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EDITORIAL.

EMBALMED BEEF.

Gradually the truth is coming to the surface. The investigation before the McKinley war commission, in regard to the mismanagement of the war department, and its failure to furnish decent food and supplies for the men in the service, is unearthing some very unpleasant evidence.

The sensation of the past week was the testimony of Commissary General Eagan who employed all the coarse, low, vulgar epithets, to brand General Miles a liar. It was Eagan's duty to furnish supplies for the army. One of the principle articles of food was fresh and canned beef and over this the controversy arose.

According to Miles and many others who were in the Porto Rico campaign, they were sent rotten beef, unfit for use, Miles called it "embalmed beef" sent them under the "pretext of an experiment." It was so bad that tons of it were thrown away, dogs would not eat it.

Eagans undignified testimony puts him on the level of a low blackguard and conclusively shows his lack of discipline, good judgment, and as entirely unfit for the important position he occupied.

Algerism in the army has been a disgrace to the country. Yet it seems to be in harmony with the administration.

EXPANSION.

The theory that it is right to take all the land possible and then defend your action by yelling: "Hurrah for the flag," "Who will dare tear down the flag!" is beginning to dawn on the thoughtful minds as the rankest kind of hypocrisy.

Every principle of our constitution and all our boasted national traditions are opposed to such conduct. The hungry land grabbers and those who are likely to profit by a partial increase of exports and others who will profit greatly by furnishing supplies for a large standing army are the ones who are talking about "Manifest Destiny" and strange to say among them the ministry seems to be a most active spirit.

The expansion idea is not growing in popularity. The public has been figuring, calculating and thinking; sober judgment is superceding misguided patriotism. Today it looks as though the U. S. Senate might reject the Paris treaty with Spain and refuse the Philippines.

Expansion, trouble, increased debt, larger standing armies, entangling alliances with foreign nations are the apparent fruits of this policy. This country should avoid all them.

CAUCUS MEETINGS.

The democrats of Centre Co., will hold their caucuses for the nomination of candidates for borough, ward, township and precinct officers on the 28th day of January, 1899. The committeemen of the several precincts and wards will take notice hereof and fix the hour or time for the holding of these caucuses.

J. K. JOHNSTON, Chairman.

CHOOSE YOUR CANDIDATES.

Every Democrat should go to the caucuses Saturday. Express your choice for men who can give the best service. Do not remain away and then complain afterwards as to the character of the candidates that were named by the few who attended.

THE election of a U. S. Senator from Pennsylvania is attracting the nations attention. New York chose one of her best men in Depew; Pennsylvania is inclined differently.

Gov STONE promised much in his inauguration address. It is to be hoped that he means what he says, and will have the determination to carry his purposes through.

WHEN Quay gets through with his troubles at Harrisburg he must face the Philadelphia courts. He has troubles of his own.

The Dead Editor.

A contemporary tells of a dead editor, at whose funeral 677 delinquent subscribers marched by and viewed the remains. Of that number 676 muttered sadly: "He was an industrious, bright and good man, but—he couldn't save anything."

HARRISBURG LETTER.

William A. Stone Inaugurated as Governor of Pennsylvania.

DEADLOCK ON THE SENATORSHIP.

Democrats Insist That They Will Stick to Their Party Nominee, George A. Jenks, and That the Republican Faction Will Get No Help From Them.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Jan. 17.—The inauguration of William A. Stone as governor of Pennsylvania, which took place today, brought thousands of visitors to the state capital, including many Republican clubs from Philadelphia and other points of the state to participate in the inaugural parade. The military display was unusually large and attractive, there being nearly 5,000 men in line. General Snowden was in command, and Colonel Schall, Magee and Miller were at the head of their respective brigades.

Senator Martin Walked in the Parade. Senator Martin spoiled a precedent of long standing. It has always been customary for the retiring secretary of the commonwealth to ride in the carriage with the incoming and outgoing governors.

One of the notable characters in the inauguration proceedings was the Chinese minister. He arrived yesterday with a carload of congressmen from Washington.

A platform had been built in front of the capitol, where the oath of office was administered and the inaugural address delivered. Governor-elect Stone and family were entertained at luncheon at the executive mansion yesterday afternoon by Governor and Mrs. Hastings.

Mr. McCormick suggests reforms. He recommends the enactment of a law creating the office of additional deputy attorney general, additional law clerk and messenger. During his administration the system of taxing the capital stock of corporations was revolutionized, the effect of which will be to increase enormously the basis upon which corporations have heretofore been taxed, and may in time require the reduction in the millage now imposed upon capital stock.

Mr. McCormick says he has come to know officially that in many cases settlements have not been made for ten years or more, and in numerous instances where settlements have been made they have not been paid or certified to the attorney general for collection for as great a period of time, greatly to the injury of the commonwealth.

Mr. McCormick says further that he makes no reflection upon any officer or employee of the auditor general's department, but that in his judgment the system opens wide a door for fraud and for inequality of taxation. He suggested that some tribunal of revision be created by which it could be determined in a judicial or semi-judicial way the amount of taxes that corporations should pay.

McCarrell's Jury Bill. The bill introduced by Senator McCarrell to limit the power of the district attorney to stand aside jurors in misdemeanor cases is attracting considerable attention from members of the bar, and there is a widespread suspicion that the measure has more than a remote connection with the case against Senator Quay.

A report has gained currency in political circles to the effect that Senator Quay has made preparations to leave Harrisburg on Thursday next for Washington, and that he would on the same night take his departure from the national capital for his ranch in Florida, where he intends to take a couple of weeks' rest and recuperation previous to his trial.

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convention of the two houses adjourns Senator Quay will realize the hopelessness of his fight and he may as well go to Florida, or anywhere else, as remain in Harrisburg to witness his own defeat.

Both Sides Profess Confidence.

The anti-Quay people are positive in their assertions that after the first joint ballot a considerable number of the members who attended the caucus in Harrisburg on Jan. 3 will drop away from Senator Quay, if indeed he does not lose some of them on the first ballot. That he will have more on the first joint ballot than on any succeeding ballot, they declare as an absolute certainty, and also that his election is an impossibility unless he can obtain enough Democratic votes to accomplish it, or his friends can persuade enough of the minority party legislators to absent themselves from their seats.

Chairman Elkin this morning reiterated his oft repeated prediction that Senator Quay would emerge from the contest a winner.

"In addition to Senator Chisholm and Representatives Clark and Baldwin," he said, "we have received positive assurance that five members from western counties who did not attend the caucus will vote for the senator. There is also an intimation that Representative Garvin, of Delaware, will be found on our side when the balloting begins, and we have good reason to believe that we will succeed in capturing other members now claimed by the opposition."

Mr. Elkin took occasion to remark that there was nothing in the story that Representatives Krepps and Britton, of Franklin county, would desert Quay to vote for Judge John Stewart, and expressed the opinion that Judge Stewart's name was used in connection with the senatorial candidacy without his consent. He also said that in his judgment no Democrats will be needed to assure Quay's success, but that enough Republicans will be won from the other side to land him a winner.

Attorney General McCormick's Report. Attorney General McCormick, who retired from office today, presented his biennial report for the year 1897-98. During the past two years 1,231 suits were brought by Mr. McCormick for the collection of delinquent taxes. There were also taken in the Dauphin county court 352 appeals from settlements made by the accounting officers of the state.

Collections were made during the period covered by the report by adverse proceedings amounting to \$520,599.93. In addition to this commissions to the amount of \$22,412.84 were paid by the defendants and through the attorney general's department into the state treasury. Mr. McCormick thinks it is not unsatisfactory to predict that it will not be necessary for the legislature to seek any new subjects of taxation in order to meet the appropriations that will properly be made by that body.

Mr. McCormick calls attention to the condition of affairs in the auditor general's department without any reference to particular occupants of that office. It has come to the attorney general's notice in repeated instances that in almost innumerable cases settlements have been made against corporations owing taxes, and in other cases almost as numerous, where settlements have been made, no efforts have been made to collect the taxes.

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WILKINS.

DEMOCRATS CONTROL

They Hold the Key to the Senatorial Situation at Harrisburg.

GEO. A. JENKS FOR U. S. SENATOR.

The Republican Machine is Hoping in Vain For Help From the Democracy. Anti-Quay Republicans Have an Organization to Fight Quay—The Downfall of the Republican Boss Only a Matter of a Few Days or Weeks.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 16.—The senatorial situation is in the hands of the Democrats. They are masters of all they survey. Opportunities never dreamed of have been coming their way in the past ten days and it is creditable to a character fully able to take care of themselves. The nomination on Thursday last of the Hon. George A. Jenks for the United States senatorship to succeed Senator Quay was a stroke of good policy.

In the past the Democracy has known what it is to fight against hopeless odds. Heretofore it stood for an unflinching minority. Today it stands triumphant for the best that is in politics in the state of Pennsylvania. Some base slanders have gone forth from the Quay Republican press in the past two weeks. They have hinted that when the senior senator wanted votes to make out the quota of his majority, which he could not get from the Republicans, he would turn to the Democrats. It was an implication that Democrats could be bought.

Before the present fight is over no man in Pennsylvania will dare say that even the weakest or humblest Democratic member in house or senate could be away from the course of rectitude and honor to his party by scheming Republicans. There is more than the mere fact of holding the balance of power in all this. Since Jackson's time the name Democracy has been synonymous with reform. If the party in Pennsylvania has not been able to father of all the reforms that have been placed on the statute books, it has at least forced the adoption of these reforms by the dominant Republican party.

ONE OF QUAY'S SCHEMES.

One of the smoothest schemes of Senator Quay's followers was to try and induce Democrats to remain away from the approaching joint ballot for United States senator, which begins on Wednesday of this week. It was an appeal to the careless and thoughtless members of the party. For any Democrat to remain away from his place in house or senate at the present time is equivalent to giving a vote for Quay.

The action of Colonel Guffey and other Democratic leaders in passing a resolution requiring two-thirds of all the Democrats in house and senate to consent before another candidate is named in place of Mr. Jenks gives the lie to Republican machine statements that the Democrats will help Quay. If there had been any men weak enough and corrupt enough among the Democratic legislators at Harrisburg to yield to the blandishments of Republicans in this action of the Democratic caucus would have settled them. But there have been enough gratuitous insults thrown at the Democrats. They stand today as they will stand to the bitter end, a solid, unyielding, uncompromising barrier to the re-election of Matthew Stanley Quay.

TO HELP OUT READER.

One other thing in which the Democrats were alleged to be interested is the reinstatement of General Reeder and of John P. Elkin to places in Governor Stone's cabinet. There are enough Republicans of the anti-Quay kind in the senate to defeat the confirmation of Reeder if the Democrats join in it. It is known positively that Quay wants Reeder put back in his old place of secretary of the commonwealth as a vindication for being turned out by Governor Hastings. The Republican state chairman, John P. Elkin, is also seeking vindication in the same way. It can be stated with the utmost assurance that no Democrat will vote for the confirmation of General Frank Reeder. The reason is clear. The Democrats have named their late candidate for governor, Hon. George A. Jenks, as their candidate for United States senator. During his campaign for the governorship Mr. Jenks went up and down the state proclaiming the outrage of the public enemy, to which General Frank Reeder and Mr. Elkin were signers, and proclaiming that the men who signed that notorious document were law breakers in the sight of the law. Under such circumstances no Democrat dare vote for a reinstatement of these men, and so the charge that General Reeder will get back into the cabinet with the assistance of Democratic votes is as false as false can be.

The balloting for United States senator will begin on Tuesday of this week with separate ballots in house and senate. On Wednesday a joint meeting of both bodies will be held and a joint ballot taken. Up to last Saturday night it is understood that 48 members of the anti-Quay organization had signed the

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