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THE DUTY OF INDEPENDENTS.

What a Really Independent Republican Paper Has to Say Upon the Subject and Regarding the Chances in the Governorial Contest—How Independent Voters Can Make Their Votes Count For Reform.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch is the leading Independent Republican paper of western Pennsylvania. It is independent in fact, and not alone by profession. It is owned and edited by men who have convictions, are not afraid of ashamed to express them, and it labors diligently and effectively for reform—within its party lines when possible; outside them when duty to the state and people demands. The following editorial article appeared in the Dispatch of Oct. 12:

The citizen who desires in this election to cast his vote for clean government, irrespective of the ordinary ties of party, will naturally ask: "How can I make my vote most effective and secure that end?" He has two candidates to choose from, Jenks and Swallow. Both men are sincere and conscientious; both stand for honest government, and either one, if elected, will faithfully do his best, according to his ability, to benefit the whole people and not corporations or political machines. How shall the voter choose between them?

The intelligent voter, carefully studying this question, will make his decision by the answers to the two following questions: First, which of these two candidates is likely to receive the largest vote, and, therefore, which is my vote most likely to help in electing; and, second, which of the two is the best equipped to serve in public affairs, and, therefore, will be most efficient in carrying out the public work of reform? Take the facts, and there is little doubt as to the answer to either question.

First, Mr. Jenks has the united Democratic vote of Pennsylvania for a nucleus. At the last election for governor, with an apathy that was overwhelming, the vote was 333,404; at the election for governor before that it was 464,200; at the national election of 1896 it was 427,125; at the national election of 1892 it was 452,264. The average of these votes is 420,000.

On the other hand, Dr. Swallow has the Prohibition vote for a nucleus. This vote in 1890 was 16,108, and in 1894 it was 23,433. Last year, when, except for Mr. Thompson's candidacy, Dr. Swallow was the candidate distinctly representing reform, he polled 120,000 votes; in the presidential election of 1896 the Prohibition ticket received 19,274 votes. If we take the average of the Prohibition vote, as in the Democratic case, it has been 45,000. The average Republican vote for the same elections has been 532,000. It will take the change of but 55,000 independent Republicans to overcome the average Republican plurality. It would require a change of 242,500 votes to bring the average Prohibition vote up to the average Republican; or if we suppose Dr. Swallow to start with his vote of last year, the change required will be 266,000. In other words, an independent Republican vote given to Jenks will be nearly four times as effective as one given to Swallow.

Second, The independent voter wants the best equipped man in office. A conscientious voter will select the one who, by training and experience, can do the best work for reform. Which of the two is it? Every one admits that George A. Jenks is a man of marked standing and high ability at the bar. He has had experience in the making of laws, in the interpretation of them, and in their administration. He has served in congress; he took a leading place among the noted men who appeared in the Hayes-Tilden controversy, and efficiently discharged the duties of solicitor general of the treasury. Dr. Swallow's life has been that of a minister of the gospel, an editor of a weekly paper, and an aggressive free lance candidate for state treasurer. Honorable and useful records, both of them, but can there be any doubt as to which affords the best evidence of qualification for the discharge of the duties of the governorship as the people want them discharged?

When these facts have fully impressed themselves on the public mind there should be little doubt as to where the independent vote will go. Every citizen can settle the subject by asking himself which of the two men he would employ if he had private business to be managed approaching in gravity and complicated character that which the governor of Pennsylvania must conduct for the people.

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THE DEMOCRATS MUCH ELATED.

A ROUSING GATHERING OF PARTY WORKERS IN PHILADELPHIA.

Every Indication Points to Success For Jenks—All the Party Factions United For the State Ticket—Philadelphia Promises to Make a Good Showing—No Democratic Votes For Swallow—Pattison, Hensel and Hundreds of Others on the Stump.

The Democracy of Pennsylvania is much elated. It has good cause to be. It has been demonstrated to practically everybody's satisfaction that Swallow cannot possibly win, that many thousands of Republicans (Mr. Wannamaker says 400,000) will not vote for Stone and that the Democrats are practically solid for Jenks.

On Friday of last week more than 200 county chairmen and Democratic leaders assembled in Philadelphia, on invitation of Chairman Garman, to take counsel as to the situation.

Ex-Postmaster Larkin, of Pittsburg, a veteran in the party ranks, said: "I have attended every meeting the state Democrats have held for the last 20 years and I never saw a gathering as hopeful, as enthusiastic and with facts and figures to present as encouraging for Democratic success."

Gold men and silver men, all the factions and phases of the party following, were represented. Here is a partial list of those who were there: W. U. Hensel, of Lancaster; Judge Harman, of York; E. F. Kerr, Bedford; County Chairmen J. F. Ancona and W. Schaffer, of Berks; Chairman T. J. Burke, Blair; Chairman Joseph Gray and Edward Homer Bailey, Cambria; Chairman John Cavanaugh, Chester; P. Gray Meek, Centre; Chairman John G. McHenry and J. J. Vandervice, Columbia; Dr. E. M. Thompson and Matt Savage, Clearfield; Jere Zeamer, Cumberland; Dr. J. J. Fritzsche and T. K. Vandyke, Dauphin; Henry Fretzinger, Delaware; Andrew Kaul, Elk; W. T. Henderson, Huntingdon; Samuel States, Jefferson; Paul Dasch, Luzerne; W. M. Brinton, W. Hayes Grier and James W. Alken, of Lancaster; C. B. Staples, Monroe; W. B. Hastings, Northumberland; J. W. Moyer, of Irwin Steel, Schuylkill; F. A. Fry, Perry; B. A. Brown, Union; Harvey Sicker and Alvin Day, Wyoming; J. W. Malloy, Carbon; T. F. Minehart, Franklin; G. B. M. Wisehaupt and Harry E. Bonsall, Juniata; A. H. Shimp, Lycoming; A. Kneule, F. K. Warren and Ralph E. Shaner, Montgomery; George W. Bacon, York; W. B. Dunlap, Beaver; M. E. Brown, Indiana; A. D. Boyd and M. M. Cockran, Fayette; T. J. McCleary and W. B. Clendennin, Lawrence; Lev McQuiston, Butler; Hugh J. Brawley, Crawford; John L. McKinney, Venango; P. P. Toole, Clearfield; Judge R. L. Crawford, Greene; ex-Senator Laubach, Northampton; James B. Morehead, Westmoreland; James M. Guffey, W. J. Brennan and J. B. Larkin, Allegheny; Congressman Ermentrout, Berks; Robert E. Wright and Marshall Wright, Lehigh; General W. H. Davis and Chairman W. S. Long, of Bucks; ex-Congressman Simon P. Wolverton, Northumberland; ex-Congressman John B. Storm, Monroe; ex-Senator Vandegrift, of Bucks.

Magistrate Donnelly, representing the Ryan Philadelphia committee, made a ringing speech in the afternoon pledging a large vote in Philadelphia for Jenks, and Magistrate Peter J. Hughes, of the Delaware committee, made an equally inspiring address in the evening at the same line. Whatever their local differences, the Democrats of Philadelphia and united for the state ticket.

The reports from every county as to the situation and prospects were cheering. The following extracts from the story as told in the Philadelphia Record of Saturday, are given as samples: William J. Brennan said that 90 per cent of the lawyers of the bar in Allegheny would support through their representatives on the stump, denounce the machine, and that the Republicans were badly divided. Mr. Larkin said there were but few, if any, Allegheny county Democrats who had any sympathy for Dr. Swallow.

"Berks can be relied upon for a good, old-fashioned Democratic majority," said Congressman Ermentrout. "We are more thoroughly united than in years; the opposition to us is badly divided." Chairman Ancona, of Berks, said that for eight weeks, while out organizing, he had been in direct contact with the voters. He found no disaffection. He did not believe Swallow would get more than 15 Democratic votes in the county.

EX-CHAIRMAN WRIGHT SANGUINE

Ex-State Chairman Robert E. Wright of Lehigh said: "In my county Mr. Jenks will receive a larger majority over Quay's man, Stone, than any Democrat has ever received over any Republican. Our lines in Lehigh are intact. Swallow has been up there and made a thorough canvass. Last year he received 800 votes. This year he will likely get 2,000. Of these 98 per cent will be Republican. I have made it my business to look up the Swallow sentiment among the Democrats, and my experience as a campaigner makes me believe that percentage to be correct.

"There is not a single Democrat who left the party in 1896 who is not now back in the ranks with his coat off for Jenks, and we have a majority over Swallow and Stone."

WOLVERTON ON REPUBLICAN DIVISION

Ex-Congressman Simon P. Wolverton said: "I am well informed of the conditions in my congressional district. I do not believe there is a Democrat in the organization of that district who will not vote for the Jenks ticket. The Republican element is strong, and there is an intense feeling against the machine that forced William A. Stone upon the Harrisburg convention—the same machine that forced the abominable Quays through the last legislature. The Quay organization is industriously circulating a story that Swallow will poll a larger vote than Jenks, but our people understand the source of this campaign canard, as well as they understand that every vote for Swallow is a half vote for Stone. A great many Republicans who are saying nothing will

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vote for Jenks. It is my honest belief that Mr. Jenks will get every Democratic vote in Northumberland county."

MYERS ON SURPRISING DISCOVERIES

"Swallow carried my county by 1,200 last year," said B. F. Meyers, of Dauphin. "He received a large number of Democratic votes then. He will hardly get one Democratic vote now, where he got seven last year. But there will be a large shrinkage in the Republican vote. The votes lost for Stone will be divided between Jenks and Swallow. The feeling against the machine because of its miserable record, and the factional fights, are having a good effect for Mr. Jenks. I think on election day it will be shown that Dauphin county will repudiate its title of 'the seat of corruption.'"

"I would surprise you were I to name some of the reputable business and professional men of Dauphin who are quietly yet actively working for Mr. Jenks. The number of such men would also surprise you. As to the state generally, I believe Mr. Jenks will poll 450,000 Democratic votes, or enough to elect him. The great number of independent votes he receives over that figure will constitute a handsome majority."

Ex-Congressman John B. Storm, of Monroe, back in the party harness with renewed vigor, said: "Out of a population of 20,000, of whom 4,000 are voters, Monroe county will give Jenks a majority of 2,000. I believe the figure this year. I believe the voters of the people are so thoroughly aroused this year that they will effectually wipe out that band of robbers and thieves at Harrisburg."

GUFFEY NEVER SAW BETTER SIGNS

Colonel J. M. Guffey was cheered when the chairman called upon him. "In this contest," he said, "we find a badly divided Republican party, a thoroughly united and harmonious Democratic party. This condition abounds in every county of the state. The Democrats of Pennsylvania need do but one thing in this contest—let us be what we are. When we analyze the Democratic vote for the past 15 years, consider the factional difficulties we have gone through, and the unquestioned effect they have had in preventing us from getting out our full vote; then turn to the present, perceiving no factional disputes, every one working in the cause of common honesty, the outlook is indeed encouraging. I have never in my political experience found the Democratic organization so well aroused, united, aggressive and earnest as it is just now."

UNITED IN SCHUYLKILL

J. W. Moyer, of Schuylkill, said: "We are solidly united. Our party was never in better shape. The Republicans are divided. Many of them are working with our organization. We will elect our congressman against the sitting Republican member, Mr. Brumm, anti-Quay assemblymen and a full county ticket."

Equally encouraging reports were made by Seth McCormick of Lycoming county; Jere Zeamer of Cumberland; J. J. Vandervice of Columbia; James B. Morehead of Westmoreland; Edward Homer Bailey of Cambria county, and W. R. Brinton of Lancaster.

PLUM TREE SERVING A GOOD PURPOSE

C. Ben Johnson, chief of the state committee's literary bureau, said that

four or five independent republican newspapers and several labor papers were supporting Jenks. Mr. Johnson, in his long experience as an editor, had never known the Democratic newspapers to be so well united as at present for Jenks. He specified The Record and Pittsburg Dispatch as doing excellent work for better state government. These journals and the county newspapers, he said, contained abundant material for the Democratic and independent speakers throughout the state. The 250 Democratic newspapers of the state never did better or more effective work than they are now doing.

GARMAN'S APPEAL TO LIEUTENANTS

In closing the meeting Chairman Garman said that so large a meeting of representative Democrats as this should demonstrate not only that the party was thoroughly united, but also that its members felt certain of victory. He urged that every county chairman should divide all the Democrats into blocks—"blocks of five" would do—and have a trustworthy man to bring each block to the polls. By this means the Democrats could sweep the state with out a single Republican vote. Mr. Garman said he had impressed upon the mind of every chairman the necessity of having every Democratic voter called upon personally by a responsible worker.

Governor Pattison, ex-Attorney General Hensel and other eminent speakers will be heard from frequently on the stump from now on. Over 200 speakers will be at work within a week in all the counties. The candidates will speak every day and evening. There is Democratic victory in the air.

LOOK TO THE PARDON BOARD

The Duty of Honest Citizens in the Present Crisis Clearly and Vigorously Pointed Out—"Let No Guilty Man Escape."

There are many things the people of Pennsylvania should bear in mind at this time. At the Jenks and reform mass meeting at Jenkintown on Tuesday last Edwin K. Hart, the well known independent Republican editor of Philadelphia, spoke as follows:

"There is one point rising in the minds of the people of Pennsylvania at this time of great importance, and under the circumstances full of suggestiveness. There is no page in the history of the state more disgraceful than that which records the action of the pardon board in defeating the ends of justice in connection with the riot bill conspirators of 29 years ago. The average citizen has no conception of what was going on at that time, out of sight of the public, but the terrific pressure brought to bear in behalf of justly convicted men was only indicative of the tremendous power exercised by the political machine, and which at that time did not begin to compare in strength and general viciousness with what it is today. Influential men in every department of political, business and social life were dragged into indorsing the unrighteous demand for the instant release of the notorious William H. Kemble and his co-partners in shameless guilt. Shall history repeat itself? It surely will, in case the men charged with criminal wrongdoing in relation to the state treasury should be convicted,

as there is every reason to believe they will be, and should the Quay machine continue in power at the state capital. The pardon board is composed of the attorney general and secretary of the commonwealth, appointed by the governor; the lieutenant governor and the secretary of internal affairs, who will be elected this fall. Does any sane man believe that the nominees on the Republican ticket for the last two places named, Gobin and Latta, the obedient servants of Quay in all things, and the other two members of the pardon board who would be appointed by the Quay governor to act with them, would release the demand for immediate release, if the People's bank defendants should be behind prison walls? And not only in such a case, but in all others of like character, the pardon board, under machine control, would be subservient to the master and would do whatever was demanded of it sooner or later. Of this there can be no manner of doubt. The people of this great state are not vindictive; they believe in justice to all men, high and low, but they are profoundly convinced that the power of the political machine should not be permitted to interfere with the administration of justice. It is, therefore, to let the state government, when the day of reckoning comes, shall not be controlled by those whose interest it may be to mock the courts and to defy the popular will. The pardon board must not pass into the hands of men who may be tempted and commanded, as others before them in like position were, to violate their oaths of office and to say that those duly convicted of high crimes shall not be punished, because the power which they serve is stronger than that lodged within the organization of the state government itself. With George A. Jenks in the executive chair there would be no prostitution of the powers of the pardon board, or of any other department of the state government. No man has ever been before the people of Pennsylvania who was more thoroughly imbued in the fundamental principles of honest government. His administration would be wise, just, economical, safe and honorable throughout, and his associates on the state ticket are all abundantly worthy of the united support of the honest citizenship of the commonwealth. With such a man for governor, and faithful Sowden, heroic DeLacy, and two honest untrammelled and trustworthy associates in the pardon board, its motto would be the courageous injunction of the greatest soldier of the army, when, as president, referring to the betrayal of trust by Belknap and others, he patriotically and firmly declared: "Let no sully man escape!" No public malefactor, no matter how high his position, the measure of his influence or the strength of his political "pull," would be permitted to break the laws with impunity, defy the courts, and escape the just consequence of his wrongdoing."

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