

BOODLERS' TRIALS OFF.

A Political Judge Comes in Handy For the Machine.

GEN. REEDER PLAYS COWARD'S ROLE

How Quay, Penrose and Stone, Masquerading as Friends of Organized Labor, Are Backing Judge Paxson, Labor's Arch Enemy, For Interstate Commerce Commissioner.

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—It required no political wigwags to forecast Chairman Reeder's rejection of Chairman Rillings' general challenge for palaver between the stump orators of both parties of living campaign issues, the freemen of the state to act as judges.

Reeder's ridiculous and Fallstaffian retreat has raised a broad grin on the fair face of the ancient commonwealth. The independent papers have nailed him to the cross for a coward. They have javalined him and his party as being afraid to meet honest discussion of Republican trusteeship of the state. The Quayites have barricaded themselves behind the dusky warriors of Luzon, who are struggling for their God inherited liberties as the American colonists fought for theirs against George III, and into whom the McKinley administration is shooting the constitution of the United States through the muzzles of Springfield rifles and Mark Hanna's dollar mark tattooed person as though American imperialism as decreed by Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln, and the unspeakable Hanna's continued proprietorship of a president, has to do with the election of a judge of the superior court and a state treasurer of Pennsylvania.

Their armor is so weak and flimsy, their cause so indefensible, that no wonder it is General Reeder slinks like an abashed canine to the precincts of his own kennel.

The Quay machine has secured a material vantage, however, within the week. It has succeeded in warding off the trials of the indicted boodlers who were caught rehanding in their attempts to bribe Democrats and insurgents in the last legislature to defame themselves by voting for Quay for senator and for the McCarrell bill, which he thought necessary to save him and his son from the frowning walls of the penitentiary.

If these notorious cases, which were billed for trial in the Dauphin court last week, had gone on they would have given the machine's campaign a pair of beautiful black eyes, and would have provided the Democrats with an ammunition train sufficient to have blown up the Harrisburg platform and the entire Quay aggregation of plundering patriots. But witness how fate is employed by the Keystone's Napoleon of politics to keep him on his roller skates.

WHERE A POLITICAL JUDGE COMES IN.

A United States district judge is retired on age. A judge of the Dauphin court who possessed some little independence of thought and action and some true conception of the law and how it should be construed is made a federal judge by Quay, thus filling the vacancy. The Dauphin court is an essential function and asset of the dominant machine, since its jurisdiction extends over distinctive state questions and particularly questions arising under the accused Baker ballot law. Quay, mark you, puts in this vacancy on the Dauphin bench a professional politician and henchman who for some years had been at the head of the sub-machine as chairman of the county committee.

To the shame of the judiciary, this political judge had the temerity to cling to his chairmanship of the Republican executive committee of Dauphin county long after he had qualified for a judge. And this political judge was a handy thing for the machine to have in these boodle cases. He and the amiable district attorney conveniently found that the stuffed docket was too crowded with petty offenses, such as hen roop robbing, assault and battery, crap playing, fornication and bastardy and corner lounging, to try these boodle cases, which aim at the very vitals of popular government and in which the people of the whole state are intensely concerned. In order thus to save the Republican campaign from embarrassment by reviving at this time the crowning scandal of the last legislature the Dauphin court has postponed these boodle cases until the January term of court. This is another case of Quay "winking the other eye" at a political judge.

HERE, LABORING MAN, LIST.

Governor Stone has just aroused the wrath and indignation of organized labor throughout the state by personally visiting Washington and adding his squeak and "me too" to the powerful appeals of Senator Penrose and Quay to President McKinley to name ex-Chief Justice Paxson as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

Two years ago a similar attempt failed through the protests of the labor organizations and by Senator Culom, of Illinois, the father of the law creating the commission, threatening to defeat Paxson's confirmation by the senate should the president nominate him. The presidential nerve then failed, although he and Hanna had solemnly obligated themselves in the campaign of 1896 to this point Paxson in return for boodle and votes the great eastern railroad corporations gave McKinley and Hanna.

Paxson's utter subservency to anything and to everything in the corporation flesh pot line while he adorned the supreme bench of Pennsylvania and his hatred of and antipathy to the right of the common people, and particularly of organized labor, marked him as a useful man for the railroads to use as an entering wedge for the prostitution of the interstate commerce commission to their own selfish end. Every honest man in the state had given three cheers when Paxson laid aside a serene to accept one of the receptive hips of the gutted Reading railroad. He had earned the hatred of the laboring classes by his action in

the Reading railroad strike, when the President Frank Gowan drove the organized labor interests from the road, and again in 1891 in indecently rushing with his judicial gown to the rescue of Carnegie in the great strike at Homestead.

Here we have the great triumvirate—Quay, Penrose and Stone—thus urging Paxson, the arch and dangerous enemy of labor, for a powerful federal post, and who notoriously seeks it, that he may serve his corporation masters and help neutralize this beneficent law which the people only secured from congress by taking the corporations by the throat. If the laboring man be searching for a substantial reason for jailing the Quay ticket at the coming election here is one that should appear directly to his own sense of self protection.

FUSION IS THE REAL THING.

The horse play of Senator Snyder, Auditor General McCauley and Larry Eyre, the Republican ringsters of Chester county, who are stretching out their arms to high Heaven to save them, to bolster up a straight goods Democratic ticket in that county, in order to cripple "fusion," by screaming that Colonel Guffey and State Chairman Rilling are again it, has fallen like a chunk of lead. It declined to say propped up on its legs.

There are in Chester, as I wrote last week, some half dozen of a false breed of Democrats who are willing to do dirty work for the Quay machine in exchange for being permitted to retain minor jobs under the McKinley administration. Their pretended indignation at the consummation of "fusion" between the Democrats and independents is so bald that it can be classed as the prime joke of the campaign. They have been playing the Three Tailors of Tooley Street by meeting in convention and resolving that "we the &c." and nominating an alleged square timber Democratic ticket, planting it on a platform thinly varnished with eulogies of Colonel Guffey and Bryan, although they mean to vote the Quay ticket this fall and against Bryan next fall. Indeed, they are stumped to find a name for their decoy duck ticket, as the law prevents them from masquerading as Democrats, and which they don't intend to vote themselves.

In the meantime both Colonel Guffey and Chairman Rilling came forward and gave these ex-Democrats and Quay tools a blow between the eyes. "The fusion ticket in Chester," says Colonel Guffey "will win. The Democratic party is practically solid, despite the feeble efforts of a few officeholders to protect their jobs by carrying out the orders of the Quay machine. I most heartily endorse the position taken by State Chairman Rilling and County Chairman Cavanaugh. It is unquestionably the duty of all true Democrats in Chester county and elsewhere to form fusion with all elements that are working for the overthrow of the Quay machine."

HARMONY IS THE WATCHWORD.

Colonel Guffey and Candidates Rellly and Creasy, when they visited state headquarters last week, reported that nowhere is a sign of discord in the Democratic phalanx to be found. There is not a single threatening cloud on the fair and promising horizon. In Philadelphia, which is the weak spot, because of the thorough organization there of the ballot thieves by the Republican state and city machines, all factional rancor and discord has disappeared, giving place to amity and sunshine. The county conventions the other day were harmonious, and the ticket honors divided between the late warring factions. The outlook for the Democratic state ticket coming under the wire a winner is brightening every 24 hours, and the danger to the Quay machine is assuming such a threatening aspect that "the old man" has been compelled to take the reins in his own hands and play some of those alleged masterful and magical political strokes of his which he failed to do last winter, when his "prentice boys" were fooling around the legislature trying to elect him United States senator.

The state Democratic leaders and the executive and finance committees are booked to confer in this city this week, when campaign plans will be mapped out, the question of financing them discussed and a red hot fight ordered all along the line of hostilities. The Business Men's State League is prepared to meet and formally endorse both Superior Court Candidate Rellly and State Treasury Candidate Creasy. The Quay candidate for the intermediate court, Commodore Adams, has such an unsavory reputation as a lawyer of the shyster class, while so much is known of his private life as a sport, that the independents find it impossible to hold him on their political stomachs, even with anchors and grey ropes, while the honesty and claims of Creasy cannot be ignored.

The independents want to break into the state treasury and learn the dark secrets of its vaults. They look upon the state treasury as the machine citadel, which it truly is, believing that if it can be captured Quay's grip on powerful moneyed interests can be broken and his opportunities for speculating with its funds prevented, that his downfall and end will be hastened, since he will be unable to command the money to corrupt and buy the vernal, on whom he relies for his successes.

AND THE CAT CAME BACK.

The joy of the Quay 'prentice boys, Elkin, Durham, Eyre and Penrose, over the demotion of Uncle Bill Andrews from his place as chief of staff was as short as a butterfly's life. He failed to oblige them by taking himself off to his mines in New Mexico, so as to give them a clear swing at the "old man's" ear, but remained to haunt them and make their lives miserable by preventing their blunders and schoolboy tactics. His business just now is that of plaiting the hair of the insurgents, and he carries with him a full assortment of combs for that purpose. He and Dave Lane, the owner of the new mayor of Philadelphia, are now devoting themselves also to "feeling" the insurgent members of the legislature and offering them inducements to change their vote to Quay in case enough can be driven into the barnyard to elect him at a special session of the legislature. Lane is a professional lobbyist, who has been handling members of the legislature and city councilmen for years, as the beef trust handles attie, and is reputed to be able to size up a

man's price and a fix a valuation on a vote quicker and more exact than any other man in the business.

The North American is on his trail, however, and has served due and timely warning that an exposure will be made of the methods that are being employed to thus manufacture votes for the de-throned boss of the machine. THE JUDGE.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The old gag of citing certain delinquent corporations into the Dauphin court and threatening them with heavy penalties for failure to report to the proper department of the state government is again being worked by the attorney general and the auditor general. It is not on record that any offending corporation was ever made to disgorge on this account. A contribution to the Republican state committee often induces a state official to wink the other eye and forget that he ever had a memory. But this citation affords lawyer pets of the machine a chance to pocket fees at the expense of the state.

The rutabaga at the head of the agricultural is just now working overtime in attempting to prove that the Quay machine and the Stone administration loves the man with the hoe. The tremendous inroads that Farmer Creasy is making on the farmer vote has thoroughly alarmed the machine, which has been ignoring farmers for state candidates for years and which has denuded the agricultural department of attaches devoted to their interests and filled their places with town henchmen who know far more about stuffing ballot boxes and roughing primaries than they do of sub-soil ploughing or the rotation of crops.

Governor Stone has his ear to the ground. He has heard the rumbling of the storm of the people's wrath. That is clear. He is quoted as saying that he will concur in the will of the people in the selection of judges and that he will under no circumstances attempt to force an approval of his selections by making premature selections before the people have had an opportunity to declare their choice. Such a change of attitude is an indication that the voice of the people has at last been heard and the machine leaders are beginning to understand that they cannot always do as they please. Since the inauguration of the present governor he has shown utter contempt for the desires of the people, who were bunched by his stump assertions that he was no man's man, and that he would execute the laws fearlessly and impartially. A change has been brought about by the indignant protests of many county Republican conventions and the criticisms of those who have a right to speak of servants who occupy public stations.

The editor of the Philadelphia Sunday World, who is a political mouth-piece of Dave Martin, and who is recognized as a political authority, says: "Despite all statements to the contrary, the signs all point to an extra session of the general assembly, provided Matthew Stanley Quay's ticket is 'put through' by a handsome majority, and towards which all ends are being shaped. As elections are now conducted under the Baker ballot law, only the necessity needs to be named to be complied with. 'Tis true that with the machinery in the hands of the so-called insurgents in the county of Allegheny trouble may be caused and the Brown-Adams-Barnett ticket cut many thousand votes. It must be borne in mind, however, that there is to be no factional feud in Philadelphia, and therefore the machinery here can be relied upon not only to make up any deficit so caused, but also to swell the figures to any amount required." Thus, as this good Republican authority admits, the repeaters and ballot thieves in Philadelphia are to be used again by the Quay gang to roll up the registration mountain of fraud, and that is the reason why all bills for the protection of the ballot were strangled in the last legislature.

There were no fewer than 20 bills introduced in the last legislature looking to the safeguard of the ballot. All were put to sleep save two constitutional amendment resolutions—one providing for personal registration of voters in the cities and the other providing for the introduction of the voting machines which are in successful operation in some of the big towns in the state of New York, and which Governor Stone ruthlessly killed. Why is the Quay outfit afraid of honest elections and why has it obstinately refused to mend the rotten Baker ballot law? The reason is obvious and may be read by a blind man. Without the loopholes in this law the cities could not manufacture their bogus majorities to overcome the honest vote of the country. The elections in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Lancaster have become shameful farces, and no longer record the will of the people.

State Chairman Reeder has assessed all the employees of the state government 3 per cent of their salaries and directed them to hand over to their respective chiefs. No guilty man will escape the frying pan. It will be either pay or get out. This is the same Reeder who, while fattening on an income of \$20,000 per year from salary and fees as secretary of the commonwealth, refused to put up a dollar when asked to chip into the Republican fund. But Reeder was not then fingering the campaign boodle. As Mayor Warwick would remark, "Things are different now."

Now, if Mark Hanna only had an election system akin to the Baker ballot law there would be no need to send Teddy Roosevelt, Postmaster General Smith and a host of Republican stump screamers into Ohio to save McKinley. The ballot thieves and the corporation bosses who "assist" their slaves to mark their ballots could do the saving. Senator Penrose says a deal has been made with the Republican state chairman of Ohio by which Pennsylvania and Ohio are to swap stump speakers in the campaign, which goes to prove that he boss is really alarmed at the uprising of the farmers and independents of the Keystone state and that in order to preserve his hide and tallow imported talkers must invade our fair domain to distract the voters' attention from the diseased pork in the bottom of the barrel. But all the imported talkers in the western hemisphere would not save them this time.

THE TRANSVAAL CRISIS.

Probable That the British Parliament Will Meet Next Month.

SIR WILLIAM VERNON HARCOURT

Declares That the Controversy Regarding Suffering is Not Introduced by the Transvaal, But by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain.

London, Sept. 27.—The Transvaal crisis presents few fresh features. It is increasingly probable that parliament will meet about the middle of October, and it is again asserted that General Sir Redvers Buller, who is to have supreme command of the British forces in South Africa in the event of hostilities, will start for the Cape on Oct. 7. Nothing, however, has been officially made known on either point.

The Transvaal government was in constant telegraphic communication with Bloemfontein yesterday, on the reply to Mr. Chamberlain's dispatch. It is believed that the reply will protest against the continued dispatch of British troops as a menace to the Transvaal.

The Pretoria Volkstein, the official organ of the Transvaal government, declares that the Transvaal executive ought to give Great Britain at the most 48 hours to reply to the Transvaal's demand that no further troops be landed pending the receipt of the British proposals.

Sir William Vernon Harcourt writes to The Times denying that the controversy regarding suzerainty was introduced by the Transvaal government. He says it was originated by Mr. Chamberlain in his dispatch of Sept. 16, 1897.

"The Transvaal's independence," said Sir William, "is complete. Even in foreign affairs the only thing reserved is the final approval of the queen to treaties negotiated. It is unfortunate that the suzerainty question was ever raised, and the sooner the whole dispute is dismissed the better. Nothing but mischief can come from the employment of vague terms like 'suzerainty' and 'paramountcy.' Beyond doubt the relations of Great Britain with the Transvaal rest upon the terms of the convention of 1884, and upon nothing else. What we have to do is to get the franchise question settled as quickly as possible without the importation of extraneous matter. If, as the government is understood to desire, both parties can take a new departure, there can be no obstacle to an amicable solution."

Venerable Naval Captain Dead.

New York, Sept. 26.—Captain Francis A. Hagarty, U. S. N., retired, died yesterday, aged 90 years. His first service was on the schooner Experiment at Charleston, S. C., during the nullification excitement of 1833. As a lieutenant he went with Commodore Perry on the Japan expedition of 1852-55. He commanded the sloop of war Vandalia in the attack on Port Royal, S. C., 1861, taking an active part in silencing the enemy's fire and subsequently in blockading the mouth of the Savannah river. Commodore Hagarty received the thanks of congress for meritorious service and conduct. He was in charge of ironclads at New Orleans during 1867-69.

Fatal Floods in India.

Calcutta, Sept. 25.—Earthquakes, floods and terrible landslides occurred at and near Darjeeling, in the Lower Himalaya, Sunday night. Great damage was done, and no fewer than 60 natives perished. There was a rainfall of 25 inches in 24 hours. Three bad landslides took place between Darjeeling and Sonada, involving the trans-shipment of a railway train of passengers. According to the latest reports nine European children and twenty natives were lost between those two points. The whole Calcutta road is blocked and the Pajalajhora line has been seriously damaged.

A "Napoleon of Finance" Sentenced.

Kansas City, Sept. 27.—Leonard B. Imboden, president of the Planters' bank, a "wild cat" concern suppressed by the state officials several months ago, was yesterday found guilty in the criminal court of forging a draft for \$15,000, with which he hoped to get a false credit for his bank, and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. Imboden came here from Texas, where he was pardoned by Governor Hogg after serving two years for forgery.

Senator Hanna's Narrow Escape.

Middleport, O., Sept. 27.—The south-bound train on the Hocking Valley railroad, carrying Senator Mark Hanna and Colonel Nevin to Middleport, where they made speeches yesterday, had a very narrow escape from being wrecked at Addison. It was approaching the station at a terrific rate of speed when a rail broke, splintering the floor of the smoker. It occurred on a curve, however, and that is all that saved the train.

Death of a Noted Ex-Confederate.

Washington, Sept. 27.—General Henry Heth, the Confederate chieftain and historian, died at his home in this city at 1:40 o'clock this morning of Bright's disease. The end had been expected hourly for several weeks. General Heth was one of the most conspicuous chieftains in the Confederate service. He was a native of Virginia, was born in 1825, and was a graduate of West Point.

Gold Purchase Abroad.

New York, Sept. 27.—J. & W. Seligman & Co., agents for the Anglo-California bank, of San Francisco, announce a consignment of Australian gold amounting to \$1,000,000. The coin will probably be received in the form of sovereigns, and is expected to reach San Francisco within a week or ten days. It will ultimately be transferred to this city, adding to the reserve of local banks.

Pardon For Emile Arton.

Paris, Sept. 27.—The government has decided to pardon Emile Arton, who in November, 1896, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for complicity with Baron Von Reinach and Dr. Cornelius Herz in the frauds on the Panama Canal company.

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