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EDITORIAL.

CONVENTION REFLECTIONS.

Since the republican county convention there is much rejoicing among the Love, Beaver & Dale, Chambers factions. The recent political fracas among the republican brethren has been the topic of conversation everywhere. One needs only root a little, stir up the bottom, then watch the mud and slime come to the surface.

While the Love people are exulting, it is well to ask, What have they accomplished? What did Hastings' friends get out of Tuesday's convention? Let us go over the list:

Arnold was nominated over Clem Dale for Congress. How could Gov. Hastings be enthusiastic for Clem Dale? who has been the acknowledged Quay leader in this county for years and one of the Governor's open and bitterest enemies for over twenty years? Oil and water cannot mix. The Governor would have been in a worse box with Dale, than with Arnold. No doubt he is smiling to himself, heartily.

What did the Quay-Love crowd gain in Womelsdorf's nomination for State Senate? Some years ago Womelsdorf was an open Wanamaker legislative candidate against Quay. Rumor is current that Wanamaker supplied him with munitions of war, at that time. It is an open secret told on the streets that he is pledged to Wanamaker's support, in case of election. Absolutely Anti-Quay--if honest.

For legislature, Chas. P. Long, who was summoned to Bellefonte and "consented to be a candidate," as his letters stated, was the only open and pronounced Quay-Love candidate, and got defeated in the convention. It is generally conceded that the nominees for legislature, John A. Daley and Eli B. Townsend, are committed by word and writing against Quay. Neither can be elected if they show Quay feeling, and that is why they dodged that important issue in their speeches before the convention.

Edward Chambers, Esq., who was so industriously opposing Gen. Hastings working for Quay-Stone-Love-Arnold interests, in his own way, solicited the County Chairmanship, but failed. W. E. Gray, who has been one of Gov. Hastings' ardent supporters, was a student in the Gov's. law office, and is one of his close personal friends, was re-elected.

That is a fair summary of the result--what Hastings' friend got and what the Quay-Love combination accomplished.

Another peculiar phase about this republican fiasco is an inspection of the leaders who opposed Gov. Hastings. We believe there is not one who has not been the recipient of some valuable assistance, favor or fat appointment from his hand. Let us call the roll:

JUDGE LOVE.--When the republican conferees of the Huntingdon-Centre judicial conference stood for weeks in a hopeless deadlock, did not Gov. Hastings finally grasp the situation, control the delegates which secured Judge Love's nomination, and then provided \$1000 to prosecute that campaign? These facts

will not be denied by the Judge and his friends. These facts are modern history yet, and not beyond the memory of living witnesses. After the election, Centre was made a separate judicial district, by an administration re-apportionment, thus reducing the Court's labors about one-half. The Judge's gratitude to the Governor, for putting him on the bench, is truly astonishing.

JUDGE BEAVER.--A most honorable, charitable, Christian gentleman. Some years ago, when involved, all his savings apparently swept away by misfortunes, Gov. Hastings appointed him to the Superior Court Bench--another soft snap, with a big salary, \$7,500 per year, and little work. He accepted it--is enjoying the emoluments of the appointment which is good for ten years--total \$75,000. He opposed Hastings' interests, voted against them on Saturday.

JOHN M. DALE.--Former law partner of Judge Beaver, and chairman of Tuesday's convention. By reason of Governor Hastings' influence was appointed Receiver of the well known defunct Altoona Building & Loan Association, which will net him, on a conservative estimate, no less than a \$10,000 fee. As soon as Dale got this nice plum, he immediately turned his back on the Governor, and the people of the county are marveling at Dale's ingratitude.

EDWARD CHAMBERS.--He took delight in his opposition to the Governor, and did what is known as the heavy work in the campaign. Chambers is indebted to Gov. Hastings for the only political appointment he ever had, that of Deputy Revenue Collector--and was appointed over Abraham V. Miller. He also has the faculty of forgetting the Governor and likewise is short of gratitude, and was figuring with the Quay-Love element in the hope of getting another similar re-appointment. Chambers missed the county chairmanship. He thought he had it pat, and many delegates were ready to vote for him, but he was coldly turned down by his most trusted friends, Love and Dale, who, it is said, personally appealed to delegates and accomplished his defeat. Ed is now a man without a party--between the devil and the deep sea. He is a victim of base ingratitude too and justly is thirsting for revenge. Our advice to Ed, is get a little political brimstone and start up an establishment of your own.

It is useless to call the entire roll, but it would show almost every opponent to have been the recipient of unusual kindness and preferment at the Governor's hands.

This bit of political history may not, forsooth, be pleasant reading for some of our Quay-Love-Arnold republicans, and if there is any error in statement we solicit correction. It shows an insight of political life--the sin of ingratitude--that many of our readers can hardly realize.

These things also show why there is a wide and widening breach among the republicans of this county to-day.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

The republican primaries and county convention were decidedly in favor of Arnold and his followers. "How did it happen?" is frequently asked. The following interview is given out by a prominent republican who did not get there, and it may throw some light on the situation:

"Arnold will probably carry the convention over Clement Dale by a small majority. Clement Dale was for many years the leader of the Quay faction in Centre county, and so continued until a few weeks ago, when Congressman Arnold caused the defeat of his brother, A. Dale, for postmaster. The Quay faction in this county, to get even with Arnold, ran Clement Dale for congress. Arnold, who had been turned down for congressman-at-large by the senior senator and who gave his Clearfield delegates in the state convention against William A. Stone, and, having received the support of Martin and Magee in his contest for congressman-at-large, returned after his defeat and became a candidate in this district. Under these circumstances many of Governor Hastings' friends refused to support Clement Dale, while other friends of Hastings, who had been appointed to office by Arnold, supported him, and the result was a small majority for Arnold. Clement Dale was in no sense a Hastings candidate. He was not brought out by the governor and he made his own fight. John A. Daley and C. P. Long, who will be nominated for the legislature, are anti-Quay men."

SECRETARY ALGER is not popular. In fact he is being severely criticised even by leading Republican newspapers for not being able to rise at all above partisan politics in his appointments and promotions in the war service. Democratic enthusiasm, patriotism and bravery are kept bottled up while prominence and heroes are made and kept strictly within the lines of the party to which the war cabinet members belong.

A LAME DEFENSE.

In the course of his late speech at Allentown, where politicians of his own color say Lieutenant Colonel Stone met with an "ovation," he is reported as saying: "Reform does not mean, putting the Republican party out of power and putting the Democratic party in power." What then would it mean, will Lieutenant Colonel Stone pray tell us? inquires the Doylestown Democrat. If one quarter what's said of Republican mismanagement at Harrisburg be true, there certainly is a big opening for improvement, which the Republicans have never tried to make better, and things could not be worse than they are. Perhaps Stone means by this insinuation that the Republicans running the state government have been so gorged with plunder that there's no room for more, and would now turn a sharp corner and become honest. This is a new view of the situation, but we do not believe it. Like Cesar, they "grow fat with what they feed on," and, with any increase of girth, there's greater capacity to absorb from the taxpayers. We are surprised at one thing if Stone's Allentown speech be a sample of what he expects to treat the taxpayers to, in his pilgrimage through the state, that he did not quote the plank in the Republican platform in defense of the serious charges of corruption and stealing. When an individual is charged with a serious offense, if he remain silent all the world will accept his guilt without proof. The Harrisburg convention was so well convinced of the truth of the charges that it dared not attempt to deny, thinking, perhaps, that "the least said is the soonest mended." As Lieutenant Colonel Stone seems to be oblivious of what the convention that nominated him said about state abuses, and also of the plank they placed him on, we beg leave to give him a reminder by quoting the few lines that refer to those "state abuses." Here they are:

"Abuses have undoubtedly grown up in the legislature which are neither the fault of one party or the other, but rather the growth of custom. Unnecessary investigations have been authorized by committees, resulting in unnecessary expense to the state."

What a pitiable picture this presents! The point made is an absolute confession of the truth of legislative "abuse," and, after the convention had "put its foot in it," tried to wriggle out of it saying these "abuses are neither the fault of one party nor the other! Lame, lammer, lamest! Why not the 'fault of one party'?" With the exception of the two terms of Governor Pattison, against which there was no charge of abuse, the Republicans have had the state government in their keeping the past thirty years. Who then is responsible for all the evil in these years, and who claims the credit for the good if any there be found? The Republican party is responsible. Suppose we should admit as Stone says, that the corruptions and stealings and other crimes charged were "the growth of custom." Under which party did this "custom" grow up? As the Democratic party has not been in power in the last thirty years, how could any "custom," good, bad or indifferent, grow up under Democratic rule? To stand on such a platform Stone has a weak support under him.

CLEMENT DALE ESQ.

Just now some republican politicians are having fun over Mr. Dale's defeat for congressional honors, by Arnold. Nevertheless it can be truthfully said of Mr. Dale:

- He is honest,
- He is sober,
- He never becomes intoxicated,
- He never was in a Keely Institute,
- He never embezzled trust funds,
- He never was in danger of being disbarred from his profession by reason of questionable methods,
- He never refused to pay his honest debts,
- He never lived beyond his income at the expense of the community,
- He has a sacred regard for his word as well as his bond,
- He is an honorable, upright, industrious citizen--a decent, clean man.

It seems that the majority of the republicans in this county do not emulate and uphold these substantial traits of character.

CHANGES ALLEGIANCE.

Stephen A. Douglas, son of the eminent statesman of that name who ran for President against Lincoln in 1860, who has renounced his allegiance to the Republican party and formally joined the Democracy. He says: "Of late years the tendency of the Republican party has been to fasten this Government under the control of trusts and monopolies. The tendency of the Democratic party has been to curtail the power of money and place the Government in the hands of the mass of the people." Mr. Douglas says he has no desire for political office, and was not a candidate for anything. He is, therefore, not a sorehead. He switches on a safe principle. His change of party allegiance is one of the current hints that political affairs are in a state of transition that renders it difficult for a good many people to determine just where they are. The bed rock Jeffersonian principles are always good to get back to.

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A BIG JOB.

The Philadelphia "Record" says "that there is no longer a concealed purpose" of a big job in the capitol building at Harrisburg. It says: "The walls are to be so constructed that they may be faced with marble; the roof so that it may be dominated by a pretentious dome, and the body of the structure so that it shall grow eventual wings. The money appropriated by the State for a legislative building will be used to construct an unfinished skeleton, to be afterward adorned, amplified and clothed upon, but never completed as long as Legislatures shall be complaisant and political hucksters hold fast to the keys of the State treasury." It thinks there is a deliberate scheme to pluck the State as Philadelphia has been plucked in the erection of its \$20,000,000 city hall. This is another cogent reason for the election of George A. Jenks. He will stop the job if it can be stopped, and he will find the way.

SPAIN COUNTS HER LOST SHIPS.

The Madrid press has made up, with melancholy fidelity, a list of the warships lost by Spain during the present war, and there are thirty-five of them. They include Montojo's and Cervera's squadrons and many cruisers and gunboats destroyed at such ports as Manzanillo and Nipe. A few are little craft of less than 100 tons; more are from 100 to 500; while three are cruisers exceeding 3,000 tons and four are great armored cruisers of about 7,000 tons each.

One of the marked features of the war has been the fury with which our navy has attacked the Spanish ships of all sorts and classes. It has done its blockading and bombardment of ports with sobriety, has cut cables diligently and escorted troopships graciously, but the sight of a Spanish warship has brought out the fighting fever; and the rage seems to have been rather to sink than to capture, so that it has remarkably few prizes of war craft to show. It did its work so thoroughly that, although Spain still has left a few small craft hiding in harbors of the Antilles, she has not a single cruiser of considerable size and consequence, we believe, either there or in the Philippines.

To the havoc in her fleet which she is now pondering she was doomed by a memorable incident of a few months ago. However it might be with her forts and her troops, annihilation was in store for her ships. When they were not destroyed in line of battle, they were chased up rivers and sent to the bottom there. Perhaps one of the chief regrets of the navy at having Watson's cruise called off has been that a few Spanish warships are still left afloat.

But our sailors may be satisfied with the list of destroyed vessels the Madrid papers ruefully publish. The navy has remembered the Maine.--Sun.

WHEN THE WAR IS OVER.

"When the war is over there is likely to be some plain talk from men who kept their mouths shut while the fighting was going on, because they did not wish to even seem to encourage the enemy to believe that the government was not loyally supported by all our people in its conduct of the war. Among the acts of the administration that are likely to be fully ventilated at the next session of Congress, whether it be an extra session or not, are the following, already plainly touched upon by Representative Jas. Hamilton Lewis: Why did the government pay \$362,000 for the collier Merrimac, in bad condition, that only cost \$102,000? Why was Senator Hanna's brother paid \$102,000 for a yacht that only cost \$48,000? Why did the Navy Department offer Mr. Vanderbilt \$250,000 for a yacht that only cost him \$60,000? How did a wealthy New Yorker get \$100,000 for an old hulk that was raised out of the mud to be sold to the government? Why were certain contracts made for transportation of troops at a rate of \$12 a man when responsible bidders had offered to do the work for \$7.20 a man? These are specimens of hundreds of questions that will be asked and answers demanded, when it can be done without injury to the country. Unless an unusual lot of lying has been indulged in the administration is responsible for putting a lot of unearned money into the pockets of favored individuals. Democrats will probe these stories to the bottom and let the people know the truth from the floors of Congress and the columns of unfettered newspapers."--South Bethlehem Star.

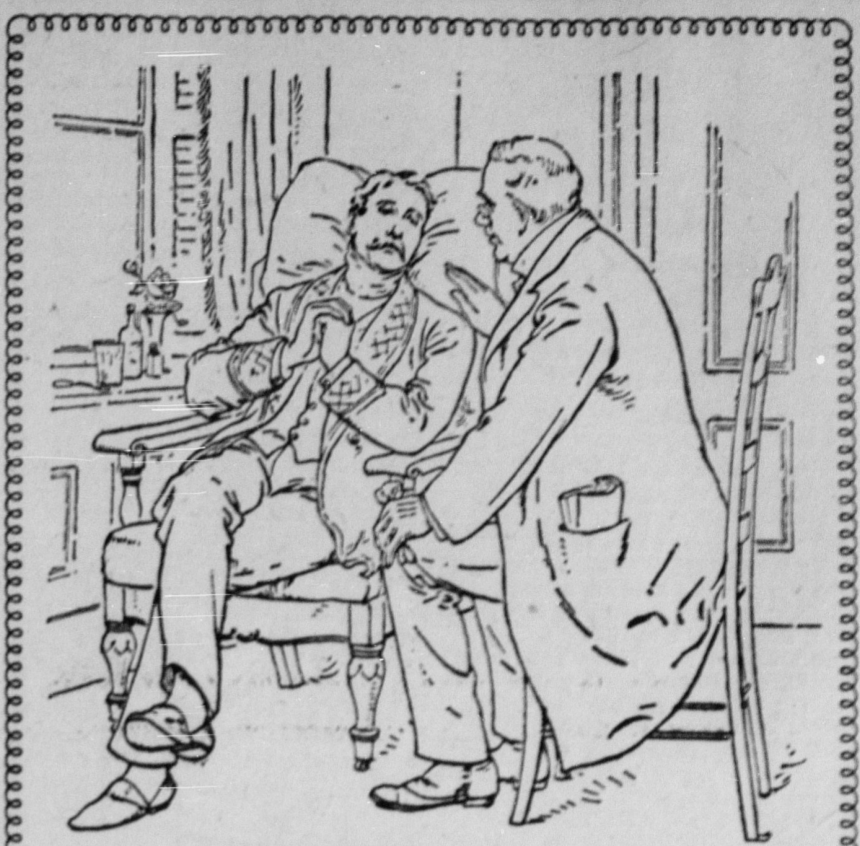
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Excursion Rates. The Penna. R. R. will sell excursion tickets, at one fare rate, for the Grangers picnic, at Williams Grove, August 27 to Sept. 3. Also for the Mt. Gretna Farmers exposition August 15 to 19.

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