REVIEW OF WEEK IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

CHARLES EMORY SMITH CAP-TURES 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. Whether it is politics, finances or business, the peerless postmaster general and The Tribune's distinguished candidate for the vice-presidency is perfectly at his ease and in his own element. Within the last week Mr. Smith has taken an hour or so off from his Washington work to tak wisdom, common sense and practical American politics to people who think more about moneymaking than politics or country. In Philadelphia, as in Baltimore and New York, he faced the financial leaders of the world. What he said to these people was said with directness, emphasis and clearness; expressively, earnestly, fitelligently, convincingly.

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 so engrossed 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. But this remarkable man does think, and not only thinks for the administration, and above that, thinks for his coun-"The commercial expansion of the country," said Mr. Smith, "incldental to the war with Spain, is settled by the overmastering logic of events. It means a part in the world's affairs, and the future historian, in portraying the magnificent progress of the republic, will dwell upon the manifest guidance of an over-ruling hand in the great and pregnant fact that as it reached the stage of its development where its industrial unbuilding needed to be crowned with commercial extension, the unforeseen and mighty events of the Spanish war suddenly lifted the curtain and unveiled the new vista."

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 view of the Philippine situation, and our foreign policy generally so aptly and so cogently defined. It marks him the peer of any man in public life, and if the Philadelphia convention wants a courageous and fearless champion, an incomparable vice-presidential candidate, a true American, Charles Emory Smith will fill the bill. Why not make the nomi-

nation by acclamation? WHAT NEW YORKERS SAY.

They all say that the postmastergeneral converted every one of the 400 bankers who heard his speech to the American doctrine of commercial expansion. "The address was remarkthey say, "for the skill with which he compacted into a few paragraphs the story of American development since 1870. This compression in to brief sentences had none of the character of dry statistics, but was so worded that the great company who heard Mr. Smith was able to carry impression of the facts which the compendium set forth.

But, after all, the great charm of Mr. Smith's address was not so much | wishes, Senators Hanna, Allison, Alimpressiveness with which he made a comparison that suggested the story of our growth within a generation as the irresistible logic with which mission on Governor Stone's certificate he demonstrated that a growth of that kind would have made expansion inevitable, even had we not unexpectedly received perhaps the greatest commerclal opportunity that ever came to a

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 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. "The party will, it is presumed, in its place, set forth, as Mr. Smith did in his speech, such a national policy as will enable the people of the United States to reap all the advantage which our unexpected and tremendous commercial and industrial and

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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 na-

THE QUAY CASE

The Wanamaker outfit from Philauelphia, 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 organs all vigorously and authentically declared that the case would not come up yesterday, yet the crowd lined up at the noon hour, desperately apprehensive that Quay might be scated 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 con-vulsed yesterday when word passed out that Senator Chardler had the floor and was demanding an immediate vote. For some moments the insurgent gang showed unmistakable signs of demoralization and despair.

They rallied when the announcement was made that Sepator 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. The fact is, the arrangement was made with his consent. It is the purpose of the Republican leaders in the senate that no pretext shall prevent a vote on the financial bill on the date fixed. The interjection of the Quay debate, or any other debate, as has been the rule for some time, might operate to delay final action on the financial bill. It was to avoid this that the agreement was made. But once the Wanamaker outfit realized that Quay had not been seated the insurgent cry went up that the action of the senate meant Quay's defeat, and in loud and noisy predictions started the story on its rounds.

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 tacit 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 som 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. This becomes more apparent as the subject is agitated, and it will be a great surprise if the Quay case does not stand as a precedent giving the governor of a state the right to fill a vacancy in the senate whenever the vacancy may occur.

The Wanamaker bargain counter iterates and reiterates daily that the administration takes no interest in from that feast a clear and permanent 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 drich. Elkin and others, who stand very close to the president, are avowed advocates of Mr. Quay's adof 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, withslightest reference to party will with confidence appeal 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 harrangues are made for home consump-

tion and the meanest thing about it is, the taxpayers of the country pay for However black and wanton the iander; however flagrant the misrepresentations; however notorious and rresponsible the representative, what he says goes into the Congressional Record, and thence into general circulation at the taxpayers' expense. Of

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course, the abuse will not be stopped for it would be quite as easy to abolish the congress itself. People are learning, however, to attach little importance to congressional debates. It has not been long ago since the utterance of a United States senator was accepted as oracular but that is not the feeling now. The senate has changed, conspicuously 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 strong man intellectual-ly, but is marked for defeat in the approaching election in that state, by a Populistic, demagogical, obscure politician. The south will then be left without a single senator in congress, whose name or utterances would ever be regarded 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 gallers with half-suppressed disappointment and chagrin thinks aloud the melancholy refrain, "and it has come to this."

Tillman, of South Carolina, is a fair sample of the new man from the south; coarse, vulgar, reckless, impertment, 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, but the time quickly came when the public tired buffoonery and his notoriety is fast going into that obscurity which makes him one of the nobodies in the senate.

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 a re-election. They have no time, consequently, and little disposition to study public questions. Their speeches never rise above sectional and local ques-

AN EXCEPTION,

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 boastingly put section above country. Those who heard him doubted his sincerity. But if he had not reflected 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 "Solid South"—a political condition and the use of political methods that gives the assassin as Southern congressmen are, no doubt, cal 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 congressman from that section, is under an iron-clad pledge to oppose everything and every policy that emanates from a Republican source. That is the only explanation that explains Democratic opposition to Republican measures in either branch of congress. Along this line may be read every Democratic speech that has

CLOTURE WELL APPLIED. It was a wise and timely interference o stop the miscellaneous harangues in the senate, pending the consideration of the financial bill. The cloture was ·not applied an hour too soon. The result is that the Allens, the Pettigrews, the Butlers and Tillmans have lost their occupation, and it is possible to sit in the senate gallery 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 ques-

been made in this congress.

And the country may be prepared to receive the belligerent Democratic declaration that the proposed agreement is indisputable evidence of the alleged alliance between this country and Great Britain. So confident are the Democratic spell-binders that this agreement between Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote will arouse the anti-British sentiment in this country to a white heat, that they are discussing the expediency of changing the name of the Democratic party to the "anti-British party," and tacking to its tall the "pro-Boer party." It may well be said that this country grows and progresses despite conditions that might easily prove insuperable obstacles to any people under the sun but Americans

AND HE IS FROM OHIO! The Aguinaldo insurrection has col-The Aguinaldo rebellion has been suppressed. The Democratic Washington (?) is now a bandit, He vould 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 ignoble political death. The Pettigrew pantomime will end with the next act The South Dakota people have admon ished 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 Jrdge Taft's appointment means even this much, he will not be made responsible for his Ohio lineage. Apart from his Ohio identification, 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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The World of Sport.

THERE IS CONSIDERABLE talk Friday, March 16, with W. E. W., on of a ball team for Scranton for W. E. W. allers. of a ball team for Scranton for the coming season. Interest in the sport has been aroused, and practically abandoned and a new State ague 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

Conditions were never as favorable for a team as they are at present, There never was a time at which such large number of good, experienced players were on the market at com paratively small salary. Probably the only successful team that Scranton ever had was Marty Swift's State eague 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 138 pins, not bowling in nearly the form which has characterized their previous work. Baker, of the Backus team, was the star of the evening, having the highest score, 187, and also the highest average, 156 1-3. Worden led the Biyele men, with an average of 150 1-3, Last evening the second match of the series was played on the Elk alleys, the Elks' team and the West End Wheelmen's club, of Wilkes-Barre, be ing the contesting bowlers. A detailed account of this game will be found in another part of this issue.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 15, with West End Wheelmen, on W. E. W. alleys. Tuesday, Feb. 20, with W. E. W., on Tuesday, Feb. 27, with Eiks, on S. B. Friday, March 9, with Eiks, on Eiks alley. Tuesday, March 13, with Backus, on Backus alleys.

BACKUS CLUB. Friday, Feb. 16, with Elks, on Backus Friday, Feb. 23, with Elks, on Elks alleys.
Friday, March 2, with
W. E. W. alleys. Tuesday, March 6, with W. E. W., Backus alleys. Tuesday, March 12, with S. B. C., on ELKS CLUB.

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

WEST END WHEELMEN CLUB. Friday, Feb. 9, with Elks, on Elks would prove a success. The idea of going into the Atlantic league has been E. W. alleys. Tuesday, Feb. 29, with S. B. C., on S. B. C. alleys. March 2. Tuesday, March 6, with Backus on Friday, March 16, with Elks on W. E. W. alleys.

With the Pugs.

C EORGE DAWSON, of Chicago, is trying to arrange a six round go to take place in the Windy City between Young Griffo and Terry Mc Govern. Such a match is considered in the light of a joke by most authorities on glove contests, as the new champion is considered away above Griffo in the pugilistic scale. Still a mill between them would arouse a great deal of enthusiasm and undoubt-

edly be a lively one. Peter Maher has now placed a forfeit in Sam Summerfield's hands to bind his match with Joe Choynski, which takes place Feb. 16 in Chicago This will undoubtedly be a great fight. Both are big, powerful men, able to hit good hard blows and to stand a good deal of punishment. Choynski is probably the more scientific of the two and also has the advantage in reach. The fight will be a hot one and has already aroused a good deal of enthusiasm.

One of the most grotesque mills of the season, from a spectator's point of view, will be the coming battle between Joe Choynski and Joe Walcott. The two men resemble each other in both having Joseph as a first name and there the resemblance comes to an abrupt stop. Choynski is tall, blonde and rather handsome. Walcott is short, broad as he is long and black as the ace of spades in a London fog. He knows how to fight, how to strike a terribly effective blow, and that is about all, as the colored cyclone has never been accused of being over-burdened with cerebral matter. The Callfornian, on the contrary, is one of the most intelligent men in the ring. This fight will be one in which both men will be kept exceedingly busy. Choynski, with his superior height and reach, ought to be able to keep the chunky little darkey from getting too near him. but still Walcott is one of the most aggressive men in the ring and will more than give his tall opponent a lively

Ball Bearings.

DRESIDENT Thomas J. Keenan. the League of American Wheelmen, announces that he will not be a candidate for re-election. paired health and the demands of his business, he claims, render it impossible for him to enter the office again. Conway W. Sams, of Baltimere, and Mr. Bedwell, of New York, are mentioned as his successor. Local bicyclists are anticipating this

season's wheeling with great gusto. The new hotel at the Speedway is something which will fill a long felt in condition for a spin is now eagerly

Base Ball Brevities.

A good story is told of a number of well known base ball enthusiasts who were recently sitting together and over wonderful plays and mighty hits which they had seen made in their day.

"The longest hit I ever saw made," said Crank No. 1, "was in a Fourth | from Milwaukee to the Times-Herald | fective. 25 cents,

this city, between Hazleton and Scrauton. Everybody remembers that hit, It was in the ninth inning, with the score 1 to 0, and Bill Massey stepped to the plate, and with one man on base lined the ball over the fence. I'd be willing to take my oath that that ball sailed almost two blocks before it landed. "That's not bad," said another rooter

of July game about five years ago in

in a patronizing voice, "but Heavens, man, you ought to have seen the hit that Ed. Delehanty, of the Phillies. made in Chicago, several seasons ago It was the same game in which Del made his famous long-distance hitting record, by touching up Adonis Terry for a single and four home-runs. This hit I refer to was one of the homers It whizzed 'way over Bill Lange's head and fell over the fence, where a small who was watching the game through a knot-hole grabbed it. He started down the road like a streak and he traveled with it eleven blocks before a big Chicago policeman collared him. Now, I think that that was as long a distance as any ball ever traveled that I know of."

"Pretty good, but I've a story up my sleeve which beats that," put in the third member of the party, who then launched into the following: "When Scranton was in the Eastern league the boys were playing at Syracuse on day, when Bad Bill Eagan, the Saline's crack second baseman, hit one of our twirler's curves such a smash that the ball went clear over the fence, through the window of a railroad car that was passing by and went all the way to Scranton.

"You fellows make me tired," was the contribution of the least member of the party. "When Jimmy Ryan, Chicago's right fielder, was playing at Staten Island in an exhibition game one day a few seasons ago, he made the longest hit on record. He landed on an inshoot and lined it all the way over the fence on to the deck of an out-going steamer. That ball went all the way to Europe."

That was the last contribution to the anecdotal fund. The other narrators gave up in disgust.

In the death of John Taylor, Wednesday, a good player is lost to the National league. "Happy Jack," as he was familiarly known, was connected with base ball in Philadelphia for many years, and established a winning record as a fine pitcher. From there he went to Cincinnati, a few seasons ago. He did not have much success, however, and his ill luck in twirling close score games was becoming proverbial. He was a clean quick player, and well liked by his fellow knights of the diamond.

President Dreyfus, of the reorganized Pittsburg Base Ball club, Monday received the signed contract of Claude Ritchey, last year Louisville's second baseman. Ritchey played short stop for Buffalo's Eastern league team : few seasons ago, when Scranton had : team, and established a fine record for himself. In Louisville he played a splendid game last season, batting strongly, running the bases well, and fielding finely. Things are looking rather uncertain

for the chances of the American asso ciation being fairly started this year Adrian Anson, of Chicago, one of the most enthusiastic movers of the new association, had this to say to a representative of the Chicago Times-Herald: "I went east fully expecting to see the American association launched, but many things have transpired in the last few days that make it look more uncertain. We have had some trouble in getting backing in Philadelphia, thanks to the 'fine work' of the National league. Everything is lovely at this end of the line, and I can have a team in the field without fail when want in Scranton cycling circles, and the season opens. McGraw is with us the time when the boulevard will be thick and thin. That is a certainty. All I can say at this time is that if the American association isn't launched this year it will come sooner or later. The public wants competition, the players want a chance, and the National league must be given to understand that it doesn't own the earth." Harry Quinn, of Milwaukee, who has been moving heaven and earth in attempts to start the new association,

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mentioned as eighth cities. Adrian

Anson will probably be the associa-

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The election for officers in all subordies ate commanderies will be held at the last regular convocations in February. Many commands are greatly interested in this event, and large votes will be cast in many places. At this election recorders and treasurers will be chosen for the en-suing year, and the other officers for the

A large meeting will be held at Read-ing on Feb. 13, to prompte the inguniza-tion of the third commandery to be stationed in that city. It will be ready institution early in March.

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