

GRIM AND BERRY IN BITTER CLASH

Republicans Serenely Watch
Democratic Row.

KEYSTONER IS IN A BAD WAY

Editors Who Once Supported Former
State Treasurer Now Denounce
Him and Call Upon Party Men to
Stand by Nominees of Allentown
Convention.

[Special Correspondence.]
Philadelphia, Sept. 6.

A sharp drawing of the lines in the factional fight in the Democratic party and a display of bitterness between the leaders of the Grim and Berry forces have served to accentuate the one-sided character of the gubernatorial campaign in Pennsylvania.

In the desperate struggle between the Grim adherents and the Berry warriors, Republicans are not playing favorites, but are complacently looking on and speculating as to which wing of the Democracy will land in second place on election day.

If the Republican leaders had planned the situation, they could not have brought about a happier condition for their candidates.

Following the remarkable demonstration given in his honor by his neighbors in the Monongahela valley, at the inauguration of his campaign at Charleroi, John Kinley Tener, the Republican standard bearer, will continue on his tour of the state, meeting the voters face to face, freely and manfully discussing the issues and conceding to his opponents the right to their views and absolutely refraining from personal attacks or abuse of any kind or character.

Contrasted with this sane and dignified policy is the spectacle of the divided Democracy, with candidates and leaders arrayed against each other in a spectacular and scandalous warfare.

Grim-Berry Combat.

What the Grim men say about Berry and what the Berry men say about Grim is frequently unfit for publication.

The charge that Grim's nomination was brought about by the liquor interests is met with the allegation that Berry, although upon record as a Prohibitionist and again as a local optionist, conferred with representatives of the liquor interests, and as a result of pledges made at Allentown received the support in that convention of a number of delegates engaged in the saloon business.

Berry men accuse Grim of having advance knowledge of the withdrawal of Munson, of being in a conspiracy to secretly capture the Democratic convention. The Grim cohorts retort with declarations that Berry was in a combination with Grim to down Munson, that he at first accepted the vote at Allentown and pledged his support to Grim, and then violated this promise and deliberately lied when he said he had never given such a pledge.

Grim is accused of working hand in hand with Republicans. Berry is denounced as an ingrate for having borrowed money from Guffey and then deserting the Guffey machine that made possible his election as treasurer.

These are but samples of the charges and counter charges that are being exchanged in the hot fire going on within the Democratic lines, the Keystone Party being generally accepted as an offshoot from the state Democracy.

Up to date Grim has a big lead over Berry in the way of substantial support.

Democratic Editors For Grim.

The veteran editor, P. Gray Meek, of the Democratic Bellefonte Watchman, has made a canvass and figures out that in the entire state there are about a dozen newspapers giving Berry any support, and of these only seven can claim any Democratic constituency, and the others are of a mongrel class that would naturally take up a cause such as the Berry candidacy represents.

Meek insists that Berry should withdraw.

With the name of Grim nailed to his editorial masthead, Editor Joseph G. Leshner, of the Huntingdon Monitor, has this gentle knock at the Keystone candidate:

"Over his own signature William H. Berry gave out to the press a ridiculous tirade against Senator Grim, in which he said: 'He sat in the senate when they burned one capitol down over his head and stole seven millions of dollars in building another.' As Senator Grim was not elected to the legislature until six years after the burning of the capitol in 1897, Mr. Berry's statement is important only as proof of the recklessness and in-

truthfulness of the assertions he is making about Senator Grim."

Editor Meyers, of the Democratic Star-Independent of Harrisburg, takes the Grim end of the controversy, and among other things said in a recent issue:

"It is a pity that Mr. Berry, the Keystone Party's candidate for the office of governor of Pennsylvania, cannot see himself as others see him and cannot understand how ridiculous his attacks on the Democratic party sound in the ears of any sensible man in his audience.

"In almost every sentence of his speeches he tells those who will listen to him that he is the candidate of the Keystone Party only because he could not be the candidate of the Democratic party. He has given no other reason for his posing as a reformer, for there is none; he cannot muster enough of his particular brand of assurance to pretend that there is any other reason. He poses as a bitter enemy of the 'liquor interests,' but he would have swallowed his convenient enmity and remained blind to what he calls the alliance between Penrose and the Democratic leaders if only the Allentown convention had given him that nomination.

"His story of the nomination is absurd from beginning to end. * * * Because the party that honored him for five years has chosen another man for the head of its ticket, he is slandering and vilifying it and trying to defeat it while still pretending to be a Democrat."

The Philadelphia Record, which was one of Berry's principal supporters when he ran for state treasurer, is now for Grim. In a review of the situation in its issue of Monday last the Philadelphia Record said:

"The delay in the appointment of the state finance committee of the Keystone Party is said to be owing to difficulty in getting a sufficiency of the 'right kind of men' to underwrite the conduct of the campaign. In this city the dissensions in the independent ranks have evidently alienated from their camp a very large element of old-line reformers who include the persons that were the mainstay of the campaign funds in former battles here against the political contractors' organization. The effect of this state of affairs upon the 'country' is said to be anything but conducive to such financial assistance as the Berry ticket managers hoped to receive for their cause."

Jersey Soldiers Winners.

Sen Girt, N. J., Sept. 6.—Company C, Fourth regiment of Jersey City, N. J., won the company tyro match by ten points

ENDS BLOOD FEUD

Released Convict Returns to
Slay Witness at Trial.

ITALIAN HAD SWORN VENGEANCE

After Waiting Five Years, During
Which Period He Was a Model
Prisoner, Scarpia Seeks Cren-
netto and Slays Him.

Brooklyn, Sept. 6.—After grimly waiting five years, old Domenico Scarpia has wiped out his blood feud. He left Sing Sing Saturday at noon after spending five years there and walked into a group of men in Sixty-first street, Bay Ridge, yesterday, shoved several of them gently aside and shot Felipo Crennetto through the heart.

Six years ago Domenico Scarpia was a cobbler in Bay Ridge. He was a quiet man, a strong man, squat of figure, with bushy gray eyebrows, who spoke little of his own affairs and was never active in the gatherings of his countrymen. One day he stabbed a woman, Natalia Mina. She was much younger than Domenico Scarpia and little was known of her in the neighborhood.

The police learned really nothing about the case. Scarpia would not tell anything, not even to the lawyer who was assigned by the court to defend him, and the story of jealousy or revenge, or whatever it was, that reached its climax when the old man's knife pierced the breast of the girl was not told at the trial.

But there was evidence enough to convict Domenico Scarpia. It came from Felipo Crennetto. The girl had disappeared and did not testify against the man who tried to kill her and Scarpia would probably have escaped conviction had it not been for Felipo Crennetto. On his testimony the old cobbler was sentenced to Sing Sing for five years.

Before he left for the prison he told Crennetto he would return and kill him—told him so in open court, and Crennetto laughed at him.

The envious man pines in plenty, like Tantalus up to the chin in water and yet thirsty.—T. Adams.

VETERANS' ANNUAL REUNION.

Surviving Members of the Sixth New
York Heavy Artillery Meet.

Cold Spring, N. Y., Sept. 6.—The surviving members of the Sixth New York heavy artillery held their twenty-first annual reunion here yesterday. In honor of the occasion the town was dressed in gala attire. The members of the regiment were recruited from the counties of Putnam and Westchester and went to the front on the first call of President Lincoln. Next year they will meet in Peekskill.

He Had No Eye for Color.

There came to the home of a negro in Tennessee an addition to the family in the shape of triplets. The proud father hailed the first man who came along the road and asked him to see them. The man, who was an Irishman, seemed greatly interested in the infants as he looked them over, lying in a row before him.

"What does yo' think?" asked the parent.

"Waul"—pointing to the one in the middle—"I think I'd save that one."—Everybody's Magazine.



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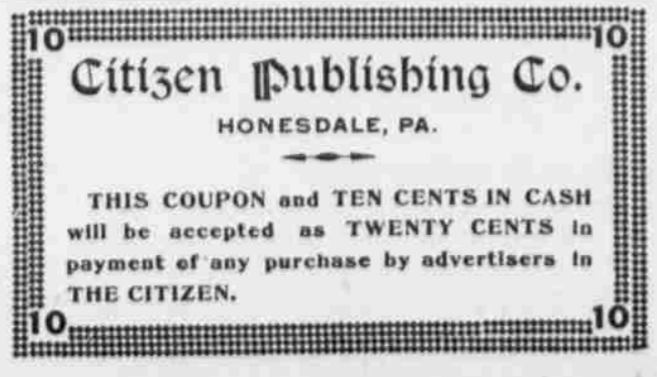
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