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### REEDER IN COMMAND

The New Chairman of the Republican State Committee.

TO OPEN THE CANVASS EARLY.

He Appoints Frank Willing Leach Secretary of the Committee Something About the Men Who Will Direct the Presidential Campaign in This State.

The Republican candidates and the permanent chairman of the state convention having elected General Frank Reeder as chairman of the Republican state committee in place of Lieutenant Governor L. A. Watres, who for business reasons declined re-election, the campaign will open shortly with headquarters in Philadelphia.

Upon being notified of his election General Reeder wrote Frank Willing Leach requesting him to continue in the position of secretary of the state central committee.

General Frank Reeder, while in Philadelphia arranging for headquarters, au-torized this statement in reference to ats plans:

I am now selecting my staff of assistants. As already announced I have appointed Frank Willing Leach secretary. I recognize in Mr. Leach one particularly well qualified for the position; in fact, I do not know another man in the whole state who is as well fitted to look after the important detail work of the secretaryship. He has had long and valuable experience in this particular field, and I have a very high opinion of his ability and aptitude for the trying and responsible duties of the position.

When asked about the action of the candidates on the state ticket and the permanent chairman of the convention in reference to Mr. Pearson, in which they "recommend to said chairman the appointment of George Pearson, of Mercer county, as one of the secretaries of said committee," Chairman Reeder said:

said committee," Chairman Reeder said:
I propose to appoint Mr. Pearson as one of
the secretaries of the committee, and in this
connection I may say that I intend to have
three secretaries. Mr. Leach will be my chief
of staff. He will continue in the position he
has held for a number of years. In the appointment of Mr. Pearson I shall very gladly
comply with the recommendation of the candidates and the permanent chairman of the
convention, as I thoroughly approciate Mr.
Pearson's ability, and have always regarded
him as among my personal friends. I take the
action of the candidates in this matter simply
as a recommendation, as It was. I feel that action of the candidates in this matter simply as a recommendation, as it was. I feel that the candidates agree with me in that the chairman should be accorded the right to name his own assistants. I certainly would not consent to take the chairmanship under any other conditions. I understand that until recently there were always at least firee secretaries to the state committee. The last campaign being in an off year Chairman Watres found it necessary to appoint but one secretary, Mr. Leach. The extra labor of the prosidential canyase this year I feel, however, will require three secretaries. I shall have, with Mr. Leach as chief, another whose name I am not yet prepared to announce, and they, I am not yet prepared to announce, and they with Mr. Pearson, will make up the staff.

General Reeder's Career. General Reeder, the newly elected state chairman, was born in Easton on May 22, 1845, and is consequently in the prime and vigor of manhood. His father was Andrew H. Reeder, the first governor of the territory of Kansas, a man of distinction and reversal ventors. Ventor flor of the territory of Kansas, a man of distinction and revered memory. Young Reeder pursued his preparatory studies at the well known Edge Hill school, at Princeton, N. J., and at Lawrenceville, in the same state. His progress was such that when but 15 years old, in the fall of 1850, he entered the sophomore class at Princeton college.

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In April, 1861, when Fort Sumter was fired upon, Reeder's youthful patriotism was stirred. The following year,



GENERAL FRANK REEDER.

when the call was made by Governor Curtin for troops to defend his native state, young Reeder's desire to take part in the struggle for his country's integrity could no longer be restrained. In his senior year, with graduation day in the near future, he enlisted as a private in the Fifth Pennsylvania regiment and remained with it until it was mustered out of service. In October of ment and remained with it until it was mustered out of service. In October of the same year he enlisted again in the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth Penn-sylvania regiment of infantry. His energy and intelligence soon commended him to the favoring regard of his super-iors and in November, 1863, he was made adjutant of the regiment. During his further connection with this regiment he further connection with this regiment he served on the staffs of Generals Peck and Vodges, participating in the wide and varied operations of the Tenth and Eighteenth Army corps and in the expedition against Charleston, S. C., under the command of General Foster. The term of his regiment having again expired he was once more mustered out of service in August, 1863.

Recruiting a Regiment.

Almost immediately thereafter he entered earnestly into the work of assisting to recruit a regiment of cavalry "for three years, unless sooner discharged. Upon the organization of the regiment, as the Nineteenth Pennsylvania cavalry, in October, 1868, he was made captain of one of its companies. The regiment left Camp Stanton, near Philadelphia, November 8, with orders to report to General Stoneuma at Giesboro Point, D. C. Thence the regiment was sent to Columbus, Ky. On the 18th of January, 1864, it was ordered to join an expedition to operate on the flank of General Sherman's column, then about to move from Vicksburg for the purpose of destroving the railroads centering at Recruiting a Regiment.

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Jackson and M-ridian, Miss. It subsequently was permanently attached to Grierson's cavalry corps and was constantly engaged in active field service. It took part in the famous Sturgis expedition, in the operations of General Slocum south of Vicksburg, in the movements of General A. J. Smith against Forrest in the transcontinental campaign of General Pleasonton against Sterling Price, besides participating in a number of raids and minor expeditions. During the forced marches made in the heart of the enemy's auntry, the privations and fights incident to these movements, Captain Reeder bore his district by about 5,000 votes. movements, Captain Reeder bore his full share and at times a conspicuous

Bravery on the Field. The battle of Nashville, which began on Dec. 15, 1864, and lasted three days, on Dec. 15, 1894, and listed three days, may be rated as a fair illustration of what occurred elsewhere at various times. On the third day of that contest Captain Reeder, then acting as assistant adjutant general of the Seventh division of Wilson's cavalry corps, under the command of General Joseph F. Knipe, was vounded in the right side. Through the entire series of engagements then fought he bore himself with such bravery that he was subsequently breveted major and licutenant colonel "for gallantry at Nashville." General Knipe, in his official report of the battle.

Knipe, in is official report of the battle, wrote as follows:

Captain Frank Reeder, of my staff, condicted himself with a great deal of bravery, exposing himself, when necessary, with a courage that reflects the highest credit upon him. During the course of the battle Captain Reeder had three horses shot under him, and was himself wounded in the side. In the second day's battle he volunteered to lead a charge against a position from which the charging party had repeatedly failed to dislodge the enemy; this time, however, the position was taken and held. I have the honor to recommend and earneatly urge his promotion by brevet.

Captain Reeder, having been commis-

brevet.

Captain Reeder having been commissioned lieutenant colonel of his regiment, was placed in command, and on the 30th of December ordered to Alabama to take part in the siege of Mobile and to assist in freeing the state from rebel control. The speedy surrender of General Dick Taylor having virtually effected this, Colonel Reeder, with his regiment, was ordered up Red river to operate against the forces of General Kirby Smith. Kirby Smith.

Kirby Smith.

Thence he was transferred to the department of the gulf and stationed on the borders of Louisiana and Texas. Subsequently he and his regiment were ordered to New Orleans.

Then, when the last foe of the government had surrendered, Colonel Reeder's regiment, on the 14th of May, 1866, was mustered out. He brought it to Philadelphia by way of the sea, where it was delphia by way of the sea, where it was finally discharged on the 13th of June. While together he and his comrades in arms had covered over 15,000 miles of travel, participated in twenty-five regu-

lar engagements and in many skirmishes.

The achieving of a military record such as is here outlined at the age of 21 is so indicative of more than ordinary ability as to render comment superfluous.

As a Party Leader. After receiving his discharge Colonel Reeder entered the law school at Albany, N. Y., where he prosecuted his legal studies. He was admitted to the bar in March, 1868, and commenced the prac-tice of his profession in New York city. He was there associated with General Chester A. Arthur, who subsequently became vice president and succeeded to the presidency upon the death of Presi-dent Garfield.

In the fall of 1869 he returned to Easton and entered into a law partner-ship with his brother, Howard J. Reeder, who is now one of the judges of the Third judicial district of Pennsyl-

General Reeder began, immediately upon his return to his old home, to take an active interest in politics, and to seek by all honorable means to build up an strengthen the Republican party. P was appointed collector of internal revenue for the Eleventh district of Pennsylvanta in February, 1873, which position he filled until October, 1876. Since then he has devoted himself exclusively to

the practice of his profession.

In 1874 he was appointed by Governor Hartranft brigadier general, commanding the Fifth brigade, Second division, N. G. P., and after the consolidation of the National Guard of the state into one division was assigned to the command of division was assigned to the command of the Second brigade. In 1877, during the railroad riots, he was in command of his brigade and was ordered to proceed with his troops to Reading. He soon suc-ceeded in restoring order and in saving Reading from heavy loss. He resigned from the National Guard in 1881.

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General Reeder takes a lively interest in public affairs and keeps a wide and intelligent outlook upon all political questions, both state and national. He was a delegate to the last Republican national convention, and one of the committee appointed to notify Harrison and Morton of their nomination as the standard bearers of the party. He took a keen interest in the campaign and did much solid, earnest work for the ticket. He was unanimously elected one of He was unanimously elected one of the delegates at large to the Minneapolis national Republican convention at the last state convention. In the last state campaign General Reeder was temporarily in charge of the Republican state headquarters while Chairman Watres was presiding over the extra session of

Secretary Leach's Party Services. Mr. Leach was born at Cape May, N. J., Aug. 26, 1855. He took up his resi-dence in Philadelphia in 1873, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1877. He admitted to the bar in March, 1877. He early displayed an aptitude for politics.

In 1885 he became secretary of the Republican state committee, under Chairman Cooper, and he has held that position ever since. In this capacity much of the detail work of organization has fallen upon his shoulders, and he has always been looked upon as chief of staff of the Republican field marshal, whether Cooper, Andrews or Watres filled that role. Although still holding the position of secretary during the state cammalens of 1888 and 1890. Me.

district by about 5,000 votes.

Perilons Campaign Work. Mr. Leach was assigned to a responsible, important and dangerous field of labor in the last national campaign. Chairman Quay detailed him for a still hunt canvass of North Carolina. Mr. Leach took entire charge of the Repullican campaign in the state. So the oughly, systematically and secretly we the canvass conducted that whe day or two before election—the sch was accidentally discovered the Domocratic managers were astounded at who had been going on under their versess. The slarm was at once sounded A reign of terror was instituted. Wit unparalleled fraud and bulldazing the state was finally carried against Harri-

son, though by a greatly reduced vote.

Although his life was frequently threatened, Mr. Leach remained until the polls were closed. He had perfected an organization such as had never been known many southern state before. Mr. Leach had the satisfaction of knowing that though the state was lost three Republican congressmen were elected, which really saved the house in the Fiftyfirst congress to the party, for, despite the Democratic wholesale counting in tactics, the Republicans secured the house by a majority of thee.

A Handsome Tribute. J. B. Eaves, chairman of the North Carolina Republican state committee, thus wrote Mr. Leach after the election: Our three congressional members have their extificates, and it gives me pleasure to assure you that without your help I doubt very much whather we could have carried one. I am settafied we could not have elected assure than one. Commended by Clarkson.

In a very cordial letter National Chair man Clarkson, in complimenting Mr. Leach for his work done in connection with national committee matters, among other things said:

I hope the party will some time be able to show its appreciation of the good work you have done in its behalf, and the constant devotion you have slown to its rauss, and I want to assure you of my personal graftinds and hearty appreciation.

The next exciting political experience in which Mr. Leach figured was in blocking the Democratic conspiracy to buy up enough members of the legislature to prevent the election of a Republican United States senator in Delaware. In writing up a detailed account

Praise from Watres. While at the same time he kept up his work as assistant secretary to the national committee, Mr. Leach per-formed all the duties of secretary of the state committee in the last campaign. No better testimonial could be wished for than that given him by Chairman Watres, who, in an authorized state-ment just after the election, said:

ment just after the election, said:
There is one thing I want to say, and that is
there is much praise due Mr. Leach, sceretary of the state committee, for his effective
and important services in the campaign. I
am indebted to him for many valuable suggestions. The handsome majorities relied up
for our candidates are largely due to the perfect organization formed in a very short time,
in the bringing out of which Mr. Leach, by his
indefatigable hibors, his close attention to details and his thorough knowledge of the pollities of the state, was of very great assalshance.





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NEW York, May 26 .- "The body of a young man sitting upright in a chair at Jackson's Pavillion on the beach was found early in the morning with a bullet hole in the head. He was identified as Ralph D. Hewitt, a clerk at the Mount Verson Hotel, Washington, whose mother lives at No. 110 West 104th street, New York."

Such was the message flashed over the wires from Atlantic City, N. J., to the newspapers all over the country. It told a common story enough—the sad tale of self-destruction—all too familiar, but there was a chapter of romance in the life thus snuffed out that strangers Jan. 1st, 1893. could not know.

It was a hand nerved by grief for a

buried love that had sent the fatal bul-let on its mission of death. When the body of young Halph Hewitt sat upright and rigid in the bright snalight of the perfect May morning, preparations were going on in a handsome house in the far off city of Eigin, for the burial of a fair young girl. They had been sweet-bearts, these two, the daughter of rich Judge Battsford of Elgin and young

Judge Battsford of Elgin and young Raiph Hewitt Their story reads like a a page from some old time romance.

Raiph Dudley Hewitt was born in Elgin, Ill., about 18 years ago. After extended travels Raiph went to Elgin and began work in the big watch factory there. He had not been there long when he met the daughter of Judge Battsford, who was just home from school on a vacation. The couple fell

school on a vacation. The couple fell deeply in love, but did not become engaged, for he had his way to make in the world, while she was rich.

Impatient to get ahead by rapid strides young Hewitt found work in the watch factory too slow, and leaving Elgin he went to try his fortunes. Then he got work as a clerk in the Mount Vernou Hotel, A week ago a dispatch came to him that Aloisia Battsford was dead. She had succumbed to an attack of heart disease, induced by over-study. In Eight one was shown as a girl of rare beauty and musical accomplishments. On nearing or nor death Hewitt went

to Alanue City, and took a room at the Girard House. The rest is known. Two weeks ago young Hewitt's mother and aister Maude, a beautiful girl of 20 took a flat at No. 110 West 104th street. took a flat at No. 110 West 194th street.

Mrs. Dennison, Mrs. Hewitt's mother,
lives with them. A reporter called
there and saw Mrs. Dennison, who was
nearly prestrated with grief. Two telegrams lay on the table, and a box containing the young man's letters to his
mother and sister lay on the table beside
them. Mrs. Hewitt and Mande had gone to Atlantic City to claim their

"He wrote home only day before yes-terday," said Airs. Dennison, "and spoke touchingly of Aloisia. Oh, his sorrow was greater than we knew." and the poor woman sobbed as she thought of their loss. "He was not 19," she said, and so good, and true, and manly, He was handsome and whole souled. Everybody loved him."

GRANITE CUTTERS WINNING. Another Company Gives in to the Demands

of the Locked-out Men. FRIENDSHIP, Me., May 26.-The granite cutters employed by the Union Granite Company, of this place, met the officers of the company yesterday and signed an agreement whereby the men will return to work at once. The bill of prices was made for one year, dating May 24. None but union men will be

This company has the contract for General Grant's monument in New York, also for the memorial arch in Brooklyn.

The men have been locked out twenty-

ALBANY, N. Y., May 26.-Capitol Com-ALBANY, N. Y., May 26.—Capitol Commissioner Ferry yesterday received information that the proprietors of the granite quarries at Barre, Vt., and Cape Ann. Me., had effected a compromise with the striking quarrymen, and it now looks as if the supply of stone for the Capitol approach will not be cut off for any serious length of time.

The Commissioner has given notice to the Hollowell firm that he must have granite to keep Capitol work going on, and that Gov. Flower insists upon having the work completed within the present gubernatorial term, and that if the

ent gubernatorial term, and that if the material cannot be got in one place it must be sought elsewhere.

For an Educational Exhibit.

CONCORD, N. H., May 26.-At a meet-CONCORD, N. H., May 20.—At a meeting of the State Teachers' Association a committee was appointed to procure a proper educational exhibit from New Hampshire for the Chicago Fair. It was resolved to request 5,000 square feet of space. The World's Fair Commissioner discussed at a recent meeting the subject of making a suitable exhibit of natural sceners and the facilities in this State for the entertainment of tourists at the Fair. A resolution was adopted to col-lect from railroad corporations, hetel proprietors and others \$15,000 with which to carry out the scheme.

Cora Nicholla's Mysterious Death, Pittshung, May 26.—The mystery sur-counding the death of Cora Nicholls, he 26-year-old daughter of James Nicholls, a wealthy Stows Township farmer, who was found dead in a barn by her father Monday night with a bullet hole in her right temple, has not yet been cleared. It is not known whether she was accidentally killed, committed sui-cide or met with foul play. No cause is known by her relatives for suicide.

The Office Abolished.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 26.—General Western Freight Agent James McFergan, of the New York Central, has resigned and his resignation has been accepted, to take effect on June 1st. The office will take effect on June 1st. The office will
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