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**Secretary Quay.**

A writer in the West Chester Local News thus sketches Hon. M. S. Quay, Secretary of the Commonwealth, and one of the ablest men in the State:

Col. Matthew Stanley Quay fills the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth, and he fills it full—no better man for the place being in this State, and every one who knows him will accord with this mention that common expression of reciprocal appreciation known as "put it there old fellow."

The Colonel is about 5 feet 8 inches high. He fits his clothes nicely, still he isn't given to aldermanic abdominal proportions, though there is a little tendency in that direction. His figure is good—he stands and walks erect, which, with his rosy complexion, blue eyes, brown hair, neat "get-up" and clean appearance, makes him a man such as you always like to look upon. His head is a massive one—bigger than the kind ordinarily dealt out, and looks mighty well under a silk hat, which he keeps well sleeked up under all circumstances.

The subject of this sketch comes from good stock—both fighting and religious stock—and without running into a lengthy pedigree relating to him and his antecedents, we tell you the following relating to his starting point:

His father, the Rev. Anderson B. Quay, was born in Charlestown township, Chester county. His mother, whose maiden name was Cain, was born in West Cain township, Chester county, and was a distant connection of the late General Stanley, and in whose family she was brought up.

The grandfather of Colonel Quay's father on his mother's side, Colonel Patrick Anderson, of Charlestown township, was a prominent man in the Revolutionary history of our country, and was captain of one of the companies in one of General Wayne's Battalions.

The father of Colonel Quay studied for the ministry with old Dr. Grier, at Brandywine Manor, where he was married, and where he for some years resided.

Soon after his ordination he received a call to a Presbyterian congregation in York county, where Col. Quay was born. While his son was still quite a boy the father received a call to the Presbyterian Church at Beaver, in Beaver county, where he removed with his entire family and there Colonel Quay received his education, and where he continued to reside until 1879, when he purchased the Roberts Mansion, at the north-east corner of 11th and Spruce streets, Philadelphia, after selling out at Beaver, subsequent to which time he removed with his family to Philadelphia, where he now resides. Having selected the law as his profession, he underwent the usual course of study and was admitted to the Bar in 1854. In 1856 he was nominated for Prothonotary of Beaver county on the Republican ticket and elected by a large majority, and in 1859 he was again nominated and elected running largely ahead of his ticket, and consequently was in office with almost two years ahead of him at the breaking out of the Rebellion. Considering it to be his duty to assist in upholding the Government, he early assisted in the organization of a company which became "F" company of the 10th Pennsylvania Reserves and resigning his position of Prothonotary he accepted the 1st Lieutenantship of the Company.

Upon reaching Harrisburg, his peculiar executive ability attracted the notice of Gov. Curtin who insisted upon appointing him Assistant Commissary General,

with the rank of Lieut.-Col. on the Governor's staff. He held this position from July, 1861, to December of the same year, when he was appointed private Secretary to the Governor. This position he held until August 1862 when he was appointed Colonel of the 134 P. V. and joined the Army of the Potomac in time to participate with his Regiment in the battle of Antietam. In 1864 he was elected to the Legislature from Beaver county and was re-elected in 1866, at which time he was the Curtin candidate for speaker in the celebrated Curtin-Cameron contest and was defeated by Glass, of Pittsburg, the Cameron candidate. In 1873 upon the election of Governor Hartranft, he was appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth and continued in the office until 1878, when he resigned the position to accept the Chairmanship of the Republican State Committee in the exciting gubernatorial canvass of that year.

This was a very important campaign. The people of the State were divided into three aggressive parties, the Republican, Democratic and Greenback parties. Great business depression prevailed, soft money theories abounded, considerable absence of harmony existed between the National and State administrations, and involved in the contest was the election of a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Judge of the Supreme Court, Secretary of Internal Affairs of the Congressional Delegation and of a Legislature which would elect a United States Senator, but the Colonel proved equal to the emergency, and it terminated in the triumphant election of the entire Republican ticket by a large majority, in considerable gain on the Congressional delegation, and in the election of a Legislature with a good working majority in both branches.

Amongst the friends of Colonel Quay and the late Robert W. Mackey, friendly rivalry had long existed as to which was the superior as an organizer. From the termination of this campaign Quay's superiority over all others in the State in the organization of victory was admitted. At the close of this contest, as some compensation for his service, he was appointed to the lucrative office of Recorder of Philadelphia, but as soon as he was confirmed he resigned it and returned to the more laborious but more honorable position of Secretary of the Commonwealth. Proud of his Chester county lineage, he has at all times endeavored to favor her sons; and he is probably, at this day, one of the ablest of the many able men who have sprung from the loins of her people.

Col. Quay enjoys the well-earned reputation of being the very best political organizer in Pennsylvania, and, just now, for able, long and valued services rendered, there is a budding probability of his being chosen to a place in President Garfield's Cabinet—his name being auspiciously associated with the folio of Internal Affairs. He is a genial, social, good fellow and deserves well. He passes much of his time in Philadelphia, and has a desk in the Recorder's office. He doesn't belong to any church, but shows a leaning for the Presbyterians.

A resident of Fairmount, Minn., presumably an English immigrant, has sent home some excellent advice to those of his countrymen who are looking toward Minnesota for opportunity to better their condition. A considerable number of Englishmen have deceived themselves or been deceived into the belief that that prosperous young State yields her treasures without any equivalent of hard work; and, as a natural result, have shaken off the dust from their feet against her, cursing her uncongenial climate and all her belongings. The following statement of a thriving settler sets the matter in the true light: "To those who come possessed of some capital and business ability, and are not too proud to put their own hands to the plough, there is a very fair chance of doing well. Five hundred pounds (and in the case of a young man of some experience in farming and energetic industrious habits, less would suffice) will form a capital which is likely, in this country, to bring a better return than in any other with which I am acquainted."

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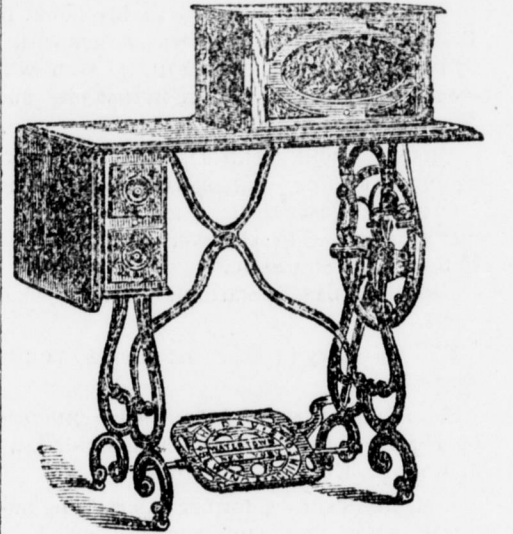
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