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Most any other man than Cameron, seeing how cordially unpopular he is, would take the hint and resign.

Cone to Pot. .

There probably never was a more daring scheme of political ambition formulated in the mind of man than to be embodied in Sen-Quay's programme, should he win his present contest in this state. The stakes for which he is playing are almost beyond adequate comprehension. They are infinitely superior to the paktry honor of being state chairman in an off year; they reach into the very topmost circles of government and contemplate, through the nomination of Cameron as president, virtually the exclusive ownership of the political patronage of the United States. Richelleu ruling Europe behind the gay scenes of the French court or Warwick manipulating at will the royal marionettes whom it suited his purpose to place on the English throne was not a circumstance to the role which Matthew Stanley Quay had planned to enact at Washington in the event of Donald Cameron's election as president.

. The audacity of the plan is all the more conspicuous in view of the fact that Cameron, running on his own account, could not carrry half a dozen counties in his home state. Knowing this fact full well, and knowing also that without Quay's support he would, within twenty-four hours, be deader, politically, than an Egyptian mummy, Cameron, in the event of his election to the presidency, would we everything to Quay's expert manipulation and would be, to an extent not hitherto exemplified. Quay's personal chattel. Thus the senator who five years ago, in his anxiety to "know how it felt to own a governor." staked all on Delamater and lost, is now playing a game in which the ricks are multiplied a hundred-fold. and of which the object is the ownership, not merely of a paltry governor, but of a president of the United States.

The stress of circumstances has forced Quay to disclaim any such purpose; and ossibly it new is all he can do to save his own, regardless of Cameron. But anyone who has had access to inside information knows full well that the bitterness with which Quay, In his famous speech in the senate, denounced his former Neutenant, David Martin, after the break over Penrose in Philadelphia arose, not from any anxiety as to Penrose for from genuine horror at "corporation dollar-marks," in which we are thriving business. If we are to believe It had its origin in the fact that the defection of Martin meant the exposure of the Cameron programme and possibly its defeat; meant a fight all along the line at a time when Quay's desire was for peace, in order that he might better accomplish his purposes quietly and by stealth. With all hands working together in harmony, the Cameron job was at best a desperate and dangerous one; but with once trusted asthe game might be irretrievably ruined. Hence the virulence toward Martin; the fight on reapportionment and the later warfare on the governor.

But how this grand air castle of absofute political dominion is tumbling to pieces these days!

It is amusing to hear the Quay or gans complain that their "matchless their "incomparable politician," was so foolish as to be "caught napping." A leader who keeps in touch with the people need not fear stolen marches.

How to Have Peace.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, hitherto bellicose, now sings this tune: "The Republican party of the state is in danger. This internecine strife must be stopped or the most serious results will follow. Let us have peace." This key note it plaintively elaborates to the extent of nearly a column, made up partly of innuendo and partly of ap-

The Inquirer's peace recipe contemplates that Senator Quay shall get the oyster while Governor Hastings shall receive only the shell. In other words, Quay is to be chosen state chairman, so that he can work the machinery of the party to save Cameron and punish those who have stood up for the administration; and Hastings is to be unopposed for permanent chairman of the

A much better basis of comp is suggested by the Tunkhannock Republican. It recommends that Quay run for chairman of the convention, and let Gilkeson be re-elected state chairman. If Quay's purpose is imerely to get an honorary office, why should he not be as willing to take the convention chairmanship as to assume the more exacting and burdensume duties of that Governor Hastings would inter-pose objection to such an arrangement; on the contrary, we dare say he would willingly retire in Colonel Quay's favor and thus both sides would be pacified. What is the matter with this peace ogramme?

As a partial atonement for their party's attempted grab of the local judiciary, the Wilkes-Barre Leader ingeniously advises Luzerne Democrats to vote for Superior Judge Rice, next fall. The advice is excellent, but the implied atonement is not sufficient. Nothing can justify a vote, under the ircumstances, for Mr. McLean.

Delamateriam.

Easily the most infelicitous remark of the present campaign is the Pittston Gazette's assertion that "the Hastings contingent is in need of vindication for lecting a Democratic governor in 1890. They should be very mum about 'Delamaterism.' " It would seem that about the last subject to which a Quay organ would wish to allude is this same subject of "Delamaterism;" while as for vindication, the "Hastings people," who last November were about 250,000 in the majority, need not look for one further back than the last-election.

If we correctly apprehend our con temporary's toint in its not overly-lucid allusion, it seeks to imply that those Republicans who, five years ago, declined to permit Mr. Quay and his clique of sub-bosses to ram Senator Pelamater down their throats, regardless of the unmistakable sentiment of the party, are in some manner open to censure. From the Quay standpoint, they may be. In fact we have observed that whenever a free-born American refuses to cringe to Quay or his lieutenants, he immediately becomes a "traitor," an "ingrate," an "assassin" o a "hog." No doubt, to the mind of was concerned, there was no storm sig-Mr. Quay, the men whom he could not bulidoze in 1890-the men who went to the polls like men, and while electing a fairly nominated candidate like Colonel Watres, courageously declined to ratify the blistering infamy of George Wallace Delamater's foisting upon the party ticket-are reprobates. But Quay's opinion on this point is not the opinion of the party masses.

Although the men who defeated Delmater five years ago were not all Hastings man who, after unprecedented provocation to lukewarmness, instead of sulking in his tent threw off his coat and stumped the state from center to circumference for the Meadville candidate. That man is now governor of Pennsylvania, called to that high office by a popular voice which Quay, with all his audacity, did not dare ignore a second time. To be sure, "Delamatersm." as the sequel proved, was in its ultimate effects beneficial; but it is not the kind of game that the Republican masses want repeated; and if we were conducting a Quay organ, we should studiously avoid any allusion to it.

The general improvement noted in the current trade reports is no doubt intensified by the certainty of Republican victory next year. Republicanism is a great trade tonic.

The Secretaryship of State.

An interesting rumor emanates from tial probability before the next Republican national convention, would receive with pleasure from Mr. Cleveland's Republican successor an invitation to become secretary of state. The press dispatch from which this information is gleaned immediately adds: "Senator Davis' tastes and talents are in that direction and he would fill the place well. He is a stalwart American in his ideas of foreign policy. There isn't a particle of fear in his composi-He despises trimming, and is always ready with a frank opinion on' any public question that comes up. He told Quay had for years transacted a believes in upholding the Monroe doctrine, in the extension of the influence those who are in a position to know, and trade of the United States in the two Americas, in the acquisition of the Sandwich Islands, and generally in a bold and expansive foreign policy. He does not figure in the maneuvers or intrigues of national politics. He was not a good office seeker when Harrison was precident. He is more a man of thought than a man of action, but he is capable, when stirred up, of doing bold and earnest things. If he were secretary of state no foreign nation would tread on our Uncle Sam's coat talls."

The choice of the next secretary of state will devolve upon a president not yet even nominated, hence it would be premature to speculate seriously on this subject. It is not too early to remark, however, that the successor of Secretary Olney will be expected to be a man of unquestioned patriotism, of great firmness of character, and one sufficiently versed in international law and in the game of statecraft to cope with the wily fellows who are constantly endeavoring to get the better of your Uncle Samuel in diplomacy. Unless present signs deceive, the most important work to be done by the next administration will be work that will fall upon the shoulders of the secretary of state. No commonplace man will be big enough for this position. No temporizer or time-server will do. The place requires the very best brain and the very cleanest character that the nation can supply. In importance, under a proper conception of its duties, it is not

inferior to the presidency itself. The ambition of Senator Davis to occupy this commanding cabinet office is thoroughly commendable. From what the east knows of him, we should judge that he would come pretty close to filling the bill. He demonstrated, in the Debs insurrection, that he was a firm believer in the majesty of the law and that he was not afraid to speak as duty prompted, whether it suited the momentary temper of the time or not. This, of itself, is a strong recommendation, so far as it goes; and if Senator Davis has the further qualification of familiarity with diplomatic laws and usages, which, by reason of his posi-tion as senator, he could easily acquire, his candidacy for the portfolio of state would deserve careful consideration. Our own belief has been that M Gen-eral Harrison is not re-elected next year he should be proffered the secre-

The patriotic refusal of the sisters of St. Joseph to participate in a test violation of the religious garb law, upon the ground that laws, whether good or bad, are to be obeyed by law-abiding citisens so long as they remain on the statute book, is a splendid object lesson in intelligent citisenship. It will do much to disarm fanaticism.

Some persons object to having our principal streets littered over with the evidences of new building operations; but we are glad to note that these fastidious ones are few. Nothing ought to be objectionable that honestly points to a greater Scranton.

APPEALING TO REASON.

From the Philadelphia Press.

It behooves the plain, sensible, earnest Republicans of Pennsylvania, who are more devoted to the party than to any faction, to take counsel together as to the present situation and what it involves. We have to consider not merely this year, but next year and the year beyond. We have to study not merely.individual wishes, but party welfare and political safety. If we go back to early June we find no sign of contest over the coming state convention. There had been a rupture between Senator Quay and the Philadelphia political forces, but that was local. There was no indication that it would affect the convention. The action of that body was foreshadowed and accepted by common consent. The state treasurer had been slated; the judges appointed by the governor were to be nominated, and the state organization was to be continued as it existed last year, with Mr. Gilkeson at its head. It was acceptable then and it was acceptable now. This was the outlook as all Republicans understood it. There was no dissent. So far as the state convention

the sudden proclamation of a purpose to overthrow the party organization as made by Republicans last year and depose Mr. Gilkeson from the chairman-ship. Had there been no fight opened on Mr. Gilkeson there would have been no contest over the convention. So much is plain to every intelligent and "Hastings people," we know of one reasoning Republican. Differences had developed, but not relating to the action of the convention. The sudden shot at Gilkeson, like the fire on Sumter, was the signal of war. Why was it fired? What reason was there for deposing him? Simply because he belonged to the administration and sustained Governor Hastings' effort for apportionment. No other reason has ever been given. We have challenged the production of any other. We challenge it again. Not another pretense of rea-

son can be named.

Now what was Governor Hastings to do? Bear in mind that the scheme was to throw Gilkeson overboard solely because he was a member of the governor's cabinet and had loyally and morably sustained the governor's state policy. In other words, the blow struck at him was aimed at the governor himself. It was meant to punish and humiliate the chief through the representative. It was meant to cripple and enfeeble his administration for the remainder of its four years. Under such circumstances what was the gov. ernor to do but to stand by his own St. Paul, Minn., to the effect that Sena-tor Cushman K. Davis, while not re-candor and all reason to every man garding himself as a serious presiden- who has a spark of manhood in his own breast. Wouldn't the governor have been less than a man if he had cowed and falled to stand up in selfdefense? Hadn't he a right to sustain his own cabinet officer? In sustaining him was he waging war against anybody else? In upholding his assailed associate was it he or the assailant that gave the provocation? The questions cerry their own answers to every man who is capable of reasoning.

> Let us next look at the other side with the same spirit of fairness. If Governor Hastings was acting in self-defence, as we have shown, what was Senator Quay's course? Was he right in disturbing the party peace by starting out to depose Gilkeson, first with Andrews and then with himself? This is the fight, and didn't he begin it? Why does he want to put Gilkeson out and put himself in? What is the meaning of it? The honor of the state chair manship is nothing to him. The drudgery of it would be a burden which he would turn over to Andrews. There is no need of his skill in the chairmanship so far as this state is concerned. What then is his object? Is it not as plain as the sun at noon-day that he seeks the chairmanship in order to restrict the state administration for its independence of judgment on apportionment, and for the further purpose of getting the party machinery entirely into his own hands so as to control the national delegation and to aid the re-election of Senator Cameron? If there is any other explanation what is

> There are thousands of Republicans in this state who are friendly to Senator Quay and who would support him in iny reasonable measure. But they will halt when they are called to join in crucifying the state administration and in preparing the way for Mr. Cameron's re-election. Mr. Quay has no right to ask them to follow him in such work. It is not service for himselfit is simply servilly for the benefit of others who are obnoxious. He is senator. He is secure in that position for fourd years. Let him be content that Republicans should accept him as senator within his legitimate sphere, and leave them free to support their state administration and elect another senator in place of Mr. Cameron

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

The Wyoming Delegate.

Tunkhannock Republican: "Since the present fight in the Republican ranks was inaugurated every conceivable plan has been put in operation to either force the Wyoming county delegate to the state convention to resign or declare for Quay. One of the questions raised was as to the regularity of his election, which occurred in the convention held Jan. It of this year. The claim was that he could not hold because elected so long before the meeting of the state convention. Now suppose we look back a few years and learn the custom of the Republican party in this county, in order to more fully understand the fairness of Quay's fellowers on this question. Away back in 1887 and 1881 the delegates were elected the same year the state convention was elected on Oct. 2; in 1880, on Sept. 34; in 1887 and 1881 the delegates were elected the same year the state convention was held; in 1880, on Sept. It; in 1890, on Aug. 29; in 1891 on Sept. It. Thus it will be seen that out of ten delegates to the state convention was held; in 1890, on Sept. It. Thus it will be seen that out of ten delegates to the state convention seven of them were elected the year before

the meeting of that convention, and only three of them—one of whom is the present delegate—were elected the same year."

Right Kind of Independence.

Philadelphia Bulletin: "The primary and essential issue before the party in the election of a chairman of the state committee is whether its organization shall be manipulated by one man in accordance with the well-known methods of the Carawith the well-known methods of the Camoron-Quay dynasty, or whether there shall
be something like equal participation in
its management by Republicans who have
enough ability and character to be something more than more dependents or servitors. This is by no means a new issue.
It is an old, but oft suppressed one.
This, however, is the first time when it
has been clearly set before the party. If
Governor Hastings were the original aggressor, as the Quay adherents are so
studious in trying to show, that fact will
not lessen popular respect for him or
weaken his cause. In the sight of the
Quay organs it seems to be a high crime
and misdemeanor; but in the sight of the
plain people it is a refreshing evidence of
the right kind of independence within the
lines of the party." lines of the party."

Luzorne to Be for Hastings. Wilkes-Barre Times: "The candidates from this county to the state convention in the interest of Hastings and Rice are Dr. G. W. Weaver, of this city, in the First district; John D. Woodworth, of Shickshinny, and Alexander McDougal, of West Pittston, in the Second district; Christopher Wren, of Plymouth, and 'Squire Oldfield, of Nanticoke, in the Third district; Reese Lloyd, of Drifton, in the Fourth district; Charles Smith of Pittston, in the Flith district, and A. E. Detro, of Ashley, in the Sixth district. The Hastings interest in this county is well taken care of by Hon. Charles A. Miner and Hon. John Leisenring, who have looked after every detail of the campaign in the interest of Governor Hast-

Points on Which Nearly All Agree. Philadelphia Bulletin: "An overwhelm ng majority of Republicans in this state are unquestionably in entire accord on the following points: "(1) That Governor Hastings shall be free to run his administration without first consult-in M. S. Quay. (2) That the one-man power in organizing conventions and set-ting up legislatures shall come to an end. (3) That J. Donald Cameron's present What, then, brought the change and term in the United States senate shall be forced the contest? Not any struggle his last one. (5) That the convention in over the treasurer; not any conflict August shall pronnouce emphatically against free sliver or bogus bimetallism. If the will of the party on these questions over the judges; but simply and solely is to be carried out, it can only be by de-feating Senator Quay for chairman of the state committee."

Can This Be True? Philadelphia Dispatch in the Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph: "A story is in circulation that several months, ago Senator Quay wrote to a number of southern Republicans with whom he became acquainted while he was national chairman, asking them to do what they could for Cameron for the presidency. It is said that some of these letters are in existence, and that they will be published be-fore the campaign is over."

A Portinent Inquiry. Tunkhannock Republican: "We would like to inquire of the ten members of the Wyoming county committee who do not contribute one penny toward the support of the Tunkhannock Republican by what right they vote for the passage of a resolution of dictation as to the course that paper shall or shall not pursue." 11 11 11

Why Not Reverse Matters ? Tunkhannock Republican: "If the supporters of Quay are honest in their plea for a fair compromise, how would it do to reverse the proposition and make Mr. Quay chairman of the state convention and Mr. Gilkeson chairman of the state

CONVENTION CALL.

Third Legislative District. In pursuance of rule 4 of the code of rules governing the Republican party in the Third assembly district of Lackawill meet on Saturday, July 27th, at 2 o'clock p. m., in the arbitration room, court house, Scranton. The following persons constitute the standing committee:

Clifton-J. J. Wagonhurst. Covington-Frank Hodson, Glenburn-W. S. Palmer, Gouldsboro-R. C. Drum. Greenfield-W. O. Worth. Lackawanna township, South dictrict-David D. Griffiths,
Lackawanna township, West district-

John McCrindle Zach. Gray. Lackawanna township, Northeast disrict—Charles Bray. Lackawanna township, Southwest dis-rict—Thomas Lovering. La Plume-Frank M. Chase. Lehigh-Frank D. Lewis. Madison-John S. LaTouche.

Newton-George P. Myers, North Abington-F. M. Francis. Old Forge, First district-R. Willis Rees Old Forge, Becond district - Henry Old Forge, Fourth district-Patrick J.

Ransom-W. F. Sandway.

Scott-Charles M. Grosvenor. Scranton, Sixth ward, Third district-Thomas W. Jones. Thomas W. Jones.
Spring Brook—Evan Jones.
South Abington—N. S. Davis.
Taylor, First ward—John H. Evans.
Taylor, Second ward—Dr. J. W. Houser.
Taylor, Third ward—John D. Atherton.
Taylor, Fourth ward—Burgess Griffiths.
Taylor, Fifth ward—John F. Tubbs.
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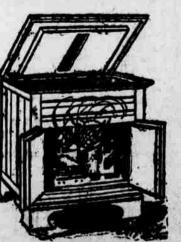
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