

ON THE EVE OF THE BATTLE

Harrisburg Last Evening a Seething Turmoil of Political Excitement.

DAY VICTORY PROBABLE

First Official Move of the Republican Legislators-Elect in Form of a Caucus of Members Results in the Production of 102 Votes for Marshall, the Stalwart Candidate, for Speaker-Both Sides Are Confident of Success.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-On the eve of the organization of the legislature, Harrisburg is tonight a seething turmoil of political excitement.

The first official move of the Republican legislators-elect in the form of a caucus of members of the house, resulted in a Quay victory. This was the production of 102 votes for Marshall, of Allegheny, the stalwart Republican candidate for speaker, just the number necessary to elect him.

Most every political leader in the state is here tonight, and probably at no time since the fight against Mr. Quay began, more than five years ago, has the feeling been so intense. To add to the excitement, political clubs and brass bands from various cities and towns are filling the streets, and the display of red fire and other accessories is prodigious.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

of Legislators Who Responded to Roll Call at Meeting.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-At the caucus of Republican members of the house tonight to agree on a candidate for speaker and other officers of the lower branch, one hundred and fifty-two members answered the roll call.

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WERE NOT PRESENT.

Four Legislators Claim That They Were Not in the Caucus.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-Messrs. TIF-

PASSING OF THE CENTURY

The Event Is Fittingly Observed at Various Localities About the Country.

PHILADELPHIA'S DISPLAY

The City Hall Presents a Magnificent Spectacle with the Brilliant Electrical Display in Which Thousands of Electric Lights Are Utilized.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.-The passing of the nineteenth century was fittingly observed in this city by a spectacular municipal celebration, which included a military parade and pyrotechnic and electrical display. The great city hall and the historic state house were the centers of the celebrations, and great crowds gathered in the vicinity of each of these buildings.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

Adopt Resolutions Forming Fusion with Anti-Quay Republicans.

MR. QUAY'S STATEMENT.

Result of Senate and House Caucuses Entirely Satisfactory.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

Holds Important Meeting at Harrisburg.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-An executive meeting of the Republican state committee was held this afternoon, at which resolutions were introduced in favor of party regularity and recommending that Republican senators and members attend party caucuses and abide by their action.

M'TIGHE COMES INTO CAMP.

An Anti-Quay Representative from Allegheny Enters Caucus.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-Representative John P. McTighe, of Allegheny, who was regarded as an anti-Quay Republican, gave out a statement this afternoon, in which he says he has determined to enter the Republican caucus tonight for speaker and tomorrow night for United States senator and will be governed absolutely by their action.

General Pochamer Killed.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Dec. 31.-Lieutenant General Pochamer was killed today by a electric car.

MR. QUAY WINS FIRST ROUND

Battle of the Organization of Legislation Fought in Caucuses Won for Party Regularity.

MARSHALL FOR SPEAKER

And Senator Snyder Is Selected a Republican Choice for President Pro Tempore of the Senate-Representative Reynolds Bids Farewell to His Lackawanna County Associates-Harrisburg in Possession of a Noisy Mob.

BIRD COLER TO THE WORKINGMEN

Speech at a Dinner Given at Arlington Hall in New York City.

Business of 1900.

Condition of Trade as Indicated by Dun's Review of Trade.

Trouble in Venezuela.

Shot His Reputed Wife.

Steamship Arrivals.

Sale of an Old Newspaper.

Associate Judge of Cameron.

Killed His Wife.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

- Weather Indications Today, FAIR, COLDER. 1. General-Harrisburg in a Political Turmoil. Party Regularity Wins First Round. Commercial Crisis in the Philippines. Passing of the Nineteenth Century. 2. Local-Carbonade Department. 3. Local-Effect of the Elimination of Individual Operators. Argument of the Viaduct Case. 4. Editorial. Note and Comment. 5. Local-Street Railway Traffic Opened Up. Ex-Councilmen Must Resign from Board of Revision. 6. Local-West Scranton and Suburban. 7. General-Northeastern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial. 8. Local-Live News of the World of Labor.

HELEN GOULD'S GREETING TO NAVY

Letters Sent in Her Capacity of Second Vice President of the International Women's Auxiliary of Y. M. C. A.

CIVIC RULE IN PHILIPPINES.

The Commission's New Bill Provides for Land Taxation.

OMAHA TAKES ACTION.

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Commercial Interests in Archipelago Are Confronted by Serious Monetary Difficulties.

URGENT CABLE MESSAGE

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