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The most humorous contribution to American literature made in many a day is supplied by John Wanamaker in an interview in which he says the only things he fears are Quay's dollars.

#### Fusion.

In predicting that there will soon misapprehension, be complete fusion between the Democrats and the anti-Quay Republicans on the senatorship it is no doubt fair to assume that Mr. Wanamaker has reference to fusion on a Republican basis: in other words that the 85 Deni ocrats who have been voting for Jenks will go over in bulk to the man upon whom the 52 botting Republicans can concenients. It is inconceivable that he can contemplate the throwing of these is Republican veres in Jenks a Dergorni, a free trader and free silverife, and a mon whom the people of the state emphatically repudiated last November. He of course is capable of this in his present desperate engerness for revenge on Quay but it is hardly supposable that David Martin, Senator Flinn and their followers at Harrisburg would care to resume the responsibility of electing a Democrat as United States semator

We need not discuss whether the 35 Democrate new supporting Jenks would care to give themselves over to Mr. Wanamaker. On that point we have no information while presumably Mr. Waramoker has. His mercantile expetience should stand him in good stead in estimating the possibilities of such a political speculation. The suggestion we wish to make is that if fusion is to be accomplished, it ought to be directly and openly in behalf of Mr. Wanamaker himself. Let us have the issue narrowed down. Wanamaker wants Quay's scelp. That is the one large cause underlying all this fuss. He wants to be I nited States senator. He has made the deadlock. Let him step forth and take undisguised command so that the public may see and knew whether, as between the two principals in the scrap, a majority of the legislature wants Quay or Wanamaker.

That would require only one ballot It would break the deadlock, release the legislature to its ordinary duties, save a vast deal of suspense and expense and be on every account a square and manly way of determining the matter. We trust that Mr. Wanamaker will consider it.

Of course the new governor of Penn Sylvania is a Republican stalwart who will grant no recognition to party destructionists. After they have abused and fought him as they have, why should they expect any?

## The Decline of Oratory.

The assertion is frequently overheard among men discussing the trend of American politics that there has been a deterioration in the quality of the public service; and among the specifications offered is the undoubted recent decline in oratory. It is argued against Senator Quay, for instance, that his voice is not heard in great debates, that Pennsylvania should have to represent it in the senate a Webster or a Clay, The New York Sun, in an article called forth by the election of Chauncey M. Depew as senator, presents the truth

on this subject when it says: Senator Depew's facility in speechmaking will not of itself give him position and power in the senate which will enhance his usefulness to this state. As the present slang puts it, simple eratory 'cuts little ice' in that body. He may fill the galleries with admirers of his elequence, but his talk will have no influence upon the convictions of his colleagues or their views of political expediency. At this time the great work of congress is done quietly by painstaking rather than britliant men in the seclusion of the committee room. Mere debating, talking on the floor, is of little account. Senators usually improve the opportunity offered by a set speech by one of their number to absent themselves from the chamber, or to write letters or otherwise eccupy themselves if they are present. They don't take the oratory as seriously addressed to themselves. The days of the great debates are over. Legislation has become a very practical business, from which rhetorical frills and flourishes have been excluded as valueless, except for ornament that tickles the popular fancy. So it is with modern business generally, in the courts and in all places where negotiations ga on or projects are pushed through. Everything unessential to the matter in hand is regarded impatiently. Even diplomacy has become simply the practical, commonsense execution of precise orders from the responsible governments."

The truthfulness of this may be doubted by some, but it is because they are not acquainted with the facts There may be something to say on both sides of the proposition that this is a desirable change, but as to the fact of the change; as to the fact that the marked successes in life-in politics, in statesmanship no less than in law, medicine or business-are won by close-mouthed men of personal industry and a genius for details, there s no room whatever for doubt. We see it exemplified everywhere. Our greatest orators in this day and generation cannot win on their oratory untion and are making extensive prepalone. Like Mr. Depew they have to arations for the coming season. The be close, practical men of business besides; like Joseph H. Choate they have up for the campaign and several new to know how to handle men in general state leagues promise to come to life as well as law briefs and juries. We before spring opens. Base ball man- zen, working patriotically with all oth-

public atterance of words.

great occasion and not put up for mere great national game. show will always powerfully affect mankind and command for its master REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS. preciation; but the great bulk of the world's work will continue to be done without its stimulus or help and the most effective workers will be those who, like Matthew Stanley Quay, "say little and saw wood,"

Senator Flinn is evidently deternined that the deadlock shall be pic-

General Eagan will probably never call a superior plain llar again. He will intimate that the subject's ratiocination is so enigmatical as to cause

#### The Crawfish Argument.

Anti-expansionists make much of the argument that before resuming new responsibilities we ought first to do beter with those which we already have As Professor Sumner, of Yale, puts it: against expansion of territory. There are some things that Amerians cannot do. Americans canno offect \$2 a gallon tax on whiskey. They tried it through many years and failed That is an economic and political impossibility, the roots of which are in human nature. Americans cannot govern a city of 100,000 inhabitants so as to get comfort and convenience in it at a low cost and without jobbery, The fire department of New Haven is now demoralized by political jobbery. Spain and all are her possessions are not worth so much to you and me as the efficiency of the fire department of New Haven. The Americans in Connecticut cannot abolish the rotten borough system. Americans cannot reform the pension list. It is very doubtful indeed if Americans can keep up an army of 100,000 men in time of peace. Americans cannot assure the suffrage to negroes throughout the United States. Worse still-Americans cannot assure life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to negroes inside of the United States. When the negro postmaster of South Carolina and not only he, but his wife and children vere murdered as they came out, and when, murdered as they came out, and when, occatic leader of the senate on the moreover, this incident passed without propulation committee, says: "I am a legal investigation or punishment, it was a bad omen for the extension of liberty to Malays and Tagals by simply setting over them the American

100 veteran soldiers? Because we can not collect a \$2 a gallon tax on whiskey shall we abolish all excise laws? This certainly is the logic of Professor Sumner's argument. If we are unfitted to enlarge our circle of duties because | dence.' some of the old duties are not yet performed satisfactorily, then it follows that the proper thing is to contract it. A live nation must be moving one way or another-either forward or backward. It cannot stand still,

Instead of picking at incidental faults why not look at American civilization in its entirety and acknowledge the truth, that it is the best in the world? It obviously is the best, because every year it attracts from every other nation hundreds and thousands of immigrants who want to share it; who recognize in it features better than they have been accustomed to at home. If there were a better civilization elsewhere, not only these people but our own people would seek it out. Professor Sumper Limself would pack his trunk and hie him hence or be unjust to himself and the members of his family, who are entitled to the best upbringing that civilized society can afford. The fact that Professor Sumner stays in this country and remains within the demoralized fire limits of New Haven is circumstantial proof that the benefits of his environment exceed the disadvantages of it; in other words, that for all his pessimism the Amerincan way is the best way on earth. But even if we were to accept his argument as sound, what would he have his countrymen do? Defeat the peace treaty? Re-open the war? Recall Dewey? Scuttle out of the Philipplnes, leaving the flame which we kindted there to break into a destructive conflagration? The man who would seriously advise such a course as this must be morally and mentally diseased,

Persual of the proceedings of congress these days convinces one that there are numerous talktive national lawmakers who are better qualified to follow the occupation of fourth 'walking gent" in ten cent drama.

Secretary of the Commonwealth Greist has a clear case at law against the newspapers which are trying to make their leaders believe that his portrait is a fac simile of Aguinaldo's,

The Toronto Globe thinks we may yet have to say to Spain: "Take back your old islands or fight." The Globe must have been reading the Springfield Republican.

There is one feature in favor of "embalmed beef." It is not, if properly seasoned in condition to disseminate

tuberculosis. Base ball magnates and promoters are taking a hopeful view of the sitwell known big leagues are brushing

do not recall the name of a single agers are not certain whether to at- ers for the common welfare of our councontemporary American whose reputa- tribute the slump in the business last tion would survive the crush of mod- year to the Spanish-American war or ern competition for six months if every to the spirit of rowdyism that has factor contributing to it other than been predominant in the business for oratorical power were taken away. The several seasons past. They expect to people demand of their great men give the matter a fair trial another comething more substantial, something year, and if the receipts of the commore permanent, than facility in the ing games are not more encouraging than these of last year it is likely that Oratory when called into play by a base ball will soon cease to be the

Secretary Hay offers a sensible solua high place in public esteem and ap- tion of the Nicaragua canal problem when he says that the United States ought to build that necessary public work without the intervention of any private company and buy out existing rights for a sum to be decided by a court of viewers. On this basis the rival cliques in congress ought easily to agree.

Some Germans having taken exceptions to Congressman Berry's recent references to German meddlesomeness at Manila, the Kentucky congressman has notified the German foreign office that he can be found when wanted. Inasmuch as he is 6 feet 6, weight 110 pounds and is an expert swordsman and shot he will probably not be

The less a man knows of the subject the more anxious he seems to debat;

## OPINIONS ON QUAY.

Pennsylvania as to the character and public value of Senator Quay lend interest to some estimates of the senator collected recently by the Philadelphia in-quirer among his colleagues at Wash-ington. Senator Allison, of lowa, the recognized leader of the senate, says: "In any state and at any time, it is delorable to see party organizations distime when minority rule can prevail; and present and future political parties will election."

-0would attain and mainain strength success. While I would not take my part in the Pennsylvania situation. ecause it would be manifestly imprope or any senator to do so, I do not hesi tate to say that I know, esteem, admir and respect Senator Quay as one of the most honorable men I have ever known in public life or in private life. Such has been my opinion of him for many years, and nothing has occurred or can occur to change the feelings of regard confidence and esteem for him which sincerely entertain."

Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, the Lemand always a Democrat, and always pray for the success of Democratic candidates I would gladly see a Democrat elected to the schate by the Pennsylvania legisla-ture. But, if a Democrat cannot be elected, I should be glad to have my This kind of talk has a specious exterior, but what is there in it? Be- our association on the committee on apcause we have not yet protected every propriations. I do not see how or where any Republican can be found in that negro in the south in his constitutional rights shall we restore slavery and detach the southern states from the American union? Because American municipal government is not yet as municipal government is not yet as always worked with great diligence on appropriation of the southern states from the American union? Because American and the southern states from the American union? Because American municipal government is not yet as always worked with great diligence on the southern states from the state, who would attend more faithfully and conscientiously to his duties. I have served with Senator Quay on the committee on appropriations for a number of years. He has never missed a committee meeting, and has always worked with great diligence on consent of the governed, to respect the first of Paris. It was ratified by Spain good as the best opinion demands, shall the appropriation bills. He is an economist and has been a faithful guardian of Because we cannot reform the pension the interests of the treasury. He has by Manila and the Spanish flag hauled list shall we unjust to 98 out of every never advecated an appropriation which down at Holle, seem immediately necessary for the public interest; and he has opposed and defeated many an item which did not have merit for its object. As a personal friend I esteem him most highly. He is certainly a frank houest, reliable man in whom all senators have complete confi-

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, chairman I the committee on foreign relations late a member of the peace commission, a Republican who is regarded as the greatest international lawyer now in the senate, said: "There are some great big, broad, honorable and masterful men, for whom we can have not only friendship but sincere affection, and Senator Quay is that kind of a man. I not only like him, but I love him with most fraternal regard. I know him through and through and I know the superior fibre of the man. He is gentle as a woman, kind as any friend, unpretentious and modest in demeanor; and, at the same time he is a perfect lion for courage and determination of character. We came into the senate together. We had been acquaint-nces; but we have become friends. I have never heard a man in public life speak other than in praise of Senator Quay. His coursel is sought by all Re publican leaders, and his advice is always sound. On matters of national interest, such as appropriation bills, his councel is sought by Democratic leaders, all of whom have perfect confidence in his judgnent and integrity. As I said before re came to the senate together twelve years ago. I have just been elected for nother term, and I hope that Senaior services have been no more valuable Minnesota than Senator Quay's ser-ices have been to Pennsylvania; and am just as sure that there is not in the Seystone state any man who can ren-ter better service than he has rendered and can render."

Senator Gorman, of Maryland, chair-nan of the Democratic national committee when the Democratic party won its first national victory in more than a generation; the man under whose mangement in 1884 Cleveland was elected to be presidency; who has been for twentyur years a senator, and who stands ligher in Democratic councils today han almost any other man, says: "If Democrat can be elected at Harris burg, I should be greatly pleased. Bu and are likely to elect a Republican to succeed Senator Quay, I doubt if they can find a better, more capable, more honorable, more conscientious, more in fluential man than Senator Quay to represent the interests of their state. He is a great man, a wonderful man, and personally a lovable man." Senator Shoup, of Idaho, one of the pioneers of Republicanism, who was born at Kittanning, but went west a few years ago, says: "I hope that my native state will not disappoint us with factional different of disappoint us with factional differ-nces. I hope there will be no dead-ock, and I cannot conceive it as possile that a Democrat should be elected If the members of the legislature could only know, in its entirety and worth, the high standing of Senator Quay, and his great influence upon legislation, not one of them could be whipped, wheedled or cajoled into voting against him. There is not a single member of the senate who does not esteem him; and whenever Senator Quay wants to accomplish any-hing for his state he finds responsive cellings in the hearts and minds of all of his colleagues. Although he has been one of the most successful of political workers, it is a singular fact that he has workers, it is a singular fact that he has more warm personal friends on the Democratic side of the senate chamber than any other Republican in the body. I have often heard Democratic senators say that they would as soon take Senator Quay's simple word as take the bond of some men. I have heard many similar expressions of confidence in him from aggressive Democrats of the country. They know that he is a hard fighter, but he fights fair, and, when campaigns are over, he is simply an American citizen, working patriotically with all oth-

Senator Gray, of Delaware, recently a member of the peace commission, and one of the grandest men the Demo-cratic party ever sent to the senate from any state, said: "There seems to be ro likelihood of the election of a Democrat at Harrisburg. Therefore I shall read the morning papers with the hope of weeling the news of the re-election of Senator Quay. He has undoubtedly served his state with fidelity and devotion for a life-time, and he is today one of the most "There seems to be re time, and he is today one of the most popular men in the senate, regardless of political affiliations. Senator Quay is no more welcome in the Republican cloak-room than he is in the Democratic cloak-room. He is welcome at any point in the capitol, and all the time, because he is known to be genial, generous, kind, aon-orable and fair in everything that he says or does. I know of ne man whom I more highly esteem for his sincerity, integrity, and lofty sense of honor. He is a great man and a very strong man." Senator Burrows, of Michigan, the great thriff export and orator, says: "I do not helieve that there is any doubt that Senator Quay will be re-elected. I do not doubt it, because I do not doubt the sagacity and good sense of the people of doubt it, because I do not doubt the sa-gracity and good sense of the people of Pennsylvania. They do not forget the services of a lifetime, and they surely must realize that they have no man in the state who can fill the place so well, who can go to the front at once with the influence which Senator Quay pos-senses. He ought to be elected, and he will be elected. It is inconceivable that he should not be, and I cannot think of he should not be, and I cannot think of the possibility of any other outcome of the situation.

Senator Tillman, of South Caroline, the most rampant Democrat on earth today, says: "Senator Quay is a gentleman. He is a gentleman all the time, and in all things. I don't like the methods of Re-publicans generally, and I don't like Republicans themselves, as a rule. But, ever since I have been in the senate, I have been treated with courtesy by Senator Quay, and I like him." Senator Forakor, of Ohio said: "It is generally regretted that the Republicans of the Keystone state should be divided as they seem to be. The regret is primarily on party grounds, because we dislike to see such factional disturbances anywhere. But, secondly, the regret is universal that Senator Quay, whom we all admire, should be assailed as he has been, and his election opposed by members of our upied, and party purposes delayed or leferred, or destroyed by minorities. In bour Republic there never can come a prevail. I cannot believe that enough

> Similar expressions come from other prominent public men without reference

## RATIFICATION A DUTY.

The time has passed when hesitation on the part of the United States to take over the Spanish sovereignty in the Philippines lay strictly within the domain of good faith. Spain has yielded the lives and property of what were former Spanish subjects on the understanding that the government of the United States is to succeed hers. Spain has gone from the islands. It we should refuse to en-ter, there would be no possibility of Spain's returning and succering her records regularly the party of Accurately. people against the party of Aguinaldo. We owe to the humblest of Spain's for-mer subjects in the Philippines the establishment of our power there as clearly and absolutely as we owed to Spain the safe return of her soldiers from Cuba. Our ratification of the treaty is a duty, not primarily for any debatable obliga-

## THE NEW GOVERNOR.

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