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### EDITORIAL.

#### THE LOGICAL NOMINEE.

This year two men will be chosen to fill vacancies on the Supreme Court Bench of Pennsylvania. This is due to the expiration of Chief Justice Sterret's term, and the death of Justice Henry W. Williams, last week.

According to a provision of the constitution, in such cases, this will enable the democrats to elect one member.

Who shall it be? Who is entitled to recognition at this time for these judicial honors? Whom should the party recognize?

The Democratic party is not ungrateful, and should not be in this instance. For that reason we consider that among all men in the state none have stronger claims for this honor than Hon. Calvin M. Bower, one of Centre county's foremost attorneys.

To enumerate claims is unnecessary, but it is in order to remind the public that Mr. Bower's eminent fitness for such a position was recognized by his nomination for the judiciary in this county five years ago; also by the Altoona convention, last year, for Superior Court Bench.

While candidates for the judiciary do not openly participate in campaigns, yet there are ways and means afforded them by which they can assist in supporting party nominations and upholding its platforms and principles in a campaign. In this respect, as a part of the state ticket last year, Mr. Bower rendered valuable service. From the start to the finish he did not waver. Now, when an opportunity presents itself, the democracy of Pennsylvania should show its appreciation of this fact.

Mr. Bower is the logical candidate. The Democracy of Centre county and members of our Bar Association now urge his nomination.

From all quarters of the state voluntary endorsements come to him, with pledges to assist him in securing the nomination of the Democracy of Pennsylvania for the Supreme Court.

Mr. Bower is the logical candidate; he is entitled to the nomination; he should have it without a contest.

TOMORROW is the day fixed when the U. S. Senate will vote on the peace treaty with Spain. Many think it will be rejected, because the administration refuses to declare its attitude toward the Philippines on the question of future independence of the islands. The rejection of the treaty would place the two countries in a very embarrassing position.

BOROUGH politics has aroused little comment. The people of Bellefonte no doubt will carefully look over the tickets, and do what is for the best of the taxpayer. We don't want too much political prejudice in local elections. It don't pay.

The following heavy editorial appeared in the last issue of the Gazette:

"Nothing would delight the average Democrat more than to discover in the census of 1900 a decline in the country's wealth and population."

Editor Hartner must have experienced a relief after such an effort.

QUAY can't shake the senatorial plum tree at Harrisburg vigorously to make anything drop. What the result may be, is very uncertain and we don't have time to elaborate on groundless opinions. We are waiting, for the best—Quay's defeat.

REPUBLICANS have introduced a bill appropriating two million to complete the capitol at Harrisburg. Exactly what was predicted. Look out for another big steal.

#### QUAY CAN'T SCORE.

Wednesday's vote for U. S. Senator, at Harrisburg, was a repetition of former ballots. Quay is blocked. The vote stood: Quay 108, Jenks 82, Dalzell 15, Scattering 36.

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## HARRISBURG LETTER.

### Some of the Measures That Await Legislative Action.

#### GOBIN'S SENATORIAL SUCCESSOR.

The Election in Lebanon County Has Awakened the Liveliest Interest Among the Lawmakers, Some of Whom Are Stumping the County.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Jan. 31.—While the senatorial deadlock has proved a bar to progress in the work of the legislature, it has not prevented the introduction of a large number of bills, many of which will never get beyond the committees to which they have been referred. A bill introduced in the senate by Mr. Wentz, of Montgomery, proposes to facilitate the construction of trolley lines through townships and country districts. Under the present laws and the rulings of the supreme court a single property holder on a public highway can block the construction of miles of trolleys. This bill proposes that viewers shall be appointed and damages assessed in cases where a trolley line infringes on private property. All the rural trolley lines are to be built so as to leave wagon roads free. Senator Wentz said that he was president of a trolley line which ran from Norristown to Ambler, and that its construction had been balked by one property owner, though every other property owner had consented to the line of the road.

The bill rearranging the salaries of county officers in Philadelphia was finally reported, as was the greater Pittsburg bill, creating a bureau of building inspection in cities of the first class, paying constables \$1,200 a year salary and abolishing the fee system.

#### Trolley Lines to Carry Freight.

Another measure of importance is that introduced in the house by Mr. Rosenbery, of Montgomery. This is a bill authorizing street railway companies and traction motor companies, or lessees of any street railway company to carry freight, express and mail matter, and charge and collect compensation for it. The bill provides that any traction motor company lessee of the whole or any part of the lines of any street railway company is authorized to carry freight, express matter and mail matter and any limitation in the charter of such company which restricts them to the carriage of passengers only is repealed. It is provided that the provisions of the company shall be subject to borough and city regulations as far as the property of such railway or traction company may be located within their limits.

Representative Hoy, of Clarion, introduced the Flinn anti-trust bill of last session. The act declares unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations made with a view to lessen or would tend to lessen free competition in the importation or sale of articles imported into this state, in the manufacture or sale of articles of domestic growth of domestic raw material. It provides for the forfeiture of the charter and franchise of any corporation organized under the law of the state and violates the provision of this act, prohibits it from doing business in this state and requires the attorney general to institute legal proceedings against such corporations. It also prescribes penalties and authorizes persons or corporations who may be damaged by any such trust or combination to sue and recover damages. Agricultural products or live stock while in the possession of the producer or raiser are exempted. The penalty for destruction of full and free competition or conspiracy against trade, against person or persons, renders the principal, manager or director of a trust liable to a fine of not less than \$100 or more than \$500, or by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year or more than ten years.

Regarding Suits For Damages. In the senate two highly important bills were offered by Senator Magee. They affect corporations, railroads, trolley lines and street traction companies generally. The first act provides that in all actions brought for injuries arising from neglect and not resulting in death a notice must be filed with the defendant corporation within 30 days from the date of the accident of an intention to bring action and specifying the place and character of the accident. The second section provides that all such actions shall be brought within six months from the date of injury and not afterwards; that all actions, the cause of which arises prior to the passing of this act, that are not barred by limitation, shall be brought within six months after the date of the passage of this act and not thereafter.

The second bill provides that all actions for damage for injury to the person arising from neglect and not resulting in death shall be brought within one year from the time of infliction of such injury. The same proviso regarding injuries received prior to the passage of the act is also contained in this bill.

Among the bills reported by the judiciary general committee was Senator Weller's measure, entitled an act relating to negotiable instruments. It is a bill for the purpose of making uniform negotiable papers. This law has been adopted in New York, Connecticut, Florida, Colorado, Maryland, Virginia and Massachusetts. It is the bill proposed by the commissioners of 39 states, who meet annually to consider measures of uniformity on commercial law, and is a careful adaptation of the English bills of exchange of 1852, which is now the law of every English speaking country in the world except our own.

#### To Fence All Railroad Tracks.

Another interesting measure before this legislature provides for the fencing

In of all railroad tracks by the corporations running the roads. While in several counties of the state there are special laws providing for this it is by no means general. A number of states in the Union require the railroads to fence in all their tracks. The farmers are particularly interested in this bill for the protection it would afford their live stock. This measure is framed to give the state a uniform law providing for the fencing in of all railroad tracks.

The subject of a revision of the tax laws of the commonwealth has been reopened. The Grangers have been contending that the corporations have not been paying their proper share of the expenses of the state government. This sentiment is expressed in a resolution offered by Representative Brown, which provides for the appointment of a commission to make careful inquiry into the matter and have a report prepared for submission to the legislature not later than March 1 next, so that the members may have data upon which they may frame a new law if found desirable. The raising of the tax on corporations may be necessary to finish the new capitol building.

Members of the district school boards will be interested in a bill which provides for the appointment of a commission, of which the state superintendent of public instruction shall be a member, to prepare a series of text books to be used in the public schools and the soldiers' orphans' schools. They are to advertise for bids for the printing of these books, giving the contract to the lowest bidder, and the commissioners are to let the district school boards have these books at cost price. It will be unlawful to use any other than these books in the public schools if this bill becomes a law.

#### The Fight For Gobin's Seat.

The election of a state senator in Lebanon county, to occupy the seat left vacant by the election of J. P. S. Gobin as lieutenant governor, is attracting much attention among the lawmakers. The fight for the Republican nomination has developed into a battle royal between the friends and opponents of Senator Quay. The Lebanon county Republican committee has decided to hold the primaries on Saturday next. Dr. Samuel Weiss, the anti-Quay candidate, is very popular, a well known physician, widely known in business circles as the executor of the great Lick estate, and once before a candidate for the senatorial nomination against General Gobin, when the former was beaten by a few hundred votes. Dr. D. P. Gerberich, the Quay candidate, is the leading homeopathic physician of the county, popular personally and politically, and lately a delegate to the state convention.

The county is being stumped from end to end, the Quay and anti-Quay legislators cheerfully volunteering their services. Literature is being distributed, ward and township workers have been brought into requisition, and the hottest kind of campaign will be waged till the polls close. Last Friday evening a rally was had at Johnstown, where ex-Senator Charles C. Kauffman and several local orators held forth, and there was another at Annville, where General Koontz and Senator Bayard Henry, of Philadelphia, spoke. On Saturday evening Senator Kauffman and local speakers were at Newmans town. Hon. John Dalzell opened the fight in Lebanon county at the court house last evening.

General Gobin was on Saturday honorably discharged from the volunteer army. The retirement of General Gobin from the army is thought to be due to the fact that he is also lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania. There has been much talk among his political foes of investigating his right to hold the two offices simultaneously. General Gobin recently issued a statement defending his right to hold the two offices in question, but he has apparently reconsidered the matter.

#### Senate Employes Appointed.

The state committee of the senate announced the minor officers of the senate, and the chief clerk announced his appointments. There is a janitor of the elevator in the senate, a fireman in the cellar of the senate and a fireman on the floor of the senate. These men are supernumeraries. There is nothing for them to do except draw their salaries. Senator Washburn, of Crawford, stirred up a buzz of excitement by offering a resolution dispensing with the fireman in the cellar and on the floor of the senate. In offering his resolution Senator Washburn said that there were no duties for these men to perform, inasmuch as the building was heated entirely by steam. It was not honest, he urged, upon the part of the senate to appoint men to offices who have nothing to do. General Gobin refused to receive the resolution. He stated that the officers were provided for by law, and that it was necessary to fill them. Under the circumstances Senator Washburn's resolution was out of order. Senator Washburn stated, nevertheless, he desired his protest and resolution to go on record. This ended the matter.

The retirement from the United States district bench of Judge William Butler, of West Chester, recalls to mind the prominence in political affairs for many years of the family bearing his name. It is doubtful if any other county in Pennsylvania can produce one family that has had a longer lease on public life than the one of which Judge Butler is the head. Beginning with 1856, when the judge made his debut in public life as district attorney of Chester county, the Butlers have had an uninterrupted share of political patronage. The record of the family is as follows: William Butler, Sr.—District attorney from 1856 to 1859; Judge Chester county courts from 1861 to 1879; United States district judge from 1879 to 1899. Samuel Butler (brother)—State treasurer 1881-82. Thomas S. Butler (son of latter)—Additional law judge by appointment of Governor Beaver in 1889; member of congress at the present time. William Butler, Jr. (son of the retiring United States judge)—Additional law judge of Chester county. By the time the last named, who is less than 35 years old, is ready to lay aside the ermine the Butler family will have served the people in a judicial capacity upward of three-quarters of a century, the younger Butler having already developed such qualities as a judge that he will undoubtedly follow in the footsteps of his distinguished father in length of service.

WILKINS.

## DEMOCRATS ARE FIRM.

### In the Great Fight at Harrisburg They Present a Solid Front.

#### THE FIGHT AGAINST QUAY IS HOT

How Senator Miller Presented an Amendment to Block a Game—Democrats in the House Aroused Over the McCarrell Bill—What the Measure Proposes and How It Will Be Fought.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Jan. 30.—Not since the memorable senatorial campaign of 1875, which placed the lamented William A. Wallace in the senate at Washington, has there been seen so much enthusiasm amongst the representative Democrats as is now being witnessed in Harrisburg. This interest has been aroused by the magnificent fight that is being made to defeat the arch boss of machine Republicanism, Matthew Stanley Quay.

As it stands today, Quay is a defeated man, and his defeat is a tribute to sterling Democracy and the leadership of that peerless manager, Colonel James M. Guffey. There have been fewer slanders against Democrats during the past week than at any time since the present campaign opened. Quay's friends have discovered that their falsehoods are reacting upon them, and there is a noticeable decrease in this species of warfare.

The Quay lines have been wavering for two weeks, and to sustain them and hold them in shape it became necessary to announce that assistance was to be had from the Democrats. Some of the Quay lieutenants went so far as, in a general way, to designate certain Democrats who could be influenced to vote for the "old man." These reports were credited to the Wanamaker headquarters, but it was soon shown that they had no such origin.

#### DEMOCRATS UNDER PRESSURE.

Not in 20 years have Democrats been subjected to such pressure as are those who are here now in house and senate. Professional "strikers" of the machine brand are here like flies around a molasses barrel. They are not only working for Quay's re-election, but they are trying to secure Democratic votes to pass the notorious McCarrell bill. This bill, which was prepared by Senator S. J. M. McCarrell, one of Quay's most obedient followers, prevents district attorneys from setting aside jurors in any county in the commonwealth, as is now the case. The bill is solely in the interest of Senator Quay, who does not want the district attorney of Philadelphia, who is to try him, to have this privilege.

#### MILLER TO THE FRONT.

It is to the credit of the Democracy that one of its senators put forth the first and most effective attempt to halt the bill. Senator Miller, of Berks, offered the amendment that the conditions of the bill shall not apply to cases now pending. But this is just what the Quay machine did not want, and as a result a bitter fight in the senate took place on Thursday last. The Quayites won, and the bill will doubtless pass third reading in the senate, but when it reaches the house there will be Democrats over there who will block its progress by proposing a similar amendment. The Democrats, it is true, received assistance from the anti-Quay Republicans, but it is at the instigation of Democratic leaders that the party is leading in this attack on an attempt to influence legislation for one man's benefit.

It begins to look as if a great deal of good work will be effected at this legislative session outside of the defeat of the McCarrell bill and similar Quay measures. The Democrats have discovered that they can rely upon the word of the anti-Quay Republican leaders, and are disposed to meet them half way in every attempt at reform. This was shown in the action of the Independent Republicans and of the Democratic caucus of Friday last in their mutual agreement to stay out of the joint convention on Saturday. It was discovered that the Quay leaders had hatched a most desperate plot to elect Quay at that time. As already stated there are perhaps less than half a dozen Democrats who are under obligations to Quay and who would vote for him if an opportunity offered. The scheme was to get 16 Quay Republicans, who were ready to violate their word of honor and break their "pairs" with Democrats and anti-Quay Republicans, to appear in the joint convention of Saturday and vote for Quay. Democrats and independent Republicans, with whom they were paired, would, of course, be at home, never dreaming that any man would be so desperate and dishonorable as to break his word of honor. This scheme was frustrated by the action of the Democrats and anti-Quay Republicans, who agreed that they would remain away from the joint convention, thus leaving the Quay people without a majority.

#### DEMOCRATS SPOILED IT.

It would have been very easy with only 125 or 140 senators and members answering the roll call on Saturday to have put this desperate scheme into operation, but the action of the two meetings effectively spoiled it, and when the ballot was taken on Saturday Quay had only 59 votes, Dalzell one and Jenks one.

There is still considerable feeling over the way that Senators Stiles and Boyd and one or two other Democrats in the senate have been acting. Senators Boyd, Stiles, Neely and Haines voted for the confirmation of John P. Eikin as attorney general, and when it came to a vote on the Miller amendment to the McCarrell bill, noted above, both Boyd and Stiles were absent, and did not vote. These gentlemen are regarded as friends of the Quay machine, and in the case of Senator Stiles his constituents have been holding indignation meetings over his action.

The outlook is for a prolonged deadlock. The Hon. George A. Jenks declared last week that he would be a candidate to the end. Colonel James M. Guffey, in an equally effective manner, stated that the Democrats would stand in a firm line fighting Quay until he hauled down his flag. Under such inspiring words as these, and with such leaders, the Democracy is winning fresh laurels and the gratitude of the whole people.



#### HOW TO WASH FLANNELS.

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ORPHAN'S COURT SALE. Estate of GEORGE BOWER, dec'd, late of Haines township.

By virtue of an order of the Orphan's Court of Centre county, there will be exposed to public sale, at the late residence of George Bower, deceased, in Haines township, on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1899,

the following valuable real estate: NO. 1.—A tract of land situated in Haines township, about two miles east of Coburn, bounded by lands of John M. Stover, Geo. Shaffer, Henry Behm's heirs and others, containing

35 ACRES AND 56 PERCHES, more or less, having thereon erected a two-story dwelling house, bank barn and other out buildings. Nearly the entire tract is cleared and in a high state of cultivation.

NO. 2.—Also a tract of good farm land, in good condition, adjoining the above tract on the south, containing

6 ACRES AND 62 PERCHES, more or less. There are no buildings on this tract, but can be farmed conveniently in connection with the main tract.

NO. 3.—Also the undivided one-half interest in a lot or piece of ground situated in the village of Coburn, on the south side of the turnpike, between Penns Creek and lot of M. D. Hockey, containing

1/2 PERCHES. NO. 4.—Also a piece of ground situated in the village of Coburn, adjoining lands of John Bowers, etc., containing

1/2 PERCHES. TERMS OF SALE.—One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid on confirmation of sale, one-fourth in one year with interest, and the interest on the remaining one-half to be paid to the widow of George Bower, dec'd, annually during her life time; and at her death the said principal sum to those legally entitled to receive the same. The deferred payments to be secured by bonds and mortgage on the premises. Ten per cent. of the purchase money must be paid or secured on day of sale, for which amount credit will be given on the first payment. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock p. m. Orvis, Bower & Orvis, A. F. BOWER, Att'ys. Adm'rs of Geo. Bower.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Samuel Frank, Assignee of the Court of Common Pleas, of Centre county, for discharge from said trust. All parties in interest and all creditors of the Assignor are required to appear on the first Tuesday of March next, to show cause if any they have, why said Assignee and his bondsmen should not be discharged and said bonds cancelled and further to show why a reconveyance should not be made by Samuel Frank, Assignee of said George Brumgard, to Adam Brumgard, legatee and devisee under the will of George Brumgard, dec'd. M. I. GARDNER, Protby. Jan. 30, 1899.

#### EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Estate of SAMUEL NEES, dec'd., late of Penn township. Letters testamentary upon said estate having been granted by the Register of Wills to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims, to present them for settlement. EMANUEL NEES, Executor. Penn Hall Pa.

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