

CONGRESSMAN LINTON

The Outspoken Opponent of Sectarian Appropriations by Congress

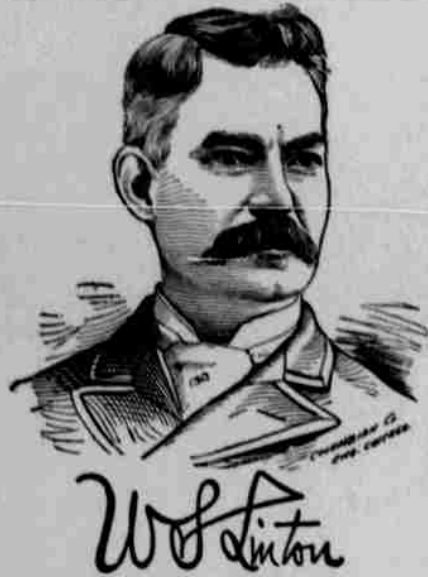
Re-Elected by an Increased Plurality of More Than 6,000 Votes More Than he Received Two Years Before—His Life.

Among the many young men of Michigan, who during the past decade have pushed to the front, in the great progressive march, none deserve greater commendation for well earned popularity, than William S. Linton, who was born in St. Clair, Mich., February 4, 1856, and is consequently a natural product of the "Wolverine state."

In the boyhood days of William S. Linton his parents removed to the Saginaw valley and settled on the west side of the river, afterwards building a residence on the east side.

Here the boyhood of William S. Linton was passed. His educational advantages were confined to the city schools, which, however, were from the very inception of Saginaw, of a superior character, a fact speaking loudly in favor of the liberal ideas of the pioneers of this city.

While still in his teens, Mr. Linton began life as a clerk in a general store, where he was early imbued with ideas and experience which served to make him a successful business man. His



father was at this time engaged in the lumber business in the village of Farwell, Mich., and having there a saw mill, young Linton was placed in charge of the same and proved a successful manager in the management of the business. Fire destroyed the plant and Mr. Linton then became for a time a member of a firm dealing in lumber at Jonesville, Mich., and afterwards engaged as bookkeeper with leading lumbermen in Saginaw, following which he was occupied in scaling logs during the winters in the lumber woods, and in summer inspected lumber at the saw mills along the Saginaw river. When 21 years of age his energy served to arrest the attention of a prominent lumberman at that time extensively operating in Roscommon, Gladwin and Bay counties and shipping lumber from Wells, Bay county, now Alger, Arenas county. In charge of this department of business he was placed. Here, while at Alger, he had his first taste of political preference, having been twice elected supervisor of the township, before reaching his twenty-third year. As a businessman he also continued to grow in favor, till he was finally promoted to the general superintendency of the extensive plant at Alger, at that time representing an immense investment.

In 1878 he resigned this place and returned to Saginaw where he entered into partnership with his father and brother in lumber manufacturing, under the firm name of Aaron Linton & Sons. In 1883 W. S. Linton was elected alderman of his ward and was the youngest member of the common council, and while being a man of few words he could always arrest and chain attention by a terse, sensible method of presenting his points.

In 1886 he was chosen representative to the state legislature, being the only Republican elected on the Saginaw ticket in the legislature. His record is a highly honorable one. Among the bills which he introduced and with which his name is strongly identified, may be mentioned the bill for the incorporation and regulation of building and loan associations, and under which wise and provident act nearly every town and city in the state has today one or more of these associations. In his own city Mr. Linton was for three

years president of the People's Building and Loan association, the largest and strongest financially of any in the state, and during 1889 was president of the State League of Building and Loan associations. In 1887 while in the full tide of prosperity fire destroyed his mill, which within an hour lay a heap of smoking ruins. Refusing all assistance [liberally tendered] of a pecuniary character, they at once began to rebuild and were again soon in running order, and in better form than before. The business was finally merged into the present extensive concern.

Mr. Linton's political party fully recognized his ability, and the Republican convention of 1890 gave him the nomination for lieutenant governor. The Democratic success of that fall election, of course involved the defeat of the Republican state candidates, but Mr. Linton had the honor of running many thousand votes ahead of his ticket. He is extensively interested and holds membership in the A. F. & A. M., Knights of Pythias, K. O. T. M., I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W. In some of these he has held important positions and was for two terms unanimously elected great commander of the Knights of the Maccabees, the largest fraternal order in Michigan, during which time the order attained its largest growth and great prosperity. In the charter election of 1892, he had for an opponent, for the mayoralty of the city, a most popular gentleman, who had been previously twice elected mayor by large majorities. When the ballots were counted, at the close of one of the most exciting elections ever held in Saginaw, it was found that Mr. Linton had a majority of 1657. This, in a city like Saginaw, where the party opposed to Mr. Linton politically for many years has rolled up great majorities is a testimonial of the esteem in which he, as a man and citizen, is held, apart from all political biasing or proclivities.

Mayor Linton was also for a time president of the Saginaw board of water commissioners. Mr. Linton was elected to the 53rd congress by a plurality of 1525 votes over his opponent, who was a candidate of the Democratic party and at the same time endorsed by a branch of the Populist party. Mr. Linton in congress has worked earnestly for his constituents. As a chairman of the committee on fraternal press he secured the passage of a measure in connection with the post office appropriation bill granting the privilege of second class matter to fraternal and labor journals. He has letters from Samuel Gompers, a well-known labor leader; M. W. Sackett, supreme recorder of the A. O. U. W., and many other well-known men connected with the great fraternities of the country thanking him for his work in this direction. He also secured the passage of a bill [which allied in the preceding congress] returning to the city of Saginaw valuable land which had been given by the city to the government.

Upon his request the committee on rivers and harbors caused to be placed in the River and Harbor appropriation bill not only a sum for the improvement of the Saginaw river but also directed a preliminary survey to be made of the Shiawassee, Flint, Bad and Tittabawassee rivers to ascertain the extent to which they could be made navigable. The improvement of these streams will add largely to the facilities for commerce and trade and would not only assist in reclaiming a vast amount of territory but will cause to be opened up the immense coal fields in the southern part of Saginaw county and at the same time assist in the transportation of farm products from territory in the vicinity of the rivers named. Mr. Linton believed that certain appropriations carried in the Indian appropriation bill were not endorsed by the people of this country, and made a speech in opposition which created the greatest interest and it has circulated to a greater extent throughout the United States than any other speech delivered during this session of congress. Following its delivery came such emphatic opposition from all over the land against the class of appropriations referred to that the Indian bureau has decided to abandon the policy which they have followed for so many years, and hereafter the Indians are to be taught in government schools founded upon the plan of our public school system.

The requests of veterans for attention to pensions and the many calls of constituents for assistance in matters connected with public affairs have all been promptly attended to by Mr. Linton in a way that has undoubtedly been perfectly satisfactory. Thus it will be seen for a record during his first term second to none. He was nominated for congress by the last Republican convention by acclamation and was returned by a largely increased majority.

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On the other hand, Protestantism has been established for the past three hundred and fifty years, and what a glorious example it has taught to mankind. If the Protestant religion has not been the means of elevating mankind, why is it our most prosperous countries are Protestant, and how is it it can command in so short a time a following of 110,000,000 while the Romanists at the end of eighteen hundred years have only 191,000,000 followers. We have of late heard considerable from Romish sources about the failure of Protestantism. But if statistics count for anything we know that Protestantism is not the failure Romanism would have us believe it is.

Let us see what Romish teachings have done for the world. Throughout certain parts of Europe and America the Romish church cannot say that it has been beneficial to the masses, for reports at hand show that in the strongest Romish countries its teachings have produced atheism, anarchy, tyranny, ignorance, rebellion and immorality.

Can Romanism point to France, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Central and South America with pride, and say, see the beneficial effect of our teachings; our members are intelligent and law abiding citizens. No! She cannot say so truthfully. But Protestantism can point with pride to its strongest countries.—Denver American.

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Legal Notice.

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