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And what a magnificent campaign it was, and how adroitly managed! In spite of the fact that the whole United States government, with its hundreds of thousands of officeholders, was in the hands of the Democrats, and Tammany Hall was then in the zenith of its power, Harrison was elected, having carried New York, though by a small majority. But the contest did not end with the close of the poils in New York. The Tammany machine, finding itself beaten, endeavored to repeat the work of 1884—count out the Republican candidate, and throughout that memorable night and until evening of the following day desperate tactics were resorted to in the effort to count Cleveland in. But Chairman Quay was ready for them, having prepared for just such an emergency. The great conspiracy of the Tammanyites was foiled, and General Harrison was duly declared elected president of the United States. There was no man in America more lauded then than Senator Quay. By universal accord he was declared the most masterful leader known to American politics. His successor as chairman, General J. S. Clarkson, said of him:

"He is the greatest political general that the first century of partisan politics has developed. The Republican party will never know, and it could never repay it if it did know, the services rendered to it in such a time of doubt and peril by Senator Quay."

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When he resigned the national chairmanship, a couple of years after the election, the committee paid him a glorious tribute, saying, among other

"In submitting to it [his resignation], with so much of reluctance and personal regret, we desire to express from our own knowledge of the facts of his pre-eminent service to the party, our sense of the deep obligation under which he has placed the Republican party and the cause of good government and patriotism in the United States. He undertook the leadership of a doubtful contest at a time when the Republican party was disheartened and the Democratic party confident in the power of supreme control in the government of the nation, and when the odds of the contest were against our party, and by his matchless power, his unequaled skill in resources, and his genius to command victory, won for his party an unprecedented victory in the face of expected defeat. In the great contest of 1888, in the months of severe effort then, and in the years of personal association with him since. 'In submitting to it [his resignation], severe effort then, and in the years of personal association with him since, we have learned to know the nobility of the man, and we desire in this conspicuous manner to place on public record, for the present and for the future, as an enduring answer to the partisan assaults of the defeated enemy, our testimony in appreciation of his public services and his personal worth."

How different this from the vilification and abuse now heaped upon him by the irresponsible band of guerillas now tramping up and down the state, who, though claiming to be Republicans, have made an alliance with that Democracy which Senator Quay drove out of power in 1889!

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In the campaign of 1888 a considerable sum of money was spent by the Republican national committee, as there always is in presidential elections; something over \$1.000,000 it was in that contest. The amount named, for purposes of organization and education passed through the hands of for purposes of organization and education, passed through the hands of
Chairman Quay, of the national committee. This sum was raised by a
sub-committee, known as the advisory
committee, of which John Wanamaker
was chairman. And now the Hon.
John Wanamaker, is traversing the
state, denouncing Senator Quay for the
"use of money in politics." Is it a sinful act to "use" money in politics, and
a saintly act to raise that selfsame
money? What a beautiful distinction
this is! Surely, "Consistency, thou art
a jewel!"

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What of Senator Quay's services in the senate? No Pennsylvanian who has occupied a seat in that distinguished body has ever done so much for his native state as Senator Quay.

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the echoes if called upon to address an audience filling the Coliseum of Rome, or the Madison Square Garden of New York city. It is probable he would not be a success as an itinerant stumper, striding up and down the state, heaping abuse upon his enemies. No; he hasn't the voice or the lung power for that. Like the greatest Democratic statesman of the last half of the Nineteenth century, Samuel J. Tilden, Senator Quay's voice is soft and reaches scarcely above a whisper; consequently he has rarely occupied the floor of the senate during the 11 years he has been there.

MEN WHO TALK AND MEN WHO

ACT.

The fact is, the "great orator" period in American legislation has passed away, never to return, it is to be hoped. The talking men in the present senate are those who have the least influence. No one ever listens to them any more. The writer of this homely sketch was an officer of the United States senate for several years. During this period he listened to one speech only—the brilliant philippic delivered by President Pro Tem Ingalls when he left the president's chair to excoriate Senator Voorhees, of Indiana. Upon every other occasion the writer of this sketch immediately left the senate chamber whenever a senator arose to make a set speech, and pretty much everyone else did the same thing, including the speaker's colleagues.

While the "orator" was talking to empty benches the silent, working senator was busy in the committee room or cloak room, lanning scheming and

ator was busy in the committee room or cloak room, planning, scheming and arguing with his fellow members to secure legislation for the benefit of his constituents. In this latter phase of legislation, the all important one at the close of the Nineteenth century, Senator Quay was an adept. No one will ever know the full measure of his extraordinary services in behalf of the industries of Pennsylvania. Serely these things have not so soon passed out of the minds of the people of Pennsylvania. The roving band of verbose "orators" now at large in the commonwealth, endeavoring to poisonthe minds of the people, would be pleased to have them forget these things.

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His first memorable achievement was in securing the passage, in 1890, of the McKinley tariff bill. It had been hung up in the senate all summer, the Demup in the senate all summer, the Dem-ocratic opposition preventing its com-ing to a vote. Only a politician like Senator Quay could have effected the arrangement whereby action was ex-pedited and an early vote taken, when, of course, the bill passed. This meas-ure was of inestimable advantage to the immense and diversified interests of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania.

HIS SKILL AND ADROITNESS.

This is what the Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel Association, one of the most conspicuous trades organs in the United States, said in reference to Senator Quay's connection with the McKinley bill:

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"Both in the senate and in the committee of conference Senator Quay's assistance was invaluable in securing the adoption of the rates of duty which were embraced in the McKinley bill as it passed the house. His effort to secure the retention of the original McKinley rates were in the main successful. But this was not the only service Senator Quay rendered to the industries of his state and the country in connection with the McKinley tariff bill. The bill was jeopardized in the senate by the federal elections bill of that year, the so-called 'force bill,' which Republican senators were determined to pass, and which Democratic senators, who were in the minority, were determined to defeat by obstructive tactics, or, in other words, by talking the bill to death. If this scheme of the Democrats had been carried out, they would not only have succeeded in defeating the 'force bill,' but they would also have prevented the passage of the McKinley tariff bill through the senate, as the time consumed in killing the 'force bill' would have pre-

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It was chiefly the passage of this measure that gave us our magnificent president, whose name it bore, and who was the original author of it.

Again, in 1894, when the Democratic Wilson tariff bill was before congress, Senator Quay displayed his great generalship in legislation, and his devotion to the cause of protection as understood and practiced in Pennsylvania. Upon this occasion he found voice enough to talk. Indeed, he threatened to talk the Wilson bill to death unless the interests of Pennsylvania received better treatment in the measure; and in furtherance of this threat he delivered his famous obstructive speech, occupying 12 days in April, May and June, with the promise of more before the bill should come to a vote. He succeeded even beyond his expectations. This is what The Manufacturer, another prominent trades journal, had to say relative to Senator Quay's services at this time:

DEFENDING PENNSYLVANIA'S IN-TERESTS.

"Whatever may be the faults or the deficiencies of Senator Quay, the man-ufacturers of Pennsylvania and the

and coyotes of his position and influence, took up the cry, and they are still at his heels.

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of the Democracy, the so-called "Reformers," now roaming the state, make no mention of Mr. Quay's splendid services in behalf of tariff legislation, so vitally important to every Pennsylvanian? How different their coarse words of malignant vilification and abuse from this splendid tribute from one of the best known men in Pennsylvania, Mr. James M. Swank, editor of the Bulletin of the American Iron and Steel association:

THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE GRATE-

THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL.

"Kelley and Randall are dead, but Senator Quay, who so valiantly took up the battle for the industries of his native state when the strength of these giants failed them, is still living, and as senator for four more years he will still have these industries in his keeping. It would seem that common, everyday gratitude should now lead the manufacturers of Pennsylvania to manfully stand by the man who has so faithfully stood by them."

Senator Quay's senatorial labors in behalf of Pennsylvania's interests have been noteworthy in other directions than that of tariff legislation, particularly in the matter of internal improvements. He secured a federal appropriation of several millions of dollars, which rescued the Monongahela river from private control, whereby the vast industries of Pittsburg and western Pennsylvania were given a free and adequate outlet to the sea, through that, the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Even greater benefits have accrued to the commerce of Philadelphia and eastern Pennsylvania by the gigantic scheme, for which he has secured congressional and governmental approval, whereby, by the appropriation and expenditure of many millions of dollars, the Delaware river will become navigable to the largest ships that sail the seas, and the port of Philadelphia made as accessible as that of New York, resulting in the revival of the practically defunct commerce of the former city and adjacent territory.

Aside from his efforts in the national senate in behalf of the material interests of Pennsylvania—whereby inestimable benefits have come alike to the workingman and to the employer—the taxpayers of the commonwealth have, in the way of state legislation, been the recipients of incalculable advantages as the result of his interposition.

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The people of the state know these things, though Senator Quay's viliflers would fain have them forgotten. In the midst of the harrassing cares at Washington, endeavoring to secure such legislation, through congress, as would best aid and protect the material interests of his constituents, Senator Quay has turned aside from his engrossing duties at the national capital sufficiently to enable him to give some attention to important phases of state legislation at Harrisburg, embracing the measures indicated above, as well as many others for the public welfare. Yet his official duties at Washington, which he has sworn to discharge to the best of his ability, have made it possible for him to closely follow the details of state legislation at Harrisburg. For instance, throughout the entire session of last year, covering nearly seven months. Senator Quay was in Harrisburg only a few hours. Yet the grand cavalcade of guerillas and scandal mongers now perambulating the state would, if they could, make the people believe that Senator Quay is personally responsible for all the shortcomings and the long goings, the doing and undoings, of the famous legislature of 1897. Fortunately, the people of Pennsylvania do their own thinking and their own acting. They are not to be misled by appeals to their prejudices or their passions, which are only effective when addressed to ignorant men.

men.

This is the Matthew Stanley Quay who entered politics in 1855 and whose life has been an open book to the public ever since; the Matthew Stanley Quay who fought valiently for the honor and perpetuity of his country during the civil war; the Matthew Stanley Quay who defeated the Tammany conspiracy of 1888 and elected Harrison president; the Matthew Stanley Quay who, upon every occasion since he has been in the senate, has given his best energies in behalf of the industries of his native behalf of the industries of his native

behalf of the industries of his native state.

Is there anything displeasing in this picture, based upon facts known to all men, and without the garniture of rhetoric?

A VICTIM OF VINDICTIVE ABUSE. Yet no man known to American politics, save only Alexander Hamilton, has been the recipient of so much and such vindictive abuse. The vials of calumny, heaping to overflowing, have been poured upon him time after time, yet he has never been defeated. The plain people, who are not vilifiers and caluminators themselves, have not believed the miserable stories told by his jealous enemies, and they have stood by him. In 1885, when a candidate for state treasurer; in 1892, when a candidate for re-election to the United States senate, and again in 1895, when a candidate for chairman of the Republican state committee, he was vilified as no other man has ever been in Pennsylvania. Yet he was always successful. A VICTIM OF VINDICTIVE ABUSE. vania. Yet he was always successful, simply because the plain people, whose personal ambitions did not clash with his, believed in him, recognized his

nilitary, public and party services, and

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER."

Continued From Page Eight. islative district or the friends of Mr. Wanamaker, who confined their help

to those members of the legislature who were willing to sign a written pledge agreeing to support him for United States senator.

13. The statement that the chairman of the Republican state committee endeavored to destroy meetings throughout the state during the presidential campaign is so false as not to need campaign is so false as not to need refutation. Everybody in the state knows that there never was such a speaking campaign as that conducted in 1896. We had meetings everywhere

knows that there never was such a speaking campaign as that conducted in 1896. We had meetings everywhere and speakers too numerous to mention.

Just another word and I have done. I cannot stop, however, without reminding Mr. Wanamaker and his coterie of disappointed office seekers, whose principal business and sole pleasure seems to be an attempt to disrupt the Republican party, that I have never been much impressed with the class of persons who stand on the street cerner and in public places, proclaiming in loud tones of voice and voluble utterances their allegiance to the Republican party, but who always find some excuse for opposing its candidates. The political attitude of Mr. Wanamaker in the treatment of the party in which he has been honored recalls to my mind the story of Joab and Amasa. You will recall, no doubt, how they met before the great stone in Gideon. Joab approached Amasa with fraternal and friendly greeting, saying, "Art thou in health, my brother?" took him by the beard as if to kiss him, then, with treacherous sword stabbed him under the fifth rib. Centuries have passed since then, but history fails to record anything but censure for that ignoble act. I have answered the inane charges and inshuations made by Mr. Wanamaker and his chief henchman not that they merit serious consideration, but because misrepresentation and falsehood unanswered mislead the people.

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So far as specific charges have been made against the Republican party, i have tried to give direct answers. The trouble with most of the attacks upon us is that they are of that evasive and general character that makes them as hard to cope with as the devil fish. These disappointed office seekers cloud discussion with charges of oppressive taxation, although not one man in five hundred within the sound of my voice pays one farthing of state tax. These persons cry out against imaginary dishonesty in the administration of the state finances, although they cannot truthfully assert that one dollar was ever lost to our commonwealth by reason of the default or dishonesty of any Republican state official. I have neither time nor inclination to follow these political disturbers in their quixotic adventures, and henceforward this doughty knight can fight his wind mills in time of peace as he loves to do, and his squire, the garrulous Sancho, can hug his master's promises and dream of his island empire.

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