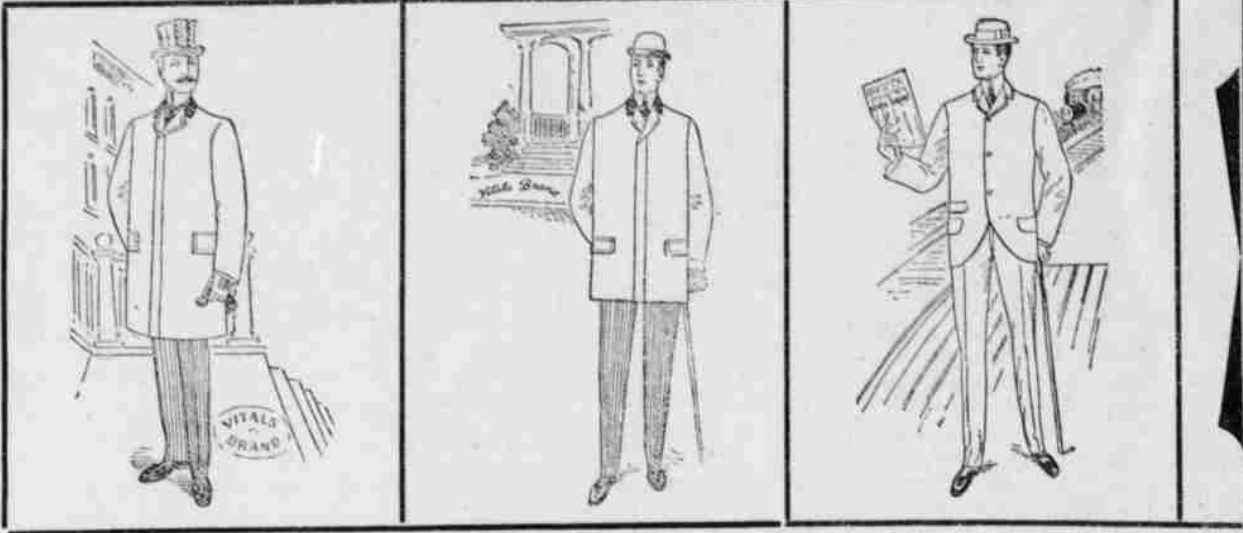


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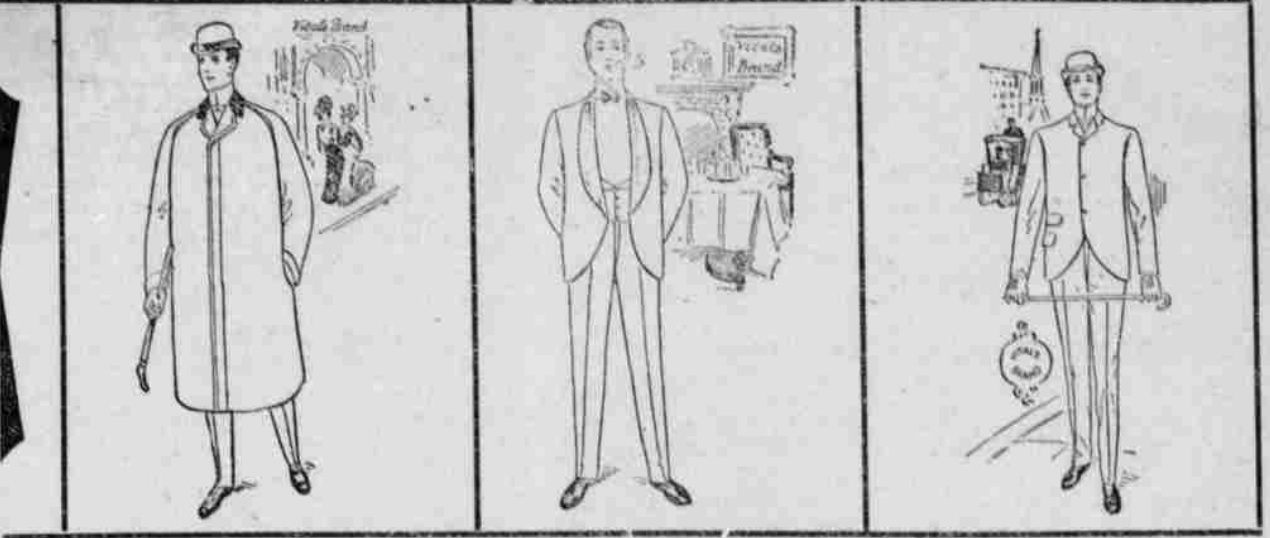


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Snyder, of Chester, and Marshall, of Allegheny, Will Precede Over Senate and House Respectively.

INSURGENTS GIVE UP THE FIGHT.

Malicious Work of the Philadelphia Newspaper Combine Cannot Destroy the Republican Organization of Pennsylvania For the Selfish Purposes of Ambitious but Repudiated Politicians.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—All doubts about the ability of the stalwart Republicans to organize both branches of the legislature have been removed, since more than a majority of the members in each chamber have gone on record over their own signatures for the candidates of the stalwarts for presiding officers of those bodies. The insurgents have practically given up the fight against Senator W. P. Snyder, of Chester county, for president pro tem. of the state senate. It is intimated that in order to cover his retreat Senator William Flinn, the leader of the insurgents, will make the motion for the election of Dr. Snyder to succeed himself as presiding officer of the senate in the absence of the lieutenant governor, Flinn, at the close of the last session of the senate, when it became necessary to elect a presiding officer who would officiate during the recess, placed Dr. Snyder in nomination in the Republican caucus, and he received every vote, including those of the insurgents.

Now, since the three members of the state senate whom the insurgents put in the doubtful list—Senator Spruel of Delaware, Verneen of Lackawanna and Muehlbrocker of Allegheny—have all publicly declared in favor of Dr. Snyder, Flinn, recognizing the handwriting on the wall, is about to get in line for Snyder and announce that the insurgents have nothing against him, and would like to see him elected.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. The facts are that the insurgents found that some of their number who aspire to re-election did not propose to follow Flinn's original plan and vote for J. Henry Cochran, a Democrat, for president pro tem. of the senate. They are all human, and they all appreciate the fact that if they would sell out the Republican candidate for president of the senate in favor of a Democrat they could never hope for re-election in their respective districts. This would be the biggest card that their political opponents could play against them.

The settlement of the contest in the state senate came along about the same time that the insurgents and the Democrats in the house discovered that it would be impossible for them to unite upon any candidate for speaker. Neither Guffey nor any one else could get all the Democratic members to agree upon an insurgent Republican for speaker, and neither Martin, Flinn nor Wanamaker could get all the so-called insurgents to vote for a Democrat for speaker against the stalwart Republican candidate. Several of the most prominent insurgents in the last legislature have come out openly in favor of the election of Representative W. T. Marshall, of Allegheny, for speaker of the house. Some of them are still opposed to the election of Col. Quay, but it is believed that they will not continue to oppose him when the time comes to ballot on the United States senatorship.

They do not propose to get left in the matter of the distribution of the patronage of the house of representatives, which will be allotted by the leaders of the Republican organization, nor do they wish to figure in unimportant places on the committee lists. They all feel that their futures depend upon their being in a position of influence and importance, and that they must not allow their personal animosities or the revengeful spirits of a few disgruntled leaders to take them outside of the Republican lines.

BLISS WITH THE REGULARS. Representative Ward R. Bliss, of Delaware county, who was a constant

nous figure in the deadlock on the United States senatorship two years ago, has come to the front as one of the leaders in the cause of the regulars, and he is very active in the canvass in favor of the election of Representative Marshall for the speakership. He was regarded as the most alert and the brainiest of the insurgents in the last session. He acted as presiding officer of their meetings in the house and fought as well as he knew how against the re-election of Col. Quay. He went home, sounded the sentiments of the Republicans of the district and concluded that they now favor the election of Col. Quay. He was renominated without opposition from the regulars, and he is now on the firing line of the stalwarts, and will be with them when they win their victory at Harrisburg next month.

The insurgents are still bluffing in their newspaper war on Col. Quay. They are making all sorts of false charges about the use of money by the regulars, yet they do not seem to think of the fact that the people know that were it not for the little coterie of mouled men who are keeping the insurgent machine well greased with fat contributions there would be no organizations of insurgents. Money has been the principal stock in trade of the insurgents since they started out, and they have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in a desperate but fruitless campaign against the Beaver statesman. Their newspaper bureau is perhaps one of their strongest assets.

INSURGENT NEWSPAPER COMBINE. Some of the antics of the insurgent newspapers would be very amusing to a reader conversant with the true situation if their hypocrisy was not so transparent and contemptible. As only one instance, mark the publication of an alleged list of Quay and Quay and doubtful members of both senate and house that appeared in a Philadelphia evening paper unfriendly to Senator Quay one day last week.

In this alleged list, after grotesquely arranging Quay members in the anti-Quay list and vice versa, and classing in the doubtful list men who have never wavered in their allegiance to Senator Quay, and who have repeatedly showed their loyalty to him in the most trying times, they finally recapitulated them so as to give the senator 22 votes in the house, making a total of 113 votes, or nine short of the requisite number for election.

It is noticeable that the particular anti-Quay paper did not have the effrontery to claim that this was an estimate furnished by the friends of the distinguished senator. The list is adroitly drawn with two or three who are known anti-Quay men in the Quay column, and with this artful inclusion the insurgents afterward tear it in shreds. In other words, they use this particular paper to set up a ridiculous "straw man," no doubt manufactured to order by the political liars of their own original insurgent news bureau.

FIGHTING A STRAW MAN. Having themselves brought forth this prodigy, watch how the bold and valiant papers carrying that "wonderfully produced" full page "ad," swoop down on their own creation like an eagle on its prey.

They have charged these windmills of the Quixotic fancy so often and so disastrously in solid squadron that this time they change their tactics and give the place of honor (?) to the morning organ that for many years has been willing to publish anything, however false or untrue, that its hatred conceived would injure the one man in Pennsylvania it has hoped to "crush and ruin." So it, on the following day, takes a "grand fall" out of the "straw man," and how it victoriously leaves the field it would seem that it was so thoroughly battered that it could not stand another shock from its own parents, especially.

Quay's victory diagnosed in his organs the morning after election, Nov. 7, the 150, or 22 more than a majority; Dec. 6, 13, or 15 less than a majority. Decrease of Quay vote in one month, by Quay's own showing, 37." And this is a specimen of the lying mendacity of organs subsidized by one advertisement. It is pitifully cheap lying, because when analyzed it is so transparent. Its hypocrisy, its cant, its building of an argument on premises wholly and willfully false, only leads their conclusion back into the same mire and filth of the rankest untruthfulness from which they derived their false premise.

TOOMBS AND STEPHENS.

A Friendship That Was of Great Use to the Former. Dr. F. H. Orme told me several good stories about our old time statesman. Among other anecdotes and incidents the doctor gave me some piquant reminiscences of Toombs and Stephens.

Toombs always tried to impress people with the belief that his genius made him equal to any emergency. Even when he studied hard or awaited speech which attracted everybody's attention. It was not only an eloquent speech, but it was remarkable for its mastery array of facts and figures and its convincing arguments.

"You must have devoted considerable time to its preparation," said one of the statesman's admirers. "Well, I gave about two hours to it," Toombs replied, with a careless, indifferent air. "Somebody repeated this to Stephens in the presence of several congressmen. 'Two hours?' he exclaimed, somewhat irritably. 'Prepared that speech in two hours, did he? I spent two weeks on that. That's all I care to say.'"

TWO WAITERS.

Difference Between Negro Servers in Northern and Southern Hotels. If you have traveled, you must certainly have noticed the wide difference between negro waiters of southern and northern hotels.

In the north the waiter is stiff, rigid and supercilious. He takes your order condescendingly and bristly betakes himself to the culinary regions with the same. He stands with folded arms and scornful expression at some little distance, watching, however, for an opportunity to leap forward and pretend to anticipate your wants. And when he brings your change you are certain to note that it is laid upon a plate and that one particular quarter is noticeably detached from its fellows. In the south the waiter shuffles back to the kitchen and returns with your meal, to which he has added some little delicacy of his own choosing. He glides about you, leans tenderly over you, his black face filled with anxiety for some error of omission or commission may occur. He hangs about you with fatherly interest. He places the dishes before you with almost a caressing touch, and when you are ready to depart he tremulously, hopefully, lingeringly hands you your hat. In the white brown depth of his eyes there is a cute appeal, not unminged with affection. Who but a case hardened drummer or the traveling representative of a fraternal organization could resist that appeal? You need not fear to give him a quarter—'for seldom bills, but you can be sure that a dime will produce a wide grin and an exaggerated bow. But most people consider it worth a quarter to see that mouth widen into a smile which sets its owner's ears back an inch and causes his eyes to project like those of a crawling crab.—St. Louis Star.

A CHALLENGE TO INSURGENTS.

Stalwarts Call Upon Them to Name a Favorite For United States Senator.

PLEDGES TO QUAY IN WRITING.

The Beaver Statesman Has Now Letters From More Than Enough Members of the Legislature to Insure His Re-election on the First Ballot.

(Special Correspondence.) Harrisburg, Dec. 11.—Supporters of Col. M. S. Quay have during the last week challenged the so-called insurgents to put a candidate against him for the United States senatorship. They have called upon the small minority among the Republican members of the legislature to come out into the open, agree upon a Republican for United States senator and let his qualifications and claims for the honor be submitted to the people, that they may pass judgment upon them. Col. Quay's admirers say the Beaver statesman would prefer to have an open and avowed opponent, that their respective merits might be discussed by all Republicans, who could then make known their preferences to their representatives in the legislature.

During the last few days Col. Quay has met a large number of active Republicans in Washington and in Philadelphia, and all the reports he has received have been of the most satisfactory character. The colonel has received enough replies to his letter to members of the legislature to insure his re-election. Over their own signatures more than 128 members of the legislature, the number necessary to elect with a full membership, have written to Col. Quay stating their purpose to go into the Republican caucus and vote for him for United States senator. The feeling of confidence manifested by the stalwart Republicans who have met Col. Quay recently is thus explained.

INSURGENT DISSENSIONS.

The Martin-Flinn combine leaders are having troubles of their own. There is a big row on between the admirers of Widener and Magee on one hand and the followers of Wanamaker on the other. It is claimed that Widener, while satisfied that Quay is going to be elected, is anxious to lead off Wanamaker for the future. He has hopes of succeeding Penrose in the United States senate on a combination which would mean the nomination of Penrose for mayor of Philadelphia, which in the matter of local power and influence is far greater than that of a United States senatorship. Mr. Harrison has been one of the most active of the regulars in demanding that the insurgents speak out.

A STALWART CHALLENGE. "Let the so-called Republicans who are acting the part of insurgents in Pennsylvania name a candidate for United States senator against Col. Quay, and let the citizens of this commonwealth have an opportunity to look upon him and pass upon his qualifications for this office," was the defiant declaration which came from Representative-elect John T. Harrison, in commenting upon the guerrilla campaign that the Martin-Flinn combine leaders are waging against Col. M. S. Quay. "The American people like fair play," continued Mr. Harrison, earnestly, "and they admire manliness and courage in a political leader or a candidate. They have no sympathy with lynchwhacking methods, nor do they like to see men betray their party or combine with the enemies of their

party for purely selfish reasons, or for the purpose of satisfying their desire for revenge upon a political leader or other public man. "The insurgents and their newspaper allies are telling us day after day that they have Col. Quay defeated for re-election. They do this despite the fact that after a thorough canvass at the Republican primaries, and after nearly two years' campaigning before the people, Col. Quay's friends have elected a large majority of the Republican members of the state senate and house of representatives. "Yes, they are employing columns and columns of space in certain newspapers to these insurgent predictions and declarations. When I was a candidate for the Republican nomination for representative I was bitterly opposed by the insurgents. They pitted Representative John F. Keator against me. He had been in the legislature, and although an estimable gentleman personally, his record as a Republican did not appeal to the Republican voters of this district. Mr. Keator, although elected as a Republican, bolted the Republican caucus and acted with the Democrats throughout the last session of the legislature. When he came up for renomination the Republicans of the district naturally said they wanted a Republican in the legislature, and he was overwhelmingly defeated at the primaries. It was a clean cut fight. I was known to favor the re-election of Col. Quay, and he was known as a representative who, when the majority of the Republican representatives did not agree with him, would bolt his party and co-operate with the Democracy.

THE PEOPLE VOTED.

"Now, under these circumstances, I believe that I know the sentiments of the Republicans of the district in which I live. In this district reside some of the most bitter opponents of Col. Quay. Senator J. Devard Henry, who has stamped many counties against Col. Quay, and who has voted with the insurgents from the outset, is also a resident of this representative district. In view of the election returns, he cannot claim that he is voicing the sentiments of the Republicans of his immediate neighborhood in opposing Col. Quay's re-election. Others quite as prominent in the insurgent movement live in this district, but they were turned down by the Republican voters with the issue presented in a clean cut and positive manner.

"If these so-called insurgents want ever to be classed as Republicans let them pick out a candidate for United States senator in opposition to Col. Quay. Let him be a good Republican, and submit both names to the Republican electors to the legislature. Let these senators and representatives then go home to their constituents and inquire as to the wishes of the voters of their respective districts, and return to Harrisburg prepared to make a choice between the candidates placed in nomination. "If we are to have a Republican party in Pennsylvania it should be ruled by Republicans. It should not have to go to the Democracy to help name its representatives in the United States senate, with our vast manufacturing, commercial and industrial interests depending upon legislation at the national capital. I am a manufacturer, and I know what the Republican party has done for the industry with which I am identified. We cannot expect the Democracy to further any scheme or to advance the interests of any candidate that will strengthen the Republican party.

FIGHT IN THE OPEN.

"Republicans are not asleep. They read these stories in the insurgent and Democratic and assistant Democratic newspapers, and they can see that without the Democratic vote at Harrisburg the opposition to Col. Quay means but a small element in the momentum in the legislature. "I have absolute confidence in the re-election of Col. Quay, but I shall hail with delight an announcement of the selection of any Republican for United States senator who will have the support of the so-called insurgent members of the legislature.

"Let them come out into the open and let there be a free and fair discussion of the relative merits of the Republicans proposed for the senatorship, and let the Republican party not be placed in a position in stalwart Republican Pennsylvania of having the Democracy interfere with the protection of our industries and business interests through any alliance with disappointed, disgruntled or ambitious Republicans. "Let the so-called insurgents speak out."

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