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## WANAMAKER'S HOT SHOT

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### A FINAL WARNING TO MR. QUAY.

The Close of the Wanamaker Campaign Is a Blaze of Glory—The Most Remarkable Canvass on Record—Some Facts About It Showing How Badly the Machine Is Rattled—Quay's Boss Is Andrews.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Harrisburg, May 31.—Last Friday night witnessed the close of the pre-convention Wanamaker campaign. It wound up in a blaze of glory. A thousand people at Phoenixville gathered to hear the ex-postmaster general fire round after round of the hottest kind of shot into the Quay machine. And Mr. Wanamaker did not spare Quay or his minor bosses.

With that closing speech there was brought to an end the most remarkable political campaign ever waged in the history of Pennsylvania. Mr. Wanamaker started out under the most unfavorable auspices. The machine was in absolute control. It had the Republican party in the state by the throat. Quay and Andrews and all the minor bosses were full of arrogance and impudence. They boasted of what they would do, not what they might do. No man disputed the assertion that Quay could nominate on first ballot whoever he wanted for governor.

Now all is changed. The whirlwind campaign of Wanamaker has altered every condition. Quay is weak kneed, and would break away from William A. Stone's canvass if he could. It is not certain that Quay can nominate his man on first ballot. Andrews is still arrogant and boastful, and declares that William A. Stone will be nominated. Quay's strongholds have been shaken. Beaver county has gone against Quay—his own county. Machine ridden Huntingdon has thrown off the yoke. Everything in the bosses' camp is topsy turvey. It is possible that Quay may be able under the lash of Andrews and his crowd, who are the bosses of Quay, to nominate William A. Stone at Allegheny. If he does then Pennsylvania can prepare for the most tremendous political battle it has ever known. In view of this the closing words of ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker's speech are almost prophetic. Here they are:

#### THE MASTER ADMONISHED.

Tonight as we hear far above the turmoil of party strife the voice of 70,000,000 exclaiming: "Remember the Maine," so I believe I voice the sentiment of a majority of Pennsylvanians upon this eve of a convention that may either redeem or unify, or disrupt, disorganize and destroy the Republican party when I admonish the master to have great care in behalf of a long suffering and outraged people before it is too late. I say to Senator Quay: "Remember the last legislature; remember you were its master; remember you could have prevented its shameful acts; remember that the people know the responsibility rests upon you; remember the people are aroused as never before; remember they know that they have lost millions under Quay rule; remember they are ready to resent the assault made upon the public schools; remember that they know that they are paying an unjust share of taxes; remember they have shown how \$1,500,000 can be saved by the application of honest and economical business methods; remember that they know your political henchmen attempted to loot the state treasury with your permission; remember that they know that you were present when the notorious indemnity bond was prepared; remember they know that mileage grabs and padded payrolls were invented by the machine to pay political debts; remember they will take no chances of being compelled to pay the famous Lexow bill; remember they stand with President McKinley and against Cuban bond speculators; remember they know the candidate for governor that has been slated for two years; remember they know the candidate that is Andrews controlled; remember they know the candidate that is corporation bound; remember the defeat of General James A. Beaver; remember the defeat of George Wallace Delamater; remember it is commonly mooted that you have said that you want to know how it feels to own a governor; remember the history of wrecked banks and trust companies; remember the warning from Tioga county, a former machine stronghold; remember that a machine labeled candidate was cut 1,800 votes in his native county, where he had no opponent; remember the will of 5,000,000 people should be paramount to that of one man; remember that Boss Tweed and John Y. McKane were thought invulnerable a few months before they went down; remember the parable of the pitcher that went to the well once too often, and that it was the last straw that broke the camel's back, and above all that the voters of Pennsylvania are not decrepit slaves, but vigorous freemen abundantly able to sink any fleet they train their guns upon.

In the further course of his speech closing the campaign, on Friday night, at Phoenixville, Mr. Wanamaker said:

#### PILLAGED THE TREASURY.

In previous speeches I have analyzed the distinct parts of the hydra-headed political machine that has prostrated manhood, prostituted every branch of the state government, and pillaged the people's treasury. Tonight I will speak briefly of part No. 10 of the Quay political machine that rules Pennsylvania.

Part No. 10 of the machine is the political manipulation of the great sums of money given by the state for educational, benevolent and charitable purposes. The insolent and crushing power that dares to profane the temples of worship, that dares to direct its political slaves to publicly blaspheme God in the streets of a Christian city on the eve of an important political convention, that dares to command its creatures to rob the people of millions of their money, that dares place at the head of the Republican organization of Pennsylvania a self confessed participant in a conspiracy to unlawfully take a large sum of taxpayers' money from the state treasury, at the time he was

a state official sworn to especially guard the people's money, that dares to sell favors and legislation to corporations against the interests of the state and her people in return for gold with which to purchase elections; the power that dares to strike down honest men, to assassinate character and defame the honored names of defenseless women; that dares to wring the scant earnings from the underpaid teacher, the small savings from the overtaxed farmer, the bread money from the laborer, and that assaults the great public schools of the state and is indifferent to the needs of the unfortunate insane, whose health demands better homes, can only be expected to use the dire needs of the victims of accident and disease as political trading stock, and the just demands of education and benevolence as a political club to drive into supporting the machine those who for the sake of a paltry sacrifice necessary to obtain funds to carry on their good works.

#### SENATOR QUAY'S GIFTS.

Pennsylvania appropriates more than \$24,000,000 every two years for the running expenses of the state government, the public schools and charities. Every dollar of the vast expenditure must pass before the appropriating committees of the senate and house. These committees are always Quay political organizations. Membership is dictated by Senator Quay himself, and their known subservience to his will is responsible for the selection of a majority of both committees each session. Members are impressed and educated in manifold ways to understand that the \$24,000,000 of public money really belongs to Senator Quay; that the appropriations to schools, hospitals, penal institutions and asylums must be regarded as the personal gifts of Senator Quay, and every gift of public money must therefore be made to yield returns to his political machine. It may be known to you as it is to me that some of the educational institutions in the large cities elect one in country districts and assist candidates of the legislature pledged to favor appropriations to be asked for.

While not wishing to reflect personally or individually upon the members of the committee, it can be said that appropriations are made as much with the view of aiding the Quay machine as from a desire to serve the cause of humanity. Politics controls the appointment of trustees of state institutions; politics controls the management of state institutions, and politics controls the appropriations given to state institutions. The needs of overcrowded asylums and unhealthy hospitals count as naught against the request of the man with a political pull and who can deliver state delegates.

The state is compelled by law to take care of state patients, and the state is compelled by law to pay all bills, yet the same grateful, appreciative and generous loyalty is demanded by the officers of these state institutions toward the machine for the privilege given them by Senator Quay to use the state's money to pay the state's debts.

The following figures will give some idea of the magnitude of this branch of the machine. There are 20 educational institutions beside the public schools that receive state aid. The aggregate amount, including the public schools, that they will receive in 1898 is \$6,834,455. Under the machine construction of things this must be considered as Senator Quay's personal contribution to the cause of education, and must be just that many dollars' worth of Quay's gifts.

One hundred and fifteen charitable institutions will receive state aid during 1898. The sum they will receive will aggregate \$343,800. Viewed from a machine standpoint, this is certainly a princely sum for Senator Quay to spend for charity, notwithstanding he has been obliged to ignore the overcrowded and unhealthy condition of so many of these institutions, to meet the increased expenses for indemnity bonds, mileage grabs and junketing trips.

Senator Quay's committee will allow \$717,700 to be given to the support of the indigent insane this year. This is \$202,620 less than was allowed them in 1897, though the number of insane is constantly increasing, and their overcrowded condition is becoming more aggravated every year. The eight penitentiaries and reformatories will be allowed \$202,620 for 1898—the same sum that was granted in 1897.

For miscellaneous expenses \$226,720 will be allowed for 1898. There is a saving this year in expense bill items of \$85,061.26.

#### MUST SECURE APPROPRIATIONS.

The power the political machine generates from this source is almost beyond belief. Hospitals are the most important institutions in many legislative districts. The people of these districts, who have already given more of labor and money than they can well afford, support men for the legislature whom they believe may be able to secure appropriations for their hospitals. These members must secure an appropriation at all hazards. Their election depends upon it. These districts are well known to the machine managers, and political "steerers" are put upon their representatives when they first made to believe that Quay, and Quay alone, can give them their appropriation. They are promised a liberal sum if they will follow the machine blindly. If they hesitate their appropriations are threatened.

It is made very plain that charity is secondary to politics. Their constituents urge them to save the hospital at any sacrifice. They pause for a time between being independent and losing their appropriation, or being subservient, and thereby aiding charity. The influence of this part of the machine cannot be overestimated. To secure aid for the most worthy charities within the state, more than a score of members are compelled to support every machine measure, and the fear that no help will be given institutions whose years of noble work is a part of the history of the state controls many more votes.

At the last session of the legislature the committee was obliged to refuse actual maintenance for many of the most deserving hospitals of the state. Yet this same committee, under orders, passed for Senator Coyle, of Schuylkill, a Quay lieutenant, an appropriation of \$10,000 for the maintenance of the American Hospital association, of Mahanoy township, which was an im-

aginary institution of Senator Coyle's, without capital, without a building, or without even a site upon which to build one. This fraud was fortunately discovered by Governor Hastings, who vetoed the nefarious scheme.

#### EFFECT OF QUAY'S ORDERS.

I am informed by an ex-member of the appropriation committee that during a recent session of the legislature the appropriation committee, after months of work and the unmerciful slashing of meritorious bills, had succeeded in making the total amount of appropriations fall within the estimated revenues. Upon the last night that bills could be reported from the committee and be passed before adjournment orders came from Senator Quay that more than \$500,000 of bills for powerful and rich institutions must be passed. These bills had all been considered by the committee on their merits and negatived. Upon orders from the "old man" they were reconsidered and reported favorably within one hour. A prominent Philadelphia business man dared not contribute to the Business Men's League, because he was a director in the Philadelphia Museum, and he had been notified that he must not oppose Quay or his institution would lose an appropriation that upon its merits alone it is entitled to receive.

This may be my last political speech before the Republican state convention, which will be held at Harrisburg on June 2. The campaign, though filled with arduous labor, has grown more interesting and attractive to me every day. The explorations of the labyrinth of machine secrets and iniquities have fascinated me. I close the speechmaking for the present with but one regret, viz.: that the time has been too short to discuss one-half of the abuses I have discovered and the damaging facts I have gathered. I promise you I have been saving the choicest morsels for dessert, but there have been so many courses that it cannot be reached before convention time. The meal may be only temporarily interrupted, and perhaps we may be compelled to finish it later. It has been said that Wanamaker is a very poor politician, and I believe the statement is entirely correct. I became a candidate against the advice of my political friends at a time when I could not count upon the vote of a single delegate in the state.

#### TRUTH TELLING RISKS.

When I told the people, and told them honestly, that I did not want to be governor, my political friends said I had made an awful blunder. When I made speeches in counties that I knew would elect delegates against me, my political friends said my course was well nigh suicidal. When I criticized laws that unjustly discriminated against the weak and in favor of the powerful my political friends said it was poor policy.

When I said that the great corporations of the state were usurping others' rights and robbing the people my political friends said that brewers would expend millions to defeat me.

When I said that the great news channels of the state were under the Quay censorship my political friends said the newspapers would no longer print my speeches.

When I refused to entertain any suggestion of compromise, and declared I would be bound by no deals, my political friends predicted that I would find myself standing very much alone before the end of the canvass.

When I struck at every ugly head that I found exposed, without fear or favor, my political friends said that politicians would become afraid to trust me, and would not dare to give me their support. When I showed that under Republican Quay rule the people were paying over one-third too much taxes, and that an ordinary economical administration would save the taxpayers \$1,500,000 annually, my political friends said that my enemies would make the Republican voters believe I was trying to wreck the Republican party. My policy has been at almost constant variance with my political friends. According, therefore, to modern political science and methods, I must have made an awful mess of this campaign.

#### TO FREE PENNSYLVANIA.

But if I have made mistakes that will cost me the votes of delegates it is all right. The election of delegates for me has been secondary to the real purpose of my campaign. I can truthfully say that I cannot tell within 25 of how many delegates will vote for me in convention. I accepted the commission from the hands of the Bourne meeting, and that commission did not command me to advance the political fortunes of Wanamaker, but to try to free Pennsylvania from a reign of political tyranny, and help to save the Republican party from threatened destruction.

If I have not succeeded in gathering delegates that will stand for me in the state convention I certainly have presented startling and uncontroverted facts that will stand against Quayism in the future. I was mustered in to serve until June 2, and if the battle is not then won I promise you that I shall enlist again, not for a time, but until the war is ended.

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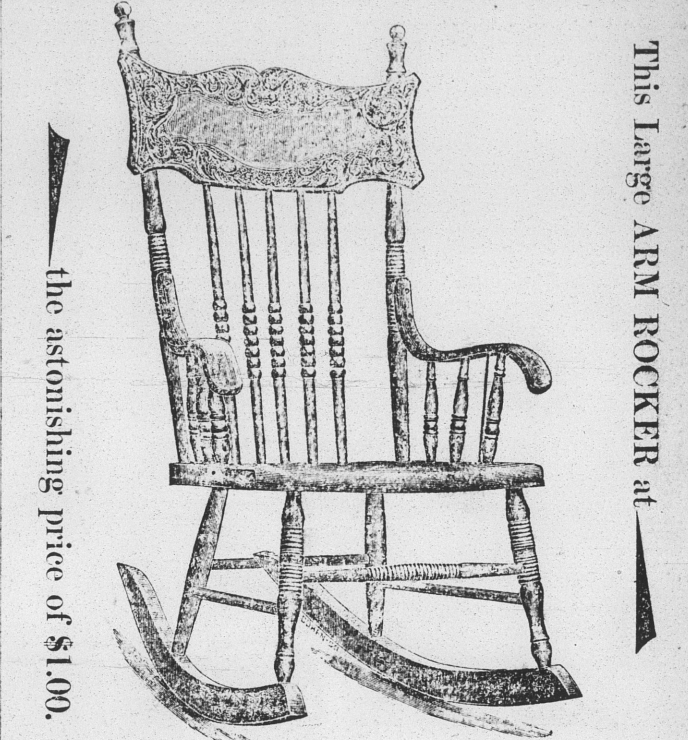
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