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Mr. Wanamaker Tells How Nearly \$1,000,000 of the State's Cash Is in Broken Banks.

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Thousands Greet the Ex-Postmaster General in His Tour of the State. He Tells Plain Facts, and the People Are Waking Up to the True Situation—Wanamaker's Vigorous Arrangement of the Quay Gang.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Harrisburg, April 5.—Everywhere that ex-Postmaster General John Wanamaker speaks in his tour of the state he is greeted by immense crowds. The people are eager to know the full measure of opprobrium that should be heaped upon the tricksters and ringsters who have held the state by the throat for so long with one hand while they pilfered the treasury with the other.

The recent failure of the People's bank and of the Guarantors' Trust company, also the Chestnut Street National bank, have tied up nearly \$1,000,000 of the people's money, and this fact has aroused indignation all over the state. While it is claimed by state officials that there is not money enough to pay the demands of the public school districts there is yet almost \$1,000,000 of state treasury funds lying in unsafe banks, which break, and the people are the sufferers.

Hundreds of people gathered at a great public meeting in Montgomery county, at Conshohocken, on Saturday night last to hear Mr. Wanamaker. He dealt with this phase of official crookedness with unsparing hand. It was a fearless and convincing arraignment of the "gang." In the course of his address, lasting almost two hours, Mr. Wanamaker said:

THE BANK CRASHES. The banks must supply a large part of the capital with which business is carried on in our city. Often when credit is jarred by unworthiness and bad management of affairs wages cease, because the banks lose faith and decline to lend their moneys to assist enterprises. At the present time the whole city is agast with the revelations of the four bankrupt corporations that have struck two men dead and buried in confusion hosts of others.

The taxes paid by you and others for your schools, charities and state maintenance have to nearly a million gone down in the wreck, only to be recovered by the assessment of derelict directors and trustful stockholders. One of the officers of the People's bank, President McManes, steps forward manfully and bravely to make good the state deposits. Why should he do that? Why he alone, as if he were at fault more than others and the only one able to pay for his own faults and others?

But for him where would you look tonight for your state money deposited in the People's bank? In referring to the conditions of peril for our state moneys when I spoke at Lancaster a week before the bank failed, I have been blamed by some for precipitating this failure. Is it not high time we should be looking for the money that you paid in taxes that is scattered around in the favored depositories throughout the state, which by rights should not be there at all, but in the hands where it rightfully belongs, doing the good for which it was appropriated?

CAUSE OF THE COLLAPSE. The cause of the collapse of these four banks and trust companies may be put down to scrofulous politics. Even the same political pull to drag in millions of taxpayers' money for the benefit of the People's bank, the favored of the state machine politics, was sufficient. Nobody can make an empty bag stand up, is an old and true proverb.

The Guarantors' Finance company, though much younger in years, seemingly possessed of the progressive spirit of the day, has accomplished in five years what it took the People's bank more than a score of years to do—namely, to empty its treasury and close its doors with more than half a million of dollars deficit. The intimate relations existing between these two institutions, as shown by the disclosures that have followed their failure, should surprise no one, as the same political friendship, the same dangerous relations, the same baneful influences and the same daring men were the controlling power around and within both institutions. How closely the interests of the Guarantors' and the state political machine are allied is shown by recalling a single incident that occurred at the last session of the legislature, when, during one of the most critical periods in the nation's history a United States senator left his post at Washington and went to Harrisburg, where, for a night and a day, he lobbied to pass what was known as the infamous Guarantors' insurance bill, which was intended to give this insolvent company the right to amend its own charter by a vote of its directors; to change its plan and classes of insurance without authority of the state insurance department, thereby placing it beyond the jurisdiction of the state insurance officials, and making this particular company unanswerable to the protective insurance laws of the state.

SUPPORT IN THE SENATE. From the speaker's room this United States senator directed the fight for the Guarantors' bill. While the house was in session he summoned members to him, and on political and personal grounds urged them to vote for the iniquitous measure. Every branch of the state political machine, under his direction, was put in motion—requests, promises and threats were freely used. But, notwithstanding all these, the Guarantors' bill, as it then was, that would have rendered it next to impossible to terminate the reckless business of this concern; that would have shielded the friends of the senator who are now in peril, was defeated by the efforts of the anti-Quay forces in the house, known as the Seventy-six.

The wrecking of the People's bank and the Guarantors' company eliminates but two of the many political planets which revolve around the state

treasury, as their solar center, in a constellation of dangerous agencies, controlled to furnish the sinews of political warfare that aid to perpetuate the Quay machine. Could the veil of secrecy that has concealed the inner workings of the state treasury for 20 years be torn aside; could the people see piled before them the millions of dollars in interest money that has been lost to them; could they know the facts of the alleged reckless speculations unlawfully carried on by politicians with their money; could they realize that the political slavery in Pennsylvania today has its headquarters in a political and boss manipulated state treasury, they would then realize what has been the fountain head of Quayism and of the streams of corrupt politics that have spread over our state.

MACHINE METHODS UNEARTHED.

The oft repeated attempts to honestly investigate the conduct of the state treasury have failed, and the almost constant suspicion and attack has found every avenue closed that might lead to a knowledge of how the state money was being handled. Only once in 20 years has a state treasurer been elected that Quay did not own politically, and but once in all these years have we had a glimpse of the methods employed.

Samuel Butler was elected state treasurer in 1875 as an anti-machine man, and upon the examination of the accounts of State Treasurer Noyes, preparatory to his taking office, he (Butler) found due bills, orders and worthless securities amounting, it is alleged, to several hundred thousand dollars, which he refused to receive as good assets. The story has been told in the New York Evening Post and several other metropolitan journals, and never yet has been denied, of how Quay, the political boss, and Cashier of the State Treasury, Walters speculated in stocks with money belonging to the state treasury and substituted practically worthless securities for cash they had used; of how the appointing time for Treasurer-elect Butler to take his seat rendered it necessary to make good a shortage of what is commonly reported to be \$500,000; of how an exposure was imminent, when a friend came to the rescue and raised the money. The details of all this were known to but few until long after Walters died by his own hand, and before he died he wrote a letter telling all.

During the administration of Henry K. Beyer, treasurer, now director of the mint, a threatened investigation forced his chief clerk to leave the country, and he is today a fugitive from justice. The state was saved from loss, it is alleged, by the liberal contributions from corporations and individuals who have long since received their reward by favorable legislation, secured through the influence of the machine.

A FAKE INVESTIGATION.

At the last session of the legislature to prevent an honest investigation of the management of the state treasury a Quay committee was appointed to make a fake investigation, which it did, and reported the management for the past 20 years faultless, and especially complimented the present official, and reported every dollar properly accounted for, yet a few weeks later the notorious "indemnity bond" expose disclosed the fact that the state treasurer had unlawfully paid the money on the \$25,000 padded payroll, and on the last night of the session the state treasurer and his friends were on the floor of the house appealing to members to pass an appropriation bill for \$10,000 to reimburse the treasurer for money unlawfully advanced, months before the appointment of the investigating committee, to Sergeant-at-Arms Harrah, Quay's confidential friend.

Were I the state treasurer, with one uncertain prop between me and loss from a national bank, known for a year and more to be in the quicksands, and with one noble hearted but ill and aged man standing pathetically in the breach of the other trusted institution, I would be in haste to look after all the other moneys on deposit belonging to the state. I have by me no list of the places or amounts, or of the men responsible for their management, or to whom they have loaned the money; but I would surely and without delay at least satisfy myself that I could get it when wanted; but the fact is I would not lose an hour in scattering it over the state to perform the mission for which it was collected. Pennsylvania does not so much value its state deposits as she wants safety and straightforward dealing with all public moneys.

POLITICS AND BANKING.

What a month Philadelphia has passed through—with its councilmanic clouds and broken bars. Unless the political machine and combination which makes these things possible can be smashed they will go on indefinitely, debauching the community and injuring honest trade by the shock to public confidence.

Very pertinently the outside world is looking on and asking what Pennsylvania is going to do about it. Listen to this brief word of the leading Republican paper of the United States, the New York Tribune: "Some Philadelphia people think that there is a chance to break down the vicious system under which the city has suffered for many years, and urge that this chance should be utilized to the utmost by following up the principals who furnish the bribe money and the political leaders in and out of office who act as their agents, and by their control of conventions prepare the way for corrupt rule. They are undoubtedly right in their understanding of the methods of corrupt procedure, but they will have a long struggle before they can break down the vicious system, unless the voters are much more thoughtful and independent than those of New York. If they can bring these voters actually to refuse support to the leadership who know how to maintain the vicious system, and continue to refuse that support, they will have done more than the reformers in any other American city have been able to accomplish. They should not be too sanguine, however, that public show of indignation at an exposure of rascality means any great increase in public virtue. It is the voter who makes the bribe taker and the bribe giver, and conviction that his creatures have disgraced him does not insure him against a liking for other creatures of the same kind."

APPEALS TO THE PEOPLE.

The people need only to rouse them-

selves to shake off the fetters forged by time and a merciless, self-serving ring. We are approaching a gubernatorial and legislative election, and whether we have a Cuban war or not on the high seas Conshohocken and Montgomery counties will be here to pay taxes and be governed. No free government can exist without elections. The kind of government we have depends on our intelligence and the interest we take in selecting those who levy and spend the taxes. If we are coerced in voting by corporations or tempted to sell votes as they did in Lancaster county two weeks ago for a bottle of whisky or a suit of clothes, we are only bringing ruin upon ourselves and our country. We curse the country with a cancer that will eat out its very heart. I cannot tax upon you tonight a recital of the wrongs undertaken by the last legislature—defeated in part by the valiant "seventy-six" and the faithfulness of the governor in applying the veto power. Let the slated candidates of the ring come into power at the next election and you shall have the bosses owning the governor's mansion and the new capitol. Contractors will furnish a lot of less of building, but a large lot of money for political purposes.

The city hall at Philadelphia and its contracts and costs is an object lesson for you. Padded pay rolls, the taxation proposed, the reimbursement of the Lexow and mileage committees that were headed off last year, will call next time upon you, and you will have no remedy.

THE PROSPECT PORTRAYED.

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Very reluctantly I accepted the call of the Bourse conference to become a candidate of the Republican party for governor. I have no wish to be governor, I am simply offering myself for your use, to break the state of the bosses and to get a man for governor acceptable to the people who want to throw off the yoke of the machine. I want to see the state start anew out of the wilderness into a land of hope and prosperity. You can elect your own governor and you can elect your own legislature, and be your own masters—if you will.

VICTORY IN BLAIR.

The demoralization of the Quay leaders in Blair county was completed Saturday when the Wanamaker workers captured the organization of the Republican county committee.

Dr. W. H. Fleener, of Tyrone, presided at the meeting, which was held in the court house. W. L. Baldrige, of Hollidaysburg, and Henry Burley, of Altoona, were secretaries. On the fourth ballot George Fox, of Altoona, Wanamaker man, was elected county chairman, defeating J. Lee Plummer, of Hollidaysburg, the Quay candidate. The secretaries elected were: Harry King, of Roaring Springs; W. H. Orr, of Altoona; Harry Strunk, of Altoona, and Claud Jones, of Tyrone.

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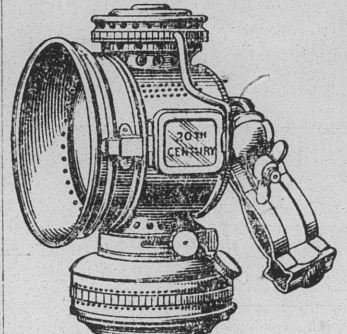
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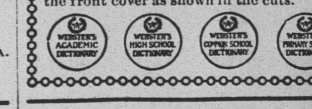
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