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Elsewhere appears a forecast on the senatorial fight from a disinterested outside source. It represents the most conservative possible view of the situation and with five doubtful votes unplaced, shows Quay to have within two votes of a clear majority on joint ballot.

From information at hand we know that this letter in the Sun underestimates Quay's political strength, to say nothing of the men classified as doubtful, some of whom are unquestionably committed to the Quay cause.

On Record.

WE BEG our readers to pardon us for making one quotation from the Scrantonian, an action necessary for historical purposes.

Considerable comment has been raised over Mr. Spencer's candidacy in the recent election, and the small vote obtained by him when the ballots were counted.

Talk about cabinet changes is confined to the newspapers. Those who know predict none.

Two Ways of Doing Things.

IN THE ROW over the Abington toll turnpike the preponderance of argument seems to be on the side of the turnpike company as the case stands.

On general principles toll roads are odious. Public roads ought all to be owned by the government, kept in repair by the government and charged to the taxpayer.

The President's View.

WHAT President McKinley thought of the recent campaign and what he thinks of the result is set forth by Mr. Wellman of the Times-Herald, after an interview with the president.

"During the campaign," Mr. Wellman writes, "nothing so much pained the president as to see the young men of America bent so much upon the idea of breaking his rule of silence and to speak out, as if the effort which was made to poison the minds of the young men of the country, to convince them that they had no future, that they were being enslaved.

Fortunately the tendency to weigh issues carefully, which is accelerated by multiplying processes of public opinion through the press, the public schools, the lecture platform, the libraries and the numerous and growing society influences offsetting from modern church work, presents no peril to reputable and prudent party management.

In everything except how facilities Buffalo is making elaborate preparations to entertain the multitude of visitors to her Pan-American exposition next summer.

In Porto Rico. ELECTIONS being over, Populist Commissioner for Porto Rico, which never went beyond gaseous stumps speculating, will cease to vex the atmosphere and opportunity will open to an untroubled working out of administration plans.

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the Republican ticket. He believes the number of such Democrats this year was greater than in 1896. To all such, known or unknown, the president sends his thanks; and he speaks of their services to and their upholding of the government in a way which indicates his profound appreciation of the fact that he has a commission, not from one political party merely, but from that party and the best men of all parties.

The experience of the Cuban precursors of days past who, in the presence of responsibility as revealed in their constitutional convention, were more than willing to be done, are sobering down and realizing that constructive statesmanship is harder than it looks, is in consonance with human nature and an augury of future Cuban appreciation of American effort in Cuba's behalf.

An Urgent Christian Duty.

IN A LETTER from the Episcopal bishop of Texas, read to the congregation of St. Luke's on Sunday by the pastor, Dr. Rogers Israel, this statement was made that every Christian church in Galveston, and more than half of the churches in the area of the recent storm had been either wholly destroyed or so badly damaged as to need rebuilding.

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CLOSE CONTEST ON THE SENATORSHIP

Harrisburg Letter in the Sun. A MILITARY science it has always been regarded as a tactical requisite to draw the fire of a concealed enemy and thus to secure his position.

In the published program list there appear the names of McPherson, of Adams; Alexander, of Clearfield; Dault, of Forest; Welby, of Franklin; Reynolds, of Lackawanna; Arnold, of Perry; as previously stated, Emery, of Venango; and Thomas, of Westmoreland.

This plan has already brought into the clearing Senator-elect Alexander Stewart of Chambersburg. Nobody ever seriously doubted that Stewart was just what he says he is in this fight, but for some reason or other it was decided in certain Quay quarters that he would participate in the caucus and abide by its decision.

By this time the fact that the contest is comfortably close. As it stands today the figures are about as follows: Quay, 125; anti-Quay, 65; Democrats, 20; doubtful, 5; total, 215. These are divided between the senate and house as follows: Quay, 25; anti-Quay, 10; Democrats, 13; doubtful, 3; house, Quay, 10; anti-Quay, 5; Democrats, 4; doubtful, 1.

PROGRESS MADE IN THE PHILIPPINES.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.) Manila, Nov. 12. The progress made in the Philippines is being recognized.

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