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THE Quay-Hastings fight is growing in intensity every day, and at present Quay claims he is ahead.

JUDGE Mayer, of Clinton, is likely to be strongly urged in the Democratic State Convention as a candidate for Superior Judge.

THIS would be a fitting time for Hastings and the other Republican leaders to raise a calamity howl. A great calamity is hanging over that party just now.

THE cut-throat row among the Republican bosses may lead to trouble for Judge George B. Orady in Huntingdon county in an effort to carry the delegates for Hastings.

AN addition came to the Cleveland family, last Sabbath, in the person of a little daughter. This makes the third daughter in the President's family. The Republic is safe and prospering.

Quay is for Cameron for President and is working to run the Pennsylvania delegation to the National convention for Don and smash uncle Dan's presidential bid there. Between the two D's there's a lively time ahead.

WHAT now puzzles the late calamity howlers is how not to give the Democracy credit for the prosperity that is now manifesting itself all over the country along with the increase in wages. Howler, hide yourself.

THE recent legislature being condemned as the most shameful in the history of the state, now finds a companion piece in the disgraceful row of the Quay and Hastings factions. Truly, they can "point with pride" to the g. o. p.

R. R. R.—these initials stand for Rough Republican Row. But the rank and file need not break their necks very badly over it, the fight in which of the big rascals shall have the boss-ship, with very little honey for the dear voter when the row is over.

THE Pittsburg Post says concerning the Superior Court: "The Democrats should nominate six of the foremost Democratic lawyers of the State, and then go in to win. There is every prospect that at least a portion of a ticket so made up can prevail against some of the appointees of Hastings, nominated by the combine."

THE New York "Sun," and other journals, are discussing about the proper way to eat pie. The "Sun" thinks the right way to eat it is with the fingers. We supposed the right way to eat pie, was with the mouth, which any one does if he has pie. We don't take much stock in the piety of the "Sun."

THE Saturday News is delighted because it spies two millions of money which it hopes can be used on the pilfering appropriations of the late corrupt, and universally cursed, legislature. Our amiable cotemporary seems to have taken up the cry, What's two million dollars—let it be spent, that's what we were there for!

THE "Record" truly remarks that the contest between the Republicans of this State is without doubt the most shameless in the political history of the Commonwealth. Never have the sand-bag, the stiletto and the lie played so prominent or important a part in the politics of Pennsylvania. Whether or not this method of warfare is to triumph in the end cannot yet be determined; but whatever may be the issue, our citizens will have been regaled with a struggle that has been notable for nothing so much as for the ingenious arts of the highway robber, the might thief and the Bowery "thug."

THE WARFARE OF FACTIONS.

In the downward tendencies of Republican politics in Pennsylvania it is something new to witness the struggle of a Governor for the chairmanship of a State Convention of his party. Among the decent political traditions in this Commonwealth it has been held that the Governor's exalted office placed him above partisan turmoil and strife. Once inducted into office he has been regarded as the head not of a party but of the whole State. But Governor Hastings comes down from his high place and makes himself the chieftain of a faction of a party. His announcement that he seeks a distinction which should be conferred upon him spontaneously, or should not be accepted at all, is a signal for a conflict or faction in Pennsylvania that threatens to be of unex-

ampled violence and fury. What is most deplorable about this business is that Governor Hastings is accused of using the power of an office to which he was elected by the whole Republican party in order to promote the success of a faction in the party of whom he has made himself the ostensible and ostentatious head. It is charged that he has used judicial offices and honors as pawns in his game of politics, and that he has signed or vetoed measures of legislation solely with a view to personal and partisan results in his campaign for chairmanship of the Republican State Convention. All this may be attributed to the exaggeration and violence of faction; but it is nevertheless a fact, which will have its weight with many people, that the judicial appointments and other official acts of the Governor have decisively influenced the choice of various county delegations in the convention which he aims to control in the interest of his own cabal in the Republican party.

By adhering to the time-honored and worthy traditions that attach to the Chief Magistracy of this great Commonwealth Governor Hastings could easily have averted a grave political scandal. Most of the Governors of Pennsylvania upon entering into office have thrown off the partisan badge in order that they might perform their administrative duties the more impartially in the interest of the whole people. They have thus maintained the dignity of their high position, and preserved their own self-respect. But Governor Hastings has chosen to depart from the decent observances of the worthiest of his predecessors. He wants to be chairman of the next Republican State Convention, and in order to get the place he enters into an unseemly strife with a large body of people to whom he owes his nomination and election. The Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth strips off the robes of his office not to lead the party which elected him, but to put himself at the head of a faction within the party. To the Democrats of Pennsylvania who were howled down in a campaign of panic-mongering it makes no difference which of the two factions may overthrow the other in this conflict. The welfare of the Commonwealth is not likely to be promoted by the success of either of them. But it does greatly concern the whole people of Pennsylvania that the august office of Governor should not be degraded into a foul nest for breeding partisan intrigue and faction. The true friend of Governor Hastings should earnestly advise him to withdraw from a scandalous strife in which defeat would be humiliating and in which victor can confer upon him no honor.—Philadelphia Record.

MR. CLEVELAND'S FOREIGN POLICY.

It is gratifying to Americans to know that in the recent war between China and Japan the efforts of our government in interposing its good offices secured the good will of both belligerents, says the Record. Ex-Secretary John W. Foster is reported to have said that: Of all the countries diplomatically concerned in the contest the United States have come out of it with better grace than any other, because, from the first, her interest has been recognized by both belligerents as purely disinterested, her only desire being to render such service as would bring about an honorable and lasting peace. The conduct of the State Department in its very delicate relations with both combatants has been marked by good judgment and by few mistakes, and the good offices of our Ministers and Consuls in China and Japan, where they represented the interests of both Governments, have been very useful, and are highly appreciated by both nations.

The foreign policy of Mr. Cleveland's Administration has been the object of vehement attacks on the part of the Jingoists and their subservient allies of the newspaper press; and yet the impartial historian will be bound to declare that, as a whole, it has been wise and statesmanlike. It has gained the friendship of the Orient, and must command the respect of the Occident. It has observed the obligations of treaties and the requirements of international law. It has eschewed in its intercourse with foreign powers a hectoring and vaporing spirit, and maintained the honor and essential interests of the country by its candor and fair dealing.

The Jingoists assert without apparently knowing its meaning, that the present Administration has placed the Monroe doctrine in a state of "innocuous desuetude;" and they cry out, in frantic tones, for its prompt enforcement. Against whom? And what is the occasion to hurl its thunderbolts? What, indeed, is the Monroe doctrine? Every student of our political history should know that it was a declaration of President Monroe, in his annual message of December 2, 1823, that the United States would regard as dangerous to their peace and safety any attempt on the part of the Holy Alliance or any European power to overthrow the Spanish-American Governments and again restore them to the control of the Spanish Crown. "It is impossible," said President Monroe in his message, "that the allied Powers should extend their political system to any

portion of either continent without endangering our peace or happiness; nor can any one believe that our southern brethren, if left to themselves, would adopt it of their own accord. It is equally impossible, therefore, that we should behold such interposition, in any form, with indifference."

In the same message, moreover, it was declared that with the existing Colonies or dependencies of any European power, the United States had not interfered, and should not interfere. Also, there was no pledge that these new Spanish-American states, which had declared their independence and maintained it, would receive the protection, aid or assistance of the United States in any disputes or difficulties in which they might become involved with any European Power growing out of alleged violations of international obligations.

The Monroe doctrine accomplished its purpose. The allied Powers abandoned their designs, and left the Spanish South American states to their independence and autonomy. Henry Clay, Secretary of State, in a report to President Adams on March 29, 1823, said: "All apprehensions of the danger to which Mr. Monroe alludes, of an interference by the allied Powers of Europe to introduce their political systems into this hemisphere have ceased." The danger has ceased. But suppose one of the southern Republics on this continent should fail to observe international law, and an European Power suffering therefrom should seek redress by arms; what then? Does the Monroe doctrine require the United States to engage in the war? Surely not. In his annual message of 1835 General Jackson described these southern Republics as "self-tortured by domestic dissensions. Revolution succeeds revolution; injuries are committed upon foreigners engaged in lawful pursuits. Much time elapses before a government sufficiently stable is erected to justify expectation of redress. * * * If this unhappy condition of things continues much longer other nations will be under the painful necessity of deciding whether justice to their suffering citizens does not require a prompt redress of injuries by their own power, without waiting for the establishment of a government competent and enduring enough to discuss and make satisfaction for them. And yet when other nations, under the circumstances described by General Jackson, seek to redress their wrongs our modern Jingoists make the welkin ring with their cries of the Monroe doctrine or war!"

Mr. Cleveland, with patriotic firmness, has resisted these dishonest partisan cries, and, tendering the good offices of the United States whenever the occasion called for them, and without further interference, has maintained both the peace and the honor of his country. But the cynical inflamed spirit of party is difficult either to satisfy or pacify. Its object is to prejudice the public mind and secure votes at the polls. The facts of history are perverted, and the most worthy endeavors are rewarded with aspersion and calumny. Gibbons, the historian of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, has said that "Democratic principles lead by a path of flowers into the abyss of hell." Exercise the demon of party spirit, and they should lead by the same path to the haven of political rest.

Sugar Valley Road.

The residents of Sugar Valley are agitated again over a revival of the project for building a railroad through the valley from Watsonstown to Lamar. At the latter place the proposed road will connect with the Central Railroad of Pennsylvania, which extends from Mill Hall to Bellefonte. Surveyors are at work now in the east end of Sugar Valley, and the presence at Loganton recently of prominent Bellefonte citizens who are said to be interested in the construction of the road, leads to the belief that the road will be built within the next year.

One Cent for the President.

A warrant for 1 cent was drawn at the treasury department the other day made payable to Grover Cleveland, president of United States. In calculating the amount due the president each month there has been an underpayment of 1 cent, and this could be rectified and the treasury books kept straight only by drawing a warrant for that amount in the president's favor.

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