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If Senator Quay is really anxious to become a genuine reformer, how soon may the patient public expect his liberation from the suspicious companionship of Willing Leach and Andrews?

Has No Mortgage on the Party.

The newspaper through which Congressman Scranton burns incense in recognition of his own fancied importance calls a portion of the proceedings at Tuesday's meeting of the Republican county committee "an unsuccessful effort to spring a snap convention."

As a matter of fact, it is of absolutely no significance whatever, and nobody knows this better than the absent editor of the Republican, who, before he sailed for Europe, is reported to have announced the hopelessness of his candidacy for national delegateship honors, and to have withdrawn from the fight.

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be subjected to vilification now? Wherein has he changed? By what acts has he forfeited the confidence then so magnificently expressed by the people in his sanity, character and judgment?

It is true that he has broken with Senator Quay, after the senator had sought to reduce him to the paltry dimensions of a servant subject to orders from Boies Penrose and William H. Andrews.

Now that the smoke and din of the Philadelphia battle have cleared away, it is possible to approximate to fair estimate of the situation in the state. A conservative review of the field, in the light of present information and without reference to the various "surprises" which both parties to the fight presumably hold in reserve, and which, it is fair to assume, will practically offset each other, leaves us of the opinion that, counting Lehigh alone as doubtful, the convention next week will line up in the following order:

Table listing names and vote counts for the Republican county committee. Includes names like Adams, Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Blair, Bradford, Bucks, Cambria, Cameron, Carbon, Chester, Clarion, Columbia, Crawford, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Erie, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Greengarden, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Lycoming, McKean, Mercer, Mifflin, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Philadelphia, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Somerset, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Venango, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Westmoreland, Wyoming, York.

Totals 138 147. Thus, although Senator Quay should capture Lehigh's four votes, which he does not expect to do, he would yet be three votes short of a majority. This is an exceedingly cautious estimate, which omits to claim for the administration at least five delegates now in the Quay column that have expressed uncertainty as to their final alignment.

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done in Great Britain, where the government controls internal affairs, but probably would not be possible in this country. In the Bulletin's opinion, which it may be said is shared by all scientific men and many business men, there should, however, be some means of making the use of this system general in the United States, also.

We do not underestimate Senator Quay's wire-pulling dexterity when we say that his boast of success independent of Philadelphia is a deliberate reflection upon the integrity of a majority of the elected state delegates.

Watermelon Culture.

Northern people who luxuriate in the delicate and juicy watermelon at this season of the year, paying a goodly sum for their melons, doubtless imagine that those who make a business of cultivating them soon become millionaires. If we may credit what some of the southern newspapers have to say on this subject the watermelon growers are entitled to the greatest commiseration.

It is apparent that somebody makes money on the watermelons that are consumed by the car load in every northern community. The consumer pays anywhere from 25 to 50 cents for his melons. A large portion of this goes to the transportation companies and to the wholesale dealer, while the man who owns the soil, prepares it, plants the seed and gathers and ships the product, receives almost nothing.

Put it down as a certain fact that next Wednesday's battle at Harrisburg will have to be won on its merits. It can never be captured on the basis of fake contests and a manufactured roll call.

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Philadelphia Makes It Certain. Pittsburg Times: "Philadelphia has won the fight for Governor Hastings and Chairman Gilkeson. The claim that Senator Quay would win twenty-three delegates from the Quaker city has been removed as before. He will be elected outside but fourteen, and cannot act the business for which they were brought together.

Three Fishers. Three fishers went cautiously out the back door. In the morning gleam while their mother slept. Each thought of his school room deserted once more.

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CAMERAS IN THE SKY.

From the Times-Herald. Boston, Aug. 21.—If the plans of Professor William A. Eddy, of Bergen, N. J., prove successful, he will not care whether any one invents a flying machine or not. He will accomplish his purpose satisfactorily by sending his tools of trade up in the air by means of kites.

A novel idea this year is the use of a camera attached to the kite strings. This is not a new idea, for some experiments of this sort were made by E. Douglass Archibald, of the Royal Meteorological Society, in 1881. Mr. Archibald did not, however, pursue his experiments in this line, perhaps on account of the great difficulty found in producing satisfactory results.

But these ideas in photography are secondary only to those in barometry, to be followed in the experiments now in progress at Blue Hill. Last Saturday the first of these experiments was made. A relay of kites was sent up by Mr. Eddy, under the supervision of Observers Clayton and Ferguson.

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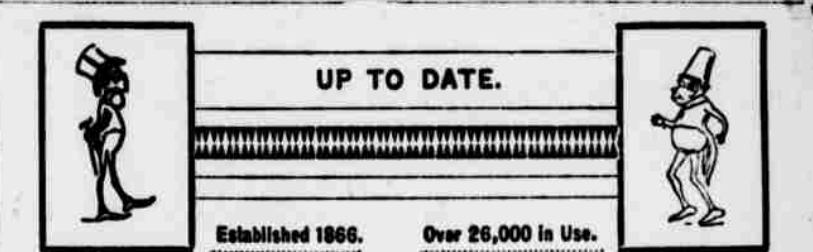
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