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Guffey, Rilling and Donnelly, of the Democratic Machine, Meet Flinn and Martin, Insurgents, But Republicans Seem to Be Aroused Against This Combine.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—One of the most important results of the convention of the State League of Republican clubs, held here last week, was the determination of many active young Republicans, visitors from every county in the state, to return home and work more zealously than ever for the success of the whole Republican ticket.

They were inspired to do this by the eloquent and forcible arguments made by Senator Foraker, of Ohio, Chairman Babcock, of the Republican congressional committee, and other party leaders, who came to Pennsylvania to urge the importance of making Republican gains in congress in order to save the house to the Republican party for next year.

They pointed out the possible gains for the Democracy in many states, and they gave facts and figures to show that there is a dangerous apathetic feeling shown among Republicans, who seem to be impressed with the idea that President McKinley is certain to be re-elected and that the Republicans are sure to elect a majority of the house.

The Republican club men had their minds disabused of the notion that the Republican party has practically a walkover in the canvass for the house, and they were impressed with the importance of making Republican congressional gains in states like Pennsylvania. Every now and then the Democrats, through Republican dissensions or indifference, make heavy gains in their representation in the house.

Stress was laid by several of the speakers upon the danger of losing Republican congressmen through the fusion movements which have spread to a number of counties of the state, by the efforts of the so-called Insurgents. While primarily, in many cases, the aim of the Insurgents is to defeat Republican candidates for the state legislature, it was shown that in the past Republican candidates for congress have been defeated in just such movements. There are several congressional districts which, under ordinary circumstances, are safely Republican, but which are now made debateable, and probably Democratic, through the legislative deals with the Democrats made by the Insurgents.

The several speakers who touched upon this subject at the League convention were emphatic in their statements that unless prompt action shall be taken by the leaders of the party organization and the State League to thwart the plans of the fusionists there will be serious losses in the congressional delegation.

There were reports, however, from some of the club men which indicated that the fusion movement is not going to make the headway that was at first feared.

Delegates from Chester, Montgomery, Union, Snyder, Northumberland, Montour, Blair, Franklin, Venango, Warren and other counties, where the Guffey Democrats and the Flinn-Martin Insurgents are at work, stated that there is a growing sentiment among Republicans against the fusion schemers, and that the prospects are that in many districts the plans of the Insurgents and their Democratic allies will meet defeat.

HURRIEDLY CALLED CONFERENCE

That the managers of the fusion movement are not quite at ease was made manifest here last week when a hurried conference was called, which brought William Flinn and Col. James M. Guffey, the Democratic national committeeman, from Allegheny to meet David Martin and Chairman Rilling, of the Democratic state committee, together in this city. This quartet are supervising the arrangements for fusion in the several counties of the state. They were alarmed over several unexpected developments after the Democratic primaries in this city, where Guffey had planned for fusion with the Martin Insurgents.

In the legislative districts where John F. Keator and H. L. R. Nyce, insurgent members of the last legislature, were defeated at the Republican primaries, the Democrats refused to place them upon the Democratic ticket, but named straight Democrats in their stead. Guffey had insisted upon the Democrats in the districts putting Keator and Nyce upon their ticket, but the Democrats refused to take the orders, and named men of their own party in each instance. The same thing was done in several other districts in this city, where Guffey had agreed to help Martin men to defeat the regular Republican nominees for the senate and the house by fusion with the Insurgents.

Senator Osbourn, who was renominated by the Republicans of his district, was to have been opposed by the Martinites with the aid of the Democrats, but the Democrats named a man of their own party and Guffey was in a rage when he met the Democratic leaders who had thrown him down. He summoned Chairman Donnelly, of the Democratic city committee, to the Hotel Stratford, where Martin and Flinn and Rilling were already assembled. There Guffey told Mr. Donnelly that he had been betrayed and that the Democracy of Philadelphia would be read out of the organization if the party leaders did not obey his commands for fusion nominations. Donnelly protested that he could not prevent what had happened, as the ward leaders had ignored his instructions and named Democrats where they should have nominated Insurgents.

A QUEER COMBINATION.

Guffey, Flinn, Martin, Rilling and Donnelly went over the whole situation, and Guffey pleaded with Donnelly to do what he could to prevent further violations of faith with their Flinn-Martin allies.

Donnelly promised to do his best, and he went to work at once to get former Speaker Walton nominated for senator by the Democrats of the Fifth Senatorial district. Walton had been defeated at the Republican primaries by William H. Berkelbach, the candidate of the stalwart Republicans, by a majority of about 8,000 votes in a total poll of over 34,000. Donnelly soon found that the Democrats of the district would not stand for the placing of Walton upon the Democratic ticket. The leaders said they would agree to fusion if it would help the Democratic party, but they declared that the Democratic voters would not tolerate the nomination of Walton. The result was that former Representative Dearden, who has been an anti-Martin man and a Martin man by turns, was nominated by the Democratic convention. Dearden just now is a Martin man, but he stands not the slightest chance of being elected. The retirement of Walton has led to a unanimous indorsement of Berkelbach, the Republican nominee, by the Republican committee of the Thirty-second ward, in which both Berkelbach and Walton reside, and which divided by a vote of 15½ to 15¼ at the delegate election, although Berkelbach had a majority of several hundred in the popular vote.

The turning down of Walton will mean that Berkelbach will carry this district by at least 4,000 majority. It is likely to be much more, and the fusion scheme as regards members of the house of representatives will fail also.

NO SHOW FOR INSURGENTS.

It now looks as though the Insurgents would not get over four out of the 29 members of the house of representatives to be elected in this city in November, and they will not get a single member of the senate.

The Democrats had two members of the house at the last session from this city, but they will not have a Philadelphia in the next house.

The Republicans of Philadelphia are determined to recognize the call from the Republican congressional committee, and they will elect every Republican candidate for congress from this city. This will mean the turning down of McAleer, who has been sent to congress for some years by the Martin Republicans, who have used the McAleer organization for factional purposes in the Republican party. McAleer is now confronted with a stalwart Republican, a well known manufacturer, Henry Burk, who will make an aggressive canvass and who will be elected if the leaders of the regular Republican organization can thwart the Martinites in their deals to send McAleer to congress in return for votes for insurgent members of the legislature, or for Democratic members of the legislature where Insurgents have not been nominated.

The outlook is certainly very gloomy for the Flinn-Martin-Guffey combine as far as Philadelphia is concerned, and it is probably the same throughout the state.

An Up-to-Date Description.
"Oh, mamma," cried Pussie, as the snake gave a start and glided away in the grass, "it seems to be all made up of ball bearings, doesn't it?"—Brooklyn Life.

Hadn't Noticed It.
Mrs. Angler—Did you have a good day's fishing, John?
Angler—Excellent, m' dear. See all the fish I caught.
"But you left your fishing tackle at home."—N. Y. Journal.

A Played-Out Song.
The song that mother used to sing. In its way, was pretty fair; but of course it didn't have the ring of the rippling rag-time air!—Chicago Times-Herald.

His Idea of It.
"The idea of sending children to bed early to punish 'em!" exclaimed Mrs. Cossel, who was discussing her relatives. "That isn't any way to c'root them."
"Of course it isn't," answered her husband. "If you want to convince 'em that you mean business make 'em get up an hour or so earlier in the morning."—St. Louis Republic.

At present there are only 23 cities in the United States and Canada in which carpenters work ten hours per day. One hundred and five have the eight-hour rule and 424 work nine hours a day.

The Ocella (Ga.) News furnishes the information that Ocella's handsome young widower, who drives a red mule, seems to be shedding skin as the late oat crop came in. Man or mule?

No Torture There.
Customer—What is the meaning of that sign, "Painless Barbers?"
Barber—The barbers in this shop are not allowed to talk while shaving.—N. Y. Journal.

What He Got.
"A man stole my pocketbook to-day."
"What makes you laugh at that?"
"All it contained was a newspaper clipping of 'The White Man's Burden.'"—Chicago Daily Record.

A Sturgeon (Mo.) minister told his congregation one Sunday lately that if any member thought the sermon too long or too dry he was at perfect liberty to get up and walk out. Toward the close of his remarks one of the parishioners reached for his hat and started down the aisle. The preacher halted him: "That's all right, brother; if you are getting tired I will not take any offense at your leaving." The brother responded: "That ain't it, parson; but I have just remembered that I forgot to close the oil lot."

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An Old Adage.
"Can't be possible that Hardup's going to marry Susie Banknote. Money enough, I suppose, but an ugly, shriveled-up little thing, as thin as a string."
"But have you never heard that drowning men catch at a straw?"—N. Y. World.

What It Teaches.
"And what does the story of the prodigal son teach us?" asked the teacher.
"It teaches us how to get the fatted calf," was the prompt reply of the lad by at the foot of the class.—Chicago Post.

The Test.
If you want to know the age of a horse You can tell it by his teeth, of course; But the age of a turkey best is known Not by his teeth, but by your own.—Judge.

Her Privilege Exclusively.
Dora—I let him kiss me on condition that he wouldn't mention it.
Coro—I suppose you wanted to break the news yourself?—Puck.

Behind the Season.
Cholly (in cheap beany)—I say, wait! There's a fly in this soup, I know!
Valter—Say, feller! Here's a guy will dreamin' it's winter!—Puck.

What He Wanted to Know.
Joe—Will your mother let you go away alone?
Mey—No; but she'll have no objection if you see with me.—Harlem Life.

An Observation.

"As blind as a bat," is a saying of antediluvian date. But a bat's not as blind as the average man. In church when they're passing the plate.—N. Y. World.

A Delicate Compliment.
Little Johnny—Mrs. Talkedown paid a big compliment to me to-day.
Mother—Did she really? Well, there's no denying that woman has sense. What did she say?
Little Johnny—She said she didn't see how you came to have such a nice little boy as I was.—Tit-Bits.

More Power Needed.
Minister—I think we should have congregational singing.
Organist—Then we must have a new organ.—N. Y. Weekly.

Lost on the Cobby.
"I can claim a professional relationship to you," said Mr. Trechant Penn to the cabman.
"So?" replied the latter, non-committal.
"Yes, I do hack work myself."—N. Y. World.

At Last.
"Ten years ago," said the hollow-eyed man, "I sold you some books."
"You did?" replied the victim, struggling to restrain himself.
"Well, I've come to ask your forgiveness. I'm going to join the church."—Philadelphia North American.

It is said that one pound of butter gives a working force equal to that of five pounds of beef, nine pounds of potatoes or 12 pounds of milk. That must be the kind of butter that does housework.

Appropriate.
"Young Brainbridge gave his fiancée an odd engagement present," said Larkin to Gilroy.
"What was it?"
"A bicycle."
"A bell went with the wheel, I suppose?"
"Certainly."
"Then he intended that to provide the engagement ring?"—Detroit Free Press.

A Discouragement.
"Yes," said the young woman, "I find books in the running brooks."
"Well," said Farmer Cornstossel, "them summer boarders littered the place up terribly with them trashy novels last year. Me an' ma done the best we could to burn 'em all in the cook stove, but they do seem to keep turnin' up."—Washington Star.