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A Good Man's Mistake.

If the Republican organization brings the independent Republicans what they want and seek, there is no reason why they should not accept it. -Philadelphia Press.

HE HONEST quota among the independent Republicans in other years have demanded that in the chosing of party candidates the majority sentiment of the party masses should have precedence over the dictation of a few leaders-the Press heretofore has called them bosses-meeting in star chamber conclave and defying the popular will. Although the distinguished editor of the Press may now be willing to delegate to Senator Quay, the Olivers and the heads of a few large corporations the naming of the next governor of Pennsylvania we have yet to see proof that his newly assumed attitude has the indorsement of the following he has hitherto represented.

But whether Mr. Smith now speaks for the so-called insurgents or for himself alone, there is another and a numerically much more important factor in the present political situation in this state-the great body of young Republican stalwarts, who have borne the brunt of the party fighting in the past and who today decline to be euchred out of their rights by deals between Senator Quay and corporate influences This powerful element in the electorate has been aroused by the brutal attempt of Quay to place a ban on the legitlmate aspirations of the leading candidate for the gubernatorial nomination, and it demands and will fight to a finish for fair play. Let the insurgent millionaires gloat if they will over the ukase of the boss that free expression of party preference is to be throttled in Pennsylvania: but at the same time remember that such throttling in the past has been dangerous politics, the evil effect of which has been widereaching.

We have reason to believe that the editor of the Press is sincerely solicitous for the success of the congressional ticket in Pennsylvania, By what strange mental processes he has arrived at the conclusion that the way to promote the election of Republican congressmen is to suppress popular preference in the choosing of the Republican candidate for governor we confess our inability to guess. But we warn him that his conclusion is erroneous and that its triumph on June 11 would add immensely to the difficulties of those charged with the conduct of the ensuing congressional campaign,

When Senator Quay declares that Mr. Elkin When Senator Quay declares that Mr. Lakin will not be nominated for governor," he only states what every one knows to be a fact. Under existing conditions, Elkin cannot get any delegates in Philadebidia and Alleghony, and with a handleap like that he stands just about as much chance of being nominated for governor by the cusumy state convention as he does of being cusums; state convention as he does of being crowned emperor of Russia.-Wilker-Barre Re-

one which has the support of public sentiment.

A Partisan Measure. HERE is this much logic in

Senator Hawley's bill "to increase the efficiency of the army:" It is the logical converse of the army stan proposition. If there is to be a commanding general, he should command. But in practice this is impossible in time of peace, for the reason that the president and secretary of war necessarily both command the commanding general and no law in pronance with our institutions can take from the civil authority as represented by the chief executive paramount power over the military.

The Hawley idea of making the commanding general the pivot around which the whole army revolves harks back to the early days of the last century, before the development of the modern idea that in conference is wis-The Hawley bill proposes to put union the commanding general more than one man can do and do well and it provides no system whereby there can be assurance of that co-operation with the commander-in-chief the lack of revolutionist of the asphalt belt which has been so noticeable in the still able to take his medicine with past few years. It ignores the experi- customed regularity. ence of the leading European nations, who have long since discarded the miltary dictator idea and by means of a fexible staff, with rotation between it demonstrates how easy it is to conand the line, have encouraged originality and merit in the officers and assured themselves of a broadened ser-

It is represented in the Washington

General Miles. That suffices to stamp it as a partisan bill and one more likely to decrease than to increase the army's efficiency. What is done in way of army reorganization-and very plainly something must be done if we are to profit by the teachings of the war with Spain-should be done without reference to individuals now on the stage but soon to pass away; the broadest interests of the army and the country should be considered impersonally and dispassionately, and the concensus of the best expert opinion taken as the

It is reported that Israel W. Durham, the "boss" of Philadelphia, has decided that none of the delegates from that city shall vote for Elkin for governor. This may or may not be true. Durham has lately developed a versatility which renders it doubtful from assertions in April what may be his attitude in June. But the interesting part of this report as to Durham's present frame of mind is the glee it affords to those who until recently were damning Durham and boss polities and shouting justily for popular primaries. They were never so happy in their lives.

Good Advice.

John Hays Hammond cays about Englishmen having erred in taking no pains to situation. From the very first, the Boers and their more zealous sympathizers kept the American malls busy in the circulation of pro-Boer literature, all of it ingeniously prepared with a view to arousing American compassion. This activity has not been counteracted. Many Americans who have been in the theater of conflict have undertaken to inform their fellow-countrymen of the British point of view, but until the publication of Conan Dovle's pumphlet, "The War in South Africa, Its Cause and Conduct," issued only a few weeks ago, and the voluntary contribution of merely one individual Englishman, no accurate, comprehensive and well-prepared statement of the British position from an Englis's source has been placed within reach of those English-speaking republicans of the New World who, although naturally inclined to sympathize with the under dog in a fight and on general principles partial to anything labeled a republic, yet are sufficiently fair-minded to want to read both sides.

Of course, so far as immediate results are concerned it did not matter to the British government whether the British point of view was understood in America or not. It knew that it would not be interfered with by any foreign power; that its money would suffice to buy from individual Americans whatever it needed from them in the nature of war supplies, and that our neutrality would not be interpreted in the direction of the popular sympathy when that sympathy clashed with the pocketbook. Hence it could afford, looking to immediate results only, to let the pro-Boer ferment go its course. From a political standpoint this line of reasoning, while somewhat cynical,

is characteristic of Lord Salisbury, who at heart has always been very much of an aristocrat, to whom public opinion counts for nothing so long as it is un organized and powerless to enforce itself in legislation. But from a higher standpoint, looking to the development of mutual respect and esteem between Great Britain and the United Statesthe moral unity which Cecil Rhodes had in mind when he framed his monumental will-it has been unfortunate that the truth has not been presented

in all its phases. The struggle is now so near to its end that it will soon become possible to consider the whole episode judicially. John Hays Hammond, who knows from bitter experience what Boer misrule means, gave to Englishmen good advice when he recommended a larger frankness toward American public opinion, and especially counseled generous recognition in peace terms of Boer pluck and valor, both as important to the future of South Africa and as highly desirable for diplomatic and synpathetic effect. Let us hope that both these points of advice will be followed and that in the end England's work will be justified by common consent of all

Under the title "The Fall of Roosevelt," Editor William Henry Thorne of the Globe, makes a twelve page attack upon President Roosevelt, and A short time ago you were saying incidentally advertises himself as a Elkin couldn't get any delegates in false prophet for not having sooner Luzerne county. No fight is a hopeless been able to form a proper estimate of the chief magistrate. In other words William Henry's article reads very much like the literary effort of a rural partisan who had failed to secur an appointment as postmaster,

> President Roosevelt's rebuke to Funston is merited. Funston was a whirlwind fighter and his views on Philippine affairs, and on Senator Hoar and the other alijes of rebellion are both peppery and sound. But it is not the place of any soldier to develop the talking habit. He is supposed to say nothing and saw wood.

> Counterfeit postal cards are the latest. Considering the difficulty that must naturally be encountered in making and disposing of bogus postal cards this seems another illustration of the fact that some people prefer to be dishonest even if it much more laborious than making money by legitimate methods.

The announcement that General Uribe-Uribe has again been overwhelmed shows that the professional

The steamboat disaster on the Ohio river near Cairo the other day again duct an enterprise of this nature with no precautions for the safety of

Some people are uncertain as to lispatches that the Hawley bill is es- whether it should be known as the pecially designed to please Lieutenant "beet" or "beat" sugar crowd.

patrons.

Senate Will Stand by the President

Washington Correspondence of the New York

T IS EXPECTED that within a few days the senate committee on relations with Cuba will begin consideration of the Cuban revi-HE LAUGHS BEST

will begin consideration of the Cubar verprocity bill, although it is not thought a
report will be made on the bill for two or three
weeks. There is no need to harry, as the Cuban
government will not be installed until May 20,
and before that date the president will have
no one to deal with in the exercise of the authority which the bill will confer on him to negotiate a reciprocity treaty with Cuba. Thus president will be authorized by congress at is session to enter into close commercial rela-ons with Cuba on a basis of tariff concessions that will encourage the industries of both coun-tries and premote a better feeling of neighboriiess between the two nations, there is starcely any doubt, in spite of the sensational and mex-plicable conduct of the house last Friday. Every well informed person in Washington recognizes this as the fact of supreme importance in all the gossip and speculation to which the sudden desertion of the administration by the house last week has given rise. It is also realized here by people who know anything about the forces and affuences that determine all important legisla-ion that the senate Republicans will not be taken off their feet, as were the house Republicans, on the Cuban bill. While it is true that several influential Republican senators are as hostile to a eciprocity arrangement with Cuba as were the couse Republicans who represent the beet sugar constituencies, it is at the same time pointed the classinus out of the fire for the Democratic HERE IS much truth in what free traders, as did the insurgents in the house. That is to say, Republican senators from the beet reof states will make a legitimate fight for what they believe to be the protection of that indus-try, but when they have done this and lost they present before the American reading will not join the Democrats in an onslaught on public their side of the South African the Dingley law, for a radical and wholerale revision of the tariff.

Whatever, therefore, may be sent out from Washington to the contrary to sensational newspapers and stock brokerage firms, it can be safely relied upon that the senate will pass a bill authorizing the president to make a straight reciprocity treaty with Cuba on a basis of not less than 25 per cent, tariff reduction. This statesenate committee the beet sugar people, some of whom are on that committee, will make threatening demonstrations, and bint that en adverse report is to be made. But it is known as positively as anything can be known in advance actual occurrence that the cause of reciprocity will win, and that the bill the senate will sen sack to the house will have in it no ruinous tariff assault and no impossible conditions precedent with which the Cubans must comply before the president can enter into a reciprocity treaty with their government. That is to say, the sen te will strike from the bill the Democratic free trade clause abolishing the differential on reflaci sugar, and it will also take out the beet sugar scheme to pauperize Cuba by fastening upon the new and struggling republic the immigration and contract labor laws of the United States. It is ossible that the bill cannot thus be toned down and passed in time to enable the president to meet the charged conditions that will be brought about in Cuba on May 20, and that the contest over the measure may prolong the session of ongress well into the summer, but it is believed that both this country and Cuba can stand this if members of congress can,

A TIP TO THE PRESIDENT.

A Pittsburg afternoon paper which is on oceasion very friendly to Senator Quay, points out— as proof that the senator is mad clear through at Attorney General Elkin's refusal to withdraw from the gubernatorial race—the fact that certain federal officeholders at Harrisburg have been or-dered to lend their energies to defeating the Elkin dered to lend their country, candidates for state delegates in Dauphin country. These officials at included in the treasury department and the United States attorney gen eral's department, both of which have issued specific orders to their employes to desist from active participation in politics. And in the state of Illinois, President Roosevelt himself has had a similar order sent out with respect especially to

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the canvass for the United States senatorship, Besides that, it has always been held that activity in factional politics is particularly offensive. This being the case, it would seem an appropriate time for several departments at Washington to send marked copies of their instructions to Harrisburg, thus permitting the federal officers there to choose between the wishes of their department chiefs and the "orders" said to have been issued by Mr. Onay. by Mr. Quay.

WHO LAUGHS LAST

'rom the Washington Correspondence of Pittsburg Times.

Quay is gloating over the fact that the slated camildates for state delegates in Mr. Connell's home county have pledged themselves to support ex-Lieutenant Governor L. A. Watres from beginning to end in the convention. Quay regards this as a brilliant coup and that he has gotten the upper hand of Mr. Connell in the latter's home district. According to Mr. Connell, the slate of candidates for delegates in Lackawanna county was agreed to by Quay. Penross and himself along lines that were deemed at that time to be good politics, so far as helping Senator Penrose toward securing the support of the prospective members of the legislature from that county, Mr. Connell now looks on Quay's chuckling over the fact that the slate of prospective delegates is pledged to Watres in Lackawanna county as be-ing discourteous, ill-timed and unwise and a matter that may react in a manner that may not be advantageous to Quay and Penrose, and particu-

BETTER FOR THE SHEEP.

Among the members of a church in a rara district of Scotland was a shepherd who was known to be very outspoken. For some time he had not been very regular in his attendance at his own church. The minister wondered at this and marveled more when he discovered that the shepherd was getting into the habit of going to a church in the neighboring parish, minister and shepherd met one day and matter was discussed.

"Why weren't you at the kirk on Sabbath?" inquired the minister, somewhat sternly. "I was at the kirk," replied the shepherd, " went to Mr. D-'s."

"Well," said the minister, "I don't like to see

you running away to strange kirks in that fashion. Not that I object to you hearing Mr. ment takes full account of the probability that D-, but I'm sure you wouldn't like your in the consideration of the house bill by the own sheep straying away into strange pas-"Well, sir." replied the shepherd, "I would not care if it was better grass.



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