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The criticisms of Speaker Parr in the Philadelphia Press are well understood in Lackawanna county.

Pharisees in Politics.

To a man who is not a Pharisee in politics there is something intensely humorous in highly moral crusades against so-called "bossism" led by men who have every characteristic of the bossist boss except the power to keep together a following which can long be bossed by them.

We do not doubt that among the people opposed to Quay are many conscientious and unselfish men, who sincerely believe that Quay is as bad as he is painted and that any attempt to abuse Quay is equivalent to high qualification for public office.

Another class of Quay-haters are almost as wearisome although they may be more sincere. We refer to the little bosses like Kohlman of Chicago, for example, who are always to be found in the front rank when there is any political fixing up to be done.

As for men like John Wanamaker, their time should have been in the period when professional assassins were hired out by the job or by the day.

There is talk among the "insurgents" of abandoning the prosecution of the men accused of bribery by the Fow anti-Quay probing committee.

No Reformation in Mob Law.

The suggestion of a rural police system as a means of dealing with crime against the person, which seem to be increasing in certain rural districts, notably in the South, would have little preventive value, since no practicable scheme of patrol covering large areas could hope to give effective protection to any one household during more than a very limited portion of each day.

But after all, these various propositions look only to superficial conditions. If in large areas of sparsely populated country vile crimes are on the increase and the safety of unprotected womanhood is more and more endangered, remedies are needed which will prevent rather than simply accelerate punishment after the crime has been committed.

The South has itself and none other than itself to blame for its race problem. It started the problem in the first place and it is now doing as little as it can to secure an amicable solution of that problem.

Some Opinions of the Quay Verdict.

From Syracuse Post-Standard.

John Wanamaker appeared to the criminal courts of his state for the conviction and punishment of his political arch-enemy, Senator Quay, and the verdict under the law proved to be an acquittal instead of a conviction.

The Post-Standard does not believe unconditionally that the verdict is the verdict of the tribunal to which he had appealed, and says in his partisans, "The senator may be convicted yet; our warfare shall continue unremittently."

The Post-Standard believes that Mr. Quay, appointed by the governor of Pennsylvania to his old place in the United States senate, will be confirmed in his seat by the state vote.

The Animus Revealed.

Sanctioning John Wanamaker announces that he will continue the war on Senator Quay, who was vindicated by a jury and honored with a reappointment to the United States senate by Governor Stone.

Received with Gratification. When the prosecution in the case against Senator Quay rested, it was virtually certain that the worst that Mr. Quay and his friends had to fear was a disagreement of the jury.

A Complete Vindication. We think it safe to say that Mr. Quay's acquittal was a foregone conclusion. It is inconceivable that any right-minded and well-informed person ever dreamed that Mr. Quay was guilty of the charges brought against him.

From the Washington Post. The anti-imperialists of Boston are indignant that any of the trouble at Manila should be attributed to the encouragement that the Filipinos received from men of their class in the United States senate.

Mechanical gymnastics are among the latest inventions. By a series of contrivances a man's muscles may be developed as thoroughly as though he was in the act of splitting kindling wood with no exertion on the part of the subject.

A WEEK OF ANNIVERSARIES.

This week is rich in the anniversary of events that hold a prominent place in American history during the Revolutionary period. Some of the more important ones are as follows:

A Natural Feeling.

From the Lebanon Report (Anti-Quay). Many men are to be found—men unfriendly to Mr. Quay politically and who strongly disapprove his methods politically and otherwise—who are highly gratified that he has been acquitted—a gratification hardly logical, hardly judicious, not at all judicial, but none the less human.

partisan purposes.—not that the ends of justice might be subserved but that envy, hatred and thwarted ambition might triumph in his downfall.

Vindictive John.

From the Chicago Herald. By the evidence of his own statement submitted to the press, in which he mercilessly execrates Quay and declares the verdict of acquittal to be "a new chapter of shame for Pennsylvania."

An Unfortunate Prosecution.

From the Buffalo Commercial. The senator stood up to the rack and passed the test. It is on every account most unfortunate that he should have been hauled into the courts, if the prosecuting officers had no better evidence than they produced.

Complete.

From the Buffalo Express. Mr. Quay's vindication is more complete than some of his friends would have made it if they had had their way. In the face of this verdict no political opponent of Quay can refuse to acknowledge that the evidence was insufficient to convict him.

Borne Out by the Facts.

From the Buffalo Courier. The defense's charge that Quay was the victim of a political combination was borne out by the facts.

Stronger Than Ever.

From the Chicago Inter-Ocean. In trying to crush him, his enemies have made the senator stronger than ever with the Republicans of Pennsylvania.

LITERARY NOTES.

Stevens' Mechanical Catechism. Just issued, is a marvel. Like all the reference books published by Laird & Lee, it is crammed full of information. The steam engine is thoroughly explained with all its parts, including valves, pistons, pumps, steam gauges, lubricators, eccentrics, link motion, indicator, etc.

A Conan Doyle's new novel, "A Duel with an Occasional Chorus," is said to be a story in which the author has felt a peculiar interest. The scene is laid in London, and the story is one of the present time.

Much has been said about the "fog" described by the Brooklyn at the beginning of the naval battle at Santiago. Philip Adams, who commanded the Texas, thus describes one aspect of this evolution in the May Century.

McClure's Magazine for May will introduce a new writer, Booth Tarkenton, of Indianapolis, with the opening novel, "The Story of a Man's Life."

Mary E. Wilkins: "Our War Correspondents in Cuba and Puerto Rico," by Richard Harding Davis; "A Sketch by MacNeil," by Frederic Remington.

One of the keenest American newspaper critics remarks upon the peculiarity of the circumstance of a physician of Southern California, bearing a name so closely resembling Dr. Conan Doyle's, writing a series of Hindu tales some of which are so strikingly reminiscent of the houris, beyond doubt, Dr. C. W. Doyle's "Taming of the Jungle" (Lippincott).

The Executive Work Done by Major-General Leonard Wood at Santiago.

The executive work done by Major-General Leonard Wood at Santiago is considered one of the great achievements of the army. General Wood has written for the May Scribner's a straightforward and modest account of what he has accomplished as practical dictator in making over the whole state of Santiago on the lines of modern civilization.

The Golden Age Cook Book, by Henrietta L. Dwight, published by the Alliance Publishing Company, New York, is a compilation of recipes for vegetables, no meat preparations being used. It comprises over thirty recipes for soups, more than eighty for vegetables, and an unusual number of entrees, salads, and fruit desserts, also valuable recipes for the toilet, not to be found in any other book.

It is of interest to note that the best selling book in the market at present is "David Harum," the first and indeed the only book of a previously unknown American author, the late Edward Noyes Westcott. "David Harum" is published by D. Appleton & Co.

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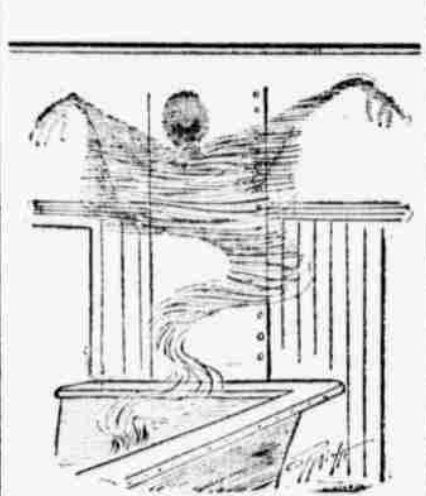
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