

REVIEW OF WEEK IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

CHARLES EMORY SMITH CAPTURES NEW FRIENDS.

Status of the Quay Case—A Degeneration of the South's Representation in Congress a Reflex of Diseased Political Conditions—Judge Taft's Appointment as President of the New Philippine Commission.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—"He dwelt on the greatness of America and the country's stupendous future." It was Charles Emory Smith in Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York...

They wondered how a man who was not a born banker and financier could talk so familiarly and so pointedly about financial matters and industrial opportunities. And it is surprising how a man who crossed with the great business of a department, and so punctual in the recognition of the most exacting obligations, has one minute to himself to think...

Now one may look through all the debates in congress and through all the thousand and one public utterances on the subject and not find the true American viewpoint of the Philippine situation, and our foreign policy generally, so aptly and so cogently defined.

WHAT NEW YORKERS SAY.

"They all say that the postmaster-general converted every one of the 400 bankers who heard his speech to the American doctrine of commercial expansion. 'The address was remarkable,' they say, 'for the skill with which he compacted into a few paragraphs the story of American development since 1870...'

THE ISSUES OF THE CAMPAIGN.

"Mr. Smith's speech was accepted as setting forth the chief issue of the approaching campaign upon which the administration and the Republican party will with confidence appeal to the people of the United States. For whatever may be the platform made by the Democratic party, yet, in view of the fact that before the national conventions meet congress will have confirmed by law that the unit and basis of our currency system is the gold dollar, the Republican party can afford in the campaign to look upon the money issue as practically closed.

territorial expansion makes possible for us. 'Therefore, the party will not go into the campaign upon the defensive, but aggressively championing all those proposed measures and policies which will make emphatic and permanent our changed relation in the domains of trade and commerce, and will hasten approaches to a position which will establish the United States as the financial and commercial power of the world, the great creditor nation.'

THE QUAY CASE.

The Wanamaker outfit from Philadelphia, whose business here is to see that Mr. Quay is not seated, arrived yesterday. Not one of the crowd has the slightest hope that Quay will not be seated. They camp out in the senate corridors and imagine that their presence in the capital will have some vague, inscrutable effect on the result.

The Wanamaker organ all vigorously and authoritatively declared that the case would not come up yesterday, yet the crowd lined up at the noon hour, desperately apprehensive that Quay might be seated by unanimous consent. They have talked so many ways about the case, have manufactured and fabricated so many stories and theories, that they discredit each other and everybody else. They were convulsed yesterday when word passed out that Senator Chandler had acquiesced in the previous day's arrangement, making the financial bill the exclusive subject of debate in the senate until Thursday of the coming week.

It is entirely possible that the senate may not consider the Quay case, following the passage of the financial bill, but there is every indication that it will. There is every assurance to that effect. There is a tact understanding to that effect. Mr. Turley, of Tennessee, will make the leading speech against Mr. Quay. He is ready to proceed when the first opportunity is presented.

Senator Turley is a lawyer of some reputation, and his speech will be directed to the dry legal question of constitutional construction. It will be of such irresistible force as to convince anybody who is not already decided against the power of the governor to fill a vacancy in the senate under the circumstances that surround the Quay case. Senator Turley will make the most of his side of the contention, but there is a safe majority in the senate against the tendency of disintegration that must follow the rejection of a senator because a state legislature, through corrupt or factional influences, refuses to elect a senator according to state and federal obligations.

The Wanamaker bargain counter iterates and reiterates daily that the administration takes no interest in seating Quay. The truth is, the president is deeply interested in the matter, and every member of the cabinet is in sympathy with the president's wishes. Senators Hanna, Allison, Aldrich, E. K. and others, who stand very close to the president, are avowed advocates of Mr. Quay's admission on Governor Stone's certificate of appointment. But, of course the president is taking no personal part in the controversy.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS.

The house has two appropriation bills to its credit. After two days of desultory political debate the diplomatic appropriation bill passed the house yesterday. A dozen or two short and long speeches were made, without the slightest reference to any provision in the bill. So it was when the Indian appropriation bill was under consideration, and so it will be to the end of the session, whatever the pending bill may be. The Democratic campaign of slander and vituperation and misrepresentation is well under way. The harangues are made for home consumption and the meanest thing about it is, that the taxpayers of the country pay for it. However black and wanton the slander; however flagrant the misrepresentations; however notorious and irresponsible the representative, what he says goes into the Congressional record, and thence into general circulation at the taxpayers' expense. Of

course, the abuse will not be stopped, for it would be quite as easy to abolish the caucus itself. People are learning, however, to attach little importance to congressional debates. It has not been long since the utterance of a United States senator was accepted as an oracle but that is not the feeling now. The senate has changed, consequently so on the Democratic side. Senator Vest, of Missouri, and Senator Morgan, of Alabama, are the two Democratic senators of note in this congress. The Missouri senator is a physical wreck. Senator Morgan, at 80, is still a man in the prime of life, but is marked for defeat in the approaching election in that state, by a Populist, demagogical, obscure politician. The south will then be left without a single senator in congress, whose name or utterance would ever be mentioned outside the senate chamber. For years the tendency to political decadence and degeneracy in southern representation in congress has been too pronounced to have escaped observation. Obscurity and mediocrity are stamped so plainly on the Democratic side of the senate that the stranger in the gallery, with half-suppressed disappointment and chagrin thinks aloud the melancholy refrain, 'and it has come to this.'

TILLMAN.

Tillman, of South Carolina, is a fair sample of the new man from the south; coarse, vulgar, reckless, impertinent, audacious, brazen and common. He quickly perceived when he came to the senate that his only chance to distinction was in notoriety. It was his trump card, his final and only campaign when the public tired buffoonery and his notoriety is fast going into that obscurity which makes him one of the nobodies in the senate.

AN EXCEPTION.

Southern senators, as a class, are well bred, and many of them in this congress are men of fair ability, but apparently their sole aspiration is to a re-election. They have no time, consequently, and little disposition to study public questions. Their speeches never rise above sectional and local questions.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, is probably an exception to this broad assertion. His speech on the Philippine question plainly entitles him to this distinction. But even in that instance, he boastfully put section above country. Those who heard him doubted his sincerity. But he did not do it for a narrow, local, spiteful, public sentiment, how quickly some cross-road politician in his state would have avenged the indignity by an attempt to defeat his re-election. The environments and conditions that now obtain in the Southern states are, no doubt, responsible for the decadence in Southern representation in congress, and Southern congressmen are, no doubt, responsible for the degeneracy in local politics that keeps them in public office. It is the story of the 'South'—a political condition and the use of political methods that gives the assassin as much respectability as the ballot-box stuffer. It is a matter of deepest concern and regret that this great productive section of the country should bear the curse of political degeneracy. Time was when all the blame for this condition of things was put upon the 'nigger,' but the black man is no longer a factor in Southern elections. Little is left of the Democratic party in congress, but the South, and the average citizen of that section, are making up the league. The circuit, as now contemplated, would consist of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Allentown, Reading, Lancaster and Lebanon, and some New Jersey town might also be allowed. In Trenton and Paterson are thought of as eligible for the place.

CLOTURE WELL APPLIED.

It was a wise and timely interference to stop the miscellaneous harangues on the senate, pending the consideration of the financial bill. The cloture was not applied an hour too soon. The result is that the Allies, the Pettigrews, the Butlers and Tillmans have lost their occupation, and it is possible to sit in the senate rally and maintain one's self-respect. But it is only a brief respite. After the Quay and Clark election cases come up, the question of a civil government for Puerto Rico, and more important yet, the agreement between Great Britain and the United States in reference to the building of the Nicaragua canal, will intervene. Hairs—and a great many of them—are to be split in the debate on this question.

AND HE IS FROM OHIO!

The Agulnald insurrection has collapsed. The Agulnald rebellion has been suppressed. The Democratic Washington (?) is now a bandit. He would not take American gold for peace (according to Pettigrew), but like his American prototype, he is looking for a soft place in the American heart, that will save him the dishonor of an ignominious political death. The Pettigrew vantomime will end with the next act. The South Dakota people have admonished him, and the president, in the appointment of Judge Taft, of Ohio, as civil governor of the Philippines, has officially declared that the Pettigrew business must stop. If Judge Taft's appointment means even this much, he will not be made responsible for his Ohio lineage. Judge Taft is a notably strong man, and if any human agency can bring civilization and order out of Philippine savagery, Judge Taft can do it. Long live Ohio!

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THERE IS CONSIDERABLE talk of a ball team for Scranton for the coming season. Interest in the sport has been aroused, and it is thought that a good team would prove a success. The idea of going into the Atlantic league has been practically abandoned and a new State league is the organization in which a local team would find a place. Several prominent Scrantonians are interested, as also are a large number of Wilkes-Barre enthusiasts.

It is said that a meeting will be held in Wilkes-Barre shortly, at which will be present representatives from Scranton and the other cities which would make up the league. The circuit, as now contemplated, would consist of Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Allentown, Reading, Lancaster and Lebanon, and some New Jersey town might also be allowed. In Trenton and Paterson are thought of as eligible for the place.

Conditions were never as favorable for a team as they are at present. There never was a time at which such a large number of good, experienced players were on the market at comparatively small salaries. Probably the only successful team that Scranton ever had was Marty Swift's State league team, five or six years ago. The nine was making money for the proprietors, the public was satisfied.

Bowling Matters.

THE LEADING EVENT of the week in local sporting circles was the opening of the bowling tournament of the recently organized league of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Tuesday evening on the Backus alleys, when the Bicycle club bit the dust before the Backus champions. They were beaten by the form which has characterized their previous work. Baker, of the Backus team, was the star of the evening, having the highest score, 157, and also the highest average, 156 1/3. Worden led the Bicycle men, with an average of 150 1/3. The original schedule for the league has been changed somewhat and as given out by President Connolly, in its revised form, reads as follows:

SCRANTON BICYCLE CLUB.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, with Backus on S. B. C. alleys. Tuesday, Feb. 13, with West End Wheelmen, on W. E. W. alleys. Tuesday, Feb. 20, with W. E. W., on S. B. C. alleys. Tuesday, Feb. 27, with Elks, on S. B. C. alleys. Friday, March 3, with Elks, on Elks alleys. Tuesday, March 13, with Backus, on Backus alleys.

BACKUS CLUB.

Tuesday, Feb. 6, with S. B. C., on S. B. C. alleys. Friday, Feb. 13, with Elks, on Elks alleys. Friday, March 2, with W. E. W., on W. E. W. alleys. Tuesday, March 6, with W. E. W., on S. B. C. alleys. Tuesday, March 13, with S. B. C., on Backus alleys.

ELKS CLUB.

Friday, Feb. 9, with W. E. W., on Elks alleys. Friday, Feb. 16, with Backus, on Backus alleys. Friday, Feb. 23, with Backus, on Backus alleys. Tuesday, Feb. 27, with S. B. C., on S. B. C. alleys. Friday, March 3, with S. B. C., on Elks alleys.

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