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When Hastings wins a district convention, it is due to "corporation bulldozing."

Reaching for Susquehanna.

Having lost every other county in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Senator Quay is now moving heaven and earth to save Susquehanna.

When Senator Quay was in Scranton two weeks ago he sent for a few of his adherents in Susquehanna. They came, met the senator at the Wyoming house, and a bargain was entered into by which the two Susquehanna delegates were promised to him.

When they shall fully understand all that transpired between the senator and those who agreed to hand over to him the Susquehanna delegates there need be no fear of the result when the time comes to hold the primary election on the 3rd of August.

The Tribune proposes to give them the needed information before the delegate elections take place. If the Susquehanna Republicans shall then choose to confirm the Wyoming house bargain and hand over to Senator Quay a pair of delegates who will misrepresent the well-known sentiment of Susquehanna Republicanism, that will be their own affair.

The verdict of Northampton joins hands with the verdict from Lackawanna and is equally eloquent in its demand for fair play.

Justice to Publishers.

The need of amendment in the present antiquated libel law is so obvious, which is convincingly set forth in the article elsewhere reproduced from the Philadelphia Press, mutually suggests a remedy; and this has been skillfully outlined by Colonel Alexander K. McClure, who would enact a statute to the following effect:

Any person aggrieved by a newspaper publication may institute a civil or criminal suit only in the county in which the publication has been printed. Punitive damages shall not be recovered in any civil action for libel.

shall be summoned to try the case. When it is established that on account of personal or political passion or prejudice justice cannot be obtained from the regular panel, the judge trying the case shall appoint two impartial citizens of high character, each of whom shall belong to a different political party, as jury commissioners to select twelve jurors, from whom a panel of twelve shall be selected.

The time has gone by in this country when newspapers were published chiefly for the opportunity which their publication gave editors to exploit private grudges. Journalism nowadays has become a regular business, in which permanent success can be won only along lines of honesty and fair dealing.

Senator Quay is an expert doer, but the people are in no mood to tolerate a vote was taken. Here, too, the attempt was made to instruct for Quay for chairman of the state committee, but the proposition was promptly voted down.

Mr. Quay's Clever Evasion.

Senator Quay has made public the reply which he recently sent to James S. Smyth, chairman of the Williamsport Republican city committee, who asked him the following questions:

First—Are you in favor of the nomination of Senator J. B. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, for the office of president of the United States by the Republican party?

Second—I am a personal friend of Senator Cameron, and our official relations are most agreeable. He has never intimated to me his desire for re-election, and it would certainly be most discourteous in me to declare either for or against my colleague in the absence of his own declaration, which can in no way be affected by the pending controversy.

Third—I am not in favor of the free coinage of silver at the rate of 16 to 1. The senator replied as follows:

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Is it on the principle of misery loving company that the Reading railroad, being itself bankrupt, wants to bankrupt half the individual coal operators?

For Christian Unity.

The keynote of the aim of the Pan-American congress of religions now in session at Toronto was well expressed by Secretary Sherin before the congress opened, when he said: "If we fall to get all people to agree as to what Jesus Christ taught and said, we hope to get them to join in doing things He did. Our purpose is to bring together prominent learned people from among clergymen, philanthropists, educators and statesmen, of all countries in the two Americas, to consider the great social, economic and moral problems pertaining to human society, to develop fraternal feelings, eliminate prejudice and hate from people having different creeds, but the same humanity; and if we fall to bring them into one church and under one creed, we aim to bring them into one state of fraternal feelings toward each other."

The natural affiliations of Susquehanna county are certainly not with Senator Quay nor with the principles and methods which he represents. The wholesome and unselfish party loyalty for which that county is noted is utterly at variance with the spoils-mongering, rule-or-ruin traditions of Quayism; it consequently has nothing to gain and much to lose in a purchased alliance with the junior senator. Believing as they undoubtedly do in justice and fair play, the Republicans of Susquehanna will not be in a hurry to humiliate the state administration at the beck of a half-dozen Quay manipulators who already have in their inside pockets substantial tokens of the junior senator's esteem.

is to be saved, rather than the sectarian shibboleths through which it is more likely to be lost; because the parliament showed that, inferior as the ethnic faiths are to our world-wide religion, they really lay greater emphasis than we on various minor excellences which we too much neglect; because Christianity, as an organizer of love, if it be, as we claim, superior to every ethnic religion, will show its sharp contrast with them best by being set aside by side with them in friendly conference, not by being held distinctly aloof. The same remarks apply with almost equal pertinency to the Toronto congress, which brings Jew, Protestant and Catholic Christian and credentialed Humanitarian into close fellowship and intimate mutual comprehension.

General Harrison has one consolation. He is not the only man who is attracting the pernicious attentions of the campaign liar.

More Quay Defeats.

On Saturday county conventions were held in Northampton and Sullivan counties, and in Chester (Hastings' own county) the delegates to the county convention were elected.

The most interesting contest on Saturday, however, was that in Center county, Governor Hastings' home.

For a number of days the supporters of Quay had been boasting that they would defeat Hastings in his own county, thereby forcibly illustrating his unpopularity. The delegate elections were held and the result was the election of 112 Hastings men and 12 Quay supporters. This is a just and proper rebuke of the indecency of antagonizing the government at his own home.

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It is a sufficient answer to our contemporary to note the fact, universally attested by experience, that the man whose cause is just never fears to submit it to arbitration. If the Reading's claim for 21 per cent. stood on such solid ground as the Record would have us infer, why did the Reading receivers dogmatically decline to submit the issue to a fair and impartial arbitration?

The general average. Philadelphia Record: "The senator General McCormick says that 96 per cent. of the Republicans of Lycoming county are opposed to Cameron. There is no doubt about the accuracy of the statement in almost every other county of the state on that issue."

Will Look Like a Waterloo.

Wilkes-Barre Times: "If Lycoming county does as well as Lackawanna for Governor Hastings the battle of the delegates at Harrisburg will look like a Waterloo for Messrs. Quay, Cameron & Co."

Delegates Are What Count.

Wilkes-Barre Record: "Talk is cheap, but it is delegates that count. The Quay forces are doing very well now, but the Hastings people are gobbling up the primaries."

Quay Forces People to Fight Him.

Hastings' Senate: "Quay has threatened the congressmen that he would defeat all their bills unless they turn in for him. The congressmen who go with Quay now is a cowardly crew."

Jumped on the Wrong Side.

Wilkes-Barre Times: "It's a long road that has no turn and after an extended season has now been laid out in a straight line finally hopped down on the wrong side of the fence."

Has Made Many Mistakes.

Hastings' Senate: "Quay's matchless leadership holds the record for fatal mistakes."

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The extent of this sentiment for libel reform is attested in the fact that reform bills have been introduced in many states. Minnesota was one of the first to place herself on more modern ground. Illinois followed, and then California at their last session. In Massachusetts such a measure was brought forward, but failed of final adoption and another effort will be needed to complete it. This attitude, resulting from a legislative code and has asked only for what appears to the reason and justice of every fair-minded man, whether journalist or not.

beg to be forgiven. Such a course would eliminate all traces of bitterness and restore harmony with a capital H. That Harrison declination story was absurd on its face; for a man cannot well refuse what has not yet been offered.

With politeness and meditation, we expect to see Editor Jones' rose too yet brought round without a scar.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Quay Is Cameron's Savior. Philadelphia Bulletin: "It may be entirely true that Mr. Quay is not now 'booming' Cameron either for the senate or for the chairmanship of the state committee. He is, however, a most concerned chief in boomeranging, and finds his hands full enough in undertaking this up-hill job, but there is no doubt that whatever future Cameron or Cameronism may have in Pennsylvania politics, it will be largely due to the efforts of the Quay campaign. Quay is the one and only strong prop that now sustains the house of Cameron, and the house itself will fall when that prop is taken away from it."

Quay Not a Reformer.

Pittsburg Dispatch: "An alliance between Senator Quay and the people, on the platform of an elevation of the character of legislation; franchises regulated to secure the cheapness of competition; snakes and jakes killed in the legislature as soon as they make their appearance; economical government and lowered taxes; a carefully organized school system, free from politics, and the efficient management based on the popular interests alone, would involve such benefits to the public that it is superfluous to enlarge upon them. But this is a platform heretofore regarded as ideal in the system of politics."

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counterfeit twenty-dollar coin be passed, justification is provided for a statement that it was a counterfeit twenty-dollar note. Beyond this harshness of an antiquated code the laws of Pennsylvania are not interpreted discriminately against newspaper publishers in the most unjust and oppressive manner. We will specify the most objectionable points:

I. Newspaper publishers and editors are the only class of citizens who can be indicted criminally in any county of the state or in any county of any other state in which the newspaper is circulated. The recent decision of Judge Brown in the case of Mr. Dana established the fact that he could not be removed to the District of Columbia, but that decision applied only to the District. The law as to counties within a state remains. Any offense could be indicted and tried only where the offense is actually committed. But newspaper editors charged with libel can be indicted in a dozen or fifty counties at the same time, and can be dragged, as they have been dragged, from Philadelphia to places hundreds of miles distant. This is a discrimination of the law that applies to no other class, and it has been and can be applied most oppressively, without serving any not of justice. Upon what ground can it be justified?

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