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**Political Announcements.**  
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**County Commissioner.**  
 Having lived in this county nearly all my life and never having asked for, or held, a county office, I have taken this opportunity to offer myself as candidate for County Commissioner, subject to decision of the Republican County Convention.  
**DELOS BURLINGAME.**  
 Sizerville, Pa., Feb. 20, 1899.

**WASHINGTON LETTER.**  
 (From our Regular Correspondent.)  
 WASHINGTON, May 1st, 1899.

Aguinaldo's supplication for peace came so close upon the declaration of President McKinley that the revolt should be put down no matter how much money it cost, nor how many men it might require to convince even the most doubting that the Filipinos had been kept informed of everything done in this country, and have acted upon the information. Had they not received encouragement from this country, which caused them to believe that there was a possibility of our withdrawing from the islands, if they fought stubbornly enough, there would never have been any revolt. The action of Gen. Otis in telling the representatives of Aguinaldo that the only conditions under which he would stop fighting were to grant a general amnesty for an unconditional surrender, is so fully indorsed by the administration that no orders have been sent to him. It is felt that he has correctly sized up the situation and can be left to deal with the Filipinos without further instructions. Besides, the other American Commissioners, who are fully acquainted with President McKinley's wishes, are with him to aid in settling any questions that may arise. It is confidently expected that the Filipinos will, as soon as they find that no better terms can be obtained, accept those offered by Gen. Otis; they are already fully convinced that nothing but defeat for them lies in fighting our soldiers. And notwithstanding their outside assistance, they are short of nearly all kinds of supplies.

Spain has authorized the French Ambassador to receive and receipt for the \$20,000,000 due from this government on account of the treaty of peace, and the French Ambassador has officially notified the Department of State and received four drafts on New York for \$5,000,000 each as payment in full.

The 161st Indiana Volunteers, which has just been mustered out of service, passed through Washington to-day on the way home. A committee of the Indiana Republican Club met the regiment with a band, having previously arranged that the men should be allowed to stop over a day and enjoy the sight-seeing programme made for them.

Secretary Gage has been offered a salary in the neighborhood of the one that tempted Speaker Reed out of public life, to become President of one of New York's big banks, but it is not likely that he will accept. He made a heavy financial sacrifice when he became Secretary of the Treasury, and will probably continue in that office until March 4th, 1901, if no longer. There is little doubt that if he desires to remain in that position during President McKinley's second term that the President will be pleased to have him do so. There is no man in the country better fitted by knowledge and experience to fill the arduous duties of Secretary of the Treasury than Mr. Gage. Never have the affairs of that great department of the Government moved smoother than since he has been at its head, and never has the credit of the nation been higher. This is high praise, but it is deserved.

The friendly personal cable messages that have passed between the Emperor of Germany and President McKinley since the latter approved the application for the landing of the new German cable in the U. S., have not pleased those who have been for months exaggerating every little occurrence, and manufacturing some, for the purpose of creating ill-will between the people of the two countries, but they have served to show the world, as well as the people of the two countries, that the rulers of Germany and of the U. S. have no idea of allowing the friendly relations between the two nations to be disturbed by sensation mongers.

President McKinley has the report of the Military Court of Inquiry, and will probably make it public this week.

**The Quay Trial.**  
 The people of the State, as well as Mr. Quay, are to be congratulated on the outcome of the trial.—Pittsburg Times.  
 The appointment of M. S. Quay to succeed himself caused a cold chill to run up the backs of the "insurgent" leaders. They await the next move with a great deal of apprehension.—Shenandoah Herald.

The acquittal of Senator Quay, and his subsequent appointment as United States Senator is the beginning of the vindication that will be finally and gloriously consummated by the people of Pennsylvania.—Chambersburg Repository.  
 The establishment of a precedent by the admission of the appointee of the Governor in this instance would serve a very excellent purpose in teaching legislatures that they must not be recreant to duty and fail to fulfill the plain requirements of the law.—Norristown Herald.

It was a great legal battle, fought by giants of the legal fraternity. Every point was contested. Every argument was made. Every precedent and legal technicality was enlisted by one side or the other. The jury was guarded with care, and the conduct of the court and trial were most admirable.—Doylestown Intelligencer.

After another "greatest fight of his life" Mr. Quay emerges from the shadow of the courts completely vindicated of the numerous charges made against him by renegades of his own party. Mr. Quay now stands as usual, smiling at his enemies and ready for a fresh start and another fight. "Keep your eye on Quay."—Bradford Record.  
 Even the majority of those who have been and are politically opposed to Mr. Quay will admit that the trial throughout was a fair one and that the case of the Commonwealth was handled with consummate ability. The judge who presided is an excellent lawyer, and it surely cannot be said with truth that his rulings were favorable to the defense.—Bethlehem Times.

If this is not a complete vindication of the accused it would be difficult to define what would constitute such a vindication. But a still more speaking vindication in the premises is that of the Republican party of Pennsylvania, and this vindication finds its most logical completion in the appointment by Gov. Stone of Colonel Quay to the vacant seat in the United States Senate.—Reading Review.

It was a foul conspiracy and failed ignominiously, as all fail that have as object the wreaking of vengeance and that are themselves criminal. Senator Quay and his friends are glad that he has had to undergo the ordeal of a furnace heated seventy times seven. They are proud of the fact that the confidence they have reposed in their matchless leader was not misplaced and that his escutcheon is neither stained nor dishonored.—Blairsville Courier.

Senator Quay was vindicated twice in one day—once when the jury set him free, stripped of the awful charges that were made against him, and the second time when the Governor of this great State appointed him to the United States Senate, an appointment to which he was justly entitled by all the rules of fairness and the will of the majority. The appointment will be ratified at the polls.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

The suggestion of Senator William Flinn that Senator Quay shall be a candidate for State Treasurer this year, was meant for sarcasm, but Senator Flinn should remember that once upon a time Senator Quay was a candidate for State Treasurer and was elected by the largest majority ever given a candidate for State Treasurer up to that time. If Senator Quay will accept the nomination for that office this year, he can have it, and the people will see that he is given a majority that will make the heads of Flinn and all of the other insurgents swim.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

As stated in these columns when the prosecutions were brought, the motives which prompted the movers were not calculated to inspire public confidence. The fact that they were in possession of the documentary evidence months before the suits were instituted, that they were exhibited privately to those interested in the defeat of Colonel Quay, that they had them photographed and published on the eve of the election, so clearly indicated that their motives were personal and political, rather than a desire to have a great wrong righted, that it created a sympathy for the accused which would not have existed under different circumstances. The conduct of Judge Gordon in the early stage of the proceedings were especially reprehensible.—Lancaster New Era.

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