

HARRISBURG LETTER.

William A. Stone Inaugurated as Governor of Pennsylvania.

DEADLOCK ON THE SENATORSHIP.

Democrats Insist That They Will Stick to Their Party Nominee, George A. Jenks, and That the Republican Faction Will Get No Help From Them.

Harrisburg, Jan. 17.—The inauguration of William A. Stone as governor of Pennsylvania, which took place today, brought thousands of visitors to the state capital, including many Republican clubs from Philadelphia and other points of the state to participate in the inaugural parade. The military display was unusually large and attractive, there being nearly 5,000 men in line. General Snowden was in command, and Colonels Schall, Magee and Miller were at the head of their respective brigades. The regiments participating were commands mustered in since the breaking out of the war with Spain, including the Seventh regiment, Colonel Miner, of Wilkesbarre; the Eleventh, Colonel Watres, of Scranton; the Seventeenth, Colonel Logan, of Pittsburgh; the Nineteenth and Twentieth, Colonels Bosbyshell and Leland, respectively, of Philadelphia, and the Twenty-first, Colonel Lelah, of Oil City, and the Second Governor's troop, Captain Meek, of Harrisburg. There were in line the McKinley Veterans club and members of the One Hundred and Eighty-seventh Pennsylvania volunteers, the regiment with which Colonel Stone was identified during the civil war, Congressman M. E. Olmstead was chief marshal of the parade.

Senator Martin Walked in the Parade. Senator Martin spoiled a precedent of long standing. It has always been customary for the retiring secretary of the commonwealth to ride in the carriage with the incoming and outgoing governors. The presence of the Martin club gave the senator a chance to escape the ride with Mr. Stone. He marched at the head of his organization. Colonel Stone and Governor Hastings led the van. The procession was lined up while the inaugural ceremonies were under way. At the executive mansion the governors reviewed the pageant.

One of the notable characters in the inauguration proceedings was the Chinese minister. He arrived yesterday with a carload of congressmen from Washington.

A platform had been built in front of the capitol, where the oath of office was administered and the inaugural address delivered. Governor-elect Stone and family were entertained at luncheon at the executive mansion yesterday afternoon by Governor and Mrs. Hastings. The battle for the United States senatorship is on, with prospects for a deadlock that is likely to last until after Senator Quay has been tried in Philadelphia on the charge of alleged misuse of state funds. The two houses will vote separately this afternoon, and the count of the ballots will show that, while Senator Quay has a plurality of the votes, he has not a sufficient number to insure his election. Nobody guesses how long the deadlock may continue after tomorrow's joint ballot.

The 47 Democrats in the legislature start as a unit for George A. Jenks, the late candidate for governor, who was unanimously nominated at the Democratic caucus last week. They insist that they will stick to their candidate to the end, and that the fighting Republican factions will receive no encouragement from their ranks. They even assert that it would be the part of wisdom for Republicans to end the deadlock by aiding in the election of the Democratic candidate, who has a spotless reputation.

Arrival of the Fighting Factions. The advance guard of the forces that are arrayed against Senator Quay, in the persons of E. A. Van Valkenburg and ex-Judge Goshen, arrived Saturday night, so as to be on the ground well in advance of the arrival of the members of the legislature. Yesterday ex-Postmaster General Wanamaker, accompanied by Theodore Justice, Rudolph Blankenburg and other representatives of the Business Men's League, arrived, and Secretary of the Commonwealth David Martin, accompanied by the David Martin club, arrived yesterday morning to participate in the big parade.

The leaders of the opposition to Quay express entire confidence in their list of senators and representatives, who have declared that they will not vote for Senator Quay unless he secures an acquittal on the charge against him in the courts of Philadelphia county, will number between 50 and 60, all of whom have signed a pledge to stand firm in their attitude against the senior senator.

Late Sunday night Senator Quay arrived from Washington, accompanied by Senator Penrose and Governor-elect Stone. They were met upon their arrival by Chairman Elkin, of the Republican state committee, ex-Senators Durham and Andrews, T. Larry Eyre, of Chester, and other Quay lieutenants.

A report has gained currency in political circles to the effect that Senator Quay has made preparations to leave Harrisburg on Thursday next for Washington, and that he would on the same night take his departure from the national capital for his ranch in Florida, where he intends to take a couple of weeks' rest and recuperation previous to his trial. None of the leaders of the Quay element would, when questioned, either affirm or deny the story of the projected Florida trip, but among the workers who are favorable to the cause of the Beaver statesman the rumor of the southern journey was cited as evidence of the fact that the senator and those who are handling his fight expect him to be elected.

The opponents of Senator Quay, on the other hand, advanced the argument that if the Beaver man proposes to go to Florida at this stage of the game, it shows that he is beaten and that he is thoroughly aware of it. They contend that it is simply impossible for Quay to be successful, either tomorrow or at any other time after the balloting begins, and that when the first joint

convention of the two houses adjourns Senator Quay will realize the hopelessness of his fight and he may as well go to Florida, or anywhere else, as remain in Harrisburg to witness his own defeat.

Both Sides Profess Confidence. The anti-Quay people are positive in their assertions that after the first joint ballot a considerable number of the members who attended the caucus in Harrisburg on Jan. 3 will drop away from Senator Quay, if indeed he does not lose some of them on the first ballot. That he will have more on the first joint ballot than on any succeeding ballot, they declare as an absolute certainty, and also that his election is an impossibility unless he can obtain enough Democratic votes to accomplish it, or his friends can persuade enough of the minority party legislators to absent themselves from their seats. They scout the idea of the Quayites making any inroads upon the contingent that refrained from taking part in the caucus, and signed the anti-Quay pledge.

Chairman Elkin this morning reiterated his oft-repeated prediction that Senator Quay would emerge from the contest a winner. "In addition to Senator Chisholm and Representatives Clark and Baldwin," he said, "we have received positive assurance that five members from western counties who did not attend the caucus will vote for the senator. There is also an intimation that Representative Garvin, of Delaware, will be found on our side when the balloting begins, and we have good reason to believe that we will succeed in capturing other members now claimed by the opposition."

Mr. Elkin took occasion to remark that there was nothing in the story that Representatives Krepps and Britton, of Franklin county, would desert Quay to vote for Judge John Stewart, and expressed the opinion that Judge Stewart's name was used in connection with the senatorial candidacy without his consent. He also said that in his judgment no Democrats will be needed to assure Quay's success, but that enough Republicans will be won from the other side to land him a winner. Mr. Elkin did not care to discuss the question as to which ballot would bring victory for his candidate.

Attorney General McCormick's Report. Attorney General McCormick, who retired from office today, presented his biennial report for the year 1927-28. During the past two years 1,231 suits were brought by Mr. McCormick for the collection of delinquent taxes. There were also taken in the Dauphin county court 352 appeals from settlements made by the accounting officers of the state.

Collections were made during the period covered by the report by adverse proceedings amounting to \$520,599.93. In addition to this commissions to the amount of \$22,412.84 were paid by the defendants and through the attorney general's department into the state treasury. Mr. McCormick thinks it is not unsatisfactory to predict that it will not be necessary for the legislature to seek any new subjects of taxation in order to meet the appropriations that will properly be made by that body.

Mr. McCormick calls attention to the condition of affairs in the auditor general's department without any reference to particular occupants of that office. It has come to the attorney general's notice in repeated instances that in almost innumerable cases settlements have been made against corporations owing taxes, and in other cases also, where settlements have been made, no efforts have been made to collect the taxes.

McCormick Suggests Reforms. He recommends the enactment of a law creating the office of additional deputy attorney general, additional law clerk and messenger. During his administration the system of taxing the capital stock of corporations was revolutionized, the effect of which will be to increase enormously the basis upon which corporations have heretofore been taxed, and may in time require the reduction in the millage now imposed upon capital stock.

Mr. McCormick says he has come to know officially that in many cases settlements have not been made for ten years or more, and in numerous instances where settlements have been made they have not been paid or certified to the attorney general for collection for as great a period of time, greatly to the injury of the commonwealth. He agrees that the vice of the system of making settlements against corporations for tax is that this vast power, without check or hindrance, is vested in one man, and that the power of one man, whoever he may be, to discriminate in favor of corporations against certain corporations should be permitted to continue no longer.

Mr. McCormick says further that he makes no reflection upon any officer or employee of the auditor general's department, but that in his judgment the system opens wide a door for fraud and for inequality of taxation. He suggested that some tribunal of revision be created by which it could be determined in a judicial or semi-judicial way the amount of taxes that corporations should pay. He regards it unsafe and dangerous to give to one man the power to say upon what valuation a corporation should pay its taxes, and recommends that this evil be corrected by legislation.

McCarrell's Jury Bill. The bill introduced by Senator McCarrell to limit the power of the district attorney to stand aside jurors in misdemeanor cases is attracting considerable attention from members of the bar, and there is a widespread suspicion that the measure has more than a remote connection with the case against Senator Quay. Senator McCarrell, however, states emphatically that there is no ulterior or political purpose in the introduction of the bill at this time. He said he would have introduced the bill without reference to any existing cases.

Senator McCarrell said that the objection to the present law is that the court, in exercising the right to stand aside jurors, can exhaust the whole panel before making a single challenge, while the defendant is limited to simply four challenges. "One purpose of the bill," said he, "is to remedy this inequality and place the defendant and court on exactly the same footing. I think the court ought not to have the right to stand aside jurors, excepting in capital cases." WILKINS.

LATEST ABOUT W. W. ASTOR.

Rumors That He Is to Be Knighted by Queen Victoria.

About millionaires there are always rumors of one kind and another, and there have been many of all varieties concerning Mr. Astor. He now moves in the best English society, and all the gossips of America declare that he is to be the first Anglo-American who will be honored with a title. It is suggested that Her Majesty will bestow upon him a knighthood "in recognition of his social, literary, and artistic services."

Although Mr. Astor has renounced his own country, he evidently thinks we do some things better here than in England. Many of his goods come across the Atlantic.

Catalogues are sent over to him, and he orders what he wants from them.

On one occasion it was a new carriage that he wanted, and he is said to have waited for it until an American firm had sent him its new catalogue.

"Surely English carriages are just as good as those?" remarked a friend.

"Yes," Mr. Astor replied, "they are in one way. They wear as well, but they wear you out at the same time. I want springs, and cushions, and rubber tires, and all up-to-date appliances. The old way is hardly good enough for me."

Mr. Astor became a sorrowful widower three years ago. Mrs. Waldorf Astor was a lady of good family, a Miss Paul, and her husband was passionately devoted to her. He wanted her to be the ruler of American society, for which distinction she was eminently fitted; but her own inclinations stopped short of this, and he was disappointed. A story is told that one day Mr. Astor happened to pass a post-office and heard the name of Mrs. Astor mentioned. He promptly stopped his carriage, alighted, went into the postoffice, and inquired if there were any letters for his wife there. The official in charge replied that several had arrived there for



WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR.

"Mrs. Astor," but that he had been directed by Mrs. William Astor—a lady belonging to another branch of the family—to preserve all such letters for her, she being the principal Mrs. Astor.

"Not at all," replied the millionaire, with some warmth. "Mrs. William Waldorf Astor is Mrs. Astor." Just at this moment who should come up but the Mrs. William Astor referred to. "I am the head of the house of Astor," she said to the official, "and all letters addressed to Mrs. Astor come to me." Mr. Astor was very much incensed at this, and for a few days was disposed to fight the matter. His wife, however, had no desire to contest such an extremely personal question with the other lady, and so the matter was allowed to drop. This, of course, was in America; but it was only a little while before the family came to England.

A lady so circumstanced might do almost anything; but Mrs. Astor is declared to have loved her home better than she loved society. When she died, Mr. Astor stopped a magazine she was very fond of. On the front page was a picture of a lady lowering a curtain, and the meaning words "Good-bye" were printed underneath. She was buried in New York, and when Mr. Astor left there he gave a standing order to a New York florist for a blanket of flowers to be spread over her grave every day, winter and summer, and each day fresh lilies of the valley are laid upon it.

Such are his riches that his annual income reaches the colossal figure of \$1,500,000, and the business property he owns in New York city alone is sufficient to afford office room for 52,000 people. Owning so much, there is a danger of confusion and error, and it is told of him that he has often visited buildings in some portions of New York, and, upon inquiry, first learned that they were his own. There is a vast amount of property which belongs to him which he has never seen, and it is only through the agents who collect his rents that he knows of it.

An Average Stride.

A man who has a penchant for such things says the average stride of an American soldier is 31 1/2 inches, and the distance an average traveller can cover at this rate at 7,158 yards an hour, or 119 yards a minute. The number of strides would be 7,500 an hour, or 125 a minute. The length of the stride in the various European armies is as follows: In the German army it is 31 1/2 inches, with a cadence of 112 steps per minute; in the Austrian army 29 1/2 inches, with a cadence of from 115 to 130 per minute; in the Italian army, 29 1/2 inches with a cadence of 120 per minute; in the French army 29 1/2 inches, with a cadence of 115 per minute; in the British army 30 inches, with a cadence of 116 per minute.

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The point was not that the editor in question wanted anything in the list enumerated, except the last, but that if he got what was his due he could buy all of the lot that he needed, and perhaps have money to lend. In preference to getting nothing he was willing to accept bird, animal or farm product.

Health and happiness to the country editor! As the Inquirer has many times said, he does ten times more for his community than he is ever paid for, and few appreciate his efforts until he is dead or taken his flight to some larger community. But the work goes on, as Stevenson said: "The work is here, the wages."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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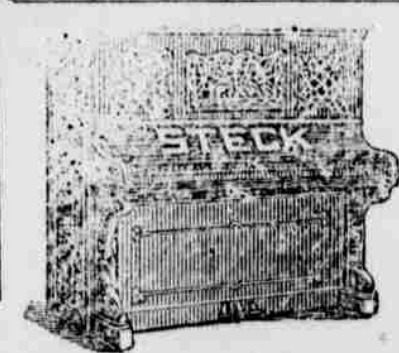
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