

SENATOR HILL IS A STEERER.

His Party Colleagues in the Senate Grant Him an Unusual Honor

AS A POLITICAL LEADER.

They Accept Quay's Challenge on the Next Senate's Politics.

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(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.)

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It is the practice for both political parties in the Senate to caucus during the first week of every session, to look over the legislative field, and to designate a sub-committee to direct partisan action on all important matters.

The conference was held in the private consultation room of Senator Gorman, which is placed at his disposal because of his position as leader of the Democratic forces.

One of the first propositions to come up was the selection of a "steering" committee to co-operate with a similar committee of Republicans on legislative and political questions.

It is quite unusual for a comparatively new Senator to be placed on this important committee, but the political associates of the junior Senator from New York recognize his superior ability in matters relating to shaping legislation and political management.

The political complexion of the Senate after the 4th of March was discussed at considerable length, and in view of the fact that Senator Quay announced in the Republican caucus that he does not concede the Senate to the Democrats, steps will be taken to protect the rights of the Democratic party in those States where Senatorial elections are soon to be held.

Several Reformers Squelched. Several ambitious Senators were disposed to introduce "reform" methods, from a Democratic standpoint, during the present session, and a series of resolutions were read providing for the appointment of a pension commission to make an exhaustive investigation of that question.

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They are not in to defeat Quay's man or any other man, but to get minor appointments for their own political servants. It may not be said that Mr. Walton is of this kind, but from present prospects he may be all that will get the general parceling out. There was some further counseling to-day, but of course there is absolutely nothing to be told except that the conference begun at New York, and where probably the best part of everything was settled, will go on until the caucus at Harrisburg does its final work.

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He has also had the invaluable assistance of ex-Lieutenant Governor, now Representative Stone, of Warren county, and as Stone and Thompson are both warm friends of Senator Quay, it may be inferred that the Senator is not violently opposed to Thompson for the Speakership. Though unannounced, it was found to-day that Mr. Thompson has been here in conference with Senator Quay. He did not confer simultaneously with Martin, Walton and Boyer and the others, but had a little conference all to himself.

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Commendable Ideas Brought Out at a Hoosier Convention.

LOTS OF WEATHER COMING.

A Western Cold Wave, With Blizzards and Snow Falls, Headed This Way.

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In this city traffic was generally suspended, and the electric street car lines are so thoroughly blocked that it will be at least two days before they can run again.

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