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One week from next Wednesday, the Republican party in Pennsylvania will declare its independence; and one week from next Thursday every good Republican in the commonwealth will be found inside the party traces, loyally working for the success of the party's

A Chapter of True History.

The Scranton Republican so recklessly persists in misrepresenting the friends of the Hastings administration in this county, that it has become necessary to make explanations which it was hoped needed not be made. There is nothing in the campaign so successfully waged by the friends of Governor Hastings in Lackawanna that requires concealment; on the contrary, their action throughout has been such as will command the respect of fair-minded and honorable Republicans whatever their preferences may be as between Mr. Gilkeson and Senator Quay for the state committee chairmanship.

The repeated declaration of the Republican that war was made on Senator Quay by the Hastings men, is simply not true. The Republican either is inexcusably ignorant of the true history of the campaign in this county or it purposely misrepresents. When Judge Willard was appointed to the Superior court there was no expectation of such a contest between the state administration and Senator Quay. The only thought among Lackawanna Republicans was the importance of Judge Willard's nomination and election for the full term in order that our county might have a representative on the bench. The probability of a bitter contest for the election of the state delegates was scarcely thought of until the Republican disturbed the existing harmony by a vicious and unprovoked attack upon Governor Hastings and Judge Willard. Even after that the friends of Willard and the state administration were ready to effect an honorable compromise on a basis of harmony and fairness.

Mr. Connell, Colonel Ripple, Colonel Watres and other friends of Judge Willard, proposed that to the latter be extended the courtesy of designating who should be the delegates to the state convention, that they be elected solely in his interest without reference to the state chairmanship, and to be entirely free to act as they deemed best to promote the success of Judge Willard This eminently liberal, fair and honorable proposition, if accepted by the Quay adherents, would have averted the bitter contest for delegates to the state convention and the delegates would have been left free to act as they thought most advantageous to Judge Willard's interests. But the Quay extremists rejected this offer of peace and harmony, and thrust into the field candidates for state delegates who, while pretending to be the friends of Judge Willard, made no secret of the fact that their first allegiance was to Quay.

This unreasonable action of the Quay followers could not be regarded otherwise than as a challenge to battle. Then a representative of Senator Quay appeared on the scene, and at a conference with Congressman Scranton and a few others the assurance was given that "the administration faction could be easily downed," and open war was declared by the Quay organ. Next came Senator Quay himself. He, too, seemed to have imbibed the idea that a battle would be preferable to a compromise. The terms he offered were little short of a demand for an unconditional surrender by the supporters of the administration. This was rejected, of course, but the proposition was made to Quay's local representatives to concede to them three of the seven delegates. This, too, was rejected, and then, and not until then, did the friends of the administration, who are also the real friends of Judge Willard, fully realize that a flerce battle had been forced upon them. Every proposition for peace and harmony had been rejected by Quay's representatives. The Hastings adherents had successively offered to send the delegates to the state convention simply as Judge Willard's friends, to be free to act in any way that would best serve his interests; or to divide the delegation, conceding three to Quay and four to the administration. Both these offers of peace were rejected. The Quay extremists thought they could capture the entire delegation in a fight and their ultima-

tum was proclaimed From that time there was no alternative for the friends of Judge Willard but to espouse the cause of Governor but to espouse the cause of Governor Hastings and his administration. It was the only hope of Judge Willard's success in the state convention. It became absolutely indispensable that his own county send to Harrisburg delegates who would ally themselves with the anti-Quay men in other sections of the state. Judge Willard himself appreciated the correctness of this conclusion and has at no time been at vari-

ance with his supporters. He realized that his friends had made every advance and offered to make every concession that could be expected of them. and that every overture for harmony and peace made by Mr. Connell, Colone Ripple, Governor Watres and his other supporters, had been insolently reected by the local representatives of

Messrs, Penman, Brooks, Dale, Finn and the rest of Quay's chosen chief-tains invited and forced the battle in Lackawanna county. They were uffed up with the idea of "smashing he administration faction," and, rejecting every proffer of compremise and peace, took up the sword. They have perished by the weapon of their wn choosing. Our purpose and desire s that the Republicans of Lackawanna ounty shall correctly understand the situation and know the true history of his contest. They should no longer be nisled by the false representations of the Republican and Truth. There has been no deception, no false pretense on the part of Judge Willard or the Hastngs people in this county. They have been consistent throughout, have acted n good faith from the beginning and

will remain true to their own manhood and Republicanism to the end. The seven delegates elected to the date convention were chosen as the friends of Judge Willard. If their election had not been antagonized with such factional recklessness by the Quay extremists these delegates would have gone to Harrisburg free to act with reference to the state committee chairmanship as they might deem best

for Judge Willard. The Quay faction would not accept honorable terms, courted a fierce battle instead, and now that they are vanquished they whine like a lot of whipped school boys. The Quay leaders know that the above statements are absolutely true in every particular. Mr. Quay knows that hon orable and even liberal terms were offered him by Mr. Connell and those who acted with him, and were rejected. Let the responsibility rest where it properly and justly belongs. It does not rest on the shoulders of the supporters of Judge Willard and the Hast-

Next thing we know, Quay will be ordering Gilkeson to resign in his be-

ings administration.

The Result in York.

Quay bluff, brag and bluster made a good deal of noise in York county, but when the final round-up was taken, it was conclusively demonstrated that Governor Hastings and his administration had the delegates.

The Quay forces were routed more than 2 to 1. The highest Quay candidate received only 60 votes in the county convention, while the highest administration candidate was successful by a vote of 139, making the ratio of supremacy nearly 2 1-3 to 1. Resolutions were passed instructing the county's four delegates for Hastings

Inside of ten days it will be apparent to the most obtuse that notwithstanding the loudness of their brag- of the gasoline explosion type and the ity and will sue for peace. The man who permits these expert bluffers to scare him should study and profit by the returns from York.

When Quay was sick, Quay a saint would be, but if Quay got well, the devil a saint would he be.

What Quay's Success Would Mean. The few Quay organs which yet keep

up the useless pretense that Quay's succession Aug. 28 would not imperil the chances for renomination of the governor's Superior court appointees wisely do not figure out how Quay could be chosen state chairman without first achieving that court's reconstruction. Under the present rules, as we have heretofore pointed out, the successor of Chairman Gilkeson must be chosen by the seven nominated candidates, together with the permanent chairman of the convention. These rules cannot be changed by less than a two-thirds vote. Let it be conceded that Senator Quay is sure of the support of Judge Wickham and Candidate for State Treasurer Haywood for state chairman; to win, he will need three more votes. Where will he get them? Would Willard, Rice, Orlady, Beaver or Reeder go back on the governor to the extent of making a private deal with Quay? Would either of these men, much less three of them, in the event of his nomination by the state convention, consent to the humiliation of the official by whom he was appointed or in any way sanction the candidacy of his chief enemy and avowed opponent? What would be thought of a judge; what would be thought, in fact, of any man who, after becoming a part of the present administration in Pennsylvania should, when that administration was unjustifiably attacked, sell out for a mess of pottage to the commander-in-

chief of the assallant forces? A deal with Quay, by any of these men, would be just that, and nothing but that. It would be an exhibition of the most odious kind of rogue's politics in the second highest judicial position in the commonwealth; and we must respectfully decline to believe any member of the present Superior court capable of it. No, the one hope of the Quay forces is to unseat the Hastings appointees, at least enough of them to render possible the court's reconstruction into a facile auxiliary of Senator Quay's audacious warfare upon the Hastings administration. Talk to the contrary is not only false; it is also futile, and organs that give prominence

to it simply waste space. Judge Willard's interests would be sacrificed at Harrisburg were his home delegates to betray Hastings by flopping to Quay.

Lest Gilkeson might "doctor the roll cail" Colonel Quay, with characteristic generosity, kindly volunteers to do it himself.

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aren't in shape to retire gracefully, to the enjoyment of possessed plunder they need not be surprised if they are

The paternal solicitude of Senator Quay for civil service reform and other political virtues has, if we may trust current reports, at last reached a point where, rather than let any of his opponents jeapardize their future by the misuse of money, he generously stands ready to do all the buying himself.

Congratulations to the Truth.

With considerable pleasure we observe that the Scranton Truth has at ast ceased to profess friendliness for Judge Willard while covertly trying to stab him in the back. It has finally desisted from its Judas attitude, and is now boldly hostile. This is in every respect the more manly course. A man can stand it to be fought openly, but no man knows how to guard against the sneaking snake in the grass.

We trust that the Scranton Truth will bereafter have the courage to discontinue its spurious pretensions of political independence, which no longer trick the people of this valley; and that it will from this time onward be one thing or another, either fish, flesh or fowl. It is not our business, to be sure; but we do despise shams.

The difference between Democratic and Republican financiering 4s just this: In Democratic times it's the syndicate that makes the margin, while under Republican rule the people pocket the profits at bond sales.

Must the Horse Become Extinct?

That the great popularity of the bi cycle, coming coincidently with the widespread application of electricity to utilitarian uses, would suggest a combination of the two in the form of a "horseless carriage" was natural enough; and now that inventive skill in a dozen places is wrestling with the problem, substantial achievements may tion be expected. Many obstacles en tirely apart from the problem of propulsion have, however, first to be over come before the horseless carriage will come into general vogue,

In the first place the country roads will need to be improved. In few directions apart from the new boulevard could a horseless carriage be satisfacorily propelled in the vicinity of Scranion. Then, again, the vehicle must be of reasonable cost. As the case now stands, a good horseless carriage capable of seating four people and running

up hill and down at a good gait, would cost from \$1,000 to \$1,750. Our New York namesake learns, indeed, that a new company has been organized in a have

acceptable service. When country roads become good in all parts of the nation, and electric carriages can be made at a cost of from \$100 to \$200 capable of traversing three, four and even five per cent, grades at a good rate of speed and running from ten to twenty miles an hour on the level, the horse, except as a luxury or curiosity, will undoubtedly have to go. But not before.

The torrid midsummer season is indebted to Pennsylvania politics for at least one vociferous diversion. It is indebted to it for Quay's appearance as a "Reformer."

If anybody doubts that Quay is a genuine reformer, let him seek for reassurance by looking up the immaculate record of Senator "Bill" Andrews

When scrutinizing the galaxy of the Quay reformers don't neglect to study the chaste and sainfly countenances of "Is." Durham and "Jim" McManes.

It is a mistake to suppose that the Republican party is not bigger by a large majority than any man in it.

Speaking of reform, we must not verlook that zealous Quay understudy.

St. Frank Willing Leach.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Where the Battle Rages.

Philadelphia Bulletin: "The friends of Governor Hastings have every reason to be confident of securing not less than six-sevenths of the city's delegation. With sixty votes from Philadelphia they will control the convention. The one and only hope of Senator Quay lies in making a break in the Hastings forces in the city. If he cannot obtain more than ten delegates, he cannot secure a majority of the convention. The efforts of the Quay faction in the next few days will, therefore, be concentrated in a desperate assuit on the administration lines in Philadelphia, Up to this time there are no indications that the estimate which assigns sixty delegates to the anti-Quay men will not hold good at the primaries. It is upon the verification of that estimate on Tuesday next at the poils that the administration leaders hase their confidence of a victory in the State convention." Where the Battle Rages.

Quay's New Departure.

Lebanon Report: "Buccess has turned the heads of the shrewdest men; it is a fickle mistress, and Mr. Quay is a shrewd man, but yet a man. For several reasons there seems occasion for the belief that for once he has overreached hisself in his anxiety to score a point. Matthew Stanley Quay, Bons, sounds natural and characteristic; Matthew Stanley Quay, Reformer, seems unnatural and foreign. There is an odor of sanctity about the word reform, which was never even suspected to hang about the word boss. There are associated with it men of honesty, purity, incorruptibility, and good principles, which have si-ways been regarded as the very antithenes of the boodlers, voice-buyers, and wardheelers who travel with the boss. They have been regarded—these words reform and boss—as the north and the south poles of the political world, the very senith and nadir of the world of politics. New it is as a boss that the Honorable Matthew Stanley Quay has made his record, had

is as a boss that he reached the senate, that he became dictator to the Republican party of the state, that he has precipitated this struggle. Such a successful disciple and master of arts of bossism has he been that he is universally ranked in the select circle of nineteenth century tyrants, which embraces and is mede up of Boss Platt and Boss Croker. Higher honor of its kind could hardly be hoped for. The pinnacle of fame is all but reached. It but remains for Boss Platt and Boss Croker to die, and Boss Quay will be without a rival. Can Boss Quay will be without a rival. Can Boss Quay be Reformer Quoy? Can a man have two masters? Can he serve both God and Mammon? It is doubtful. The world has never seen it done. If the Honorable Matthew Stanley Quay succeeds in such an undertaking, he will have made a new world's record for bosses. For once it looks as though he has made a gigantic blunder."

Not a Strong Executive.

Reading Times: "The Scranton Tribune hits a very prominent nail squarely on the head when it says that a good many people in the United States would like to know just what Minister Bayard, our representative to Great Britain meant when he at a recent hanquet in London declared that 'the American people need a strong man to govern them.' It is possible to place upon that remark a construction far from complimentary to the American people. Minister Bayard supplemented the above remark with the observation that President Cleveland is the kind of strong man required. It would be highly interesting to know wherein Mr. Cleveland has shown his strength in 'governing the people.' He has not even protected the flag of the nation against insult."

Fights Personal Dictation.

Philadelphia Bulletin: "Governor Hastings goes before the party claiming the same right to manage his administration without being hampered by a machine. He is willing to be responsible to the Republican people, but not to Senator Quay. He pleads for popular and not personal rule of the party organization, and the courage which he has shown in breaking the thongs that have so long held Republican administrations at Harrisburg in subjection to the one-man power of Cameron or of Quay entitles him to the generous and cordial support of every Philadelphia Republican who values integrity and independence in office."

As Viewed in Luzerne. Wilkes-Barre Times: "The Scranton newspapers are keeping up a continuous but quiet boom for William Connell for governor. It will be well for other guber-natorial aspirants to keep an eye on Mr. Connell:

Is a Mere Trailer. Wilkes-Barre News-Dealer: "The Scran-ton Truth, so-called independent organ, has developed into a trailer to the Quay

trolley car of the most approved pattern

A TRIBUTE. 10 Rue du Gentilhomme, Brussels, Belgium, August 2, 1895.

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Dear Siri—The sad announcement of the death of my friend W. George Powell has just come to me. I knew him so well, loved him so much, and appreciated his talents so thoroughly that the news of his departure casts a deep shadow over my own life and I write to send a brief tribute to his memory from over the sea.

Our friendship dates ten years back when I was in charge of the Edwardsville public schools. After his graduation from the Pottsville high school, he began his successful career as a teacher under my supervision and our relations ever since have been most cordial. Since my removal to California seven years ago, our intercourse has been kept up by correspon-

new company has been organized in a western city for the manufacture of a horseless carriage of a much lighter and simpler build. It will, however, seat only two, instead of four people. It is proposed to sell this new horseless carriage at as low a price as \$350. This carriage weighs 600 pounds, complete, the motor for it weighing 120 pounds. The wheels are fitted with solid rubber tires and have ball bearings. A speed of from three to sizeen miles an hour is attributed to it. The normal speed is said to be ten miles an hour, but the simple pressing of a button quickens the action of the motor. The motor is of the gasoline explosion type and the tank containing the liquid will hold enough for a krip of 100 miles. One peculiar excellence claimed is that when going at twelve miles an hour this vehicle can be stopped within four fect.

But this is largely anticipatory. In order to compete successfully, so far as the multitude of riders is concerned, with the old-fashioned horse-power carriage, the new vehicle would have to cost but lifele more than the present type of carriages, and render equally acceptable service. When country roads become good in all parts of the

WAR PRICES.

From the Lewiston Journal. From the Lewiston Journal.

General Gordon, of the late Confederate army, tells the following, which probably furnishes the high-water mark as the wages af the "swipe," the incident of course occurring during the war: One day a cavalryman rode into camp on a reasonably good horse. "Hello, cavalryman," said a foot soldier, "I'll give you \$2,000 for

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