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THE CENTRE REPORTER. FRED KURTZ, -- EDITOR

Our own Gen. Hastings is fishing for a Senatorship in lieu of Quay accepting a cabinet position.

One hundred negro women dressed in men's clothing voted the Republican national ticket in Pitt county, North Carolina.

Harrison has scratched nearly all the hair out of his head since the election--cause blasted worry over the Centre Hall post office scramble.

Bombastes Quay, who can't even defend the interests of his state in a debating club, much less on the floor of the U.S. Senate, to talk what he will do with his "mailed hand."

The Philadelphia Press and Matt Quay must understand that they will not be allowed to steal a single congressman. Every Democrat elected will be seated, by the Eternal, and if it takes every hair off the head of the editor of the Press and smashes the mailed hand of the bullying Quay.

The Democrats in New Hampshire made an excellent showing at the recent election. The Republican plurality was only 2,284, very much the smallest since the party was formed, and but a little more than half of the Blaine plurality in 1854. There were the same results in all manufacturing States where a fight was made.

In addition to the mention of our own Dan Hastings for Governor, the Republican friends of General Gobin, of Lebanon, and Major Mootsooth, of Pittsburg, are already booming those gentlemen for Governor in 1890. It is rather early to commence the gubernatorial canvass. Should Quay get a cabinet position, Beaver would fish for Quay's seat in the senate.

Quay and Mahone have yoked themselves and will work together as well as any two bovines ever hitched.

The Mahone star may be seen to shine brightest in republican politics in Virginia hereafter. Quay and Mahone, both endowed with a peculiar political sanctity, have united their angelic power to secure pure elections in the "Old Dominion."

The Prohibition vote cast at the late election is estimated on full returns, official and otherwise, at 298,508 for General Fisk as against 150,626 for St. John four years ago. The States in which there was a decline from the last vote are Vermont and Massachusetts. There was a gain of 11,326 in Minnesota, 13,000 in Ohio and 11,000 in Illinois. New York showed up a gain of but 3,525, Indiana of 6,972, Connecticut of 1,944 and New Jersey of 2,021. The Prohibitionists have a big field, and a corresponding future before them.

The Chicago Herald has declared itself for Cleveland for president in 1892. It says:

Mr. Cleveland stands for the masses against the classes. Rejected by the corrupt elements of his own state, he is freed of all merely local restrictions. He stands and will stand for an idea which is to triumph when the national Democracy shall triumph, and is to perish only when the Democracy shall perish. He will remain the Democratic tariff reform leader. He will be the nominee of his party, vastly augmented by that time, in the campaign that is to come. He will be elected. Let the good work begin now.

Quay is the supreme Tycoon of the Republican machine in Pennsylvania now. He is a bigger man than Don Cameron, and perhaps, with old Simon thrown in. Even our own Beaver is nothing along side of Quay.

It has been a question whether Cameron would fight to retain the ascendancy in Pennsylvania politics, which father and son held for so long a period of years, and it looks now as though it were to be tacitly surrendered. There was some quiet fencing between Cameron and Quay last winter, but no outright struggle. Step by step Quay has taken Cameron's place, not only in state but in national affairs, and there now seems nothing for the son of Simon to do but to grin and bear it. A though a Republican administration is about to dispense the patronage of public trusts, no one seeks the influence of Cameron, while Quay has locked the office seekers out. The situation is all the more apparent, because in former times, under Republican rule, Conkling, Logan and Cameron had been the great triumvirate who made and unmade the fortunes of those who depended upon public office.

STEALING THE HOUSE.

Both sides accuse each other of systematic efforts to steal the next Congress, and each doubtless accuses the other justly, at least so far as a few of the leaders are concerned.

Senator Quay has been devoting his time since the election to looking after the close congressional districts, and he is warmly backed by his entire party press. If he declared that Mr. Mutchler, of the Democratic Tenth Legion, was fraudulently returned to the House every organ would swear it was true and that Mr. Mutchler should be unceremoniously ejected from his seat. On the other side, the more intelligent Democratic organs rather prefer that the Republicans should have the House with the Senate and Executive and thus be fairly responsible to the country for the policy of the new administration.

All assumptions that the Democratic Clerk of the House is likely to attempt to overthrow the Republican majority of the body by enrolling members not legally returned as elected, are the result of either ignorance or disregard for truth. He possesses no discretion whatever. He must enroll only those "whose credentials show that they are regularly elected in accordance with the laws of their States, respectively or the laws of the United States," and as each State has its legal method of certifying its elected Congressmen, the Clerk is merely a ministerial officer. He cannot go behind the returns, nor can the House itself, except in a lawful inquiry in a regular contest.

All sensational stories about a dual House or a rump House are the veriest bosh. If a majority of Democrats shall be lawfully returned, which is quite improbable, the House will be organized by the Democrats, and it will be organized by the Republicans if the official vote of the several very close districts shall give them the majority. Neither the President nor the Senate has anything whatever to do with the organization of the House, as it is the sole judge of the election and qualification of its own members. Where there is a patent fraud, as was the case in the Philadelphia County return for Senators and Representatives in 1838--a fraud that glared on the face of the returns--revolutionary action is a necessity; but there can be no such case in the coming Congress; and neither Senator Quay nor any others can put themselves above the legal returns.

We sincerely hope that the Republicans shall have a clear majority in the new House. It is certainly best for the country that the new administration should have the cordial support of both branches of Congress, so that responsibility for the policy of the government shall be unmistakable, and what is best for the country should be best for the party of power. President Hayes, who made few memorable utterances, spoke a trenchant truth when he said that "they serve their party best who serve their country best." That may not be the accepted theory of Senator Quay, but it is the only theory that will perpetuate party supremacy; and as the country has commissioned the Republican party to rule, we hope to see it unhindered in its authority. If it shall serve the country well it will surely serve the party well and perpetuate its power; if it shall degrade party rule to violence and spoil, defeat with dishonor will be its reward. --Philad. Times.

Quay and Mahone had a meeting, a few days ago, to concoct a scheme to treat the election of Virginia as if it had not been held, and then cried aloud "that Democratic frauds shall not be tolerated" to divert attention from the rascality which they intended to commit. Quay consorting with a fellow like Mahone, proves that the Pennsylvania trickster is no better than the Virginia Arnold. Quay's threat to do dire things with the Democrats if they attempt any counting out in Virginia is spitting against the wind.

Let Matt Quay, understand that he can't bully or scare the Democracy of a single county far less the Democratic hosts of the United States, when he talks what he will do with a "mailed hand." Such bombast from the biggest corrupter and thief of ballots in America is simply laughable.

Fellows that will help steal a Presidency and plot to cheat scores of congressmen of their seats, and who have debauched the politics of Pennsylvania by ways no vile, need to cry "stop thief." Quay is only a low trickster, with no ability, save that cunning and shamefaced rascality against honest suffrage is his fort and in the practice of these he is of great service to his party, but he can't scare the Democracy--not one bit, and they see through the scheme which he and Mahone are planning.

Quay must know that the Democracy will not allow him and Billy Mahone to steal a single Democratic congressman in Virginia or elsewhere. Stick a pin there with your "mailed hand."

CONTESTING THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

The Quay-Dudley-Mahone combination has engaged lawyers to contest the presidential vote of Virginia, probably in the interest of some of its gambling movements on the result in that State. The vote of the State, as officially reported but not canvassed, shows a majority for Cleveland of 1,533. The board of canvassers meets on Monday, when the result will be officially announced and certificates issued to the electors. The proceedings contemplated by Quay and Mahone in the State and Federal courts will assail this decision, on what grounds is not stated, but probably on the ancient one of intimidation of the black vote. There are no precedents, and the proceeding will be a novel one. Under the law regulating the electoral count by congress in case there is a contest on electors, the decision of the highest State tribunal having jurisdiction must be accepted as controlling. This would be the Virginia court of appeals.

No doubt the declared purpose of Quay and Mahone (the latter the original inventor of the celebrated tissue ballot) is a mere bluff. The trio at Washington who are seeing to it "honest count" go on the principle that where there is a small Democratic majority it must be set aside as "stolen" as they are all the time declaring with 40 jackass power in stunning headlines and idiotic editorials; but that in all cases meagre Republican plurality is the essence of law and right.

If any of the State elections are to be contested, it seems to us the Democrats of Indiana should take a hand in the matter and institute searching inquiries into bribery in the State, on the plan laid down in the Delley circular, which of course has the approval of the national chairman. His second in command was not likely to initiate so important and sweeping plans of operations without the approval of his chief. The evidence also multiplies of the systematic buying of votes in New York, in almost every county. We honestly believe Harrison's plurality in that State was purchased one, just as in Indiana, and that he is present elect not by the power of honest votes, but by the corrupting force of money, contributed by protected parties in interest, and put where it would do the most good, in the bribery of floaters and other loose material. The proceedings in Virginia may induce similar action in New York and Indiana, and through the investigation, although the presidential result would not be changed the facts would be brought out.

LEAVING THE G. A. R.

A movement is on foot among prominent Democratic ex-soldiers of Indiana to withdraw from the Grand Army of the Republic and form an association composed entirely of Democrats. They hold that the organization as now controlled is but a political machine and constantly used to promote the interests of the Republican party. Adjutant General Koontz has the matter in charge, and has been in correspondence with Democrats in all parts of the State and with some in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and other States. He finds that there is general discontent among the Democratic ex-soldiers and that many express themselves decidedly in favor of a separate organization, especially as the past campaign has settled beyond dispute that the influence of the Grand Army organization is centered in the interests of the Republican party.

The prediction is made that when the Democrats are out of the order there will be little of it left in this State, as they constitute a large majority, as they did in the army. When Adjutant General Koontz was asked about the matter he said that he and a number of other ex-soldiers had canvassed the situation during the campaign, and had determined to begin correspondence with Democratic ex-soldiers in this and other States as soon as the election was over.

THE INSIDE OF A TURKISH HOUSE.

The average Turkish house contains three rooms. The first is used by the family for receiving, eating and sleeping purposes. The second is a kitchen and the third a guest chamber. All around the first are conventional divans, raised about eight or ten inches from the floor, and covered with rich Turkish, Persian and Kurdish rugs. Near the centre of the room is a round hear about two feet in diameter and a foot deep. In this, during the winter, is kept a hot charcoal fire. At night a table, three feet square and fifteen or eighteen inches high, is placed over it, and over the whole is thrown a quilt at least fifteen feet square, under the edges of which the family crawl and go to sleep, leaving however, their heads outside. Generally an iron grating is placed over the fire, but when this is neglected it often happens that some poor child rolls into the fire while asleep. A young Englishman told that when he entered a Turkish house at night, he thought the family had been drinking a little too much around the table and had gone to sleep--under it. In the

morning the family "roll out," and after the bedding has been placed in the niches in the wall, made for that use, and the men have said their prayers--for the Mohammedans believe a woman has no soul and hence the men are the only ones who pray--breakfast is brought in.

A VOICE FROM THE GRANGE.

At the annual convention of the National Grange in session at Topeka, Kansas, the presiding officer in his speech, noting the high rates of duty on what the farmer has to buy and the low rates on what he has to sell, insisted that either the duties on manufactured articles should be reduced or the duties on agricultural products raised to a point that would insure an equal protection for both. This sounds very well; but the farmer's home market has always been too small for him. Duties on grain, cotton, provisions, butter and the great bulk of farm products are unavailing to raise prices, because we do not import these things. We have more than enough. If the duty on wheat should be made 100 per cent. of its value it would not raise the price a penny. The farmer cannot be "protected." The world is his market, and every obstruction placed upon commerce with the world is an injury to him. When the Granger shall have rubbed the dust out of his eyes he will strike out for himself; and in that day we shall see the end of the notion that the prosperity of a nation is dependent upon the number of unproductive industries which it taxes itself to sustain.

WHO WILL CONTROL THE NEXT HOUSE?

Washington, Nov. 23.--Wherever two or three politicians meet the question of the political control of the next House is mooted. Both sides are playing a game of bluff that reminds one of the manner in which the same game was played in 1876, where the Republicans declared that the President of the Senate had the right, and that President Grant would use the army, if necessary, to sustain the validity of the count so made. Republicans have indulged in much wild talk here to-day, declaring that if the Democrats undertook to organize the House the Republican members will themselves organize a body which will be recognized by the Republican Senate and a Republican President as the lawfully constituted House of Representatives.

The Knights of Labor held their annual General Assembly at Indianapolis last week. A significant feature of the official report submitted during the session were the figures showing the falling off in the membership of the Order. According to the receipts from tax, recorded in the Treasurer's report, the membership had decreased about 300,000 during the past fiscal year. It was stated in this connection, that at the present time the receipts are not sufficient to meet the necessary expenses. A tabulated statement in the report of the General Secretary showed the exact membership of the Order up to July 1, 1888 to be 259,581. A year before it was reported as over 600,000. The table of local Assemblies showed a marked falling off since July, 1887. One Assembly in Philadelphia, for example, fell from 11,294 to 2,314; another in Chicago from 10,483 to 3,507; and another in Cincinnati from 14,519 to 4,527. In his annual report, Master Workman Powderly made a strong plea for one-man power in the order, which should be supreme in the execution of the laws of the organization. The lack of one central and supreme authority, he thought, had been one of the chief causes of decline in the membership of the Order.

QUAY'S SLATE.

The result of the caucus of the Philadelphia members of the legislature conclusively shows that Senator Quay proposes to reward his friends and punish his enemies. Boyer for speaker, Voorhees for resident clerk, Morrison for chief clerk and Huhn for reading clerk, constitute the slate decided upon by the republican national chairman, and there is no doubt that it will go through without a break.

Colonel Sam Losch, of Schuylkill, has been punished for his defiance of Quay's edicts at various times, and Chris Magee, the boss of western Pennsylvania, has been likewise rebuked for refusing to dance when Mr. Quay pulls the string. There is considerable curiosity as to the manner in which the Magee-Losch combination will receive this "slight." Will they meekly submit to the mandates of the Beaver statesman, or will they fight for their political existence?

THE PROBLEM CONFRONTS IT.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Will the next Republican congress take off the present war tax or will it raise it higher for the benefit of the pensioned "industries" of the country?

One thing may be set down as pretty nearly certain for the Democrats of New York, and that is when the next presidential election comes around there will be no majority contest in the way. The Young Democratic Club has started the issue with a ringing set of resolutions. The County Democracy advocate it, and the State Democrats are a unit in favor of it. The matter is sure to be brought up in the coming session of the legislature, and the probability is that the Republicans will join hands with them on the issue. How it is to be done whether by shortening or lengthening the majority term has not yet been developed, but Tammany is preparing to fight it bitterly, not because they are not in favor of a change, but they claim to see a scheme to legislate Grant out of office. That the time of holding the election will be changed from November to February will probably be the outcome.

The woman suffragists have met with a Waterloo defeat in Vermont, the lower house of the legislature having rejected their proposition to give woman the ballot by a vote of 192 to 37. For several weeks past a strong suffrage lobby has been at work trying to gain over the Green Mountain legislators, but it appears that a stronger female lobby has been working outside against it. The Montpelier Journal says a large number of the representatives voted against the woman suffrage bill at the earnest request of their wives, and the Burlington Free Press also says: "The result is attributed largely to the influence of the Vermont women, who feel that they have burdens enough without assuming new ones." The principal obstacle against woman suffrage all over the country is woman herself. An overwhelming majority of intelligent and thinking women are against it. The Vermont legislature while rejecting the suffrage amendment so decidedly was equally emphatic in defeating a bill to replace prohibition by a license law. It was lost by 149 to 57. Vermont adopted prohibition years ago, and at the outset the law was pretty rigidly enforced, but of late years a laxity has grown up.

BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Mr. Wm. Noll, merchant, and p. m. of Pleasant Gap, entertained a few guests on Sunday morning of an event occurring 25 years ago, and of which he knows nothing, save what has been told him. He is a married man, however, and has two children--which lead him to believe that the celebration was in place. Among the guests were, Holt, of the Joseph firm, and it was unlucky for Will Noll that his birthday did not come on Friday. Had it been Friday, he would have saved half a turkey, and well--but, all right. Mr. Keplinger, druggist, who by the way is a good genial fellow, but also eats too much for his good, was also one of the party, so also was Mr. Foster Williams present. He was more than two pieces of turkey, 4 pieces of bread, a dish or two of each of the 40 dishes served, and had the pleasure of eating slowly 3 pieces of pie and 4 round apples, by way of courtesy to some others who had not got so far on. He knows how to take care of his stomach. Jas. Noll, also of Bellefonte, and a law student, accompanied the party. He, likewise, is a small eater. I think he ate less still than Foster, but I left the table before he did, and cannot say, still I boarded "Jim" two summers and know that he never remained at the table more than two hours, and I am truly surprised to see the gentleman so vigorous, with the little nourishment he takes. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noll, father and mother of Wm. Noll, were also present and contributed to the pleasure of the occasion. Let me say in conclusion that the party was an enjoyable one--an event not soon to be forgotten. Mrs. Wm. Noll had gone to the trouble to see that nothing that could please the palate of the most fastidious was omitted. And to Mrs. Wm. Noll we all say thanks for your hospitality. Hoping you may live to prepare at least seventy more birthday dinners for your husband, and that you will not forget to invite the same party every time, and that you will not slight the fellow who you think knows where your three silver spoons and two heads of cabbage are, I remain, ONE OF THE PARTY.

THE SPECIAL FEATURES

The Youth's Companion for the coming year, as announced in the Colored Souvenir we have received, include six Serial Stories, and One Hundred and Fifty Short Stories, fully illustrated, Also Tales of Adventure, Illustrated Sketches of Travel, Humorous Articles, Scientific and Historical articles, Household Articles, One Thousand Anecdotes, timely Editorials on the leading questions of the day, and a whole page each week for the little ones. The Companion has won a place in the home life obtained by no other paper, and is read every week in nearly half a Million families. With its Double Holiday Numbers at Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and Easter, its Weekly Illustrated Supplements, its fine paper and beautiful pictures, no other weekly literary paper can approach it in value. It is really a \$2.50 paper for only \$1.75 a year. If you used \$1.75 now you can have it to January 1st free and for a full year from that date, including the Supplements and Double Holiday Numbers, and the Annual Premium List with 500 Illustrations. Address The Youth's Companion, Boston, Mass.

Scribner's Magazine completes its second year and fourth volume with a Christmas number, containing nineteen interesting articles in prose and verse--twelve of them fully illustrated by well known artists and engravers. The number is rich in beautiful decorations and pictures. The literature deals with unusually attractive phases of life and art especially fitted for the Christmas season. The fiction includes stories of adventure and sentiment; the general articles treat of stained glass windows, the Adirondacks in winter, and Botticelli; there are several elaborately illustrated poems; and Lester Wallace's reminiscences are concluded. Robert Louis Stevenson, H. C. Bunzer, Will H. Low, Rebecca Harding Davis and Hamilton Wright Mabie are among the contributors. The Magazine opens with a picturesque description of "Winter in the Adirondacks." The illustrations are from drawings by faithful landscape artists. "Old Glass in New Windows" by Will H. Low, is the first popular account of the rapid growth in this country of the art of making stained-glass windows. Lester Wallace's memories of the Last Fifty Years (which were begun in the October number) concludes with perhaps the most interesting bit

instalment, containing very entertaining and vivid recollections of Macready, giving a clear idea of his style and method.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE,--THE undersigned, executor of Jacob Gingersich, dec'd, late of Potter township, will offer the real estate of said decedent at public sale, situate 3 miles west of Centre Hall on

O--SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1888.--O A tract of twenty acres of excellent farming land having thereon erected a

PUBLIC SALE.--WILL BE SOLD AT THE residence of the undersigned, 1 mile south of Spring Mills, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 4 good horses, 7 milk cows, 2 Holstein bulls, 2 heifers, 7 fine shoats, 2 barrows, 2 pigs, 2 calves, vators, corncripper, grain drill, and many other articles. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock.

BOY WANTED TO LEARN THE CABINET Trade. To come well recommended.

STRAY--A CHESTERWHITE BOAR, about 18 months old, has been estray since the spring. Information that will lead to its recovery will be suitably rewarded.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.--LETTERS of Administration upon the estate of Emanuel Smith, dec'd, late of Gregg township having been lawfully granted to the undersigned he would respectfully request all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.

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