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EDITORIAL.

ELECTION ECHOES.

The Wanamaker people claim that Quay can not succeed himself as Senator from this state. Quay must be confident or else he would not have announced his candidacy before leaving for Florida. As a rule the "old man" understands what he is doing and when he shakes the plum tree something will drop.

Quay has gone to Florida with Penrose and Owers for a rest. Gov. Hastings and Dave Martin are recreating at Hecla Park, killing quail. Wanamaker is figuring on how many anti-Quay men will be in the next legislature.

Dr. Swallow still has his fighting clothes on and says the battle is not over. He will not be satisfied until he gets a nice office. The preacher has turned into a veritable politician.

Think of it, with the war to fall back on, the McKinley administration has only a small, mighty small, majority in the next house. Yet they claim a great victory. We are glad that both branches are in political harmony with the president. They will have a working majority and will be responsible for everything. Opportunity makes the man or the felon.

Latest report is that Secretary Alger will be dismissed from the War Department. Of course he will resign. A polite way of being kicked out of office.

It is expected that the new State Capitol building will be far enough completed for the coming session of the senate and legislature in January.

Quay offers a prize of \$10,000 for the detection and conviction of any member of the next assembly who will accept a bribe for electing a U. S. Senator. Wanamaker is more than equal to the "old man" and adds the handsome sum of \$20,000, a total of \$30,000, for catching bribers. With such stakes ahead members will be more cautious than formerly.

The political cauldron is still bubbling about town among some of the unfortunate republican leaders. They are now trying to figure out their future salvation and how to give Hastings a swipe, who is not seeking any favors from them.

There certainly is a strong anti-Quay sentiment in Centre county. The returns indicate that, as the democratic candidates for senate and legislature run ahead of the state ticket, which was exceptionally strong.

Some of our exchanges find fault with Gov. Hastings for complimenting Mr. Hall upon his handsome majority, by telephone. Hastings can't please everybody and don't expect to.

The vote for Eli Townsend in Philipsburg did not reach the gigantic proportions predicted, prior to the election. The laboring people did not tumble over themselves to support Eli. He failed to agitate.

Over in Clearfield county the democratic papers have commenced their former tactics—ripping each other up the back. Keep it up gentlemen and afterwards you will have no party left. Both papers are engaged in this enterprise. Come over to Centre county and learn a few lessons in democratic harmony and successful politics.

Much fault was found with the last issue of this paper—for letting Chambers and the Gazette down so easy.

It is a tradition of American politics that if the House of Representatives is carried by either party two years before the presidential election by a strong majority it is a reliable indication the country will vote that way at the ensuing presidential election. The exceptions prove the rule. The closeness of the present House, turning on the accident of a meager lead in a few districts, shows the people are in a state of doubt and uncertainty. Republican losses in majorities in five states, wiping out McKinley's magnificent popular majority in 1896, prove that. The next presidency will probably turn on questions of foreign policy, as to imperialism, that will take shape within a year.

HASTINGS, Martin, Latta, McCormick and other leading republican sports are hunting game down at Hecla Park this week. Some think they are concocting a scheme to beat Quay.

PENNSYLVANIA'S VOTE.

The vote in the state stood: Stone, 473,068; Jenks, 353,742; Swallow, 132,006. Stone's plurality, 119,000. Stone carried 35 counties, Jenks 31, Swallow 1—Lackawanna. Entire republican state ticket was elected.

The Legislature stands: Senate—rep. 38, dem 12. House—rep. 127, dem. 74, independents 3. Total: 166 republicans, 86 democrats, and 3 independents—a republican majority on joint ballot of 76, or nearly two-thirds.

Senator Quay has announced his candidacy for re-election. Prominent republicans claim that Quay will be defeated.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

The Republicans gained legislatures enough to insure the party the control of the United States Senate, as well as the House of Representatives. According to the latest returns Congress will stand as follows: Senate—Republicans 54, Democrats 27, Silverites 4, Populists 4, Independent 1; Republican majority, 18. House—Republicans 125, Democrats 163, Populists, 6, Silverites 1. Chairman Kerr, however, believes that late returns will change these figures and give the combined opposition a majority of one or two. The Fifty-sixth Congress assembled in December, 1899.

The plurality of Roosevelt in New York is about 18,000, and the Legislature is Republican.

The Vote in the District.

Below we give the vote in the Congressional and Senatorial districts:

CONGRESSIONAL.	Arnold.	Hall.
Clearfield, official.....	5588	5396
Centre, ".....	3411	4428
Clarion, ".....	2291	3347
Elk, ".....	1734	3516
Forest, plurality.....	13024	16787
	325	
	13349	
District plurality.....		3438
SENATORIAL.	Osborn.	Heinle.
Clearfield, official.....	5684	5257
Centre, ".....	3535	4383
Clinton, ".....	2345	2464
	11565	12104
District plurality.....		539

VOTE IN CENTRE COUNTY.

Governor:	Stone, republican.....	3485
	Jenks, democrat.....	4241
	Swallow, prohibitionist.....	614
	Barnes.....	1
	Jenks' plurality.....	756
Lieut. Governor:	Gobin, republican.....	3645
	Sowden, democrat.....	4227
	Sowden's plurality.....	582
Secretary Internal Affairs:	Latta, republican.....	3674
	DeLacy, democrat.....	4214
	DeLacy's plurality.....	540
Superior Court:	W. W. Porter, republican.....	3543
	W. D. Porter, republican.....	3392
	Wm. Trickett, democrat.....	4553
	C. M. Bower, democrat.....	4485
Congress at Large:	Grow, republican.....	3747
	Davenport, republican.....	3683
	Iams, democrat.....	4479
	Weiler, democrat.....	4188
	Iams' plurality.....	432
	Weiler's plurality.....	505
Congress:	Arnold, republican.....	3501
	Hall, democrat.....	4428
	Rheem, prohibition.....	325
	Hall's plurality.....	927
State Senate:	Osborn, republican.....	3536
	Heinle, democrat.....	4383
	C. S. Long, prohibition.....	329
	Heinle's plurality.....	847
Legislature:	Daley, republican.....	3597
	Townsend, republican.....	3522
	Foster, democrat.....	4386
	Wetzel, democrat.....	4328
	Williams, prohibition.....	303
	Long, H. H., prohibition.....	331
	Foster over Townsend.....	789
	Wetzel over Townsend.....	731
Prothonotary:	Williams, republican.....	3524
	Gardner, democrat.....	4385
	Beery, prohibition.....	262
	Gardner's plurality.....	761
District Attorney:	N. B. Spangler, democrat.....	4462
Surveyor:	Horace Herring, democrat.....	4377

THE PRESIDENTIAL PENDULUM.

The last seven Presidential elections have been carried alternately, with the regularity of a four-year clock, by each of the two great political parties. The record is:

- 1872—Grant, Republican.
- 1876—Tilden, Democrat.
- 1880—Garfield, Republican.
- 1884—Cleveland, Democrat.
- 1888—Harrison, Republican.
- 1892—Cleveland, Democrat.
- 1896—McKinley, Republican.

In 1900, according to the rule, the President should again be a Democrat. Will history repeat itself? And who will be the man?

It is said by persons who pretend to know that it has been Gov. Hastings request that no appointment be made at Bellefonte for postmaster until after the election. The purpose was to prove clearly to the President that Wm. C. Arnold was not in good standing among his people. That now has been proven and it is among the probabilities that Mr. Fortney's successor will soon be named.

HOW THEY COURT IN CUBA.

Cuban courting is on a plan that is strange and wonderful to us. It is full of circumlocution and bulwarks and clever football interference and trouble and delay and protracted agony and duennas. There is no holding hands in it at all, you bet. It is all barbed wire entanglements.

In the higher orders of society young men and young women have conventional opportunities of meeting each other and becoming acquainted, but that is not the situation among the masses. In the latter case a young man almost invariably falls in love with a fair face seen through a grated window. He could not tell if the lady was deaf and dumb. As for her disposition, she might for all he knows, be accustomed to dragging her mother up and down stairs by the hair and beating her father daily with the cooking instruments. She might even have a wooden leg successfully concealed in her reposeful attitude. But, anyhow, he takes this wild whirl into romance, and only the gods know his end.

The first thing to be done is to attract the attention of the lady. This he usually accomplishes by a process of heroic patrolling to and fro in front of her house. She sits in the window and observes this scene. If she glances at him he smiles, looks foolish and adoring, acts like an ass.

This stage may be long or short; that depends upon the man and the maid. But, sooner or later, there comes a time when he shys up to the window and flips a letter behind the bars, and the girl conceals it hastily in all likelihood, although the supposition is that she takes it immediately to her mother. And this letter! It breathes a passion which could only grow from the young man's lack of knowledge of the object of his devotion. It sings a perfect adoration, which could emanate only from a young man who is not thoroughly familiar with the subject. From it arises a perfume of love which could be created only by a young man who had acted always as a spectator from without the bars.

Very well, then; this patrolling and grinning and this note have an effect, or else they don't have an effect. Let us suppose that the young man has not paced furtively to and fro, wearing out the pavements of a beneficent city government. In that case it is a race horse to a corn dodger that she will not write an answer to his note without communicating news of the solemnity of the crisis to her anxious parent. It then becomes the duty of the anxious parent to collar the young man at some good time and ask him what the devil are his intentions, anyhow. He replies, of course, that his intentions are quite beyond reproach, and he hopes—be hopes—if he is not too unworthy—he will be allowed to pay his suit.

But, at any rate, the young man's position and prospects are weighed, and if they are satisfactory he is admitted to call upon the young woman. The young woman's opinion in the case is a blooming small matter. The young man is put on the scales, and if he don't tip them properly he goes, and if the girl wants to cry her eyes out she cries them out without moving the disposition of the iron-clad parents.

The young man being accepted, then begins the real courtship. A sort of schedule is established, and the young man runs on time. He turns up every evening—say at 8 o'clock and goes away—say at 10 o'clock.

It is not so much the uninterrupted punctuality. It is the length of the siege. It endures for ages. It is common for this sort of thing to last as long as eight years. Five years, or, perhaps, three years, is the habit.

What the young man does is to come into a drawing-room, sit down in a chair near the young lady, and talk in a subdued and dowdrodden voice, half to the young woman and half to the implacable mother, who holds her position with a courage born of the noble cause. She is always something like the western man who chewed tobacco, and yet, in certain poker games, acknowledged that he dared not turn his head long enough to perform a certain obligation of men who chew tobacco.

Imagine this state of affairs enduring for eight years, or even for three years! It has all the fiery excitement of being cashier in a shoe store.

This call becomes a function of the daily life of the family, precisely like the morning coffee or dinner. If he failed to appear for one evening, there would be a panic in the household, and the young woman would be heartbroken at this scandalous exhibition of infidelity. He would be obliged to make elaborate and fervid explanation.

Time moves at its allotted speed slowly over the years; nothing changes, routine is routine. And in the end, what? Who knows? Perhaps our fine young man sights a woman who rightly or wrongly blots out in four minutes the memory of the girl that he has ardently courted for three years. Then again, perhaps not.

After all, there is small use of discussing any such matters. Men seek the women they love, and find them, and women wait for the men they love, and the men come and all the circumlocution and bulwarks and clever football interference and trouble and delay and protracted agony and duennas count for nothing, against the tides of human life, which are in Cuba or Omaha controlled by the same moon.—Stephen Crane, in New York Journal.

SIGHTSEEING AT WASHINGTON

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looked as if she would appreciate ten minutes of wrappers and slippers.

"Let's go up in the monument," said she.

"Not any, thanks," said he. "Then I'll go home," said she, placing the chip squarely upon her shoulder.

"Not to-day," said he shortly.

"Well, I've been up before," came from her, with one of those smiles a woman uses to work a man into jail. Thus the fuss went on and I watched a spider do a fly grab game in a corner until I heard a peculiar smack and then I knew the protocol had been signed.

"It was a short time before the white flag was torn to smithereens, for in going down the steps the groom, in his newness, stubbed his toe and said "dam." "Do you know who you are with?" said the bride, stopping to a standstill. "Unfortunately, yes," and I began looking for another fly and spider to absorb my attention until this mixup was over. I'll bet a bunch of bannanas that couple never eat their Thanksgiving dinner together.

"Saturday I had a pair of English goo goosers and they were as affectionate a bunch as I ever stood up against. I walked a few feet ahead of them but could overhear:—"Bertha, me own," and "Edward, me king," everywhere we went and all was well until I heard them roasting the United States in fine royal style. They gave all our fine buildings the laugh from the beginning; I stood it for a long time, but every sentence made the Ohio-American swell within me until I was aching to have my say.

"How stupid," they remarked in chorus, while looking at the paintings in the rotunda of the Capitol. "What a bum lot indeed," came in one voice, until the spirit of '76 was rattling within me. Everything got the horsehoof from the Englishers, and upon arrival in front of the painting of the battle of Lake Erie, in the Senate wing of the building, they giggled, "Oh! what a frightful daub; pray ge-de, what is that supposed to represent?"

"This was too much for my Irish and I replied to them: "That is considered an admirable work of art and is an accurate representation of the battle of Lake Erie. That battle, as you must remember, took place between the American and British fleets during the war of 1812, and if any fleet on fresh or salt water, was ever soaked, jolted, smothered, hammered, torn in two, ripped up the back, butchered and knocked into eighteen hundred and twelve pieces of kindling, it was that time juicer British squadron, on that occasion when Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry put it onto them.

"Well! I never had a chance to twist the British lion's tail at such close range and under such justifiable circumstances, and the way my blood was sizzling it would have been all the same had I been addressing his noblets, the Prince of Wales. The goo-goer from gobbie county tossed me a two bit piece for my services, but I let it lay and walked away with a tip of my hat, is I fired a parting salute—"Yes, and we've got Oliver Hazard Perrys in United States navy to give away to-day."

"Excuse me, there comes a party of school marms—watch me made a hit;" and he bowed himself away with the same politeness and grace that made his stories so amusingly interesting.

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