DEMOCRATS CONTROL

The Situation at Harrisburg in the Senatorial Fight Against Senator Quay.

NOT A BREAK IN THE JENKS LINE

Colonel Guffey's Splendid Work and the Enthusiasm of Mr. Jenks-Gobin Tries to Control the Joint Convention and Falls-A Red Hot Time in Which the Majority Rules.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Jan. 23.—The situation in Harrisburg the past week has not changed. Quay is still outside the breastworks, and the Democrats hold the key to the situation. With the cooperation of the anti-Quay Republi-cans they have successfully defeated several attempts of the Quay Republicans to infringe on their rights. This was particularly the case on last Wednesday, when the new lieutenant governor, J. P. Gobin, attempted in the most high handed way to rule the joint convention in behalf of Quay.

At the Democratic caucus, held that morning, it was decided to present a series of rules for governing the joint convention. The anti-Quay Republican leaders had been invited to discuss these rules, and had agreed to them, and guaranteed to stand by the Democrats in securing their adoption. There was nothing particular in the rules, except one which provided that there be only one joint ballot for United States senator per day. This was distasteful to the Quay leaders, and they laid their plans to defeat the adoption of the rules, and Lieutenant Governor Gobin was selected as the club.

DIXON'S JOINT RULES.

Accordingly when Representative Dixon, of Elk, the Democratic leader offered these joint rules Gobin refused to listen to them. He ruled then them out of order. Then Mr. Dixon appeal-ed from his decision, seconded by Senator Flinn, the anti-Quay leader. But again Gobin refused to listen to the appeal. Finally when a hurrled attempt was made by the Quay men to adjourn Gobin summarily dismissed the convention, refusing to call the year and nays, as demanded by half the Democrats on the floor and the anti-Quay Republicans. In an instant the house was in an uproar. A protest meeting was held, with Bliss, anti-Quay Republican of Delaware, as chairman, and Dixon, Democrat of Elk, as secretary,

A series of vigorous resolutions, denouncing Gobin and his action, were framed. That day it was also decided that if in the future Gobin attempted anything more of the kind he would be dismissed from the chair. All Wednesday afternoon Hon. George A. Jenks, Hon. John H. Fow and ex-Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, three of the ablest Democratic lawyers in this state, with ex-Attorney Ganeral H. C. McCormick. Republican, were in a Harrisburg law office examining the law as to Gobin's right to preside over the joint convention as lieutenant governor. It was found that he had no right, nothing but courtesy and precedent permitting him to so act. The protest was signed by 139 senators and members, the majority of the legislature, all of them Democrats and anti-Quay Republicans, with perhaps half dozen Quay men who became disgusted with the action of their party.

DEMOCRATS STAND FAST.

The Democrats are in excellent shape. During the past week Colonel J. M. Guffey, the brilliant and active Demoleader, left his great business in Pittsburg and came on to Harrisburg to look after the fight in person. Hon, George A. Jenks, candidate for United States senator, spent part of the week here. From Philadelphia came ex-Judge James G. Gordon, whose sterling Democracy has carned him the eternal enmity of the Quay ma-D. A. Orr, editor of the Harrisburg Patriot, ex-Postmaster John B. Larkin, of Pittsburg, ex-County Chairman W. J. Brennan, of Allegheny, ex-Congressman Howard Mutchler, P. Gray Meek, Colonel "Jack" Spangler and other leading Democrats of the state have been in constant attendance. watching the progress of events. Despite the fact that these men were here directing the fight in person the Quay men did not hesitate to attempt all sorts of lying schemes to create friction between anti-Quay Republicans and the solid Democratic phalanx.

Their most popular mehod was to start the story that certain members in certain Democratic delegations were wavering, and that on such a day these men would break away from the Democratic line. The story would then be ciruculated as coming from the Wanamaker headquarters, Every falsehood of this kind was alleged to come from the anti-Quay Republican rooms in the Commonwealth hotel, but their frequency and persistency soon re vealed their real character. Senator Flinn and General Koontz repeatedly and vigorously denied that any such statements had come from them, but on the contrary they had discovered that these reports were circulated by

Quay's lieutenants. The object undoubtedly was create friction between the Republicans who are fighting Quay and the Democrats who are also fighting him. There was another reason perhaps important than this, and that is that the Quay men are compelled to make some such assertions to keep their lines straight. It is well known that there are at least ten men voting for Quay who are ready to break away from him whenever an opportunity fresents.

ELKIN IS CONFIRMED.

John P. Elkin was confirmed in the senate last week as the attorney general of Governor Stone's cabinet. confirmation was made possible by the help of four Democratic senators, viz: Boyd of Fayette, Haines of York, Neely of Clarion and Stiles of Lehigh. Even then Elkin, one of the indemnity bond signers, and a man who has been denounced for that action by Democrats and Republicans for two years.

had only one vote to spare in the senate. Not in a quarter of a century has any senator been subjected to such denunciation as these four Democrats. In Stiles' district they held a mass meeting in Allentown and denounced him for betraying his constituents and his party, In Boyd's district, in Fayette and Green counties, the utmost indignation prevails. Congressman-elect Hall came up from Washington and gave Neely, the senator from Clarion, a piece of his mind in a vigorous way. All of these men have been receiving letters from their constituents, hammering them unmercifully for their betrayal of the people in giving aid to the Quay machine and the Stone adminis-

Speaker Farr, of the house, is the latest gold brick salesman. There is no doubt that he has sold the anti-Quay Republicans a large and shining gold brick. Farr was Senator Martin's choice for speaker as against the Quay selection. Martin had the assurance that Farr would take care of the anti-Quay interests in at least a measurable fashion. This implied that the Democrats would be looked after to some considerable extent. (stead of that, Farr has made his appointments and has not only given the Democrats a very cold deal, but he has also thrown down the anti-Quay Republicans and the Martin men. The insurgent Re-publicans are incensed against Farr. He has filled up the unimportant committees with anti-Quay Republicans and given the best that the house afforded to the Quay people. As for the Democrats, they have gotten the worst of it all the way through, and although they have protested it does no good.

MEMBERS MUST BE PAIRED. Under the rules offered by Representative Dixon, of Elk, in the joint assembly, pairs are now being arranged for regularly. Hereafter no man need be recorded as absent and not voting on the senatorship without being paired. Every man who is absent without being paired places himself under suspicion, whether he be anti-Quay Republican or Democrat. The curious feature of a pair arranged by telegraph was that in the case of Brophy, Demo-crat, of Pittsburg, and Harrold, Republican, of Beaver. Constituents are watching the members of the legislature very closely, now, and the man who is absent must either be paired or else run the gauntlet of every adverse criticism and have the finger of sus-

picion pointed at him. The coming week promises to be uneventful. The voting will likely go on the same as usual. Quay has not gotten within 12 votes of a majority. He will not be able to do any better than this during the coming week. His vote on Wednesday was 13 short of a majority, on Thursday 14, on Friday 13 and on Saturday 12. The coming week will doubtless see no change, but there will be doubtless a repetition of lying re orts about the Democratic forces and their leaders.

CLEARING RAILWAY TRACK WEEDS. A Car Equipped With Apparatus Which

Fires Them With Blazing Kerosette. The law in most States requires that rallroad companies shall keep their right of way cleared of weeds and other growth which might prove harmful to agricultural interests by beconing prepagating beds for noxious plants, and it is a common sight along the railroads of this part of the country to see gangs of men at work during the growing season cutting down the grass and weeds beside the railroad tracks, raking these up and destroying them.

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No man deserves any credit for doing the proper thing under compulsion than Mr. McKinley's order for the court-martial of Commissary General Eagan, for his filthy abuse to Gen. Miles. Mr. McKinley was disposed to allow Secretary Alger to try to hush it up in his own way, which would not have hushed it up at all, until he began to hear from influential mer. of his party, in Congress and all over the country. Therefore he deserves no credit for doing, when he found it absolutely necessary, what should have been done the day that Egan's filth wes dumped upon the public. Although he has been turned down know him best do not believe that he will, unless forced by Mr. McKinley to do so. The court-martial is bound to find Eagan guilty, and the punishment is dismissal from the army. Whether Mr. McKinley will dare to modify that sentence is yet to be seen.

Senator Gorman has taken charge of the Democratic opposition to the ratification of the treaty, unless it is so amended as to make it impossible for this country to permanently govern the Philippines. At a meeting presided over by Mr. Gorman all the Democratic Senators, except six were present, and decided to work together.

Senator Bacon made a strong speech in favor of his resolution deto be against controling Filipines by they abandon in practice this principle, when they impose their dominion on an unwilling people, in the majestic march of free institutions, the hand upon the great dial of the clock of the world will have been set back an hundred years."

Senator Butler, of N. C., got the Schley-Sampson controversy before the Senate for a few minutes by offerng a resolution when the nomination of those two officers to be rear Admirals were reached, in executive session, calling upon the President for his reasons for making the promotions. It was a very diplomatic discussion, especial care being taken by the friends of each of the officers to avoid offending those of the other. Action on the resolution was deferred on account of the absence of Senator Hale, who is chairman of the Naval Committee. The object of the resolution is to show that Sampson and Schley were both promoted for what official reports, Schley did nothing to be promoted for.

Senator Sullivan's amendment to the Nicaragua Canal, limiting to \$5,-000,000 the amount to be paid to the Maritime Canal Company, as compensation for its concession or re-imbursement for its work, struck the Senate as being so sensible and timely it was adopted without a division, before the bill was passed.

It is not difficult to point out defects in the Naval Bill passed by the House this week. Some of them notably the premium that will be offered for retirement on three-quarters pay of officers, were pointed out by Representative Bailey, but the order to iam the bill through was obeyed, as usual, by the majority. The best feature about the bill is that which put an end to the clashing between the two classes of Naval officers-the line, and the engineer officers -by putting them all in one class. The bill increases the pay of Naval officers, ca the plea of equalizing them with army officers; it increases the Marine Corps by 1,300 men, adding \$1,500,000 to the annual cost of its maintainance it creates a Judge Advocate's Corps

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Czar Reed can plead precedent with the air of a man who really believes therein when it suits his purpose, just as he topples over a long line of precedents when they stand in the way of his accomplishing something he has set out to do. When the Illinois delegation asked him to make Repre-Alger has not resigned, and those who sentative Hopkins Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and consequently leader of the Republicans, he told them he felt bound and precedent to give the place to Payne, of N. Y., much as he admired Mr. Hopkins, etc. Reed's admiration for Hopkins is much that of his Satanic majesty for a certain kind of water. As the principle duty of the Republi can Leader of the House is to carry out the orders of Czar Reed. Mr. Payne will fill the bill much better, from the Reed point of view, than a man who has occasional bursts of independence, such as Hopkins does.

Some Sanitary Facts.

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