

BOODLERS' TRIALS OFF.

A Political Judge Comes in Handy For the Machine.

GEN. REEDER PLAYS GOWARD'S ROLE

How Quay, Penrose and Stone, Masquerading as Friends of Organized Labor, Are Backing Judge Paxson, Labor's Arch Enemy, For Interstate Commerce Commissioner.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—It required no political Wiggins to forecast Chairman Reeder's rejection of Chairman Billings' general challenge for palaver between the stump orators of both parties of living campaign issues, the freemen of the state to act as judges. Reeder's ridiculous and Fallstaffian retreat has raised a broad grin on the fair face of the ancient commonwealth. The independent papers have nailed him to the cross for a coward. They have javalined him and his party as being afraid to meet honest discussion of Republican trusteeship of the state. The Quays have backbended themselves behind dusky warriors of Luzon, who are struggling for their God inherited liberties as the American colonists fought for theirs against George III, and into whom the McKinley administration is shooting the constitution of the United States through the muzzles of Springfield rifles and Mark Hanna's dollar mark tattooed person as though American imperialism as decreed by Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln, and the un-speakable Hanna's continued proprietorship of a president, has to do with the election of a judge of the superior court and a state treasurer of Pennsylvania.

Their armor is so weak and flimsy, their cause so indefensible, that no wonder it is General Reeder slinks like an abashed canine to the precincts of his own kennel. The Quay machine has secured a material advantage, however, within the week. It has succeeded in warding off the trials of the indicted boodlers who were caught redhanded in their attempts to bribe Democrats and insurgents in the last legislature to defame themselves by voting for Quay for senator and for the McCarroll bill, which he thought necessary to save him and his son from the frowning walls of the penitentiary. If these notorious cases, which were billed for trial in the Dauphin court last week, had gone on they would have given the machine's campaign a pair of beautiful black eyes, and would have provided the Democrats with an ammunition train sufficient to have blown up the Harrisburg platform and the entire Quay aggregation of plundering patriots. But witness how fate is employed by the Keystone's Napoleon of politics to keep him on his roller skates.

WHERE A POLITICAL JUDGE COMES IN.

A United States district judge is retired on age. A judge of the Dauphin court who possessed some little independence of thought and action and some true conception of the law and how it should be construed is made a federal judge by Quay, thus filling the vacancy. The Dauphin court is an essential function and asset of the dominant machine, since its jurisdiction extends over distinctive state questions and particularly questions arising under the accused Baker ballot law. Quay, mark you, puts in this vacancy on the Dauphin bench a professional politician and henchman who for some years had been at the head of the sub-machine as chairman of the county committee.

To the shame of the judiciary, this political judge had the temerity to cling to his chairmanship of the Republican executive committee of Dauphin county long after he had qualified for a judge. And this political judge was a handy thing for the machine to have in these boodle cases.

He and the amiable district attorney conveniently found that the stuffed docket was too crowded with petty offenses, such as hen roost robbing, assault and battery, crap playing, fornication and lewdness and counterfeiting, to try these boodle cases, which aim at the very vitals of popular government and in which the people of the whole state are intensely concerned. In order thus to save the Republican campaign from embarrassment by reviving at this time the crowning scandal of the last legislature the Dauphin court has postponed these boodle cases until the January term of court. This is another case of Quay "winking the other eye" at a political judge.

HERE, LABORING MAN, LIST.

Governor Stone has justly aroused the wrath and indignation of organized labor throughout the state by personally visiting Washington and adding his squeak and "me too" to the powerful appeals of Senator Penrose and Quay to President McKinley to name ex-Chief Justice Paxson as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

Two years ago a similar attempt failed through the protests of the labor organizations and by Senator Cullom, of Illinois, the father of the law creating the commission, threatening to defeat Paxson's confirmation by the senate should the president nominate him. The presidential nerve then failed, although he and Hanna had solemnly obligated themselves in the campaign of 1896 to thus appoint Paxson in return for boodle and votes the great eastern railroad corporations gave McKinley and Hanna.

Paxson's utter subserviency to anything and to everything in the corporation flesh pot line while he adorned the supreme bench of Pennsylvania and his hatred of and antipathy to the right of the common people, and particularly of organized labor, marked him as a useful man for the railroads to use as an entering wedge for the prostitution of the interstate commerce commission to their own selfish end. Every honest man in the state had given three cheers when Paxson laid aside his ermine to accept one of the receiverships of the gutted Reading railroad. He had earned the hatred of the laboring classes by his action in

the Reading railroad strike, when the late President Frank Gowen drove the organized labor interests from the road, and again in 1891 in indecently rushing with his judicial gown to the rescue of Carnegie in the great strike at Homestead.

Here we have the great triumvirate—Quay, Penrose and Stone—thus urging Paxson, the arch and dangerous enemy of labor, for a powerful federal post, and who notoriously seeks it, that he may serve his corporation masters and help neutralize this beneficial law which the people only secured from congress by taking the corporations by the throat. If the laboring man be searching for a substantial reason for jabbing the Quay ticket at the coming election here is one that should appeal directly to his own sense of self protection.

FUSION IS THE REAL THING.

The horse play of Senator Snyder, Auditor General McCauley and Larry Eyre, the Republican ringsters of Chester county, who are stretching out their arms to high Heaven to save them, to bolster up a straight goods Democratic ticket in that county, in order to cripple "fusion," by screaming that Colonel Guffey and State Chairman Rilling are again it, has fallen like a chunk of lead. It declined to say propped up on its legs.

There are in Chester, as I wrote last week, some half dozen of a false breed of Democrats who are willing to do dirty work for the Quay machine in exchange for being permitted to retain minor jobs under the McKinley administration. Their pretended indignation at the consummation of "fusion" between the Democrats and independents is so bald that it can be classed as the prime joke of the campaign. They have been playing the Three Tailors of Tooley Street by meetin' in convention and resolving that "we the de." and nominating an alleged square timber Democratic ticket, planting it on a platform thinly varnished with eulogies of Colonel Guffey and Bryan, although they mean to vote the Quay ticket this fall and against Bryan next fall. Indeed, they are stumped to find a name for their decoy duck ticket, as the law prevents them from masquerading as Democrats, and which they don't intend to vote themselves.

In the meantime both Colonel Guffey and Chairman Rilling came forward and gave these ex-Democrats and Quay tools a blow between the eyes. The fusion ticket in Chester," says Colonel Guffey "will win. The Democratic party practically solid, despite the feeble efforts of a few officeholders to protect their jobs by carrying out the orders of the Quay machine. I most heartily endorse the position taken by State Chairman Rilling and County Chairman Cavanaugh. It is unquestionably the duty of all true Democrats in Chester county and elsewhere to form fusion with all elements that are working for the overthrow of the Quay machine."

HARMONY IS THE WATCHWORD.

Colonel Guffey and Candidates Reilly and Creasy, when they visited state headquarters last week, reported that nowhere is a sign of discord in the Democratic phalanx to be found. There is not a single threatening cloud on the fair and promising horizon. In Philadelphia, which is the weak spot, because of the thorough organization there of the ballot thieves by the Republican state and city machines, all factional rancor and discord has disappeared, giving place to amity and sunshine. The county conventions the other day were harmonious, and the ticket honors divided between the late warring factions. The outlook for the Democratic state ticket coming under the wire a winner is brightening every 24 hours, and the danger to the Quay machine is assuming such a threatening aspect that "the old man" has been compelled to take the reins in his own hands and play some of those alleged masterful and magical political strokes of his which he failed to do last winter, when his "prentice boys were fooling around the legislature trying to elect him United States senator.

The state Democratic leaders and the executive and finance committees are booked to confer in this city this week, when campaign plans will be mapped out, the question of financing them discussed and a red hot fight ordered all along the line of hostilities. The Business Men's State League is prepared to meet and formally endorse both Superior Court Candidates Reilly and State Treasury Candidate Creasy. The Quay candidate for the intermediate court, Commodore Adams, has such an unsavory reputation as a lawyer of the shyster class, while so much is known of his private life as a sport, that the independents find it impossible to hold him on their political stomachs, even with anchors and guy ropes, while the honesty and claims of Creasy cannot be ignored.

The independents want to break into the state treasury and learn the dark secrets of its vaults. They look upon the state treasury as the machine citadel, which it truly is, believing that if it can be captured Quay's grip on powerful moneyed interests can be broken and his opportunities for speculating with its funds prevented, that his downfall and end will be hastened, since he will be unable to command the money to corrupt and buy the venal, on whom he relies for his successes.

AND THE CAT CAME BACK.

The joy of the Quay "prentice boys, Elkin, Durham, Eyre and Penrose, over the demotion of Uncle Bill Andrews from his place as chief of staff was as short as a butterfly's life. He failed to oblige them by taking himself off to his mines in New Mexico, so as to give them a clear swing at the "old man's" ear, but remained to haunt them and make their lives miserable by preventing their blunders and schoolboy tactics. His business just now is that of plaiting the hair of the insurgents, and he carries with him a full assortment of combs for that purpose. He and Dave Lane, the owner of the new mayor of Philadelphia, are now devoting themselves also to "feeling" the insurgent members of the legislature and offering them inducements to change their vote to Quay in case enough can be driven into the barnyard to elect him at a special session of the legislature. Lane is a professional lobbyist, who has been handling members of the legislature and city councilmen for years, as the beef trust handles cattle, and is reputed to be able to size up a

man's price and a fix a valuation on a vote quicker and more exact than any other man in the business.

The North American is on his trail, however, and has served due and timely warning that an exposure will be made of the methods that are being employed to thus manufacture votes for the dethroned boss of the machine.

THE JUDGE.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The old gag of citing certain delinquent corporations into the Dauphin court and threatening them with heavy penalties for failure to report to the proper department of the state government is again being worked by the attorney general and the auditor general. It is not on record that any offending corporation was ever made to disgorge on this account. A contribution to the Republican state committee often times induces a state official to wink the other eye and forget that he ever had a memory. But this citation affords lawyer pets of the machine a chance to pocket fees at the expense of the state.

The rutabaga at the head of the agricultural is just now working overtime in attempting to prove that the Quay machine and the Stone administration loves the man with the hoe. The tremendous broads that Farmer Creasy is making on the farmer vote has thoroughly alarmed the machine, which has been ignoring farmers for state candidates for years and which has denuded the agricultural department of attaches devoted to their interests and filled their places with town henchmen who know far more about stuffing ballot boxes and roughing primaries than they do of sub-soil ploughing or the rotation of crops.

Governor Stone has his ear to the ground. He has heard the rumbling of the storm of the people's wrath. That is clear. He is quoted as saying that he will concur in the will of the people in the selection of judges and that he will under no circumstances attempt to force an approval of his selections by making premature selections before the people have an opportunity to declare their choice. Such a change of attitude is an indication that the voice of the people has at last been heard and the machine leaders are beginning to understand that they cannot always do as they please. Since the inauguration of the present governor he has shown utter contempt for the desires of the people, who were unbecomingly by his stump assertions that he was no man's man, and that he would execute the laws fearlessly and impartially. A change has been brought about by the indignant protests of many county Republican conventions and the criticisms of those who have a right to speak of servants who occupy public stations.

The editor of the Philadelphia Sunday World, who is a political mouthpiece of Dave Martin, and who is recognized as a political authority, says: "Despite all statements to the contrary, the signs all point to an extra session of the general assembly, provided Matthew Stanley Quay's ticket is 'put through' by a handsome majority, and towards which all ends are being shaped. As elections are now conducted under the Baker ballot law, only the necessity needs to be named to be complied with. 'Tis true that with the machinery in the hands of the so-called insurgents in the county of Allegheny trouble may be caused and the Brown-Adams-Barnes ticket cut many thousand votes. It must be borne in mind, however, that there is to be no factional feud in Philadelphia, and therefore the machinery here can be relied upon not only to make up any deficit so caused, but also to swell the figures to any amount required." Thus, as this good Republican authority admits, the repeaters and ballot thieves in Philadelphia are to be used again by the Quay gang to roll up the regulation mountain of fraud, and that is the reason why all bills for the protection of the ballot were strangled in the last legislature.

There were no fewer than 20 bills introduced in the last legislature looking to the safeguard of the ballot. All were put to sleep save two constitutional amendment resolutions—one providing for personal registration of voters in the cities and the other providing for the introduction of the voting machines which are in successful operation in some of the big towns in the state of New York, and which Governor Stone ruthlessly killed. Why is the Quay outfit afraid of honest elections and why has it obstinately refused to mend the rotten Baker ballot law? The reason is obvious and need be read by a blind man. Without the loopholes in this law the cities could not manufacture their bogus majorities to overcome the honest vote of the country. The election in Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Lancaster have become shambles farces, and no longer represent the will of the people.

State Chairman Reeder has assessed all the employees of the state government 3 per cent of their salaries and directed them to hand over to their respective chiefs. No guilty man will escape the frying pan. It will be either pay or get out. This is the same Reeder who, while fattening on an income of \$20,000 per year from salary and fees as secretary of the commonwealth, refused to put up a dollar when asked to chip into the Republican fund. But Reeder was not then fingering the campaign boodle. As Mayor Warwick would remark, "Things are different now."

Now, if Mark Hanna only had an election system akin to the Baker ballot law there would be no need to send Teddy Roosevelt, Postmaster General Smith and a host of Republican stump screamers into Ohio to save McKinley. The ballot thieves and the corporation bosses who "assist" their slaves to mark their ballots could do the saying.

Senator Penrose says a deal has been made with the Republican state chairman of Ohio by which Pennsylvania and Ohio are to swap stump speakers in the campaign, which goes to prove that the boss is really alarmed at the uprising of the farmers and independents of the Keystone state and that in order to preserve his hide and tallow imported talkers must invade our fair domain to distract the voters' attention from the diseased pork in the bottom of the barrel. But all the imported talkers in the western hemisphere would not save them this time.

FOREIGNERS CONTROL.

Haban Press Says Banks, Plantations and Commerce Belong to Aliens.

HAVANA, Sept. 25.—The Epoca, describing the present situation in Cuba, says:

"There are 200,000 Spaniards in the island, with the greater part of the little wealth which the country possesses. Their only offense is that they were recently in the political saddle as the rulers of the land. They still possess much influence. There are 500,000 men of the African race among us formerly slaves or the descendants of slaves. These are fully convinced that they contributed the lion's share toward making the revolution a success, and they are just as well satisfied that in the hour of victory they have been awarded no part of the spoils. There are 500,000 white Cubans. Yet what remains to them but a few abandoned plantations and a limited number of unfenced cattle ranches without stock? There are 2,000 lawyers and 4,000 doctors. Are these the social and economic elements with which Cuba expects to form a nation and to construct an independent republic?"

"Our floating middle class, with all its personal characteristics, is broken down. Our aristocrats are demagogues, too proud to work and sincerely believing that the government owes them a living. Our banks are in the hands of foreigners; our commerce is controlled by foreigners; our tobacco plantations and factories are owned by foreigners; our sugar estates are being bought by foreigners, and the Cuban merchant marine is owned and sailed by foreigners."

Congressman R. B. Hawley, representing American capitalists, has purchased the Tinguaro sugar estate, one of the largest in Cuba, in the province of Matanzas. The estate includes 20,000 acres, which, with other large properties along the south coast that Mr. Hawley is arranging for, will, it is expected, produce 100,000,000 pounds of sugar. A large part of the land purchased is virgin soil, upon which \$1,500,000 will be expended, including the cost of improvements.

AN ANCIENT CHECK.

Found After Being Lost For Thirty-Five Years.

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 25.—Mrs. Julia Bonhard, a widow living here, in looking over a few old letters found a deposit certificate for \$10,000 which her brother, W. L. Richardson, had placed in the Bank of Trenton, Trenton, Tenn., to her credit Jan. 23, 1863.

Young Richardson, when President Lincoln issued his first call for troops, enlisted in the Twenty-second Illinois regiment of infantry. His father had just died, leaving his children \$10,000 in cash. Richardson had his money sewed up inside his uniform.

In January, 1863, he was detailed with a squad of men to do skirmish work, and he deposited his money, \$10,000 in United States currency, in the Bank of Trenton to the credit of his sister, then Julia Ann Richardson. He was wounded in February and sent home, where he died. He gave the deposit check to his sister, and she put it away.

After the funeral the deposit check could not be found. Miss Richardson became Mrs. Bonhard. Her husband died several years ago, and the fortune of the family long since disappeared. The Bank of Trenton is no longer in existence, but Mrs. Bonhard has employed attorneys here to bring suit against the stockholders, several of whom are still living, for \$10,000 and interest at 6 per cent for 35 years, amounting in all to \$35,000.

Lake Carriers Will Pay More.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 26.—As a result of a meeting of the executive committee of the Lake Carriers' association held yesterday afternoon the wages of nearly 16,000 men employed on the vessels of the great lakes will be raised from 10 to 20 per cent, beginning Oct. 1. This includes 2,000 engineers, who demanded an advance of 12 1/2 per cent and threatened to strike should it not be conceded. Instead of the 12 1/2 per cent asked for by the engineers they will receive an advance of 20 per cent.

Back From the Edmonton Trail.

WRANGEL, Alaska, Sept. 20, via Seattle, Wash., Sept. 25.—Several more Klondikers off the Edmonton trail reached here Sunday, having come down the Stikine river from Glenora in canoes. All the survivors are in good health and have spent the few months laboring on the Cassiar Central railway and have enough money with which to reach the United States.

Charity Work in Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Sept. 21.—The board of charities' tabulated statistics show that out of a population of 916,984 there are 291,089 indigent and 11,858 sick. The number of deaths as a result of the recent hurricane was 2,619. One week's rations were issued to 293,147 persons, and the number of those working for rations was 11,713.

Dreyfus Must Pay Costs.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—The Aurore estimates that the costs of the Rennes court martial, which Dreyfus will have to pay, will amount to \$4,000. In addition to this, Dreyfus will, of course, have to pay his legal advisers. The generals who appeared at the court martial and made speeches against Dreyfus received 24 shillings (about \$9) a day.

Mark Twain to Remain in London.

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 21.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), who a short time ago wrote Manager Bave of the Princeton inn to reserve him a suit of rooms for the winter season, has canceled the arrangement and will spend the winter in London. The news is received here with much regret.

A Football Victim.

MERIDEN, Conn., Sept. 26.—Thomas Kelly, aged 17, a member of the Middletown High school football team, died at the City hospital last night from injuries received in a football game with the Meriden High school team last Saturday. He sustained a concussion of the spine.

Vassar College Entering Class.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Sept. 26.—It is officially announced that 215 students have entered the freshman class at Vassar college this year and 24 additional students have entered the upper classes. This is the largest entering class reported in some years.

Dedication of Monuments.

CHATTANOOGA, Sept. 21.—From 6,000 to 8,000 people, 3,000 of whom were veterans from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, attended the dedication of the Indiana monuments and markers and the Wilder monument at Chickamauga.

When Pain Racks the Body

Frank Long, who lives near Lennon, Mich., says:

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