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**The Quay Trial.**

The Quay trial closed last Friday morning, the jury declaring Senator Quay "Not Guilty," as every fair minded person who read and knew the inwardness of the persecution expected. The verdict was accepted with great enthusiasm all over the State and congratulatory telegrams by the hundreds poured in upon the Senator from all sections of the State, in fact from all over the Union. Governor W. A. Stone promptly appointed Senator Quay United States Senator, as he had a perfect right to do and his course is endorsed by all consistent, right-thinking Republicans, who believe in majority rule. Col. Quay was the nominee of the Republican party in convention assembled according to the time-honored custom and Gov. Stone could not honorably do otherwise than appoint Senator Quay his own successor. The United States Senate will undoubtedly accept the Governor's certificate and we would not be surprised should he be unanimously accepted by the Senate. While great credit is due to Senator Quay's attorneys, as well as loyal friends throughout the state, the greatest credit is given, and justly too, to the stalwart Republican journal, the Philadelphia Inquirer, for the gallant fight it made in behalf of honesty and fairness. All honor to the Inquirer.

**Pennsylvania for Quay.**

The Inquirer long ago warned the Quay haters what the result of their malicious attacks would be. They were told that they were overdoing the thing; that their spite had throttled truth and justice; that they were making a martyr of the man they wanted to ruin, and that the end of their despicable attempts to destroy would be a popular demonstration in favor of their would-be victim. The columns of telegrams which we have printed from the editors of the newspapers of this State congratulating The Inquirer upon its course in denouncing hypocritical pretenders and in exposing political conspiracy alone bear evidence of the deep resentment that is held in Pennsylvania against those who so maligned a Senator of the United States. The verdict of acquittal, of complete vindication, is popular in the extreme. In every county in this grand old Commonwealth an enthusiastic people cheer for Quay and denounce his defamers. They have long had their way. They have charged him with every crime in the category, and now that he has faced them in court and that every miserable, lying charge has been clearly refuted and shown to be the offspring of malice wedded to revenge, the revolution has come. The accusers are proved to be villifiers and to-day the most popular man in Pennsylvania is Matthew Stanley Quay.

What could these contemptible defamers have expected? They knew that when they went upon the stump their denunciations of Quay were gathered from the foul pits of malignant falsehood. They must have realized that the time for their exposure would certainly come, and now disaster has overtaken them and instead of tearing Quay down they have elevated him to a pedestal such as he has never occupied. The common people, the people that Abraham Lincoln delighted to refer to—for he was one of them—know the difference between right and wrong and can distinguish between the hypocrite and the outspoken man. The common people hate false pretense and malice, and when a man, no matter what his station in life, is unjustly accused, they are quick to resent the injustice done him. It is no wonder, then, that Pennsylvania is fairly ablaze with Quay enthusiasm and that in the opinion of Lincoln's common people the meanest men alive are those who have joined in the Great Man Hunt, for they have been overwhelmed in the midst of their own lies and their sins have found them out.

And so malice has had its day and those who have tried to bring disgrace upon Pennsylvania have only succeeded in bringing disgrace upon themselves. The time

has come for many Pennsylvanians to assert themselves, to end for all time the pretensions of the venomous mountebanks who with vindictive falsehood have sought to climb into power by undermining the Republican party. It has been a dangerous and malevolent game, but it has been broken up. The bandits have been scattered, and while they still rove in bands, they are harmless and the Republican party will interest itself in their ravings only to laugh at them.—Phila. Inquirer.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**  
(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, April 24th, 1899.  
 Only amusement has been caused in Washington by the cabled news that prominent European editors were seriously discussing the probability of our abandonment of the Philippines. These men do not know the American character even a little bit. President McKinley and his cabinet have no more idea of abandoning the Philippines than they have abandoning Hawaii or Porto Rico. And, what is more to the point, they are perfectly well satisfied with the progress that has been made by Gen. Otis towards getting possession of the Philippines. They know that the origin of the numerous stories about the insurmountable difficulties before us in the Philippines, which are being published in this country and Europe, as well as the telegrams sent to the Philippines to create dissatisfaction among the volunteers, can be traced to politics—very dirty politics, too; that they are being spread by Democrats and other anti-expansionists, with the hope that a sentiment can be created among the voters that will be injurious to the administration in next year's campaign. No political party can make votes by belittling the American flag and power; hence the stories cause no uneasiness to the administration. The Military Court of Inquiry has completed the taking of testimony and expects to make its report this week. There is nothing in sight to indicate that the report will contain anything sensational. There has already been too much sensational stuff printed about the whole business.

Senator Quay is at his Washington home, but his vindication by a jury and his appointment to be Senator by Gov. Stone has not changed his habitual reticence concerning himself. Since his arrival in Washington, the day of his acquittal, he has been steadily receiving congratulations, by wire, mail, and by personal calls from his friends. He expressed his gratification to all callers, but pleasantly declined to say anything for publication concerning his appointment by Gov. Stone, or his own intentions. The Senate has decided the question raised by the appointment of Mr. Quay to the Senate both ways, and a majority of the Senate of each Congress can decide it either way and there is no appeal, but all the recent decisions have been against the right of a governor to fill a vacancy in the Senate that occurs through the failure of the legislature to elect a Senator while in session. If Mr. Quay's credentials from the Governor are decided to be good, the governors of California, Delaware and Utah will appoint Senators to fill the vacancies, from the same cause, from those States.

It is an interesting coincidence, made prominent by the announcement that Speaker Reed would retire from Congress to practice law in New York city, that seven of the thirty-two Speakers the House has had—Reed, Carlisle, Randall, Blaine, Colfax, Stevenson and Macon—served three terms in that exalted position. It is noted also in this connection that only one Speaker—James K. Polk—ever became President. The only Speaker who served longer than three terms was Henry Clay, who had a fraction more than five terms to his credit. The talk about the probable successor to Mr. Reed is as yet largely speculative. No party ever had a larger array of capable men available for the honor than the Republicans of the next House will have, and while there may be good natured rivalry between individuals as well as sections, every Republican will have the satisfaction of knowing that a good Speaker is bound to be chosen. While it is understood that Representatives Grosvenor, of Ohio; Dalzell, of Pa.; Mercer, of Neb.; Moody, of Mass.; and Sherman and Payne, of N. Y., will be candidates, the only avowed candidate who has been to Washington since the announcement of Mr. Reed's retirement, is Mr. Payne, of N. Y., who succeeded the late Representative Dingley as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and floor leader of the Republicans.

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