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The whole amount of it appears to be that in old Montgomery, Cameron boodie 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 un-called for.

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 more bush. 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.

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 minions of the Quay combine who evidently expect to sink beneath the waves at the coming convulsion 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.

A candidate for state treasurer will be nominated by the ensuing state convention. This fact has been almost lost sight of in the contest for the chairmanship of the state committee. The country will rejoice to learn that the publishing of the census of 1890 will be completed before the close of the present year. Thus half of the new decade will have passed away before the people will have access to the full details of the information gathered five years ago, and, as a matter of course, the work will be to a great extent valueless.

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

Use the Navy.

The United States have 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 is so busily engaged trolling for blue fish at Buzzard's Bay, that a portion of our now splendid and formidable navy might be probably and usefully employed in Chinese waters, backing up with shot and shell 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.

Our part-colored evening contemporary is respectfully informed that a brand is not necessary for a delegate or candidate not supported by the Truth. An aspirant for political honors receiving the sanction of that hoodoo journal, however, would need to be the veritable tattooed man in order to determine where he was at.

The Policy of Revenge.

The Philadelphia Times, leading Quay organ throughout the campaign, is authority for the statement that if Quay secures control of the state convention, he will defeat the nomination of all the superior court judges excepting Judge Rice and Beaver, to whom, the Times alleges, Quay has pledged himself in advance. It was very generally supposed that if Quay should control the convention he would spare Reeder and Wickham, the latter being his neighbor as well as his personal and political friend. Col. McClure, however, stands so very close to Quay that whatever the Times states concerning the purpose of the senator will pass as authorized. This information volunteered by Col. McClure's paper would be much more important as well as more interesting if there were greater probability than there is that Senator Quay will have the power to turn down anybody in the state convention.

One or two of the judges appointed by the governor may indeed be defeated in the convention, but if they are it will not be done to gratify Senator Quay, but will be accomplished by a combination of the delegates from sections of the state that have no representation on the bench. The three counties in the convention—Philadelphia, Allegheny and Lancaster—are not represented on the superior court bench except that Philadelphia has the Democratic member and it is possible that the unrepresented western, northwestern and southern sections of the state may seek and receive support from the delegations of the three great counties named. This may occur even if the Hastings men are in a majority. The power of sectional interests may prove as great as factional feeling in the matter of the judgeship nominations.

If the administration supporters shall control the convention, however, there will very naturally be a strong inclination and incentive to sustain Governor Hastings by nominating all the judges appointed by him. The fact that all six of these judges are well qualified honorable and clean men is the strongest possible argument in favor of such action. If the convention were to place in nomination six new men it is not at all probable that they would rank as high in their average fitness for the superior court as do the judges appointed by Governor Hastings.

That Senator Quay would greatly enjoy revenging himself on Governor Hastings, as well as on some of the appointed judges, is not doubted. He is a revengeful man by nature, as many Pennsylvania Republicans know by experience. If he should secure control of the state convention there is no telling to what lengths he would permit his bitterness to go. Now and then he has given out intimations of what he would do. Some of the Quay organs are urging him on to wholesale slaughter in the event of success in capturing the state convention. Prominent among these is the Philadelphia Times.

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Census-Making.

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is all the argument needed to demonstrate the necessity for reform in this particular.

When congress makes provision for taking the census of 1900 it should leave little or nothing to the discretion of the officials in charge of the census bureau. The work should be absolutely limited to information that is of value to the people generally. If this is done the next census will be compressed into five or six volumes, and be published complete not later than January, 1901. By taking the census of 1890 it will be easy to see how much ought to be eliminated. The government would save a large amount of money and the people would have census reports that they could make practical use of.

Secretary Carlisle says there will be no deficit for August. But the treasury is running behind at the rate of \$200,000 a day, just the same, and that looks remarkably like a deficit.

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, 41; Democrats, 29; 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 tailed 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 state 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 water on the brain. Looking like a flock of seagulls with widespread wings, the almost living things transport usually placid waters into a Venetian scene. Sailboats, rowboats, steamboats, steam yachts, glide about 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 cantu populari, but there is a something that recalls the Dride of the Adriatic.

It goes without saying that without fortunes there can be no yachts. People who do not own yachts, but would if they could, frequently pour wrath on offenders who do, especially when these gentlemen sailors lay up treasures in the way of vicinals and nectar. They say a fellow feeling makes one wondrous kind. Regarding cooking as a fine art, I believe it more moral to eat good food than bad, and I am willing that yachtmen shall live well. If they live too well the consequences remind them of the French saying, "Chacun a son gout." Felix Holt is the hero of a novel. He despises money, freedom 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. Detest as we may shoddy and vulgarity, parsimony and insolence, that to which they owe their elevation holds the balance of power.

Starting with his \$5 in capacious pockets lined with golden seed, 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; nobody contradicts anything. You can even keep a

dog on deck without danger of having him thrown overboard. Think of that, lovers of man's most tolerant companion! "Ay, ay, sir," is the flattering refrain that ever greets your ear. As center of the system you can indulge your idiosyncrasies to the utmost. If suffering from moral or mental cramps, due to overcontact with society, yachting effects a speedy cure. There is no fear of intruders. You are at sea and ring your own bells.

In negligé attire, seated in a comfortable chair or extended on a sleep-provoking lounge, you leave the world and its cares behind. With chosen friends, a snug cabin, a well-filled larder, 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 ocean, and that you must be on shore to take it at the flood. Meanwhile, what unspeakable animal content, and how brave for the inevitable fight with Philistines!

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Right kind of Men for Governor. Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer: "Lackawanna county, this in a seventy-eight degree means Scranton, once a large dose of favor to William Connell, and we are pleased to note their interest and activity in his behalf for the gubernatorial nomination some few years hence. No man has contributed so much and so largely to make Scranton what it is, and no reward that the citizens of that county have in their power to bestow is too good for William Connell to have. He is a man of vigorous mind and sterling character, who has carved his way to that point solely through willing hands and accurate favor to William Connell, and we are pleased to note their interest and activity in his behalf for the gubernatorial nomination some few years hence. No man has contributed so much and so largely to make Scranton what it is, and no reward that the citizens of that county have in their power to bestow is too good for William Connell to have. 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