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EDITORIAL.

GETTING SOBER.

Immediately after the Spanish war American sentiment became intoxicated with the alluring temptation of conquest and colonial possessions. The excitement of the war unbalanced many deliberate minds, and the sacred traditions of the American people and the humane purpose of the war were overlooked in the opportunity to grab more territory and extend American rule, by force of military power over millions of half civilized people in the Philippine Islands who did not consent to American authority, but ask for liberty and independence, for which they had been fighting for years. President McKinley primarily is responsible for this un-American policy. He demanded the possession of the Philippine Islands as a part of the peace treaty. To hold these possessions means an enormous outlay for standing army and navy, and here is the opportunity for speculators and contractors to rob the government.

Gradually the American people are sobering up on the expansion policy. They can see future tax burdens that follow such misguided patriotism, advocated by contractors, pulpit pounders and corrupt schemers. In the past week there has been a marvelous change in sentiment. To-day's papers tell us that 30,000 Filipinos, well armed and with fifty terrible maxim guns, are ready to strike the American forces near Manila. That is the greeting sent back to President McKinley's proclamation and his "benevolent assimilation" - sugar-coated pills. Thirty thousand men ready to fight for liberty and independence; just the same as our American patriots did in 1776, and we are building ships, making powder, moulding bullets, casting guns, and sending men by thousands to shoot these people down on their native soil for contending for their liberty and independence. Are we not now writing a dark page in the illustrious annals of American history? Yes, but it will soon be finished, for there are patriots at home and in the Senate. It now looks as though the imperial, colonial, expansion disgrace of the President must fail. The peace treaty will likely not be ratified and a free people not disgraced.

NO MISTAKE.

Last fall in the campaign for governor the principal reason urged for the defeat of Stone for Governor, was that he was the creature of Quay and would be a Quay tool if elected. Quay nominated Stone, and there was no reason to doubt that he was a Quayite in every sense of the word. In the campaign Mr. Stone, eager to capture votes, openly avowed his allegiance to no boss, and would be free from outside influence. Since his inauguration what is the result? With bold, shameless, open, effrontery he has nominated men like Elkins and others, who were disgraced and deposed from office for official corruption, for the most important positions. All of them have been trained in the Quay political ring. Next, all the independent republicans still holding subordinate positions, have been removed to make room for Quayites. The reason for removal is that they do not wear the Quay color.

Gov. Stone finally displayed his greatest effrontery by criticising the Philadelphia courts for their proceedings against M. S. Quay. The integrity of the courts is questioned and denounced by the Executive, who declares Quay an innocent man. Here Gov. Stone passes judgment on the action of the Grand Jury who, from the testimony, found a criminal indictment against Quay, and the judges of the lower and higher courts who have ruled that he must stand trial in the criminal courts, for the misuse of State funds in speculation. Any sensible man might have known that Stone was tied to Quay, that a vote for Stone was a vote for Quay. They got exactly what they voted for—a Quay governor who appears to endorse all of Quay's conduct, and now is using openly all his power, by the distribution of patronage, to force or buy Quay's election to the U. S. Senate.

The people got what they voted for, and should not be disappointed. The democrats prophesied all this, and it has been more than verified already.

A CONTRAST.

The merchant ships now building in American ship-yards for the American merchant marine are of the value of \$19,716,900.

The warships now building in American ship-yards for the American Navy are of the value of \$42,393,192.

Remember that the Democratic caucuses will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Governor Stone Issues a Statement in Support of Quay.

BOTH SIDES CLAIM THE VICTORY

While the Governor Expresses Confidence in the Senator's Re-election, Mr. Van Valkenburg, the Anti-Quay Manager, is Equally Confident That He Cannot Win.

Harrisburg, Jan. 24.—Governor Stone gives the following signed statement on the senatorial situation: "My opinion has not changed since I expressed the belief, after the action of the caucus making Colonel Quay the nominee of the Republican party for United States senator, that he would be re-elected. His supporters have not had a break in their lines since that time, and they have made gains. Pennsylvania is a Republican state, and unless there are some serious reasons why a regularly nominated candidate of the Republican party in the state should not be elected, it is usually safe to predict that he will win. More than two-thirds of the Republican members of the general assembly are already publicly committed to him. No one can honestly or fairly question the regularity of the nomination of Senator Quay. The caucus was regularly called and properly conducted. Stalwart Republicans generally throughout the commonwealth have accepted him as the candidate of their party and want to see him elected.

"The conspiracy case brought against him in the heat of the campaign has been fully ventilated and the political character of the proceedings is thoroughly understood by the people. The argument of Attorney Watson before the supreme court clearly demonstrated that there was nothing in the bills of indictment against Senator Quay, nor in the testimony, showing him to have violated any law. This has been made plain to all, as has the fact that this prosecution was inspired and instituted for the purpose of influencing votes against Senator Quay in his senatorial canvass. It is not my purpose or intention to quarrel with anyone who is opposed to Senator Quay. That is his right and privilege. But I do say that I believe that way down in the hearts of the nearly one-half of a million Republicans of Pennsylvania who voted for me for governor at the last election, there is a feeling of sympathy for Senator Quay in the present contest. He has been a brave soldier in the hour of his country's trials, he has been a gallant, able and victorious field marshal of the Republican party, not only in local and state campaigns, but in one of the greatest and most bitterly fought national contests ever waged in American politics. To him, more than to any one else, as chairman of the Republican national committee, did we owe the election of General Benjamin Harrison to the presidency. As a member of the United States senate, he has watchfully and zealously guarded the great industrial, manufacturing and commercial interests of our commonwealth. His influence was potential, not only in materially aiding in the passage of the McKinley bill, but with the Democrats in control of congress, through his close relations with his colleagues on both sides of the house, and his statesmanlike course on the floor of the senate, he saved Pennsylvania's industries from ruin by the amendments he had inserted in the Wilson bill for their especial protection.

"Considers Quay's Election Sure. "There should be no occasion for concern among the friends of Senator Quay on account of the present deadlock on the senatorship. Public sentiment in his favor is making itself felt among the members of the legislature. If Senator Quay's supporters stand firm, as I am convinced they will, his re-election will certainly follow in due time.

E. A. Van Valkenburg, who is managing the anti-Quay campaign, issues a statement in which he says the senatorial situation is no longer complicated nor uncertain. Mr. Van Valkenburg claims Senator Quay's strength was at high tide when he received 113 votes, which is just 14 short of a majority. Against him are 139 votes, 87 Democrats and 52 anti-Quay Republicans.

"The Quay managers have abandoned all hope of securing a single vote from the anti-Quay ranks," he adds. "But while admitting that no Democrat will vote directly for Quay at any stage of the contest, they assert with an air of mystery, rather than of confidence, that at the proper time enough Democrats will be found to supply the necessary 14 votes that Senator Quay must have to elect him. The Quay machine is bankrupt in the matter of political patronage. All the attempts of the Quay people to create friction between the Democrats and the anti-Quayites have signally failed. Senator Quay amassed all his strength to break the anti-Quay lines last Wednesday, and failed. Senator Quay may be able to prolong the deadlock, but re-elect himself United States senator from Pennsylvania, never."

"The feeling between the Quay and anti-Quay factions was intensified by an attempt of the former to boycott the latter in the matter of pairs, the Quay men refusing to pair with any but Democrats. This boycott was only partially enforced, but if it should be continued Flinn is likely to find some effective way of retaliating. He is devoting his entire attention to the defeat of Quay, and while he claims that this is already assured he proposes to be neither defeated nor punished. With the close of the ballot on Saturday there was a general exodus of senators and representatives for home, a corporal's guard remaining over.

Everybody is at Sea. Beyond the fact that there is a senatorial deadlock that appears to be rock bottomed and copper fastened, everybody is at sea as to the future outcome. The preponderance of opinion is that Quay is defeated, but very few are even

guessing as to his successor. Changes are looked for next week. But in what direction no one can tell. Three-fourths of the Democrats, recognizing that all their successes in recent years have been due to independent Republican votes, and that many of the present Democratic membership in the legislature owe their election to the Wamaker and Swallow campaign, would be willing to vote for an independent Republican for senator and end the deadlock. There are several, however, who would like a break for an independent Republican to give them a pretext for voting for Quay, so that for the present at least the Democrats will keep on voting solidly for Jenks.

The 52 anti-Quay Republicans are having an easy time of it in comparison with some of their Quay opponents. Almost to a man the anti-Quay senators and representatives have been sustained by their constituents, while several of the Quay members, especially from the country districts, have received a terrible scolding. One of the newspapers in Franklin county has been printing a roll of honor containing the names of senators and representatives from other counties who are steadily voting for Judge John Stewart, and a parallel roll of dishonor containing the names of the two representatives from Franklin county who are voting for Quay. In several other counties the Quay members are in the hottest kind of hot water with their constituents, and it will not be surprising if some of these will leave Quay for some other Republican after a few more ballots.

Many Absent Without Leave. There is some surprise expressed over the large number of absentees without leave. Representative Kendall, of Somerset, was the only anti-Quay member on this list. He was reported to have gone to the Scotland Soldiers' Orphan school on a visit with Captain W. Skinner for the day. Captain Skinner, however, having taken the precaution to secure a pair, Senator Higgins is still lying ill in the hospital here and is improving slowly.

The Republicans on the Quay side who failed to secure a pair are Senator Brown, of Westmoreland, who is said to be at home sick, and Representative Charles B. Nobilt, of Philadelphia. The other three representatives were Democrats, who did not understand the value or necessity of pairing. They will be fully enlightened on this subject by their colleagues when they return next week.

Under the present system of pairs no man, not even if he be confined by a critical illness at home, need hereafter be recorded as absent and not voting. Pairs can be arranged by telegraph.

Lieutenant Governor Gobin has now the manner of a Chesterfield and the courtesy of a Bayard while occupying the chair in the joint session. It is not likely that there will be any more complaint about the presiding officer's rulings hereafter.

There are vague rumors and mysterious hints here concerning the arrest in the near future of somebody for bribery in connection with the election of a United States senator. There are any number of Quay detectives here and they are exceedingly mysterious. One of them was asked if there were to be any arrests. He said that there would be, and that there was plenty of evidence to go with the arrest. As this particular slouch was connected with the agency that was active for Senator Penrose two years ago very little credence is placed in what he says. In fact, the spreading of the story is regarded as a Quay bluff.

The Contest For Gobin's Seat. The Quay and anti-Quay issue is to be raised in the nomination and election of a senator from Lebanon county to succeed Gobin. The election will take place on Feb. 24, one week after the regular February election, and as it will not be complicated with any municipal issue the contest is certain to be fought out on the lines of the present senatorial contest at the state capital. The names of the Quay and anti-Quay candidates have not been announced, but the selections will doubtless be made this week. As Lebanon county is within easy reach of Harrisburg both the Quay and anti-Quay voters in the legislature are likely to be invited to address meetings of the Lebanon county voters.

Ex-Senator William H. Andrews, of Crawford, was a conspicuous figure on the floor. He was acting as a sort of director of a senator of the Quay forces, although when the balloting began he took a retired seat to the right of the speaker, but watching every movement of either side with the utmost attention.

Just prior to the entrance of the senate Mr. Andrews occupied a conspicuous position in the front seats of the house. This body had not been called to order, and for a little while there was considerable cross firing between Senator Flinn and Mr. Andrews. It was good natured, but full of stings. "Come over here and sit down, Bill," called Senator Flinn to Andrews, who was discussing the situation with a Philadelphia member.

"Oh, you are over on the Democratic side," replied Andrews, turning to the anti-Quay leader with a grin, referring to the seat that Senator Flinn was occupying temporarily.

DEMOCRATS CONTROL

The Situation at Harrisburg in the Senatorial Fight Against Senator Quay.

NOT A FEAK IN THE JENKS LINE

Colonel Guffey's Splendid Work and the Enthusiasm of Mr. Jenks-Gobin Tries to Control the Joint Convention and Falls—A Red Hot Time in Which the Majority Rules.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Jan. 23.—The situation in Harrisburg the past week has not changed. Quay is still outside the breastworks, and the Democrats hold the key to the situation. With the cooperation of the anti-Quay Republicans they have successfully defeated several attempts of the Quay Republicans to infringe on their rights. This was particularly the case on last Wednesday, when the new lieutenant governor, J. P. Gobin, attempted in the most high handed way to rule the joint convention in behalf of Quay.

At the Democratic caucus, held that morning, it was decided to present a series of rules for governing the joint convention. The anti-Quay Republican leaders had been invited to discuss these rules, and had agreed to them, and guaranteed to stand by the Democrats in securing their adoption. There was nothing particular in the rules, except one which provided that there be only one joint ballot for United States senator per day. This was distasteful to the Quay leaders, and they laid their plans to defeat the adoption of the rules, and Lieutenant Governor Gobin was selected as the club.

DIXON'S JOINT RULES.

Accordingly when Representative Dixon, of Elk, the Democratic leader, offered these joint rules Gobin refused to listen to them. He ruled them then out of order. Then Mr. Dixon appealed from his decision, seconded by Senator Flinn, the anti-Quay leader. But again Gobin refused to listen to the appeal. Finally when a hurried attempt was made by the Quay men to adjourn Gobin summarily dismissed the convention, refusing to call the yeas and nays, as demanded by half the Democrats on the floor and the anti-Quay Republicans. In an instant the house was in an uproar. A protest meeting was held, with Bliss, anti-Quay Republican of Delaware, as chairman, and Dixon, Democrat of Elk, as secretary.

A series of vigorous resolutions, denouncing Gobin and his action, were framed. That day it was also decided that if in the future Gobin attempted anything more of the kind he would be dismissed from the chair. All Wednesday afternoon Hon. George A. Jenks, Hon. John H. Fow and ex-Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, three of the ablest Democratic lawyers in this state, with ex-Attorney General H. C. McCormick, Republican, were in a Harrisburg law office examining the law as to Gobin's right to preside over the joint convention as lieutenant governor. It was found that he had no right, nothing but courtesy and precedent permitting him to do so. The protest was signed by 129 senators and members, the majority of the legislature, all of them Democrats and anti-Quay Republicans, with perhaps half dozen Quay men who became disgusted with the action of their party.

DEMOCRATS STAND FAST.

The Democrats are in excellent shape. During the past week Colonel J. M. Guffey, the brilliant and active Democratic leader, left his great business in Pittsburg and came on to Harrisburg to look after the fight in person. Hon. George A. Jenks, candidate for United States senator, spent part of the week here. From Philadelphia came ex-Judge James G. Gordon, whose sterling Democracy has earned him the eternal enmity of the Quay machine. D. A. Orr, editor of the Harrisburg Patriot, ex-Postmaster John B. Larkin, of Pittsburg, ex-County Chairman W. J. Brennan, of Allegheny, Congressman Howard Mutchler, P. Gray Meek, Colonel "Jack" Spangler and other leading Democrats of the state have been in constant attendance watching the progress of events. Despite the fact that these men were here directing the fight in person the Quay men did not hesitate to attempt all sorts of lying schemes to create friction between anti-Quay Republican and the solid Democratic phalanx.

Their most popular method was to start the story that certain members in certain Democratic delegations were wavering, and that on such a day these men would break away from the Democratic line. The story would then be circulated as coming from the Wamaker headquarters. Every falsehood of this kind was alleged to come from the anti-Quay Republican rooms in the Commonwealth hotel, but their frequency and persistency soon revealed their real character. Senator Flinn and General Koontz repeatedly and vigorously denied that any such statements had come from them, but on the contrary they had discovered that these reports were circulated by Quay's lieutenants.

The object undoubtedly was to create friction between the Republicans who are fighting Quay and the Democrats who are also fighting him. There was another reason perhaps more important than this, and that is that the Quay men are compelled to make some such assertions to keep their lines straight. It is well known that there are at least ten men voting for Quay who are ready to break away from him whenever an opportunity presents.

ELKIN IS CONFIRMED.

John P. Elkin was confirmed in the senate last week as the attorney general of Governor Stone's cabinet. His confirmation was made possible by the help of four Democratic senators, viz: Boyd of Fayette, Haines of York, Neely of Clarion and Stiles of Lehigh. Even then Elkin, one of the indemnity bond signers, and a man who has been denounced for that action by Democrats and Republicans for two years,



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had only one vote to spare in the senate. Not in a quarter of a century has any senator been subjected to such denunciation as these four Democrats in Stiles' district they held a mass meeting in Allentown and denounced him for betraying his constituents and his party. In Boyd's district, in Fayette and Green counties, the utmost indignation prevails. Congressman-elect Hall came up from Washington and gave Neely, the senator from Clarion, a piece of his mind in a vigorous way. All of these men have been receiving letters from their constituents, harrasing them unmercifully for their betrayal of the people in giving aid to the Quay machine and the Stone administration.

Speaker Farr, of the house, is the latest gold brick salesman. There is no doubt that he has sold the anti-Quay Republicans a large and shining gold brick. Farr was Senator Martin's choice for speaker as against the Quay selection. Martin had the assurance that Farr would take care of the anti-Quay interests in at least a measurable fashion. This implied that the Democrats would be looked after to some considerable extent. Instead of that, Farr has made his appointments and has not only given the Democrats a very cold deal, but he has also thrown down the anti-Quay Republicans and the Martin men. The insurgent Republicans are incensed against Farr. He has filled up the unimportant committees with anti-Quay Republicans and given the best that the house afforded to the Quay people. As for the Democrats, they have gotten the worst of it all the way through, and although they have protested it does no good.

MEMBERS MUST BE PAIRED.

Under the rules offered by Representative Dixon, of Elk, in the joint assembly, pairs are now being arranged for regularly. Hereafter no man need be recorded as absent and not voting on the senatorship without being paired. Every man who is absent without being paired places himself under suspicion, whether he be anti-Quay Republican or Democrat. The curious feature of a pair arranged by telegraph was that in the case of Brophy, Democrat, of Pittsburg, and Harrold, Republican, of Beaver, constituents are watching the members of the legislature very closely, now, and the man who is absent must either be paired or else run the gauntlet of every adverse criticism and have the finger of suspicion pointed at him.

DEM. COUNTY COMMITTEE FOR 1899.

J. K. JOHNSTON, Chairman. BOYD A. MUSSER, Secretaries. S. D. GETTIG.

Table listing names and addresses of Democratic county committee members for 1899, including names like J. K. Johnston, Boyd A. Musser, S. D. Gettig, and various local representatives.

Coal Trade Good. According to reports the mines at Snow Shoe are being operated stronger at present than ever. More coal has been hauled over the Snow Shoe branch during the past month than ever. There is an abundance of good coal and the supply will last for many years.

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