HARRISBURG LETTER.

Quayites and Anti-Quayites Still Claiming the Victory.

SECRETARY MARTIN'S SUCCESSOR

W. W. Greist, the Lancauter County Leader, Looked Upon . Governor Stone's Choice For the Chief Officer of His Cabinet-The Inauguration.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Jan. 10 .- Both branches of the general assembly will reconvene on Thursday to compute the vote for governor, lieutenant governor, secreary of internal affairs, congressmenat-large and judges of the supreme court, Wiliam M. Meredith, of Armstrong, has been appointed teller on the part of the senate and James Clarency, of Philadelphia, on the part of the house of representatives. The official returns will be delivered by the secretary of the commonwealth and will be opened and computed in the presence of both houses.

The proceedings are purely perfunctory and cannot affect the result of the election for these offices as already published by the secretary of the commonwealth. When the legislature is not in session the returns are computed by a joint commission of the senate and house appointed by the preceeding legislature.

The governor and lieutenant governor will take their seats a week from today and the secretary of internal affairs the first Monday of next June. The superior court judges are now serving on the bench by appointment and the two congressmen-atlarge will take the oath in March.

The officers and employes selected by the senate and house Republican slate committee will be announced and ordered to report for duty when these bodies reconvene. The Republicans control both branches and the Democrats do not expect to share in the distribution of the appointments. Under the law the officers and employes of the last legislature hold over ten days in the present session. The most important positions in the senate have already been filled and the appointees have taken the oath of office. The only offices in the house which have been filled are speaker, chief clerk and resident clerk.

Democrats on the Committees. The standing committees of the house and senate will not be made public until after the change of the state administration. There are more Democrats in the senate and house than two years ago and naturally that party will have a larger representation on the committees. The presiding officers of both bodies are friendly to Senator Quay, although both insist that they will disregard factions in the distribution of the committee honors. The positions most coveted in the house are the chairmanships of the appropriations. general judiciary and ways and means committees. William T. Marshall, of Allegheny, will again preside over the house appropriation committee, a position he filled in the two preceding sessions. The chairmen of the other two committees of the last house were not committee to committee the last house were not co scramble for these honors. George M. Hosack, of Allegheny, will probably preside over the general judiciary committee and Ward R. Bliss, of Delaware, may be chairman of the ways and means committee.

The most important committees in the senate are appropriations and fi-nance. James G. Mitchell, of Jefferson, will be chairman of the first committee and C. L. Magee, of Pittsburg, of the other one.

The Democrats will show their hand in the fight for Senator Quay's seat in the United States senate on Thursday morning by holding a joint caucus of the senators and members of the house of representtives to nominate a candidate. Ex-Lieutenant Governor Chauncey F. Black, of York, and Colonel James M. Guffey, of Pittsburg, are the most prominent aspirants mentioned. Colonel Guffey says he will not accept the nomination unless it is tendered him without a contest. Mr. Black was the nominee two years ago against Senator Boles Penrose

George A. Jenks, the defeated Demo-cratic candidate for governor, is also urged as a candidate by a number of Democratic organization leaders. If Mr. Jenks shall not forbid the use of his name, it is said that many legislators will argue that his candidacy would unite and harmonize the elements now kept apart by the candidacy of Black and Guffey. The principal Democratic senators and representatives have expressed confidence that all the legislators of their party will stand together to bring the approval of the commonwealth upon the Democracy for doing everything possible to have the popular wish voiced in the election of an acceptable United States senator.

The Anti-Quay Republicans. A conference of the Republican senators and members who refused to take part in the recent senatorial caucus will be held Thursday morning at the Commonwealth hotel to hear the report of the steering committee and decide

upon a further line of action. The friends and opponents of Senator Quay are anxiously awaiting the decision of the supreme court justices on the appeal of the senator, his son, Richard R. Quay, and ex-State Treasurer Haywood, to have the indictments charging them with conspiracy and the unlawful use of the state's money, removed from the quarter sessions court of Philadelphia. The arguments were made on Saturday at Philadelphia by David T. Watson, of Pittsburg, and Rufus E. Shapely, of counsel for the defense, and by Former District Attorney George S. Graham, of Philadelphia, on the part of the commonwealth. Mr. Watson spoke for nearly two hours. Mr. Graham consumed about the same length of time, and Mr. Shapley talked

for half an hour. Decision was reserved. The Quay fight is likely to be noted for very hard work from this time until the senatorial election. The beligerents both sides, however, may be for a tew days less demonstrative than they

have been, and will quietly devote their energies, the anti-Quay leaders to holding the ground they have won, and the Quay managers to increasing, if possible, the senator's caucus vote to a

figure high enough to elect him. From the anti-Quay view, the supreme court proceedings have not ye materially changed the situation, and the sentiment against the senator's reelection promises to continue growing as it has increased since his failure to get a majority of the legislature in the caucus. The signatures of five legislators, making a total of 53, have been added to the 48 names affixed to the anti-caucus pledge before the caucus was held.

Caucus Men Against Quay.

This total lacks but five of equaling the entire 58 who stayed out of the caucus. It is argued that the Quayites have not pointed to a man of the 53 as showing the least sign of weakening, while at least two legislators mentioned by them as supporters of the senator-Representtive Snyder, of Luzerne, and Senator Chisholm, of Huntingdon-are out with denials of that claim. "We can assure the public," said an anti-Quay manager, "that instead of a white feather showing by any man on our roll of honor, the entire number stand firm, and in addition to this we claim that at least seven of those who were in the caucus will refuse to support Quay."

At least one of the seven so claimed is a Philadelphian, but no name is authoritatively disclosed. "These seven and probably others agreeing with them will be uncovered before the senatorial balloting shall begin," continued the anti-Quay manager. "It is likely that their names will be made public next Thursday at the adjourned meeting of the pledge signers, in the Com-monwealth hotel."

Senator Quay, who is in Philadelphia. continues as uncommunicative as the sphinx when the subject of his candidacy or the effect of the court proeedings is broached by a news gatherer. Occasionally he can be induced to reiterate the statement made by him just after the caucus, that he is perfectly confident of getting the number of votes necessary to elect him, but nothng more will be say. His lieutenants including State Chairman Elkin, Senator Penrose, and ex-Senator Durham keep on declaring that their chieftain's re-election is a certainty, because the votes of more than 19 of the caucus absentees are assured to him.

Quay's Friends Express Confidence. Messrs. Elkin and Durham, who were interviewed in Philadelphia, say that of course, no participant in a caucus composed of two-thirds of the Republican legislators would fail to abide by its unanimous decision, or even by the agreement of a majority of that caucus." On that score they profess to have no fear, and as to continuing the making of captures from the ranks of the caucus absentees, they appear ne less confident of doing that than are the anti-Quay managers of holding their own. The Quayites appear to put great trust in the binding force of a party man's belief in the necessity for his complying with the will of the majority in a caucus.

Philadelphia will remain the center of senatorial operations until tomorrow night or Thursday morning, when Hardsburg will again be the battle ground. Congressman M. E. Olmstead, of this city, has been appointed chief marshal of the parade at the inauguration of Governor-elect William A. Stone, Major Isaac B. Brown, deputy secretary of in-

ternal affairs, has been selected by Mr.

mittee extends a cordial invitation to all general officers of the National Guard of the state, with their staffs; such military commands as have been detailed for the ceremonies, to all organizations composed of veterans of the civil war or the recent Spanish war, to political and civic clubs and fire departments of the state to take part in the paradet Each organization intending to participate will report at once to the chief

marshal. Secretary Ettla, of the inauguration committee, said that Adjutant General Stewart had promised to parade six regiments of the National Guard, two from each division. The committee will supply the troops with coffee. Prominent officials from the president down will be invited, and many of Colonel Stone's late associates in congress will come on a special train from Washington. Republican clubs and Grand Army posts are among organizations invited. A public reception will be given by the Governor and Mrs. Stone, at the executive mansion, next Tuesday evening. The ruling out of free liquor and cigars is emphasized by the committee.

Greist For Secretary of State. General Frank Reeder fully undertands that he is not to be the secretary of the commonwealth of the incoming administration. General Reeder thinks that Secretary Martin will be succeeded by W. W. Greist, the Lancaster county leader. General Reeder's supporters concede Greist's superior claims o far as political strength is concerned, but point to the fact that the young leader is no lawyer, and assert that a thorough knowledge of the law is essential to a proper administration of the affairs of the state department. Greist's friends, on the other hand, say that David Martin, who is not a lawyer, has experienced no trouble in conlucting the affairs of the office.

General Reeder says that he has no office in view. The impression is that the general will eventually be called to a seat among the members of the superior court or be taken care of in some other substantial way. Reeder thinks that John P. Elkin will be the next attorney general and seems pleas ed at the prospect. He and Elkin retired from Governor Hastings' cabinet at the same time and the original pro gram of Senator Quay's friends had them announced for a return engagement under Governor Stone. General Reeder does not think the supreme court will immediately dispose of the Quay matter and appears inclined to the belief that the guilt, or innocence of the defendants will not be finally established before the date of the election

of a United States senator. Former State Treasurer Haywood, who has been indicted with the senior senator, is in no condition to stand a trial. The fact is his health is impaired to such an extent as to alarm his friends, who have visited him daily since his sickness assumed a serious

WILKINS.

THE EMBALMED BEEF.

General Miles' conduct toward the Whitewash Commissioners has been most reprehensible. They had been skimming over the surface of things with the greatest success, so skillfu'ly avoiding any deep penetration be-neath the surface that they seemed quite safe from discovering anything that would interfere with the purpose of their appointment. In fact, the whitewash was all ready for application, when Miles quietly came along and-upset the pail.

The worst of it was that General Miles had intimated such little respect for the Whitewash Commissioners and their authority that they had no reason to suppose that he would appear before them, and they therefore seemed quite safe in inviting him. For Miles to take advantage of this invitation to come and tell them of various things that were as bad as bad could be and that they might have learned about easily if they had inquired in the right place, was to abuse the confidence of the confiding statesmen. Not only are they unable to proceed with their whitewashing, but they will have to go to work and prepare a new pail, of the most expensive kind of wash, for the special decoration of the Commissary Depart-

This embalmed beef business is a typical piece of Algerism. It is evident that the officers of the army did not want it; they unanimonsly condemn it as unfit for food, and it appears to have been necessary to throw great quantities of it away. The commanding general had expressly asked that this terrible stuff should not" be supplied, but the contracts were made and the opinion of military or medical men was of no account. The cumulative evidence seems to leave no room to doubt the enormity of this particular scandal, and yet the Commissioners never would have learned a word of it if General Miles had not simply turned over to them the abundant testimony he had quietly collected .- Times.

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