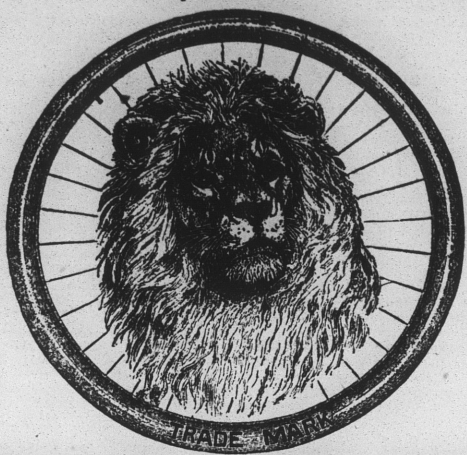


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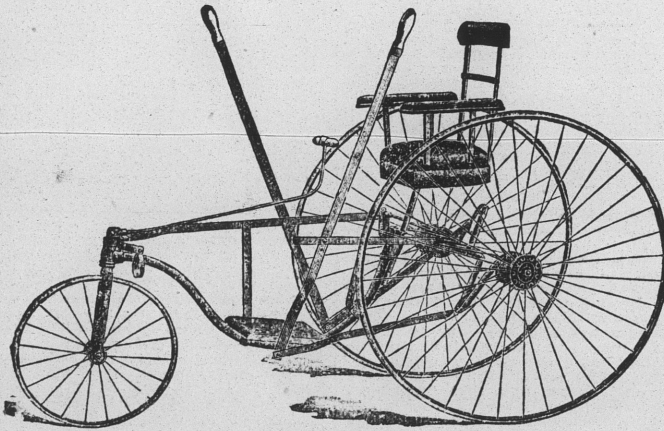
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STONE QUITS THE FIELD.

Mr. Wanamaker Shows How He Broke Written Pledges to His Constituents.

THE BIG FIGHT IN THE STATE.

Hon. John Wanamaker Offers to Raise a Regiment and Go to the Front. His Generous Offer to His Employees. The Corruptions of the Late Legislature Under Fire—Stirring Speeches Delivered in the State Catch the People.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Harrisburg, April 19.—Reports from those parts of the state in which Hon. John Wanamaker has spoken tell of great meetings and excited interest. The climax of the week was reached on Friday when it was announced that Mr. Wanamaker had offered to raise a Pennsylvania regiment and go with it to the front if necessary. The audience at the mass meeting at Ashbourne, near Philadelphia, cheered the announcement to the echo. Mr. Wanamaker said about this interesting and splendidly patriotic matter:
"Thick shadows of the impending strife of arms have settled down upon the land, notwithstanding the hope against hope that the awful cost of war in blood and treasure might be saved with justice to both countries, and with dignity and honor. The roll of drums and the signal of the flying squadron is calling us to war. Each of us must consider our relations to the nation and adjust our affairs accordingly."
"I must not so speak to you and not act myself."
"Today at noon I sent the following telegram to the war department at Washington:
"To the honorable, the secretary of war:
"Though opposed to war unless honorably unavoidable, in the event of its coming I will, under your instructions, raise a regiment of Pennsylvanians for military duty and go with them for service."
JOHN WANAMAKER.
"I then went to my desk and issued for our firm two notices, one for the manager's office and the other for the timekeeper's desk, as follows:
"April 14, 1898.
"Notice.—In order that our men may have easy minds in considering and arranging their affairs in the event of being called upon for military service this notice is posted to say:
"First. That all the positions thus vacated will be reopened to return to when the military service is over.
"Second. That all salaries will continue in full in such absence for actual service and be paid to the authorized representative of their respective families.
"Third. An insurance to the amount of \$1,000 will be paid by the firm in case of each death while any of our people are actually engaged in military service."
Then continuing Mr. Wanamaker said:
SERIOUS CHARGES OF CORRUPTION.
"This is the twelfth speech I have delivered since the beginning of this campaign for the liberation of Pennsylvania, and in any single one of them I have made charges so serious, based, however, upon official figures and incontrovertible records, against the existing political system, that I fall to see how any honest or self-respecting voter who has read them carefully can again support a Quay ticket until those charges are answered or proven false. I am asked why, if these abuses exist and this lawbreaking is so widespread and far reaching, does not some one begin a criminal prosecution.
"I have shown that since Senator Quay has possessed control of the funds of the state treasury that the loss to the taxpayers from this one source alone has been \$2,500,000. I have also shown that the millions of the state's money that we withheld from the people and used for the benefit of Senator Quay's political machine and Senator Quay's political friends, is the heart of political corruption in Pennsylvania. Why, then, you ask, if state officials receive pay for the use of state deposits, which they convert to their own personal use, are they not prosecuted?
"Very good reasons can be given. First, laws have been enacted and so amended for the past 15 years that those with the backing of the machine dare openly violate the law without fear of harm. There seems to have been a consistent effort to surround those who deal dishonestly with state funds with protective laws.
DOUBTS PROBABILITY OF CONVICTION.
"Second—With the machine control, as it is today, I doubt if any attempt to convict in our federal courts a self-confessed treasury raider would be successful. This belief is based upon past history, since it is known far and wide that those who now control the party have been caught in speculating with vast sums of state's money, and all efforts to prosecute them have failed, and, upon the opinion of a most learned lawyer of Philadelphia, who had before him the confessions of high state officials, that they had conspired to meet and fully take from the state treasury a large sum of money—who said "that with their own confession, publicly made, and with collateral proof in abundance, they were so thoroughly entrenched behind potent official influences and political laws, that the course of justice would surely be blocked, and while their guilt was admitted, a conviction would be out of the question."
"To show how utterly impossible it is to break through the line of machine guards that are stationed at every approach to the state treasury, I will but necessary review recent history. For months prior to the meeting of the last legislature the question of a thorough treasury investigation was agitated. So pronounced was the demand for an honest examination of the affairs of the auditor general and state treasurer's office that it could not be ignored. Ordinarily the majority in the legislature is strong enough to defeat any resolution not favored by the leaders, but at the beginning of the session of '97 the strength of the anti-

machine forces was unknown; orders came to not risk the chances of defeating an investigation resolution, but to have one offered by a servant of the machine, and have a committee appointed composed of men who know no law but the will of their political master, and in this way to hide the secrets and incriminating evidence that is believed to abound in plenty.
A FAKE INVESTIGATION.
The work of the treasury investigating committee will long be remembered as a legislative fake and political job without parallel. The witnesses who testified before the committee were carefully selected by the Quay leaders. The same stereotyped questions, carefully prepared in advance with a view of smothering every important fact, were asked each witness, and only answers of the same cut and dried character were permitted. Every effort was made to have the committee ask the state officials certain questions touching the methods of apportioning these vast sums to the banks throughout the state, of the security demanded by the state treasurer, and the possibility of getting this money if the state should ever demand it, if banks that have state deposits are assessed or commanded to contribute for campaign purposes, and if it is not the practice for state officials to receive interest from state bank deposits.
"But no member of the committee would ask these and other pertinent questions. It was desired by the anti-Quay people to summon the presidents and cashiers of banks holding state deposits and interrogate them. Several members of the legislature offered to furnish the names of banks that bank said to pay regularly for their deposits, but the committee absolutely refused to conduct that kind of an investigation, which might have led to damaging developments. Senator Kaufman, on March 14, in the senate, offered a resolution that was defeated, every Quay senator voting against it. The resolution was as follows:
THE KAUFFMAN RESOLUTION.
"Resolved, That, if the house concur, the special committee appointed to investigate the state treasurer and auditor general be and is hereby instructed to ask the president and cashier of every bank with which state funds are deposited the following questions: Have you within the past 12 months been asked to make a contribution in consideration of your bank having state funds deposited therein? If so, did you make cash contribution? What per cent on said deposit was demanded and what per cent was paid?
"The committee held its few sittings in Harrisburg, and brought in a voluminous report bearing upon everything but the vital points. For the services of this committee the state was charged \$3,234.81. It gave the auditor general and state treasurer certificates of character, and compliments their business administration, declared that every cent of the state's money was accounted for, and no traces of irregularities were to be found in the state treasurer's office. Yet later developments disclosed the fact that money had been advanced on padded payrolls, and in another instance \$10,000 had been advanced, contrary to law, upon the bill of a Quay politician, as I am informed."

STONE'S BROKEN PLEDGES.
Mr. Wanamaker at one of his meetings early in the campaign stated that William A. Stone was not a safe man to elect governor because he had violated a solemn pledge to vote, as a delegate to the last national convention, for the candidate who was the choice of the people. His constituents in Allegheny City overwhelmingly instructed him to vote for William McKinley. He ignored their desires, broke his pledge and voted for Quay for president.
W. A. Stone at a subsequent meeting denied this, and Mr. Wanamaker convicted him of a false statement, as follows:
"In a speech at Conshohocken last Saturday night, in an endeavor to explain the statement that I made that I had been informed that he had violated his written pledge to the people of his home district when a delegate to the national convention among other things Mr. Stone said:
"Now let me give you the facts. The convention which nominated Mr. McAfee and myself as delegates to the St. Louis convention was composed of 18 delegates. After nominating us it unanimously instructed us to vote for Senator Quay. That convention had the full right to instruct us, and it did so. After the convention the county committee, which is controlled by Pittsburg politicians, adopted a new rule requiring me to sign a paper agreeing to vote in the convention as the Republican electors of the county voted at the primaries held for county officers. Then a contest began between William McKinley's adherents and Senator Quay's adherents as to which should receive the popular vote of that congressional district."
THE FACTS IN THE CASE.
Continuing, Mr. Wanamaker said:
"Entirely unasked the following facts have come to me:
"When A. C. Robertson, chairman of the Republican county executive committee, was shown the above extract from Mr. Stone's speech he said: 'That statement is untrue. Had any other candidate for governor made a statement so clearly at variance with the truth I would have been inclined to think that it was a slip of memory, but, coming as it does from such a prolific letter writer as there can be no mistake as to what he said. Here is the letter.' With this Mr. Robertson produced the following letter:
"Pittsburg, Pa., March 27, 1896.
"To the Chairman of the Allegheny County Republican Executive Committee:
"I hereby file with you, in accordance with the rules governing the Republican party of Allegheny county, my written pledge that I will honorably and fully represent and vote in accordance with the will and preference for president of a plurality of the Re-

publican voters of the congressional district within which I am a candidate for delegate, whenever expressed by a plurality of those voting a preference at a primary election held previous to the meeting of the national convention, in which I am a delegate, after due notice has been given by the chairman of the county committee that they will have an opportunity in said primaries to express such preference, in case I am elected a delegate.
"I also enclose herewith my contribution of \$25, for advertising and other incidental expenses, as provided by said rules."
"WILLIAM A. STONE."
STATEMENT PRONOUNCED FALSE.
Continuing Chairman Robertson said: "As you can readily see, Mr. Stone wrote that pledge March 27, 1896, just the day before the Republican primaries were held to elect delegates to the convention which met on the following Tuesday and which elected Mr. Stone a delegate to the national convention, so that his statement that this rule was adopted after he was elected a delegate is a falsehood.
"Now, the rule compelling candidates to pledge themselves to vote in the convention as the Republicans of their district desired was adopted a week previous to the national delegate primaries. It is rule 16 of the Republican county executive committee, and was adopted by a vote of 231 to 64. Mr. Stone tried to have the rule defeated at the committee meeting, but failed.
"Shortly before the vote was taken on presidential preference in Mr. Stone's district he sent out a number of letters asking the people to vote instructions for Quay, but the people were for McKinley, and said so at the polls.
"Beside the letter I have shown you Mr. Stone signed a pledge in conjunction with Robert A. McAfee. Stone went to the national convention and voted for Quay, notwithstanding the fact that a plurality of the Republican voters in his district had instructed him to vote for McKinley.
VEVO PROMISE IS RIDICULED.
"I see that in this same speech he says he will veto any Lexow investigation bills. This statement is really laughable. 'Bill' Andrews is his campaign manager, and Andrews was at the head of the Lexow committee. Mr. Stone's written pledge did not seem to amount to much, and I guess his verbal one will be taken with a grain of allowance. Abraham Lincoln once said: 'You can fool some of the people all the time and all of the people some of the time, but cannot fool all the people all the time.' I would suggest to Mr. Stone that he commit that adage to memory.
"I have nothing personally against Colonel Stone, but as a Republican I do not believe that he would be an available candidate. The party ought not to be called upon to defend its candidate for the chief office of the commonwealth against such flagrant violations of pledges made to the people. The party suffered defeat eight years ago, when Bill Andrews succeeded in nominating Delamater by the same methods that he is using now to further Colonel Stone's candidacy."
Last week Colonel Stone withdrew from the campaign. The Wanamaker shot seems to have been too hot. He cancelled all his engagements and went back to his seat in congress to vote on war measures.

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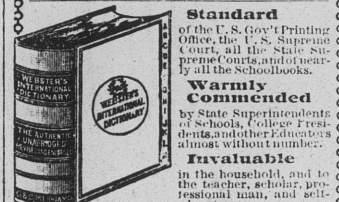
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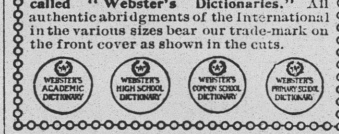


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