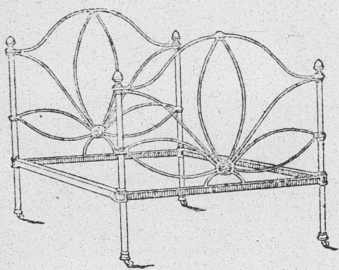




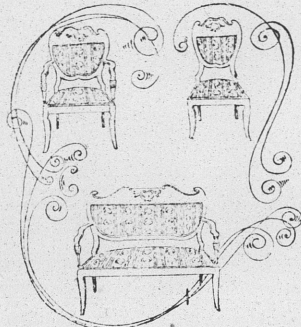
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**Chas. H. Fisher.**

### REPUBLICAN TICKET.

#### STATE.

For Governor,  
WM. A. STONE,  
Of Allegheny County.

For Lieutenant Governor,  
J. P. S. GOBIN,  
Of Lebanon County.

For Judge of Superior Court,  
W. W. PORTER,  
Of Philadelphia.

WM. D. PORTER,  
Of Philadelphia.  
For Secretary of Internal Affairs,  
JAMES W. LATTA,  
Of Philadelphia.

For Congressmen-at-Large,  
GALUSHA A. GPOW,  
Of Susquehanna County.  
S. A. DAVENPORT,  
Of Erie County.

#### COUNTY

For State Senator,  
JOHN S. WELLER,  
Of Bedford County.

For Congress,  
JOSEPH E. THROPP,  
Of Bedford County.

For Assembly,  
W. H. KOONTZ,  
Of Somerset Borough.

S. A. KENDALL,  
Of Meyersdale Borough.

For Associate Judge,  
A. F. DICKEY,  
Of Somerset Township.

For District Attorney,  
RUFUS E. MEYERS,  
Of Somerset Borough.

For Poor Director,  
ADAM S. MILLER,  
Of Lincoln Township.

### POLITICS AT LONG RANGE.

A Californian's View of the Situation in Pennsylvania.

Interest Taken in Mr. Thropp's Election on the Pacific Coast—His Fame as a Protectionist Far-reaching—Tips on the Campaign in California.

[Special Correspondence.]

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Oct. 25, 1898.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR:—

How goes the fight in Pennsylvania? That is a question I am sometimes asked by political friends here, who know that I am a loyal son of the old Keystone state and that I but lately returned from a visit to my native heath. As I am a constant reader of THE STAR I am able to give them pretty accurate knowledge of the progress of the campaign, but I confess that I do not see clearly the outcome of the great struggle between the Quay and anti-Quay forces. Yet I have an abiding faith that in the end the elements of reform will triumph and that the venal boss who has so long corrupted the body politic will be overthrown.

Twice since I became old enough to vote, the great banner Republican state of Pennsylvania has elected a Democratic governor, and the Republican party emerged from defeats purified and strengthened for the ensuing presidential campaign, although it had been loudly proclaimed by the bosses that defeat in the State campaign would mean party disaster in the National campaign two years later. History has proven the fallacy of this contention and may repeat itself again. I do not wish to be understood as hoping to see a Democratic governor elected in my native state, this fall, but I am frank to say that a worse calamity might befall it, in view of the fact that a ring candidate was foisted upon the party. Should the Republican nominee be defeated, as I hear predicted in some quarters, it will be a just rebuke to bossism in its worst phase as exemplified by Quayism. Whatever the result, I predict that the Republican vote on the governorship will be reduced sufficiently to constitute an emphatic protest against the domination of the party in the state by such besmirched leaders as Quay et al.

#### REPUBLICAN CONGRESS.

What interests the people of the country at large most in Pennsylvania politics is the complexion of the congressional delegation the state will return at the coming election. That is the true keynote of the political situation. The election of a Republican congress will be an endorsement of the McKinley administration, and on that

score Pennsylvania should elect a solid Republican delegation. Through a Republican president, the country has in too short years been lifted from the verge of national bankruptcy and widespread business depression and replaced on a solid financial basis which is giving us another such era of prosperity as the nation has only enjoyed when all branches of the government have been controlled by the Republican party. The enemy is bending every energy to break the Republican majority in Congress, and is setting much store by the proverbial "off year" to bring about Democratic success. It behooves Republicans everywhere, therefore, to work hard for the election of Republican congressmen.

#### THROPP FAR-FAMED.

Although it would have pleased me personally to have heard of Mr. Kooser's nomination in your district, I think you have a strong and an able candidate in Hon. Joseph E. Thropp. It would surprise you to see how well Mr. Thropp is known on this coast. His work in the interest of a protective tariff for American products has been noticed here where protection sentiment is strong. Californians realize that in Mr. Thropp they will have a friend in the house who will aid them in getting protection for California farm and orchard products, the same as for the coal and iron manufacturers of Pennsylvania. So much for Pennsylvania politics by a long-range observer.

#### TIPS ON CALIFORNIA.

Perhaps some of your readers would like to hear from one on the ground how goes the fight in California. I will give you a few tips on the situation here, and after election I will let you know the result, so that you may judge whether I am a political prophet, or a mere wisecracker who misses his guess as political prognosticators usually do. I will treat to a "peck of oranges" if I shoot far from the mark.

We, too, are electing a governor, a legislature and a full complement of state and county officers this fall. The prospects at this writing I consider very bright for Republican success all along the line. The Republican nominee for governor is Henry T. Gage, a Los Angeles lawyer, rancher and mine owner. Mr. Gage has the reputation of being one of the best criminal lawyers in the state. He is not a brilliant man in the commonly accepted meaning of the term. That is, he is not a polished orator nor a finished scholar. But he is endowed with honesty, wit and good business sense. He is withal a sociable gentleman, in touch with the people in all walks of life; a genial comrade and a hale fellow well met. He is not a chronic politician, this being the first time he has ever accepted a nomination for office. Mr. Gage's law partner is United States Senator Stephen M. White, and we now have the spectacle of Senator White stumping the state to defeat his business associate and bosom friend of long standing, just because they happen to cling to opposite political faiths. Mr. Gage has a few fool friends who think they are the only men in the state who can run a Republican campaign (all same Ross Quay) and these same individuals are doing him more harm than good, yet I think he will pull through with a handsome majority. The state chairman figures it at 17,000, but he will do well if he has 7,000 to the good after the returns are all in, for California always has been a close and uncertain state.

#### HYDRA-HEADED OPPOSITION.

Mr. Gage has for an opponent James Gallagher Maguire, a name that ought to capture the Irish vote, which is very heavy in San Francisco and the mining counties. James Gallagher Maguire is the candidate of the Democratic, Populist and Silver Republican parties combined, so you see he ought to have a formidable following. Maguire has served several times in congress as a Democrat. He has belonged to about all the parties of his time, except the Prohibitionist. A man of the name of Maguire could hardly be expected to belong to the cold water party, even for a very short while. But he has run the gamut of all the other parties. He is the acknowledged apostle of single tax on this coast since Henry George went east and died, but he says in his campaign speeches that single tax is not an issue in this campaign. He is making his campaign on almost the sole issue of deverting the Southern Pacific Railway and charging that his opponent is the railroad's candidate. Free silver and hunger for office also cut some figure. In the last congress, Mr. Maguire opposed the declaration of war, the war revenue bill and nearly every other administration measure relative to the war. He also opposed a protective tariff for our citrus and dried fruits, nuts and other products that have foreign com-

petition to contend with in the eastern markets, yet he thinks the people of this great state ought to elect him governor. What preposterous presumption!

#### SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

I base my prediction of Maguire's defeat on the following facts: That nearly all the old-time Democrats have turned their backs on the free silver heresy and other vagaries of the national Democratic platform; that a large proportion of the so-called Silver Republicans have seen the error of their way and returned to the old party; that the middle-of-the-road Populists have signified their disapproval of making the People's Party a tail to the Democratic kite, by bolting the fusion ticket and coming out boldly for the Republican nominees. These and other reasons give me confidence that California will elect a Republican governor and a legislature that will elect a Republican successor to United States Senator White, whose terms expire March 4, next.

The prospects are also very good for redeeming the two southern California congressional districts from the control of the Demopops. Both of the protective orange growing districts of the state are now misrepresented by obscure free trade Popocrats—Barlow and Castle. Both are candidates for re-election, but their records are so bad, that I am grievously mistaken if the people do not on the 8th of November name two staunch Republicans—Waters and Needham—to succeed them and put an end to the anomalous situation that has existed for two years.

My prognostications are of record. What will the harvest be?

W. S. LIVENGOOD.

## MALICE FULLY EXPOSED.

STATEMENT CONCERNING MR. THROPP'S RELATIONS TO LABOR, BY G. W. HUGHES.

ALL VERIFIED BY HIS AFFIDAVIT.

There is Not a Single Italian in Mr. Thropp's Employ, and Only Five Hungarians—Plain Facts in the Case Recited.

Information For Our Readers.

Altoona Tribune.

Certain false and malicious statements concerning Mr. Joseph E. Thropp and his relations to labor having been widely circulated by his personal and political enemies, the *Tribune* has procured the following plain statement of facts from Mr. G. W. Hughes, who is in a position to know whereof he affirms, and who is a trustworthy and reputable citizen of Bedford county. His statement follows:

"I have read the garbled and untruthful attacks made by several county papers upon the character of Joseph E. Thropp, Republican nominee for Congress in this district. Such calumnies and misrepresentations upon a private citizen, though he be a candidate for office, as appeared in several papers last week, should not, it seems to me, pass unanswered, and I have, therefore, deemed this public refutation called for in the interest of truth and justice. First, it has been asserted by several papers in this county that Mr. Thropp employs at his furnace, mines and quarry mostly foreigners, and especially Italians. I desire to make an emphatic contradiction to innuendoes, insinuations and assertions of this kind.

I have been in the employ of Mr. Thropp continuously for nearly four years, as time-keeper and chief clerk, and in that time he has not had a single Italian in his employ, either at the furnace, ore mines or quarry, and at the present time there are only five Hungarians at the furnace and none at the mines or quarry; one of these was born in this country and the others have been in this country for at least eight years. Any one who doubts this statement and will take the trouble to call at the office I will show them the payroll for the last six years.

The story put into circulation by designing enemies that Mr. Thropp had a carload of Italians imported to work at his furnace, is absolutely and unequivocally false. On the other hand, I know that Mr. Thropp's instructions to his superintendent have always been to give preference to native born citizens.

As to the statement that Mr. Thropp operates two company stores and compels his employes to buy all their earnings out of these stores, this assertion is as malicious as it is false. Mr. Thropp does not run any 'company stores,' but he does operate two stores the same as

any other private individual, one at Kearney and the other at Earlston.

The statement that his employes are compelled to deal at these stores or lose their jobs is absolutely false. I have been in charge of the Earlston store most of the time since I have been in Mr. Thropp's employ, and he never has given such instructions. My instructions are to keep prices of all goods the same as at the other stores in town, for the same quality of goods. No one is compelled to deal at the Earlston store because he is employed by Mr. Thropp, and I aver that all assertions to the contrary are false and untrue.

As to the affidavit of Edward Bowden, Jr., that he was discharged by Mr. Thropp because he did not buy enough out of the store and that he refused to move into a house one and a-half stories high with four rooms and pay \$5.50 a month rent:

This is a garbled statement and does not express the correct facts. Mr. Bowden was not discharged because he did not buy enough goods at the store, neither was he discharged because he would not move into a four-roomed house and pay \$5.50 a month rent. I have had charge of renting all the houses for the last two years. Mr. Thropp has only four houses that rent for \$5.50 per month and they have each six rooms; all the other houses with rooms rent for \$4.50 per month and several for less.

I aver that any statement to the contrary is maliciously false and untrue.

As to the statement that James C. McGonagle, at one time an employe of Mr. Thropp, has not been able to collect a balance of \$55 due him for services, I aver that when Mr. McGonagle left Mr. Thropp's employ, on December 22, 1896, he filled out his own check for his services up to that date, and Mr. Thropp signed it. If there was any amount due him it is more than certain that he would have included it in his final settlement with Mr. Thropp.

Mr. McGonagle also states in a letter to a supposed friend that he had instructions to discharge every man who did not deal at the Earlston store. This is not only untrue, from the fact that Mr. Thropp never gives such instructions, but from the fact that Mr. McGonagle did not have authority to discharge any one. He held the same position as I have held since his leaving, and I have no such authority.

His utterings are the breathings of a disgruntled employe who left a position three different times and feels grieved because he was not employed a fourth time.

There are letters on file in the office, written this year, in which Mr. McGonagle asks Mr. Thropp to take him back.

I invite any person who may doubt the correctness of these statements to call at the furnace office and I will show them the original records verifying the correctness thereof.

GEORGE W. HUGHES.

EVERETT, PA., Oct. 25, 1898.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

BEDFORD COUNTY.

On this 25th day of October, 1898, before me, a notary public in and for said county, personally came George W. Hughes, who being duly sworn according to law, says that he is a native of Bedford county, Pa., and that he has been continuously in the employ of Joseph E. Thropp, Republican nominee for Congress in this district, since April 2d, 1894, as time keeper and book-keeper and that said Joseph E. Thropp has not at any time had in his employ one Italian, either at Everett furnace, stone quarry or ore mines, and at the present time there are only five (5) Hungarians at furnace and none at the stone quarry or ore mines. Any statements to the contrary are absolutely false.

G. W. HUGHES.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of October, A. D. 1898.

M. D. BARNOLLAR, Notary Public.

The obituary notices the Democratic papers are publishing of James M. Walters are premature, as the crucifixion will not take place until November 8th. When Mr. Walters had it written and sent out he neglected to state on the copies that it was "not to be used until released."—*Johannston Tribune*.

A dispatch from Altoona says a warrant has been issued for the arrest of S. Marshall Williams, of Everett, Bedford county, Pa., who is wanted for obtaining money under false pretense. Williams is one of the Democratic aids who is said to be out trying to defeat Thropp for Congress, and no doubt he is a fair sample of the trash running about the country to defame Mr. Thropp. Of all the personal enemies of Mr. Thropp there isn't one decent, manly man among them.