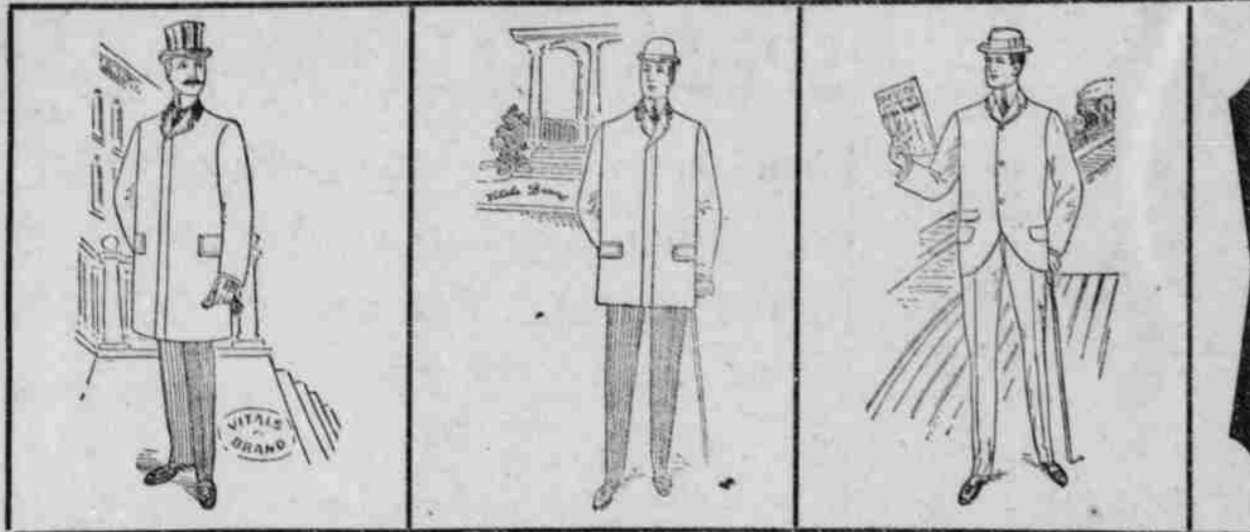


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CAUCUS CALLED ON SENATORSHIP

Stalwart Republicans Select the First Day of the Legislative Session.

INSURGENT BLUFF CALLED.

Party Men Declare That to Ignore the Custom of Years and Bolt the Caucus Means Political Suicide For Young Men.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Dec. 18.—Another bluff of the insurgents of Pennsylvania has just been called by friends of Col. M. S. Quay. A short time ago it was announced by the Martin-Flinn insurgent organs that the supporters of Col. Quay were afraid to have a caucus of the Republican members elect of the legislature, as they knew that such a caucus would show that Col. Quay had not enough votes to elect him to the United States senate. Following out their usual custom of claiming everything these insurgent newspapers have been day after day declaring that they have "Quey licked," but they never could give a list of names of Republican members of the senate and house who would remain out of the caucus and co-operate with the Democrats, as did the insurgents in the last session of the legislature.

After their boasts that the regulars dared not have a caucus, the insurgents were completely taken back when Senator John C. Grady and Representative William H. Kewer, the oldest Republican members of the respective branches of the legislature, met in accordance with custom and decided that the Republican members of the general assembly shall be called in caucus on Jan. 1 next at 8 p. m., in the hall of the house of representatives at Harrisburg, to agree upon a candidate to be supported by the Republican members of the legislature for United States senator.

This action, following so quickly after the claims of the insurgents, may be taken as a challenge from the regulars and indicating that they are entirely satisfied with their position, and that they have absolute confidence in the election of Col. Quay to succeed himself.

EARLIEST DAY CHOSEN.

The legislature meets for organization on Tuesday, Jan. 1, and on the evening of that day the friends of Col. Quay say they will be prepared to meet the issue on the United States senatorship, and that they are satisfied that there will be more than the necessary number of votes to elect recorded in favor of the Beaver statesman on that occasion.

So confident are the admirers of the former national chairman of the victory which is due him that already there are a number of clubs and delegations preparing to go to Harrisburg and participate in a great demonstration in honor of his victory on the first of the year. It is declared that with the adjournment of the Republican caucus on the senatorship the fight will be over and the so-called insurgent movement will go to pieces.

There has been considerable discussion of the question of the duty of Republicans to recognize their organization in the matter of the party caucus and submitting to the will of the majority. An interesting declaration on this issue comes from L. J. Hopkins, editor of the Scranton Tribune.

AS TO THE CAUCUS.

"A general discussion of the nature and binding force of a party caucus, particularly of a caucus of Republican members of the legislature to select a nominee for United States senator," says Mr. Hopkins, "is proceeding in the press of the state, with opinions varying in reflection of every line of factional prejudice. Let us, therefore, examine this interesting and timely subject impartially.

"To begin with, it may be set down as generally conceded that political parties are necessary to the orderly and sustained operation of government. There is no limit and should be no limit to the number of these parties. The right of a citizen to join with other citizens in formation of a new party is unchallengeable and wholesome as a means of expressing

divergent shades of public opinion.

"But where sharp differences of opinion or of personal choice exists within the membership of a political party and recourse to a new party is not adopted, it is plain that methods of reaching a conclusion must be taken and these, by custom, are clearly defined. If the difference is over the choice for nominee for an elective office the party primary is utilized and the choice of the largest number is legally entitled to have his name appear on the official ballot as the regular party nominee. The law does not compel those who in the primaries favored minority candidates to vote at the ensuing election for the plurality's choice, but it recognizes the right of a plurality to determine party credentials, and there is a widely observed custom of viewing unfavorably the citizen who, after participating in a primary and being fairly outvoted, thereupon proceeds to attack the plurality's choice.

"Where the office to be filled is elective by a legislature, as in the case of the United States senatorship, the law is entirely silent as to preliminary methods of arriving at a concurrence of party support, but long established custom has ordained the party caucus, which is a concurrence of the members of a party to choose from among the nominees placed before it one name

to be presented as the choice of the whole party. This has been found desirable to expedite the public business by doing away with prolonged balloting in joint legislative session. It corresponds in principle to the party primary or the nominating convention, and is a recognition of the right of the majority in a given party to determine the policy and select the candidates of that party.

"Those who, as in Pennsylvania at this time, denounce the caucus because knowing it to be in the control of their opponents, offer in lieu of it no plan of unifying party choice save the proposition, manifestly untenable, that the majority should bow to the minority. Their alternative of joining with members of the opposition party to defeat the expressed will of the majority of their own party, is revolutionary, and if sanctioned would invite the complete destruction of party organization. All organization of party effort rests upon the theory of majority rule. That, also, is the foundation stone of American government. To hold that a minority may, without sacrifice of party standards or protest from citizens favorable to regularity, on invented pretexts undertake to defeat the majority of its own party and thereby demand that party to open wide the door to political anarchy.

"This issue in importance rises far superior to questions of personal preference or factional inclination. It goes to the vitals of party coherence and beyond that to the heart of representative government. It must be decided in Pennsylvania deliberately and advisedly, and the decision must be determinative for years to come."

"In their efforts to manufacture new thunder, by submitting a preposterous proposition to Col. Guffey, the insurgents yesterday received a jolt which staggered them," says the editor of the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette "Speaking as the head of the state organization, the colonel said:

"Democrats will be Democrats, and will do just as they did two years ago—support their own caucus nominee for United States senator, from start to finish."

"Isn't that an appetizing morsel for the nondescript aggregation which recognizes neither party nor caucus? Mr. Guffey very clearly lays down the law of all parties. He defines the qualifications of membership. Not only does he imply the caucus obligation by saying that its choice for United States senator will be supported by all Democrats, but he double rivets the proposition by saying they will do so 'from start to finish.' That's what the Republican members of the legislature are

going to hold a caucus on the first day of the session, consider the names suggested, and support the man who has the majority of votes. The Republican caucus majority will be the joint ballot majority, and only one vote will have to be taken in order to fill the existing vacancy in the senate of the United States."

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