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The efforts of the Quixotes to oppose Governor Hastings in his own county was a good deal larger on paper than at the primaries.

Pave Mulberry Street.

The grading of the Mulberry street approach to the boulevard is now practically completed, and the next question that naturally arises is, when will Mulberry street be paved?

There fortunately cannot be any difference of opinion as to the necessity of an early paving of this important street. Not alone is it desirable from the standpoint of those who wish to reach the boulevard; the very life of the contemplated addition to the city between Harrison avenue and Nay Aug park largely depends upon the excellence of the connecting main roadway.

The question of cost answers itself in the fact that property values along well-paved streets always appreciate sufficiently to compensate the owners for their share of the paving expense. This will easily be true of a roadway in all respects so important as Mulberry street will be as soon as building operations get fairly under way in the direction of the park.

Why delay? Why not get the benefits of a graded thoroughfare at once?

If the Scranton Republican intends to apologize to Representative Farr for the bare-faced lie it recently printed concerning him, now is the time to do so.

Standing by One's Friends.

Many journals friendly to Senator Quay laud the earnestness and the zeal with which he stands by his friends. Our contemporary, The Tribune, says: "That is one thing that can always be depended upon to do. For example, turn back to the unfortunate Delamater campaign. Quay stood by Delamater when the knew from the start that he was fighting a losing battle."

Constancy of friendship is a virtue which cannot receive too much praise. But there is a false and a true conception of the obligations of friendship.

Mr. Quay would better have befriended Mr. Delamater, five years ago, had he not forced the factor's nomination on a reluctant party and thus invited his own defeat. In "standing by" Delamater, Quay insulted the better sense of his party and did violence to the friendship of thousands of respectable Republicans throughout the state who deferred to his wishes in that campaign against their better judgment.

This was not dealing justly by them, nor was it the kind of "loyalty" that Pennsylvania Republicans care to have repeated. Senator Quay will probably not soon have another opportunity to "stand by his friends" at the expense of the party's welfare.

The Carbonate Leader is respectfully informed that a county surveyor and a coroner are to be elected next fall. The Leader should study up on local politics.

The English Slump.

The British elections turn out to be a good deal more one-sided than anybody wanted. Joseph Chamberlain's plan, it now transpires, was to defeat the Liberals by such a narrow margin that the Conservatives would have to depend upon his handful of Liberal-Unionists for their majorities. In this way Joseph expected to bag his pick of the choicest cabinet seats. This programme likewise had Lord Salisbury's cordial approval, for while it would have given undue prominence to the Chamberlain following, it would at the same time have kept the Conservatives keyed up to a wholesome tension seldom present when party majorities are large.

But neither course carried. The people gave the Tories almost as big and consequently as unwieldy a plurality, proportionately, as their prototypes, the American Democrats, had in the Fifty-fourth congress; and the cunning Mr. Chamberlain finds himself, shackled at the head of a following which could go over to a lump to the Liberals and yet not defeat the new ministry. Just what has caused the big slump is partly, at least, a matter of conjecture; but the London correspondent of the Sun has his own opinion. "The search for the true explanation of the great rout of the Liberal party is furthered materially," he says, "by the people themselves. They are afraid that their action will be interpreted falsely, and that it will be ascribed chiefly to opposition to Irish Home Rule. It is significant, therefore, that the newspapers of all shades of opinion admit the receipt of vast volumes of correspondence from revolvers that some Irish men were not to do with it, and that their action was induced by

the importance given to the local veto bill and other measures threatening individual liberties. Most of them protest that their desertion of the Liberal party is only temporary, and is intended to teach the party leaders not to ride hobbies to which the masses are indifferent or opposed."

We learn from the Wilkes-Barre Leader that "Scranton has no such attractive suburbs as has this favored town. She has stretches of wild lands, turgid and desolate reaches of tangled and sandy marshes, but nowhere can she show the delightful harmonies that nature has supplied on Wilkes-Barre's every hand." The Leader probably refers to the Kingston flats.

The Battle in Susquehanna.

Advices from Susquehanna clearly indicate that the independent, self-respecting Republicans of that staunch Republican county are revolting against the bargain entered into without their knowledge by the half-dozen men who responded to Senator Quay's summons when the latter was in this city two weeks ago. General Hastings has for a number of years been a favorite in Susquehanna county. Five years ago the two delegates to the state convention were pronounced friends of Senator Quay and it was supposed they would vote for Delamater for governor, but popular sentiment was so overwhelmingly in favor of Hastings that they plainly and frankly told Quay it would be impossible for them to support Delamater, that to do so would result in a revolt.

The Quay adherents are now laboring to make capital against Hastings by providing his veto of the Hardenbergh bill into the state treasury by the Erie Railroad company. By shrewd and tricky misrepresentation they have succeeded in impressing some unthinking Republicans with the idea that the governor has done Susquehanna county a great wrong by vetoing that bill. The more thoughtful people give the governor credit for being actuated by a high sense of duty in vetoing the bill referred to.

Susquehanna county has no cause for complaint even if she does not receive from the state treasury her proportion of the Erie bonus. That county pays into the state treasury as taxes only about \$8,000 annually, while the records show that she receives from the state appropriations annually amounting to \$32,000. The intelligent portion of the people of Susquehanna certainly are not so unreasonable as to find fault with a condition of things so favorable to them. No county in the state pays less in proportion to what it receives from the state than does that county.

The sum involved in the Hardenbergh bill was insignificant, and but for the fact that a principle, which the governor felt in duty bound to respect, was presented he would undoubtedly have approved the bill. The governor knew that in vetoing the bill in question he would offend certain people in Susquehanna county, but he did what he conceived to be his duty without reference to personal considerations. For such manliness, thoughtful men will honor him.

People of smaller caliber than those who inhabit Susquehanna county might be influenced by the misrepresentations and dishonest appeals of the Quay leaders, but the intelligent and fair-minded Republicans of that county will not be impressed by the attacks on an honest and conscientious governor for an act in which his sense of duty as the chief magistrate of the commonwealth was in conflict with what was at best only a petty local interest.

The battle is on in Susquehanna county, and the Republican masses will again assert their manhood as they so often have in the past when battling with the representatives of the worst class of machine politics. Susquehanna will stand in line with the other counties of non-slaveholding Pennsylvania in defense of free and manly Republicanism and honest methods in our state politics. The other counties all around Susquehanna have thrown off the burdensome yoke, and Susquehanna will do likewise.

Speaking in behalf of the Canadian Unionists, Professor Goldwin Smith requests American friends of political conscience not to complicate the question of Canada's future by abuse of England. So far as we can discern, however, comparatively few Americans just now are taking much interest in Canada, one way or another, much less getting excited because of England's avariciousness.

Sunday Closing in Gotham.

The hubbub which has arisen among the lawless elements in New York city because of Police Commissioner Roosevelt's determination to enforce the Sunday closing law in Gotham has caused a number of Republican politicians to take fright lest this brave performance of an obvious duty should be the means of causing a loss of votes. It is interesting to notice, however, that Mayor Strong does not share their perturbation. In a published interview he says:

"As to this new police board, I am not going to express myself. They were appointed to do their duty, and if they fall they are answerable to the law. I see that they are having a hot time of it, and all I want to say now is that it is best to have this question of whether or not a law should be enforced brought before the people at this time, so that they can think it over carefully and well before election day. They call upon me to interfere with Roosevelt. How can I, so long as he is merely carrying out the law? If he were evading it, I could not say, 'Mr. Roosevelt, you must ignore the law.' I never intimated that I would do such a thing. The legislature is the place to look for redress if the law is oppressive."

The refusal of the officers of the law to enforce a law is a direct step toward anarchy. And yet, thousands of ordinarily level-headed citizens are heaping abuse on Mr. Roosevelt for simply doing what he took a solemn oath to do—namely, enforce the law. If the law is bad, that is not his fault. He is not clothed with power to make or suspend laws at will. If he should issue orders to the New York police force not to try to enforce the law against burglary and theft, how quickly would those same critics bowl at him? Yet it is just as clearly President Roosevelt's duty to secure a thorough enforcement of the Sunday law as it is to secure a thorough enforcement of any other law on the statute books.

It is strange to us that anybody of sense should fail to perceive this.

Senator Quay has a perfect right to aid Senator Cameron to a re-election.

Perhaps in view of all the circumstances, he is under distinct obligations to do so. But he has no right to use the machinery of the state organization in such a direction, when party sentiment is manifestly hostile to Cameron. And he can have no just cause for complaint if the party, having grown suspicious, shall put it beyond his power to turn its weapons against itself.

Significant Action.

The county committee of Wyoming is controlled by Quay influences, which sufficiently explains the remarkable and revolutionary action taken by that body on Saturday last. The delegate to the state convention was elected several months ago, before Senator Quay had inaugurated his war on the Hastings administration, and subsequently every means at their command was employed by the Quay adherents to induce the delegate to declare in favor of Quay. These efforts having failed to influence Delegate Northrop, the county committee was called together and resolutions adopted instructing the delegate to support Judge Rice for Superior court Judge, Hastings for chairman of the convention, and Quay for chairman of the state committee. The committee threatens to call another county convention and elect a new delegate if Mr. Northrop refuses to be governed by the action of the committee.

This was done by direct orders of Senator Quay. It will be observed that the committee discriminated against Judge Willard, of Lackawanna, clearly indicating, what has all along been believed and alleged, that Senator Quay is inimical to Judge Willard. Inasmuch as six candidates for Superior court Judges are to be nominated, the Wyoming committee could have endorsed both Willard and Rice, or, in fact, all six of the present Republican judges. The anti-Quay delegates elected in Lackawanna county will undoubtedly support Judge Rice as well as Judge Willard, and so will the Luzerne delegates, but the Quay adherents in Wyoming county, if they had the power, would discriminate against Judge Willard in the state convention. The Luzerne Republicans will not be influenced by this latest move of Senator Quay, Luzerne and Lackawanna must pull together in this fight and make common cause for Judges Willard and Rice. Quay would defeat both, if necessary to attain his own ends. He is fighting for Quay and for nobody else. The Lackawanna Republicans have demonstrated that they understand the situation correctly.

The Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer nominates Congressman Leisenring for governor in 1898. This is another slap at J. A. Scranton.

In Justice to Senator Porter.

Senator Porter, of Philadelphia, who has been subjected to a vast deal of ignorant abuse for his alleged "desertion" of Senator Quay, has at last replied to his critics. Among other things he says:

If there is anything in this world that I am not, it is an ingrate. I have always stood by my friends, recognizing the fact that a man in politics must do that. I have been personally acquainted with Senator Quay since 1868, and I challenge him to point to one single favor he ever did me, or any one man he ever had appointed to office for me or at my solicitation, while, on the other hand, I have voted for his candidates and helped him in any way within my power for many years. I was not for Penrose for mayor. I told Quay this many months before the nomination, and I told Penrose. I also told Quay it would be a mistake to nominate Penrose, and also told the junior senator that he had no right to dictate, or attempt to dictate, the nominations in Philadelphia. I have always been for one Senator Quay nothing. If you ask him he will tell you the same thing, as he knows he has yet his first favor to do for me. I merely want to explain my position and prove that if there was any ingratery at all it was on Quay's side and not mine.

This statement has many times been corroborated by Senator Penrose himself. Mr. Penrose never charged Senator Porter with treachery. They are open enemies, but the one has no reason to complain of the other's lack of frankness. Senator Porter was all right so long as he happened to be traveling in Senator Quay's direction. When he branched off, he became all wrong. The Quay people do not have much time for persons they cannot own.

The Republicans of Susquehanna county are not the kind of men to sit quiet while presumptuous so-called leaders contract to sell their favor without authority.

In contrast with the contemporary struggles of many men and women for personal advancement along the lines of business, politics or social striving, stands out an example narrated in the current number of St. David's Guardian—the example of Frank Owen Jones who, by a special service held in St. Luke's church, July 2, was formally admitted into the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd, as "Brother Francis."

It is the plan of Brother Francis, as we learn from the Guardian, to obtain a home on the outskirts of the city, with some land to it. The home is to provide accommodations for convalescents, and the ground, in a measure, is to be cultivated toward their keeping. The work will be an entirely unsectarian and, therefore, a common good for all the churches. Brother Francis, having assumed the vow of poverty, is compelled for the furtherance of this self-

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sacrificing purpose to rely upon the generosity of local philanthropy; but we have no doubt that he will not have to ask in vain for aid in behalf of such a worthy enterprise.

The world at large would probably be none the worse off if some of the surplus energy which is now wasted, say, in politics were diverted to channels similar to that occupied by Brother Francis.

For thirty years the Cameron and Quay power in state politics kept Galusha A. Grow, of Susquehanna county, on a back shelf, because he refused to do their bidding. In his prime, when he had a national reputation as a statesman far greater than any other Pennsylvanian, Grow was relegated to private life, and kept there for almost a generation because those who had control of Pennsylvania politics feared to be overshadowed. The same methods are being today applied to young Republicans like Governor Hastings, John Dalsell, Colonel William A. Stone and others of brains and force who are naturally rising to the surface. Such rising Republicans must be kept down in order that men infinitely their inferiors in every respect may retain their power. The time seems now to have come when this tyrannical regime will be broken and younger Republicans given a fair chance in the race for honors and distinction. Governor Hastings is fighting a battle for fair play for the younger Republicans of Pennsylvania, and that battle is going to be won.

One would judge from the local columns of the esteemed Scranton Truth that it amounts to an offense for friends of the administration in Lackawanna county to evince interest in the campaign for fair play in Susquehanna county. We do not believe, however, that the Truth's view is shared by the Republican masses in our sister county. They are awakening to the fact that a half-dozen politicians have contracted to deliver their vote to Quay; and they naturally desire to be consulted before any such contract shall be consummated.

"The one and only effective way of ridding the party for good of any responsibility or semblance of responsibility for Cameron and his vagaries," as the Philadelphia Bulletin forcefully points out, "is to get the party organization out of the hands of the men who are ready to compromise the convictions of Republicans for his sake and to use it in his favor. This will be one of the most wholesome results of the anti-Quay movement." And evasive letters cannot conceal this patent fact.

While General Harrison is to all appearances lifting no finger to further his own political interests, he would be a bold man who would presume to believe that the ex-president will not be a commanding factor in next year's convention.

Now that the honorable Richard Croker has taken pains to deny that he contemplated deserting America, the bird of freedom will clearly be justified in indulging in a loud, long scream.

The Quay men of Wyoming county, in ignoring Judge Willard's candidacy probably acted under suggestions from the Quay headquarters. If they did not their oversight would be difficult to explain.

The cry that the defeat of Quay means the substitution of a worse party dictatorship has no foundation in fact. Governor Hastings does not aspire to be a boss. He simply wants fair play.

Congressman Leisenring is not likely to suffer much in the estimation of his constituents for refusing to be bullied by the Quay threat, to smash his Wilkes-Barre public building bill.

Collector Cooper's idea of a compromise is ingenious. He would be perfectly willing to give Hastings the shell if Quay could make off with the kernel.

As a reputation of Cameronism it seems to be the consensus of opinion that Senator Quay's letter was not a success.

Delegates Are What Count.

Philadelphia Press: "On Saturday morning the Press printed a table of delegates to the coming state convention elected since Senator Quay declared open war on the present Republican organization. It shows that ten delegates had been elected in behalf of Hastings and Gilkeson while Quay and Cameron had secured none. Six more delegates were elected on Saturday and are added to the count, which now stands as follows:

For Hastings and Gilkeson..... 16  
For Quay and Cameron..... 0

This embraces all the delegates elected since Mr. Quay declared war by announcing himself as a candidate for chairman of the state committee. Such delegates as the junior senator can count upon were elected before any purpose on his part to humiliate the state administration for its attitude on the apportionment issue had become publicly known. There may be counties that Quay can carry, but they have not so far been reached. The sixteen delegates above indicated come from the following named counties: Clearfield, 2; Lackawanna, 6; Sullivan, 1; Center, 2 and Northampton, 4. Delegates are certain to count more when the ballot is taken in the convention than all the bluffing our Democratic-Quay contemporaries can get off between now and Doomsday."

They should end the fight. Norristown Herald: "Senator Quay and his reckless and unscrupulous supporters have it in their power to put an end to this unseemly contest, which has done so far already. If they have any regard for the interests of the Republican party they can very readily promote them. All that is necessary is that they shall cease their assaults upon the Hastings administration and the party organization. As good Republicans will not do such a thing, no other course is open to them. This is especially to be commended to them, since there is not the slightest hope of success for Senator Quay in this uncertain contest. He has already been defeated, his followers have been in the minority in every county that has chosen delegates to the state convention, and his candidacy was announced. Under such circumstances, his duty as a loyal Republican is plain. He should withdraw from a campaign which can only work injury to the party. He should retire from a contest that ought never to have been commenced."

How to Retain His Hold. Carbonate Herald: "The election of delegates the past week resulted in a decisive Hastings victory. It is now a question of how long Quay will remain in the race and

that everything will pass off smoothly. This would be best for all concerned unless it should be taken as an abdication of state leadership by Mr. Quay. If he now steps quietly aside he may be able to so arrange matters that his hold upon his party will be increased. If he fights the battle to the bitter end and is defeated as now seems probable, it will be years, if ever, before he will regain control of the dominant party over this state."

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