous, and farmers, working men and other toilers, contrary to Bryan's predictions, have seen prices and wages rise under the gold standard. Many men can understand the truth now, as they could not in 1896, when the nation was just emerging from a disastrous panic.

Guffey stands for Bryanism and the gold Democrats of Pennsylvania will vote against them both.

FUSION WILL HELP BRYAN.

The gold Democrats are primarily opposed to Guffey, because his success means Bryan's success. Those who attended the meeting of the Chester county Democratic committee held last week or read reports of the proceedings were impressed with a statement made by W. S. Hastings, who was a delegate to the Democratic convention at Kansas City. He is an ardent advocate of fusion on the legislative ticket, and in a speech before the county committee said he favored fusion because it would help Bryan, and he wanted to do everything to poll a big vote for Bryan. Of course he is for Guffey for United States senator.

REEDER PREPARES FOR THE CAMPAIGN

Formal Opening of the State Canvass to Be Made Next Week.

CLUB MEN ARE ACTIVE.

Arrangements For the Annual Convention of the State League of Republican Clubs to Be Held in Philadelphia, at Which Prominent Men Will Speak.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—Gen. Frank Reeder, chairman of the Republican state committee, was here nearly every day during the past week preparing for the formal opening of the state headquarters next week. The general has been in consultation with his chief of staff, T. Larry Eyre, of West Chester, and they have mapped out their plans for the campaign as far as it is possible for them to do so at this time. The preparation of campaign literature and the selection of the assistants in the various departments has been attended to and next will come the work of getting in touch with the committeemen throughout the state. This will be given careful attention. It is proposed at an early day to have a conference of some of the leading men in the party organization throughout the state in order to get reports as to the condition of the party organization and suggestions as to what is best to be done in the various districts. The organization of a corps of competent orators will be taken up and the Democracy will be given an aggressive campaign in very doubtful districts.

Gen. Reeder proposes to pay particular attention to the several congressional districts where the Democrats are apt to endeavor to make a still hunt with the hope of finding the Republicans neglecting their canvass. The state chairman looks to the active Republicans in such districts to "smoke out" these Democratic dark lantern campaigners and to see that the interests of the Republican candidates are well taken care of throughout the campaign.

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION.

Within the last few days Chairman Reeder had a conference with J. Hampton Moore, president of the State League of Republican clubs, relative to the arrangements for the state convention of the State League, which is to be held in this city on Sept. 17 and 18. This organization, which is composed of a large number of active young Republicans in different parts of the state, is going to be an important factor in the coming campaign. Gen. Reeder says he will rely upon the young men to give him material assistance in the work of getting out the party vote at the coming election, and he will look to them to help to arouse interest in the canvass as it progresses and to make recruits wherever possible.

The state chairman has undertaken to help the members of the State League in the matter of procuring prominent speakers for the mass meeting which they are going to hold on the first night of the gathering. The opening gun of the campaign will then be fired. There will undoubtedly be a large attendance of Republicans from every county in the state. Governor Roosevelt, Senator Wolcott and several other stars are expected to be present and address the convention.

The local Republican clubmen have prepared an interesting program for the entertainment of the visitors, which will include among other things a banquet at Belmont Mansion, which is located in one of the most beautiful portions of Fairmount Park. The Republican state committee headquarters will be brilliantly illuminated with electric lights on this occasion, and there will be every attention paid the active party men who gather here to discuss matters for the welfare of the Republican party. There is no opposition to date to the re-election of J. Hampton Moore as president of the league, as he has made a very capable and faithful officer. Upon his shoulders fell much of the responsibility of preparing for the Republican national convention, and he did his work well. The parade of Republican clubs on that occasion, which was under the auspices of the league clubs, was a very creditable affair and evoked very favorable comment from Chairman Hanna and other members of the Republican national committee.

Reports from different sections of the state show that there is a deep interest being taken by Republicans of Pennsylvania in the national campaign, and that there is every assurance that this state will give a very large Republican majority.

A HOOSIER TALKS POLITICS.

Among Gen. Reeder's recent callers at headquarters was Judge Crumpacker, member of congress from the Tenth Indiana district. Judge Crumpacker will probably be one of the speakers in the Pennsylvania campaign. In commenting upon the political situation the Hoosier congressman said:

"The people are not fools. They appreciate conditions that have brought prosperity. They do not want silver at 16 to 1 or any of the Bryanite propositions. The express reaffirmation of free coinage in the Kansas City platform at the 'heaven born ratio' will cut but little figure, for every voter with intelligence enough to be a gold standard man knows that Bryan is the personification of the free coinage policy, platform or no platform, and that he cannot be galvanized into anything else. 'The leopard cannot change his spots nor the Ethiopian his skin.' A Democrat who would go into the Bryan camp except for that declaration is a victim of self delusion.

THE "PARAMOUNT ISSUE."

"Paramount isues are sometimes expressed, but they are never made by platform declarations. The people think and form impressions of parties as organized entities, with virtues and vices like individuals, and the party, considering its history, character and professions, that has the best claims upon the public confidence usually wins. Many voters have pronounced party predilections without being able to define them, but they have an intelligent basis just the same.

"Imperialism will receive its share of attention on the stump and in party organs during the campaign, but the people are disposed to look upon the question as a political stalking horse, trotted out for this campaign only. If Democrats were sincere in their denunciation of imperialism the country would regard it as a case of political 'jim-jams.'

"I have no doubt that the people of this country would oppose imperialism if it were seriously proposed, but they cannot be led to confound that specter with a patriotic effort to establish order on American soil. The people expect us to govern the newly acquired possessions according to republican principles, and to treat the inhabitants thereof as Americans and not as foreigners, but they know full well that we cannot govern them at all until insurrection is subdued and order established. In other days we were compelled to use force to subdue insurrection and put down rebellion on territory held by the same kind of title that we have for the Philippine Islands, but no one regarded it as imperialism then.

M'KINLEY WILL WIN.

"McKinley will win next November because the people are satisfied with his administration of the affairs of the country, both at home and abroad. All the material pledges of the St. Louis platform have been faithfully performed, and some notable things have been done that were not on the program at all. The exceptionally prosperous business conditions all over the land, the enormous foreign trade during the last three years, with its balance in our favor of over a billion dollars, the great stride this nation has made toward the position of leadership among the world powers, combine in an irresistible appeal to the common sense, the conscience and the patriotism of the whole people.

"Bryanism, on the other hand, as in 1896, stands for free trade and idle work shops, a debased currency and commercial dishonor, the shiftless against the thrifty, for tumult against law, for a subservient judiciary, for the abandonment of a high national duty toward a helpless race. In short, Bryanism represents the destructive forces of civilization."

REDUCED RATES TO DETROIT VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Account Knights of Pythias, Biennial Conclave.

For the Biennial Conclave, Knights of Pythias, at Detroit, August 27 to September 1, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets from all stations on its line to Detroit, at rate of single fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold on August 25, 26 and 27, good to return between August 28 and September 5, inclusive; but by depositing ticket with joint agent at Detroit not later than September 1, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to September 14, inclusive. 8-2-3t.

REDUCED RATES TO CHICAAO VIA PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Account of G. A. R. Encampment.

On account of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Chicago, August 27-31, inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from points on its line to Chicago at rate of single fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold on August 25, 26 and 27, good to return until August 31, inclusive; and by depositing ticket with joint agent at Chicago prior to noon of September 2, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to September 30, inclusive. 8-2-3t.

Disposing of Young Pigs.

Young pigs always bring a price that is considerd above their present value if killed to furnish meat. The young pig will increase in weight very rapidly in proportion to the food it consumes, and this fact is sure to be discounted by the seller when he fixes the price. The young pig also keeps the tenderness of flesh and fine flavor of the roasting-pig stage until it is several months old, and a roast pig weighing 80 to 90 pounds is as good eating as one killed when it is not more than eight weeks old. This, however, depends on how the pig has been kept. If allowed to surfeit itself and become dyspeptic, the meat will show that the animal has had fever and will be neither tender nor healthful as food.