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Senator Quay's Visit.

If the current report be true that Senator Quay contemplates making a personal appeal, on Monday, to the Republicans of Lackawanna county for aid in his present fight, we trust that his friends will correctly represent to him the state of public opinion in this section of the commonwealth. He should be informed that while there is high admiration for his undoubted gifts as a political leader, and strong loyalty to the principle of party organization within reasonable lines, this feeling does not sanction arbitrary or unfair procedure on his part; and is utterly opposed to the utilization of the Republican party machinery in the working out of personal resentments or re-To be more specific, the senator

should be notified that the honest Republicanism of this county views with distavor the attempt of any man, however astute or successful, to punish personal freedom of political opinion or to asert an exclusive ownership of the various departments of the state government and of the municipal governments of our leading cities. He should be told that while, as a representative of Pennsylvania in the United States senate he is entitled to the cordial support of the party which elected him, he is not entitled to interfere in the polities of Lackawanna county or any other county, as he is understood to have tried to interfere, on previous occasions, in the politics of Philadelphia; and especially that loyalty to wise party leadership is by no means synonymous with servile acquiescence in personal schemes having for their purpose the prostitution of the gubernatorial office and the humiliation of the state's chief executive.

We believe that in the present instance, as upon several previous ones, the senator has been ill-advised. Had he chosen to obey the wishes of the people in the matter of reapportionment; had he kept hands off the city government of Philadelphia, for the conduct alone responsible; and had he been content to allow to Governor Hastings the he would have claimed the right to exercise if he were himself the governor United States senator making an anx- cordial sanction in the case just menlous personal canvass for the state chairmanship of his party, hitherto ac-

learn this lesson voluntarily, or must It be taught by the severer processes of compulsory education?

The Unspeakable Turk.

The attention of our readers is called to "Viator's" communication on another page, narrating some of his experiences and observations in the land of the unspeakable Turk. The writer of that letter makes out, without exaggeration or undue emphasis, a strong case against the present government of the Turkish empire.

Especially interesting in his explanation of the sapient censorship of books and papers exercised by the Porte. The instance cited in the case of the text books on chemistry, which were mutilated because the censor, or effendi. did not understand the chemical symbol for water-as he probably did not understand the element itself-and therefore regarded it as a treasonable fling at the reigning monarch, fairly illustrates the exalted knowledge and breadth of mind enlisted in the government of the Ottoman dominion. The average American, reading of these things, is perplexed between pity for the ignorance disclosed and natural resentment at such a gross perversion of the rightful functions of government.

At this particular time, with more than two score European and American warships anchored off Constantinople and Beirut, it is possible that some of

cruelties; until it must inevitably beput an end to the whole vexatious farce by forcible partition of the Ottoman empire and the joint exercise of a reformative suzerainty.

Concerning T. F. Penman. In yesterday's issue of the Scranton Republican appears the following card from T. F. Penman:

The Tribune editorial of Thursday referring to me is evidently intended to put me in a false position of opposing the candidacy of Judge Willard, and belittling the Mr. Willard's request I accompanied his delegation to Harrisburg to ask the governor for his appointment. Since then I have been, and will continue to be, heartily and unreservedly for his nomination; and should I by any possibility have any influ ence with the Quay element in the state ention, I shall take pleasure in using t for Judge Willard's interests. But I de concede the right to The Tribune or any one else to choose for me the leader of the party in the state. I believe the large majority of Republicans in this county favor Senator Quay and if a free and untrammelted expression is permitted, they will say so. No delegates have been "set up" by me, nor do I intend to "set up" any. Neither have I any influence to drive out of the field any gentlemen who wish to be delegates. I have one vote in Second legislative district and I shall take pleasure in casting it for delegates who will represent Judge Wiliard's and Senator Quay's interests in the conven-

The one statement in the foregoing which we wish to be specially noted is the writer's assertion that "no dele gates have been 'set up' by him, nor does he intend to 'set up' any." Who, then, is responsible for the presence in the field of Quay candidates who, while professing to be friendly to Judge Wilard, have not consulted either with him or his friends, and who publicly say that they are for Quay first, last and all the time, and for Willard only incidentally? If Major Penman is not setting up delegates, why did he secretly go to Carbondale Thursday night and, from the parlor of the Anthracite hotel send out for a conference of Quay Republicans, to take steps to defeat the Willard candidates for delegates in the Fourth district? If the major is simply a passenger on board the anti-Willard procession, why did Senator Quay put a large sum of money, reported to be \$2,560, in his hands for use in "fixing things" in this county? We do not wish to question his veracity, but if what he says be true, we would like to be enabled to lay before the Republicans of this county an explanation of these curious circumstances.

New, as to the major's "not conceding the right of The Tribune or any one else to choose for him the leader of the party in this state," we desire to remind him that this paper does not assume to do any such choosing. All that it does assume to do is to request of the real friends of Judge Willard that they will not train with his active enemies, who both ignore his wishes in a fight which intimately concerns his political future, and to this act of ingratitude try to add the worse act of deception.

An Inconsistent Leader.

We are not aware that the Carbondale Leader, which after the Scranton-Penman anti-Willard conference of city organization." Thursday night in its city, eagerly returns to its self-appointed task of trying to defeat the election of delegates form the Fourth district personally friendly and acceptable to Judge Willard, raised objection five years ago when Senator Watres, then a candidate for the lieutenant-governorship of which the residents of that city are nomination, was freely accorded the complimentary privilege of selecting his own delegates to the state convensame freedom of official action which tion. The Leader thinks "the time may come when the precedent which The Tribune is now trying to establish will of Pennsylvania, does anybody believe prove a boomerang in its own camp." that his leadership would now be chal- That, dear contemporary, is our risk, fenged, or that the people of this com- not your's; besides, we are not trying monwealth would now be treated to to establish a precedent. The precedthe peculiar spectacle of their junior ent was established with the Leader's

tioned. The sapient Leader continues: "We corded to him or to his friends without do not object to Judge Willard's effort to secure a place on the Republican We have said before, and we repeat state ticket, but simply contend that it that Senator Quay is the architect of would be more in consonance with his own political misfortunes. Wise party usage, and more modest withal, counsel and prudent leadership would to appeal to the people for support inhave averted the dangers that now stead of demanding that delegates sethreaten him. Is it too late for him to lected by him before the primaries are held should go." It is kind in our contemporary thus frankly to permit Mr. Willard's candidacy to continue; and for this it has our thanks. But when it dissents to the proposition that as a compliment to the one candidate before the next state convention in whom Lackawanna county is directly interested he should be permitted to have a friendly delegation at his back, it utters doctrine clearly "out of consonance with party usage," and therefore condemned by its own voice. If Judge Willard had open opposition in this county it would be another matter. But with no local candidate running against him for judge of the Superior Court, why should there be this strange and unprecedented hesitancy in showing him the same courtesy which was upon a similar occasion shown to Colonel Watres?

The Leader adds: "We are opposed to any such proceedings tooth and nall; we must be, to be consistent. Whether it affects Mr. Willard or any other individual one way or another is a matter for the least consideration." We have shown that to be consistent with its record in the Watres campaign it should not be "opposed to any such proceeding." Hence, we must suppose that its inconsistency springs from opposition to Judge Willard, whose friends should govern themselves accordingly.

The appearance of the editor of the the more glaring evils of Turkish mis- Scranton Republican as a champion of rule may be temporarily kept in the anti-bossism while defending Senator und. But the removal of these Quay, a man who would, if he could, ge will undoubtedly be the signal for control every nomination and appoint-

sylvania, is amusing, to say the least. come civilization's imperative duty to But is he so short-sighted as to think that the self-respecting Republicans of Lackawanna county do not recall the time when, with overweening arro-first came to Scranton, Mr. Willard be gance, he set himself up as a boss of friended him and it was in the hope of be gance, he set himself up as a boss of without first buying his august consent? Talk about "liberty of expression and action." When did J. A. Scranton ever voluntarily recognize such a thing?

If Major Penman was not setting up Quay delegates, why did he and Congressman Scranton go to Carbondale under cover of Thursday night, and, without Judge Willard's knowledge or consent, and in opposition to selections already announced by Judge Willard's friends, try to get candidates to fight Messrs. Thomas and Young? Does Major Penman think that his thin protestations of friendliness for the judge's andidacy before the next state convention are sufficient to mask his shrewd ulterior purposes? The Republicans of Lackawanna county are not thus easily fooled-not by a long shot!

According to Harrisburg advices, senator Quay has informed his supporters that he does not propose to oppose the nomination of any of the Republicans appointed as judges on the Superior court at the Republican state convention. This is quite different from his hostile tone when, a few days ago, he intimated that if he could have his way Judge Wickham, of Beaver, would be the only one nominated by next month's convention. Mr. Quay is evidently beginning to realize that Pennsylvania is a pretty big state to be carried around in his vest pocket.

A few days ago some of the papers in Carbondale were greatly exercised be-A few days ago some of the papers in "Scranton politicians" had chosen delegates for them." What have these able journals to say concerning the later Scranton-Penman effort to choose competing candidates for election as delegates in the Fourth district? Is that partioular brand of 'outside interference" all right?

The editor of the Republican threatens, if his wishes are not regarded in the present fight, to cause an upheaval in the county and city organization. This is a fine bluff; but it does not work. The Republicans of Lackawanna county have outgrown the time when they regarded Mr. Scranton's mercenary interests as superior to party principle and party welfare.

If Major Penman is sincere in his publicly expressed wish to further Judge Willard's candidacy, let him quit trying to set up anti-Willard delegates. Nobody has clothed Penman with the authority to cancel Mr. Willard's own preferences in the matter of delegates.

show to what extent Mr. Scranton has Connell. been able to "cause an upheaval in



It's all right. The boys do not drink any Can I interest you in some stock-Nay! nay! I am sorry, but I am putting

all my cash in the monument business just Z-z-z-lingt

Who calls?

Z-z-z-ling!

Ah! How are you, Mr. Burns; and what are the prospects for red apples next fall? Tolerable, thank you. But I want to I want to warn you fellows against too

uch enterprise. You see, much of the so-called news percabouts is loaded to the brim.

Yes. Beware of ambitious officials, and do not announce too many attractions in advance, or Charlie and I will be after you.

Hello! Am I on the long distance

Your voice sounds far away. Is that the leading organ of Lackawanne Republicanism? Well, I wanted to tell you that you need not go to Europe. I've fixed it up with the old man and he'll come up and bring the

No one from this office contemplates a trip to Europe. Eh! How? What do you mean?

Wough!—!!!— Hello! Exchange. What's the matter? Why, the man at Philadelphia has had

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

After an extended and accurate review of the causes of the present fight, the Wilkes-Barre Times correctly crystallizes the present issue as follows: "Shall the Republican party of this great Republican state be led around by the caprices of one man like a buil with a ring in his nose? Most assuredly they will not. The young Republican manhood, the vigorous young Americanism of the state will repel and rebute such leadership. Nothing was ever gained by sitting on the fence in any contest in which is hasarded a direct interest. As a personal tribute to the governor, in loyalty to our townsman, Judge Rice, and

in endeavoring to create the impression that Clerk of the Courts Thomas is an after much persuasion on the part of Mr. Willard's friends that Mr. Thomas con-sented to become a candidate. When he the most dictatorial and unscrupulous Mr. Thomas consented. The friends of type; and when no man in the county Judge Willard in the Fourth district will not be likely to be deceived into voting for candidates hostile to his interests,

Of the \$2,500 said to have been put in Major Penman's hands by Senator Quay paymaster for the ostensible purpose paymaster for the ostensible purpose of influencing the selection of Quay delegates, but no doubt actually to defeat Judge Willard, it is reported that \$1,000 has been apportioned to the Fourth district and only \$250 to the First district. But will Quay's money win Lackawanna Republicanism from its allegiance to its some candidate and its own manh We suspect not.

Major Penman is perhaps nearer the truth than he realizes when he say he "has no influence to drive out of the field any gentlemen who wish to be delegates." Quay sinews of war, he will probably fail in any attempt to use Lackawarna's seven delegates for personal purposes.

Quay may be able to buy some of the small fry "leaders" of the Republican party in this county; but it will, we suspect, be quite another story when his min-ions undertake to debauch the rank and

It is regarded as probable that in defer-ence to Judge Rice the nine delegates from Luzerne will support Governor Hastings. Bight at least are regarded as practically ertain to be for Gilkeson. In the absence of Editor-in-Chief Scran-

by Mr. Scranton's understudy, Major Pen-Was it because the money was put in Penman's hands and not in his own that

ton on his European tour it is understood that his political heavy part will be taken

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