



with influence emanating from Sena for Foster and connected with that mill company and who is a Republican, made herculean efforts to have the voters work against Mr. Frink, and succeeded right well.

Tacoma itself cut quite a figure in the defeat of Mr. Frink, and this was prompted on account of the commercial rivalry between Tacoma and Seattle. For many years there has been a long-standing commercial feud between these two cities, whose bitterness knew no bounds. Whenever one has a candidate for state honor the other takes great pleasure in doing all within its power to defeat the said candidate. It will be remembered that in 1892 Tacoma cast a very heavy vote against Hon. John H. McGraw, though it gave a heavy majority for the balance of the Republican ticket, both state and national. On the other hand, King county gave McGraw 4,000 majority vote, which was sufficient to overcome the adverse vote given him by Tacoma, and he was elected by a handsome plurality. Since that time Tacoma has never had a candidate for public office but that Seattle, remembering the McGraw vote, has taken special pains from time to time to knife their candidate, though not so extensively as did Tacoma knife McGraw in 1892.

Mr. Cushman lost King county in 1898, by a small vote, though it was carried by Jones; but in 1898 Cushman was running against one of the most popular Democrats then in the state, and it was thought, even by Republicans, that the immortal James Hamilton Lewis, who had smelt bacon by permit, was invulnerable and could not be defeated for re-election, he having carried the state in 1896 by at least 15,000 majority. Again, in 1900 Cushman was nominated and a mighty effort was made by the business men of Seattle to defeat him in favor of a King county man, J. T. Ronald, who they declared, if elected, would serve Seattle's purposes in congress to a better effect than would Cushman, though Ronald was a dangerous Democrat. King county at the last election gave J. T. Ronald, the Democratic candidate, a majority of 350 votes over Cushman, while Pierce county gave Rogers a majority of about the same number of votes over Mr. Frink. It would thus seem that the commercial rivalry in the two cities is very determined and will at some future day completely disrupt the Republican party.

Another salient factor which led up to the defeat of Mr. Frink was the opposition of the liquor men of the state to his election. They believed that he was one of the goody-goody kind, and if elected governor of the state would do all in the power of a governor to enforce laws against the whisky dealers that would prove detrimental, even ruinous to their business. Gov. Rogers had been at the helm for the past four years and had taken no decisive steps against these dealers, and they therefore had nothing to fear from his re-election. While perhaps the whisky men is not such a powerful factor in politics as they and their friends would have the leading politicians of this state believe, nevertheless in a close contest, as was the case in the late gubernatorial fight, they controlled quite enough votes to swing the result from any certain candidate to the one they favored. Gov. Rogers received only about a 2,000 plurality over Frink. Now, there are more than that number of whisky men and saloon keepers in the state of Washington, and if half of these were Republicans and changed their votes from Frink to Rogers, it meant the defeat of Frink and the election of Rogers. There is no doubt but that this was done, and very effectively done.

Strange to say, there were instances in this state where temperance people unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Rogers and denounced Mr. Frink as being an unfit man for governor. Just how both the temperance people and the whisky people could concentrate on Rogers as being their especial champion is more than the average voter and Republican can explain; but the Pie-maker is quite certain that the temperance as well as the whisky people did both support Rogers and declare him to be their friend and ally. Not only the temperance people and whisky people united in the support of Rogers, but it is likewise said that a majority of the church folk of this state favored the election of Rogers and thereby worked to

Next, the Northern Pacific Railway company, from the eastern line of Washington to the west, and wherever it had a particle of influence with the voters, threw its entire strength to Gov. Rogers in opposition to Mr. Frink. It is said in Spokane county alone, the Northern Pacific was instrumental in handling at least 500 votes, and, if that be true, here were half enough votes to have changed the results in favor of Mr. Frink. Then in Tacoma, it is said the Northern Pacific was instrumental in having at least 1,000 Republican votes go to Gov. Rogers, which same vote went to President McKinley and ordinarily would have gone for Frink, which, if true, then the Northern Pacific changed enough Republican votes from Senator Frink to Gov. Rogers to defeat the former and elect the latter.

Then it is said that Senator Addison G. Foster, who is senator only in name, the real senator being Ben Grosscup, used his influence toward the defeat of Senator Frink. The hundreds of employes in the St. Paul Lumber Company, which is Senator Foster's plant, were instructed, according to reports, to vote for McKinley, Roosevelt and the state Republican ticket, with the exception of Frink for governor, and those precincts of Tacoma and Pierce county where the voters who worked at this lumber mill cast their votes all went heavily for Rogers, yet at the same time gave a heavy vote to McKinley and the state Republican ticket. The Pie-maker is not prepared to say that Senator Foster did use his personal influence against Mr. Frink, but he verily believes that somebody

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It will thus be seen that any one of the factors herein mentioned, which fought Mr. Frink, with the others working in harmony, held his election or defeat in its hands, and with all of them working as a unit for his defeat it is most remarkable that he was not defeated by 20,000 majority instead of 2,000 plurality. Out West voters do not seem to lay much store on men's past upright-ness when they seek public office, for they will defeat a good man as readily as they will a bad one. For the "union labor" vote of this state went against Mr. Frink regardless of the fact that he has been an ardent champion of their cause for many years. The temperance people voted against him, though a complete teetotaler. The church people opposed him, though a regular Sunday Christian worshiper, while Gov. Rogers has always fought union labor, is friendly to rum-sellers and is a pronounced atheist.

The legislature of Washington, being overwhelmingly Republican, a rivalry for the speakership of the lower house has sprung up, and a spirited contest between Republican representatives-elect for the honor has already put in its appearance. King county has two candidates for the place in the person of R. B. Albertson, of the Forty-second district, and W. H. Lewis, of the Forty-first district.

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