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The whole amount of it appears to be that in old Montgomery, Cameron boudre outweighed argument.

Unnecessary Agitation.

Considering the elevated state of the thermometer during the past few days the unnecessary agitation of our esteemed contemporary, the Truth, over the Quay-Hastings situation seems somewhat hazardous as well as uncalled for. While those conversant with the workings of the present campaign could not be misled by the statements and insinuations in an article which appeared in the Truth of yesterday afternoon bearing upon the subject, a word of explanation may be well at this time to correct false impressions that have gone forth as an intended result of the Truth's misleading assertions.

The statement that a panic seized upon the Hastings advocates in this city upon the news of victories claimed by Quay's followers in the lower part of the state is mere bosh. The meeting of delegates referred to was called for Saturday last, before news of the lower county primaries or conventions could reach this city, and the resolutions which have evidently thrown the Truth and Quay people into a high fever of excitement would have been passed at that time had it not been necessary to postpone the meeting on account of the absence of some of the delegates from the city. The fact that Mr. Gilkeson's name was omitted from the resolution passed at the meeting has no significance. The support of Mr. Gilkeson is implied in the declaration that the Lackawanna delegates will support Governor Daniel H. Hastings and his administration in the state convention.

There has never been any doubt as to the position of the Lackawanna delegates in this matter. They will honestly and fearlessly represent the voters of the county in supporting the administration. The meeting was not called for the purpose of allaying panic or bracing wavering men into line, but the resolution was adopted in order that its publication might set at rest the minds of people who have been deceived by false rumors regarding the position of Lackawanna that have been circulated from one end of the state to the other by lying millions of the Quay combine who evidently expect to sink beneath the waves at the coming convention grasping the straw of "bluff."

The great heat of the past few days may have caused great discomfort to the human race, but it was worth millions of dollars to the nation in advancing and increasing the later crops.

The Folly of Bluster.

On Monday all the Quay organs claimed that the junior senator had swept everything at the primaries held in half a dozen counties. The administration papers claimed that Hastings had won in York, Adams and Perry, and possibly in Juniata. They conceded Schuykill and Montgomery to Quay. The returns are now all in and once more prove the folly of Quay bluster. The administration lost nothing that it expected to carry, except Montgomery, and won Adams and Perry, which they did not expect to get. "It was a great Quay day," exclaimed such machine organs as the Scranton Republican. What Quay gained in one direction he lost in another. That's the long and short of last Saturday's elections.

We are near enough the end to admit of intelligent summing up. If Quay can capture from twenty to twenty-five delegates in Philadelphia, in excess of the number conceded to him he may win; if he fails in that he is a beaten man. The administration skies are exceedingly bright, brighter than they have been at any time in the battle. Quay bluster and boasting has accomplished nothing. If the estimates in Philadelphia hold out Hastings will hold the state convention by a majority of about forty, and by not less than thirty if every county still to elect and counted as doubtful be carried by Quay. That is the situation, and time will verify its correctness.

If the people of this state want Cameron re-elected senator, they will not fail to make his colleague state chairman.

Uses of the Navy.

The United States has a fairly formidable navy at this time, thanks to the energy of former administrations. It does not appear to have occurred to President Cleveland while he was so busily engaged trolling for blue fish at Buzzard's Bay, that a portion of our now splendid and formidable navy might be profitably and usefully employed in Chinese waters, backed up with shotted guns the demands for the protection of American missionaries and American citizens generally in China. We have a treaty with that empire under the provisions of which pro-

tection is guaranteed to Americans. The provisions of that treaty have not been observed, and it would seem that our government has not manifested sufficient energy in dealing with the subject. Our minister to China explains that he warned the missionaries of their peril in time for them to have escaped, but that they would not heed his warning. That is all right enough as far as it goes, but it is not what Americans have a right to expect. Our government has a duty to perform to its citizens in China, and if that duty cannot be adequately performed without the aid of men-of-war and gunboats, then these forces should be called into active service. That is precisely what our great and powerful war-ships were built for, although the Cleveland administration does not appear to realize the fact. It is all well enough for our splendid naval equipment to indulge in elaborate evolutions off Newport occasionally when there is nothing else to do, for the amusement of society swells and retired millionaires, but, after all, our navy was not constructed for any such purpose. Somebody ought to wake up President Cleveland and his cabinet, and let them know that war-ships are needed in Chinese waters for the protection of Americans who are threatened with brutal death at the hands of the heathen.

The Next Senate.

Some newspapers are constantly referring to the Fifty-fourth congress, (to assemble in its first regular session next December) as though it were so completely under control of the Republicans that the responsibility of any failure to pass reformatory legislation would have to rest upon President Cleveland. The house of representatives, it is true, will contain a large Republican majority, but it is not by any means certain that the Republicans will be able even to control the organization of the senate. If a few of the Populist senators should act with the Republicans they might control the senate, but standing alone they will not be able to muster a majority in that body. The Democrats are even more helpless. Counting as Populists only Allen of Nebraska, Peffer of Kansas, and Jones and Stewart of Nevada, and giving the Democrats the benefit of the two senators from South Carolina, the strength of the respective parties will be about as follows: Republicans, 47; Democrats, 39; Populists, 4. If DuPont, of Delaware, should be admitted, the Republicans would be able to muster 45, a majority, but among the number are a few from the west who cannot be confidently counted upon to stand by the party. On the silver and tariff questions they are as likely to vote with the Democrats as with the Republicans.

The uncertainty that environs the senate at once shows that the country must not place its expectations concerning the next congress too high. The house will be all right and may be depended upon to pass measures for the relief of the country, but when such bills reach the senate their fate is very uncertain. If the senate were as safely under Republican control as the house, then the failure to enact wise financial and tariff legislation might be thrown upon President Cleveland, but under existing conditions it is not probable that bills of that character will reach the president at the next session of congress; they will be stalled in the senate.

Next year the complete redemption of the government from Democratic dominance and Democratic incompetency will be possible. A number of Democratic senators can then be ousted as well as the present Democratic president. The country has suffered so much from the unpatriotic and blundering policy of the Democracy during the past two years that the national election of 1896 is looked forward to with the greatest impatience by all thoughtful and patriotic people. The Republican victories of 1894, great as they were, could not redeem everything that was lost in 1892. The senate was not wholly redeemed and the Democratic administration could not be ousted. The work so well begun in 1894 cannot be completed until 1896. After that relief and prosperity.

When James Buchanan was nominated for the presidency in 1856 his success was due to the claim that he was "a northern man with southern principles." Now some of the Democratic leaders are demanding as their party's candidate for president next year, "a western man with the interests of the south at heart." The Republicans will, next year, be content, as usual, with a candidate who is a thorough-going American with the interests of the entire republic at heart. That is the difference between the two parties—the Democratic party is sectional in its principles and policy; the Republican party is national in everything.

The always conservative and non-partisan Public Ledger of Philadelphia concludes that Senator Quay cannot get enough delegates to win.

PLEASURES OF YACHTING.

Kate Field, in the Times-Herald. There are chords in the human heart that only a yacht can touch. When yachts enter the charming harbor of Newport mortals may be forgiven for having wavered on the brain. Looking like a flock of seagulls with widespread wings, the almost living things transport us, sailing or rowing, like water snakes, and at night the harbor seems alive with huge fireflies. There are no gondolas, it is true. No San Marco gleams in the distance, nor do winged lions keep a lookout from land. There are no Italian bands and no cantopopular, but there is a something that recalls the Bride of the Adriatic.

It goes without saying that without fortunes there can be no yachting. People who do not have yachts, however, should frequently pour wrath on offenders who do, especially when these gentlemen sailors lay up treasures in the way of vials and nectar. They say a fellow feels makes one wonderful kind. Regarding cooking as a fine art, I believe it more moral to eat good food than bad, and I am willing that yachtsmen shall live well. If they live too well the consequences remaineth of their own accord. "A man can eat out." Felix Holt is the hero of a novel. He despises money, frowns upon his good angels when they put fortune in his way and insists upon remaining poor. We of this republic know that money buys everything—pleasure, comfort, luxury, art, knowledge, culture, freedom from care—hence health and happiness. Detect as we may shoddy and vulgarity, parvenus and insolence, that to which they owe their elevation holds the balance of power.

Starting with \$1.00 in capacious pockets lined with golden fleece, you go over the side of your yacht and set sail for anywhere or nowhere, as you please. You are monarch of all you survey. A dozen or more men do your bidding; you can even contradict anything. You can even have a

dog on deck without danger of having him thrown overboard. Think of that, lovers of man's most tolerant companion! "Ay, ay," says the flattering refrain of the sea, "we're bound to be. We're bound to be, when the tide comes in, and cabin a well-filled harbor, a good cook, with blue sky above and blue water below, you float as if life were one long summer day. You have a dim idea that there is a tide in the affairs of man as well as of old oceas, and that you must be on shore to take it at the flood. Meanwhile, what unspeakable animal content, and how it braces for the inevitable fight with Philistines!"

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