# A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION PROPOSED

Colonel Quay Makes a Sweeping Declaration For Ballot Reform.

TO ACCOMPLISH IT.

The Benver Statesman Wishes the Republican Party to Take a Position Which Will Insure an Immediate Opportunity for a Pure and Secret Ballot.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, June 12,-Col. M. S. Quay has once more done exactly what his political opponents preferred that he would not do. He has placed his enemies again on the defensive. The Beaver statesman has come out in a sweeping public declaration in favor of ballot reform, for personal registration in the cities, and for a constitutional convention to be held at the earliest possible date, to make such changes in the fundamental law of the commonwealth as shall be deemed necessary to accomplish the proposed reforms. Since the publication of Col. Quay's atterance upon this subject the insurgents have attempted to question the sincerity of his position, but the immediate and conclusive answer to their partisan talk lies in the fact that Col. Quay proposes that the people themselves shall determine the issue, and that the solution of the problem of bailot reform shall not be left to the whims of a state legislature, but that the people shall have an opportunity to vote upon the question and select representatives who shall be chosen for the special purpose of carrying out the reforms contemplated.

COL. QUAY'S STATEMENT.

This is what Senator Quay has to say over his own signature in a statement which he prepared at Mountville, Lancaster county, on the farm of his son, Major A. G. C. Quay:

"The existing ballot law and its amendments were favored by the Ballot Reform association, were supported by all political parties. were passed by a Republican legislature and signed by a Democratic governor. If they are bad the responsibility for them appears to be pretty evenly divided. The simple truth is that, so far as secrecy of the ballot is concerned, they are as near an approach to the ideal Australian ballot as can be made by the legislature under our constitution.

"Taking a very low view of it, the Republican party stands for a pure ballot everywhere. In Pennsylvania there could be no motive on the part of the dominant party to encourage or permit any perversion or suppression of the popular will, for the reason that the popular will is overwhelmingly Republican, and its fair and full expression, according to law, is all that can be desired. Immediately after the enactment of the Baker law and its approval by Governor Pattison the Republican state convention declared that if the law should be found insufficient to insure fair elections the Republican party stood pledged to amend the constitution so as to provide for a more complete and satisfactory reform. RADICAL CHANGE DEMANDED.

"The law has now been tested by experience, and it has been shown that great abuses are possible under it. The disability clause cannot be enforced against a constitutional provision authorizing a voter to take another into the booth to attest his ticket, and this facilitation of vote buying and intimidating, together with our loose registration, constitute an election system which does not commend itself to the people of the state and which has become the subject of general complaint. The system should be radically changed. The constitution should be so amended as to allow compulsory personal registration in cities, and a secret ballot which cannot be influenced against the will of the voter. To this change, as already said, the Republican party stands pledged by its platform of 1893.

"The amendments passed by the last legislature, vetoed by the governor, and which if again passed by the legislature will be submitted to the people, are subject to many chances in the long process required to put them in the constitution, and especially when they are not mandatory, but only permissive, and must depend upon the disposition of future legislatures for proper laws to effect the reforms which they allow, but do not command. They involve considerable expense, with no certainty whatever of definite results, even after their adoption, and the passage of many years. It was probably with some such views that the governor sought to arrest them, and give the people of the commonwealth time to consider some more practical and effective method of reaching the desired result.

"If this change in the election laws of the state be really desired by the people the sooner it is effected the better.

"If it can be accomplished quickly, surely and radically by a constitutional convention-and by a con-

I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never feit so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so weak I could hardly work, I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chumbertain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me all right. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it is my home hereafter, for I should not care to endure the suffering of last night again for fifty t'mes its price,—G. H. Wilson, Liveryman, Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa. This remedy is for sale by all daugists,

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stitutional convention only-which shall be called and the members chosen for the express purpose. I take it that when a reform-and certainly a reform touching the state in so vital a point-is demanded by a respectable number of citizens, it is the plain duty of the legislature to ascertain whether or not a majority of the whole people demand it, and, if so, to put it in the simplest and speediest way of accomplishment. We can ascertain the will of the people only by submitting the question to them at the polls.

A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. "If the legislature to be elected

in November will frame a fair, nonpartisan constitutional convention bill, like that of 1872, early in the session and then submit the question of convention or no convention under that act, to be voted upon at the spring elections, the whole matter would be put in course of immediate and proper determination according to the public will. The delegates would be elected at the spring election or at a special election. This appears to be not only right, but eminently just and conservative. There would be no danger of revolutionary innovations. The people would de cide whether or not there should be a convention; they would elect the members and they would accept or reject the amended instrument at the polls. The delegates being elected—should the people resolve upon a convention, primarily to consider election reformswould proceed to put the reforms required into the constitution itself, and, if any part of the new machinery should be left to the legislature, the language would be, unlike that of pending amendments, mandatory, and leave no room for evasion,

"The difficulty of securing reforms in the legislature, where any discretion is allowed that body, is well known. The variety of interests represented in that body, and the existence of two houses, to concur, with the executive in the background, make the passage of any given measure, in acceptable shape, exceedingly problematical.
"The Republican party has suf-

fered more than once from its inability to promptly execute promised reforms by legislative action. A convention being a single body elected for specific purposes, and, naturally embodying the highest learning and integrity of the commonwealth, would doubtless per-form promptly and well the duty devolved upon it.

"M. S. QUAY." (Signed) REEDER AND COOPER SPEAK.

Not only has Col. Quay taken this stand, but influential leaders of the Republican organization throughout the state have come out for the most advanced method of accomplishing the desired reforms in connection with the ballot. Gen. Frank Reeder, chairman of the Republican state committee, has asserted that the Republican organization will lead in the movement for such changes in existing laws as shall be deemed desirable, and that throughout the commonwealth the active Republicans will work shoulder to shoulder to fulfill any pledges that may be made by the state organization intended to stop abuses at elections. The state chairman holds that the Republican party has always been the champlon of a pure ballot and a secret one, and that in a great majority of the election precincts throughout the state the intent of the framers of the pres ent law is faithfully carried out. He admits that there has been objections found to the operation of the law in some of the cities, and says the Republican party can be counted upon to meet the demands of the people in remedving existing evils.

Former State Chairman Thomas V. Cooper, who is a nominee for the legislature in Delaware county, and who was nominated without opposition, although he is an avowed supporter of Col. Quay, has gone on record as one of the leaders of the ballot reform movement. Among other things he

said, in a recent statement: "It is a public duty to make it more and constantly more difficult to violate the election law. In the evolution of law seeking something better, both will come if our vote can determine the matter. It can be truthfully said that we believe in and act with the party organization. We do: we shall. It is only through organization that anything worth doing for the people can be done. It is not always enough, nowadays, and where masses are con cerned, to be right; we must be in the best possible position to aid the right, The best position is within an organtration, within the largest and best organization. There we can battle for the right to some purpose; outside, we are useless as a rule. There are revolutionary exceptions, but they are too rare for our brief lives. As part of the great Republican organization we will strive for better election laws, for the amendments proposed, for laws to enforce them, and if possible to improve them. If these can be reached we will be thankful for the opportunity to favor their application to all our elections—general, spring, special and the primaries of all parties, \* • •

The Municipa. League is justly proud of its triumph in securing the opportunity to vote upon two amendments looking to better things. We are no of that organization, but we must share its pride and will try to help it in this work. Our only regret is that the state must wait five years for other amendments. We have no fear but that the Republican organization will also join in the work. It has no interest otherwise, and only foolish factionists will try to change what is a general purpose for the public good. Of course false counters will oppose, but these are after all only a few hirelings of varied interests. The Municipal League is preparing to question candidates for the legislature. It has our answer in advance. We are for better things, for constant advancement to higher and better forms of government, and these an best be secured through good primary and general election laws, and they can best be secured by the co-operation of all who have good purposes in view, without regard to

faction or party." A Card of Thanks.

Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommend me to try Chambarlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-barlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one-I now recommend it to all my friends.— F. A. Babcock, Erie, Pa. It is for sale by all druggists.

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DALZELL NOW UNDER FIRE.

His Opposition to the Grout Bill on the Olco Issue Has Been Denounced by Dairymen and Farmers of

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, June 12.-Senator Penrose made a big hit in the closing hours of congress last week when he defeated the advocates of a government plant for the making of armorplate. The Democrats and some Republicans made a bitter fight for this scheme, which, if it had carried, would have been a severe blow to a great industry in which Pennsylvanians are deeply interested. The Keystone state makes most of the armor plate used by the United States government, and many thousands of men are employed in the industry. The proposition for the establishment of a government plant left in doubt the location of such a plant. It might have been established outside of the boundaries of Pennsylvania, in which event Senator Penrose recognized a possible loss of many thousands of dollars a

year in wages to workingmen of this state. He submitted the amended clause, which was finally adopted by the senate and which at least tides over the situation and leaves the advocates of a government plant little ground upon which to base hopes of the ultimate success of their scheme. As Col. Quay protected the iron and steel industries of the state when the Wilson bill was before the senate by his lengthy speech and successful filibustering tactics, so Penrose sized up to the needs of the situation in this emergency and blocked a game which

this commonwealth. DALZELL FOR OLEO.

An incident just before the adjournment of the house has been the subject of considerable comment among public men in this city. Representative John Dalzell, the pet and darling of the insurgents of Pennsylvania, bok a decided stand against the Grout bill, which the farmers of the state advocated as the best measure that has been presented to block the sale of oleomargarine. The farming and dairy interests in this commonwealth all advocated the passage of this bill, and they were represented by delegations

at Washington to press their case. Now it happened that Dalzell, for some reason or other, was lined up with the champions of the oleo trust, and his opposition to the Grout bill has since been the subject of much criticism. He has been roundly denounced, and the insurgents have playing for the last few years is about over, for the people now recognize the selfish interests that are being served in all this agitation.

BARNETT ELECTED COLONEL. The election of Lieut. Col. James E. Barnett as colonel of the Tenth regiment, which has just been reorganized, is a complete refutation of the reports that were spread broadcast during his canvass for state treasurer as the Republican nominee. With the possible exception of Colonel Quay no candidate for office in this state ever underwent the experience which Col. Barnett had in his exciting campaign. He was made the target of the subsidized newspapers of the insurgent Democratic combine, which is now working the fusion racket on the legislature. He undoubtedly was misrepresented in many matters, but the most venomous and vindictive assaults were those affecting his standing as a soldier. It was made to appear that he was not a brave man, that his men in the regiment with whom he fought were opposed to him on account of his alleged failure to do his full duty, while the regiment was in action. That the people did not believe these stories was evident in his securing a large majority of all the votes cast at the election, and now his old comrades in arms of the campaign in Luzon have, by a unanimous vote, elected him to command the regiment which went to the Philippines under the gallant Hawkins and returned with a glorious

NATIONAL CONVENTION SPIRIT. There is an atmosphere of stalwart Republicanism hanging about this town just now, with the hotel lobbies filling up with leading Republicans from every state in the Union. The national convention, which will open here next Tuesday, promises to be one of the largest attended bodies of the kind In the history of American politics. There are thousands of active Republicans coming here merely as spectators. They will find everything in readiness for their comfort and entertainment. The city is beautifully decorated. The leading club houses are adorned with bunting and brilliant electrical displays. The city hall has been decked with emblems which are illuminated by electric lights and strings of incandescent lamps have been run from the top of the tower to every corner of the immense building.

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"When this old Shakespearean actor that I'm telling you about died, there was a peculiar, maybe a somewhat pa thetic, scene in the poor room around his bier," said an old theatrical man who lives in his memories of the palmy days. "Never mind about his name. He had been notable in the support of the best of the American tragedians for a great many years. He was never a big figure in the eyes of the public, but by such men as Edwin Forrest, first of all, then John McCullough, Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett and others, he was regarded as a valuable man in the interpretation of 'second' heavies in the Shakes pearcan plays."

"Well, along in the early eightles then he was still able to command high salaries and attach himself to the support of the highest men in the profession, drink collared him. It got him terribly I never saw a man get clutched by it with such suddenness and violence. He had not begun to drink until late in life, but men of that sort are the worst when they do get going. This notable actor and scholarly, dignified man went square to the dogs inside of two years. He had spent all of his savings, which amounted to several thousand dollars, and be had lost his home over in one of the Oranges of New Jersey. His wife left him and went to her people in England. He found himself in the streets, without an overcoat, without a place to sleep, in the middle of winter. Time and again his old friends picked him out of the ditch, got him into hospitals and sanitariums, clothed him, took an interest in him, carried him off to their own homes-only to have him break out worse than ever. He aged very rapidly. He got to be a bad and hopeless job, in very fact. His friends reluctantly gave him up, one by one. Then he landed on Blackwell's island.

"I suppose we all turned more or less of a handspring to get him out of that, and he was tried over again. He landed on Blackwell's again just three weeks later. This time it was decided to allow him to remain there for a couple of weeks any how. At the termination of that period the poor old chap was taken off the island again, clothed, fed and housed, and after a week he was once more on the is-

might have resulted disastrously to "After that he was quite given up. It was concluded by all hands that Blackwell's, after all, was about the safest and best place for him. In a general kind of a way I always knew that after the old man had got way down he had gone to live with a poor, but extremely kindly Irish family in a tenement house down Cherry Hill way. In fact, I had happened along that way once or twice, just by way of curiosity, you understand, to see how the poor old fellow lived. It was a very clean set of four rooms-but poverty everywhere-where the Irish family lived, and the old actor had a little back

room when he wasn't over on the island. "One morning along toward 10 o'clock, in the middle of winter, the news got to me somehow that the old actor had died in his tenement room the night before immediately upon his release from a 30 day term on the island. He had been pretty kind to me when he was up in the world, and, while I wasn't particularly rich, I didn't purpose that he should be buried in potter's field. So I took a cab and went down Cherry Hill way.

"I walked up the stairs and knocked ceased to claim that they are the only on the front door of the Irish family's true friends of the farmers. The game set of rooms. Fanny Davenport opened of fake politics that the insurgent or-

'how did you know'-"'I was with him when he died last evening and remained until I had to rush off to the theater,' replied the big hearted woman quietly. 'I had the undertaker here last night. Our poor friend is already prepared for burial. He was good to me. We shall take him to Greenwood.

"She couldn't say any more, and it wasn't necessary anyhow. I had hardly taken off my hat and gloves before there was a quiet rap on the door. I opened Augustin Daly stood revealed. side him was Father Ducey. We were all pretty much surprised to see each other. We had all really come from different directions under initiatives. We talked quietly for a bit, when there was another gentle tap on the door. I opened it and let Emma Abbott in. There have been few sweeter souled women in the world than Emma Abbott.

'He was good to me,' she said quietly. 'After I had learned something about singing he taught me what I know about acting. He was very patient with me.

I just heard.'
"Well, we were complete as a party then. We went into the room where the old man-he who had been a prince in generosity, a king in courtesy-lay sleeping, and father uttered a fervent prayer and then said a few words. He, too, had known our friend in his better as well as

in his fallen days. "Daly stepped forward then, and, with bowed head, he told of what a good man he had known this poor old man who lay dead before us to be. Daly felt pretty

bad as he spoke, and he couldn't go on. "Then Emma Abbott, who had been sitting over in a dark corner of the little old bare room, advanced to the foot of the casket. She sang 'Angels Ever Bright and Fair,' no accompaniment, of course. You recall the sweetness of her voice? Now, as a matter of fact, neither Daly, Ducey nor myself was an emotional man, far from it, but the tenderness and the inspiration of that song as the pure souled little woman of the stage

sang it were almost unbearable. "Then we took our poor old friend's body away-out to Greenwood. I've always thought that was a queer meeting we all had, coming from different directions in that poor, bare tenement room." -Washington Star.

Vienna Hospitals.

A writer in The Nineteenth Century, having visited the largest hospital in Vienna, was shocked by the total want of regard for patients' feelings, the low class of women employed as nurses and the dependence of nursing upon the patient's readiness to tip his nurse.

Teacher-lam surprised that you should have such a bad lesson, George, I expected better things of you. Pupil-My pa says it is the unexpected

that always happens. Funny a teacher didn't know that!—Boston Transcript.

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Her lustrous yelled eyes, or bring the whole That thrift one through the whole of bosom's curve, checks carmine to the sense? And were this done, indeed, her queenly air I could not fix; the task is my despair.

—Antony Clark in Pall Mall Magazine.

PREACHERS' SORE THROAT.

Pulpit Speakers Are Not the Only Sufferers From It.

"The late Colonel Ingersoll frequently gained applause during his lectures by referring to the fact that there was such thing recognized in the standard medical books as 'preachers' sore throat,' but that no one had ever heard of an auctioneer's sore throat," observed a popular voice builder to a reporter, "and while Colonel Ingersoll probably was entitled to the point he wanted to illustrate he was somewhat off when he in sisted on the point.

'Preachers' sore throat' is recognized by all writers on throat disenses, but it not necessarily confined to preachers Lawyers-I mean court advocates-and others who overtax their voice at times suffer from it as frequently as do preach include singers' sore throat either. "The fact of the matter is that auc

tioneers do not have sore throat. A suc cessful auctioneer, as far as his voice is concerned, is provided naturally with abnormally strong vocal chords. These he strengthens by continual use, so that in a few years the voice and throat are the strongest parts of him. He is as liable, however, as others to suffer from other troubles and has his share of them too. It is the same way with a singer His voice is generally the strongest part of him, and almost every other organ suffers before his throat does. The public does not know how many there are who try auctioneering and who find that they cannot hold out. The voice of every man is not suited for continuous work. Auctioneer work means several hours of constant vocal exercise each day.

"The reason the prencher's throat goes back on him now and then, and it does, is that his use of the vocal chords is not constant, for ordinarily the greater effort is seldom more than once a week Another thing that operates against the preachers and in favor of the auctioneer is that the preacher seldom speaks it the open air, while the auctioneer finds the most use for his voice in the oper air. Open air is the most wonderful strengthener of the voice. A marked example of this is the fact that circus performers and circus followers generally. who work in tents and open air, never have sore throats."-Washington Star.

Bargain Counter Repartee.

It was at a department store bargain counter for odds and ends. The crush was terrific. Women squeezed and elbowed and shoved to get alongside the counter. Frequently two of them happened to pick up the same bargain at one and the same time, and then they both retained their clutch on it and looked daggers at each other until the stronger of the two won the victory or the bar gain was rent into ribbons

A haughty matron picked up a box con taining three cakes of imported soap for S cents at the same moment that a humble looking little woman in a faded tan coat had fastened her grasp on the box. 'I believe I was the first to take hold of this," said the matron in the electric seal coat, freezingly.

The humble looking little woman held n for a minute, studying her antagonist, then she slowly relaxed her hold on the box. "Well, you can have it," she said amia-

"You look as if you need the soap." -Washington Post.

Thumb Nail Drawings. In collections centuries old, to be seen in both China and Japan, are specimens of the most remarkable drawings in the world, pictures of all kinds drawn with the thumb nail. The nails of the thumb on the left hand of the artists of these are allowed to grow to an enormous length, sometimes to a foot or 18 inches, and are then pared down to a pen shaped point.

Dipping this oddly constructed pen in a beautiful vermilion or sky blue ink, the only kinds of ink used in these sacred thumb nail drawings, the artist gracefuloutlines his work. Occasionally the bold touches from the studio of a master in this department of "high art" are life size and are sketched by a few sweeps of the artist's arm. Like other pictures and sketches of the orient, these sacred thumb nail pictures are mounted and rolled up like scrolls.

Absurd!

The American-You do things queerly in Scotland. Now, in Edinburgh you number the houses on a street up one side and down the other.

Briton-How do you do it in America? The American-Why, we give the houses alternate numbers, the odd numbers on one side of the way and the even numbers on the other.

The Briton (after a pause)-Haw, haw, haw! Ha-ha! Haw-haw! The American-What is the matter? The Briton-Why-that's the most-ha-

ha-absurd system I ever heard of in my The American-How so?

The Briton-Think how ridiculous it would be to have to go neross the street to speak to your next door neighbor!-

Not Wineglasses.

It was of a Maine prohibitionist that Chief Justice Fuller told this story: A prohibitionist went into a store and, upon being asked by the clerk if he wanted to see some wineglasses, replied indignantly, "No: I want to buy some unfermented grape juice glasses."

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