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Cameron, the Real Issue.

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ings every afternoon in which education, philanthropy, and other subjects are considered, the principal speakers at these meetings being President Thwing, of Western Reserve University; Dr. Paul Carus, editor of the Month; Theodore F. Seward, Rev. Dr. H. C. Yrooman, Professor Blackman, of Yale; Rabbi F. de Sola Mendez, Rabbi Gotthell, of New York, and Dr. Ella Jennings, of New York.

From this hasty survey of the week's programme it is easy to perceive that the congress is a notable event in the history of our times—notable not because of noise, bloodshed or pomp and pageantry, but notable in its conception, aims and influence, and doubly significant in its demonstration of the tendency to regard that religion as best and truest which accomplishes good results, regardless of names or forms.

Another suggested compromise contemplates the selection of Congressman Charles W. Stone, of Warren, as the next state chairman. But it does not look as if there would be much need of a compromise unless Quay soon gets some delegates.

It Owes Mr. Farr an Apology.

Now that the battle is all over in the First district, it seems to us that the Scranton Republican, which during the heat of the conflict brought a deliberately false and malicious charge against Representative Farr, accusing him of making lists of railway employes to be punished for independent voting, should have the decency to proffer a public apology, especially since Mr. Farr has himself made an affidavit to its utter falsity.

A charge of this kind is an exceedingly serious one. When made with a deliberate intent to work an innocent man injury, it becomes about as contemptible a piece of mendacity as could be imagined. The offense was particularly flagrant in the case of Mr. Farr, who has for years been one of the closest personal and political friends that the editor of the Republican ever had.

The Republican ought to learn from past experience that the only person it has ever harmed by its mendacious misstatements during political campaigns has been its own editor, upon whom such tactics always react.

The animus of the recent Quay fight in this county is outcropping with a vengeance. We already have Alderman-Editor S. S. Jones threatening Judge Willard with a reduced majority next fall. But does Jones own any vote other than his own?

Time to Take Suitable Action.

The charges of Cornelius Smith against the late Judge Connolly, Hon. R. W. Archibald, the deputy prothonotary and I. H. Burns, in his recent petition filed in the Supreme court, reported in our local columns, require more than a passing notice.

Every one of them has been shown to be unfounded and untrue after examination and investigation. The patience of the court ought to have been exhausted by this time. How long does the judiciary of this county propose to allow Con. Smith to continue his attacks upon Judge Connolly's memory, upon its own official action and that of its clerks? Are they to sit idly by and permit him to say whatever it occurs to him to say and make no answer?

It strikes the people that it is about time either the judiciary or the Bar association took this matter in hand. Failure to do so may yet mean the loss of respect and the sacrifice of the respect of the people.

The Cameron handicap sits uneasily on the shoulders of most of the Quay organs; but it sits there to stay.

Quay Alone Is Responsible.

Some Republicans fear that if Senator Quay is defeated in the present internecine contest his future usefulness to the party will be sacrificed. In what respect? Defeat will leave the senator where he was before he began the fight. His term as senator does not expire until 1899. He has four more years, at least, in which to continue the good work that he has already done at Washington in behalf of Pennsylvania's industries.

But if the party, in order to command the services of Mr. Quay in the national field, must, so far as this state is concerned, bind itself over to him as an absolute possession, and regularly incur the risks of repetitions of the Delamater disaster through the senator's mistaken desire to subordinate everybody and everything within the party to his own selfish wishes, then may it pertinently inquire if the bargain is worth its cost.

The indispensable man is not numerous in politics. Political leadership, in a government like our own, is only valuable when it commands the cheerful acquiescence of the led. Mr. Quay began this warfare without justifiable reasons for it. If he shall end it by the party's compulsion, he will have none but his own bad judgment to blame for the outcome.

Rough on the Horse.

A novel proposition is made by the Chicago Times-Herald, which offers to pay \$5,000 in prizes to inventors of the best horseless carriages. The vehicles must be of practical utility, intended for everyday use by all kinds of people. The competition is open equally to pleasure vehicles and wagons of every description.

The Times-Herald undertakes this competition with a laudable desire to spur American inventors on to renewed effort in this inviting direction. "The horseless carriage," it says, "has almost ceased to be a novelty in the neighborhood of Paris, which first saw

the development of the velocipede, which has reached its present stage of improvement in the bicycle. The recent contest of horseless carriages between Paris and Bordeaux has proved the most interesting event since the invention of the pneumatic tire. Electric carriages with a speed of twelve miles an hour, carrying two passengers, are in the European market. Several American firms are already manufacturing horseless carriages for this market. At the Paris exposition of 1889 the American electrical exhibit surpassed in extent, variety and commercial value the electrical exhibits of all other countries combined. But there has not been a corresponding zeal in the United States among electricians for the purpose of producing electric vehicles except in connection with the use of rats and engines."

We see no reason why the same time and effort which have successfully evolved the trolley street car should not, if properly concentrated upon the task in hand, produce an electric carriage having all the advantages of the present horse-power vehicle with few of its disadvantages. If the problem is soluble, and we believe it is, Yankee ingenuity ought to solve it.

Representative Moore is our authority for the statement that even Senator Hardenbergh's friend, the Wayne county delegate, is for Hastings. This, in truth, is a fine compliment to his good judgment.

The British Elections.

It would take some hardihood, in view of recent experiences nearer home, for the casual American observer to presume to regard the result of the recent parliamentary elections in England as finally settling any of the issues involved in them. No doubt four-fifths of the unexpectedly large Unionist majority typifies merely indolent popular reaction from the negative Rosebery ministry, or "administration."

At the same time it probably is true that one item in the Radical creed will hereafter have to be modified. We question if the fiery Labby or any of his caeteris paribus will live to clap his hands at the outright abolition of the house of lords. And it doubtless was the lack of sympathy between the outgoing premier and the extremists of his own party touching this point in the Liberal programme that turned the scale of mildly conservative English opinion against both wings of the disunited "party of progress," and recalled to unanticipated prominence the more harmonious opposition.

Our thought is well put by Elwyn Barron in his last letter from London to the Chicago Times-Herald: "The house of lords, with less authority, with restricted powers, is as indispensable to the British parliament as the senate is an essential part of the American congress. Both are far enough away from the capricious public to view with sobriety measures that often define only a popular impulse divorced from judgment and if the lords, through being more independent, are sometimes more vexatiously slow and obstinate than our senators they do not have spared the public much misery of repentance by forcing it to a greater deliberation of its demands."

It is due to Commodore Sanders' zeal displayed in behalf of Senator Quay in yesterday's convention, as well as to his nautical experience gained on the placid bosom of Lake Ariel, that he should be given command of at least the Lackawanna squadron of the Junior senator's fleet on its prospective cruise up Salt river.

Editor Jones, of the Carbonate Leader, has already served notice that he will defeat all anti-Quay candidates for county office next fall. And the funny part of it is that he talks just as if he thought he could do it.

The Susquehanna county "organization" which declares itself for Senator Quay will probably resemble a last year's chrysalis before the honest Republican voters get through with its mercenary scheme.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Maceo Lays Down the Law. From His Pittsburgh Times: "There has been no suggestion of compromise on the part of Governor Hastings and his friends, and there can be none that would involve the retirement of Hastings from the position in which he led the party to such unparalleled victory as he achieved last year. Even Senator Quay's retirement from the contest, which his organs in their desperation have offered, if coupled as they demand, with that of Chairman Gilkeson, could not be accepted by Governor Hastings. Chairman Gilkeson has been assailed solely for his support of the governor in the latter's stand against Mr. Quay and his followers in the appointment matter. The retirement of Mr. Gilkeson would therefore be a direct blow at Governor Hastings himself, besides being a most ungenerous thrust at the most successful state chairman the party has ever had. It may therefore be set down that there will be no compromise on any such basis. There is but one way to settle the trouble with honor, and that is for Senator Quay to withdraw and permit Chairman Gilkeson's now re-assured re-election to be a unanimous one."

Rather a Lop-Sided Dick. Wilkes-Barre Times: "Since Senator Quay's two overwhelming defeats in Lackawanna county, following his defeat in Clearfield, the newspapers which are waging his campaign of assassination against the state administration are one and all crying out for compromise and peace. The terms of compromise they propose are as simple as passing counterfeit money. State Chairman Gilkeson is to be abandoned by his supporters, and Senator Quay will then withdraw from the fight and put one of his lieutenants in his place. This is the old compromise of the turkey and the buzzard over again. Said the white man to the Indian, 'You take the buzzard and I'll take the turkey, or I'll take the turkey and you take the buzzard.'"

Hit the Bull's-Eye. Carbonate Herald: "The Scranton Tribune hits the bull's-eye this morning when it gives utterance to the following: 'The Carbonate Leader cannot understand how sixty-two ballots were cast at last Friday's Fourth district primaries in one ward which, it says, 'never before gave over eleven ballots for a Republican candidate.' This does look strange on its face; but perhaps the Leader's distinguished editor who belonged to the faction that polled thirty of the sixty-two votes, might be able to shed some light on the subject.' Every unprejudiced man must laugh when he reads the query made by the Tribune."

Lackawanna the Turning Point. Wilkes-Barre Times: "Since the vote in Lackawanna resulted in favor of Governor

Hastings it has been noticed that the few Republican papers which still cling to Quay, and their Democratic allies, are talking compromise and say there is no real issue in the present contest and it ought to be brought to an end for the sake of the party."

Quay Is Badly Benten. Norristown Herald: "Every well informed person regards Quay as practically beaten in his unfortunate contest for the state chairmanship. From all parts of Pennsylvania we hear the same story of standing by the party organization which has won such remarkable triumphs. The country districts unite with the two leading cities of the state in indorsing Hastings. There is no longer any question that the state convention will take the same action by an emphatic majority."

How to Defeat Don Cameron. Philadelphia Bulletin: "Very few of the Quay organs in the state care to be saddled with the responsibility of carrying Don Cameron. They find it hard enough to carry Quay, without being handicapped with his colleague. The result is that they are endeavoring to keep Cameron and Cameronism in the background. This will not deceive the people, who fully understand that the only sure way of putting an end to Cameron's career is to defeat the faction which gives him abettors."

An Insolent Threat. Hazleton Sentinel: "Senator Quay threatens the congressmen that he will kill all the bills for public buildings brought up by them unless they stand for him now. A senator who openly uses his office to threaten a community had better be killed off. That is what Quay has done, but the chances are that he will be brought from these same congressmen next year."

Quay's Success Means Cameron's. Tunkhannock Republican: "It is useless to put forth the argument that the success of Quay in the fight now on does not mean the success of Cameron later. Mr. Quay has never considered it necessary to deny that point, and therefore it looks very much like straining a point for his supporters to do so for him."

The People Are with Hastings. Tunkhannock Republican: "There is no doubt that the people of this county, and of the state, are strongly against Senator Quay in this fight. Governor Hastings had the people with him in 1890, and they have continued with him ever since."

Refuse to Be Worked. Wilkes-Barre Record: "The Scranton Republican says the friends of Quay, can win if they will only work. But the dear people refuse to be 'worked,' and the Republican is correspondingly depressed."

How to Have Peace. Wilkes-Barre Times: "If Senator Quay will only consent to peace, nobody else need be consulted, and no terms of compromise need be formulated. He has only to cease making war."

Getting Tired of It. Hazleton Sentinel: "The people of this district have been hanging on to Quay long enough and gained nothing but defeat."



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Is that The Tribune? It is. Can you answer a question? Will make the attempt. Well, I am a man in moderate circumstances, and as I travel sometimes am interested in mileage books. Yes. I see that you speak of the "abuses" of Delaware, Lackawanna and Western mileage books. What do you mean? Are the cents a mile paid by the rich man of more benefit to the company than the 2 cents paid by the poor passenger who used to borrow a book, occasionally? Certainly! Railroads accommodations are exclusively for the wealthy, and mileage books are only printed for people who can afford to do without them. Don't ask such foolish questions! Z-z-z-ling!

Am I addressing The Tribune? You are. This is Barnie talking. Too bad, William! Consider my hand extended. Oh! that's all right. I have hit upon a scheme that will cause victory to perch permanently upon our banner. Why, I am going to sign all the fellows on the grand stand who know just how the game should be played. See? Z-z-z-ling!

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