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Timely Comment Upon Attempts to Make Fractional Capital Out of Election Cases in the Quaker City.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—The old adage about people living in glass houses comes to mind in the latest scandal that is attached to what is known as the insurgent outfit in Pennsylvania politics.

Now the Martin camp in this city is invaded and there is a popular clamor for an investigation of the tax office, which has been for years a political stronghold of David Martin, who is now chairman of the executive committee of the insurgents' organization, which is fighting the leaders of the regular Republican organization. While Martin, Flinn of Allegheny and others of the same stripe have been maligning Colonel Quay, Governor Stone and other stalwart Republicans who have blocked their way in their effort to get control of the Republican organization, and deal out fat jobs to themselves and their retainers, things have not been running exactly right in the tax office in this city, where David Martin's brother-in-law, Mr. Roney, is in charge. The lax methods employed in the delinquent tax department of this office have led to a startling sensation upon the discovery that tax money handed over to deputies employed under Mr. Roney has never reached the city treasury.

The people want an investigation of the management of the office to be made by a committee of councils, and they will not be satisfied until this shall be done. The tax office is filled with political followers of Martin, through whose manipulations of politics he has managed to keep his head above water in the party organization, though he has had a desperate struggle lately. Of the men employed in the tax office who were sent to the legislature to fight Colonel Quay one of them, A. J. Allen, was a deputy tax collector. He was elected as a Republican, but, with the other Martinites, he bolted the Republican caucus until the end of the session of the legislature. Allen, although he had served as a superintendent of a Sunday school, surprised every one by the venom and vindictive spirit which he displayed throughout the contest over the United States senatorship. He was exceedingly offensive in his remarks addressed to members of the legislature while they were casting their votes for Colonel Quay. While the stalwarts conceded the right of every man to vote as he saw fit on the senatorship and did not molest him in so doing, Allen was disgustingly brutal in his attitude toward the Quay men in his anti-Quay speeches. While Senator Quay was in court facing his accusers in the great conspiracy trial, in which he was triumphantly vindicated, Allen shocked even some of the insurgents by his allusions to Colonel Quay in connection with this case.

After Allen returned from Harrisburg many of his constituents did not hesitate to express contempt for his conduct. No surprise was manifest when it was announced that Allen had been ignominiously defeated for reelection as superintendent of his Sunday school.

When the information became public that Allen had left home, and that a warrant was out for his arrest in connection with the alleged defalcations in the tax office, there was little sympathy for him among those who were familiar with his actions in the Quay fight.

HYPOCRISY IS RAMPANT.

Hypocrisy seems to be rampant among the insurgents.

Anent the attempts of the Wanamaker newspaper organs to make capital for the insurgent campaign out of the fact that election frauds have been unearthed in this city, Editor Theodore Hart, of the wide awake Easton Gazette, has some timely comment upon the clamoring of "certain Philadelphia newspapers in which the Wanamaker bargain counter advertisement is always a conspicuous feature," as he aptly designates the insurgent organs.

Editor Hart properly demands that all proven guilty of election frauds shall be punished, as men guilty of these crimes too frequently escape.

"Election frauds in Philadelphia, however, as in most large cities, are to be expected, even with the most watchful care," he adds, "and many such scoundrels have been caught there and punished in past years, through the vigilance of patriotic citizens of the Quaker City. But the great hue and cry just now over these latest discoveries sounds more like the gloating of a faction over the trapping of a rival gang. So long as the 'machinery' ground grists for Martin, Wanamaker, Hastings & Co. its rascality was good politics. But things are different now, since these worthies have gotten together under a 'reform' flag. The big majority rolled up in Philadelphia for the president made Wanamaker postmaster general as a reward for gathering together an immense campaign fund, as well as the unprecedented vote cast in the same city for Hastings for governor, under the management of Boss Martin, which made him Hastings' secretary of the commonwealth,

and the results of many other elections from which the men now howling about machine manipulated forfeitures in Philadelphia directly profited, if they were not directors or silent partners in the business—all testify strongly to the hypocrisy and humbuggery of the anti-machine movement inaugurated by Van Valkenburg and Martin to purify Philadelphia politics.

"It will be observed, too, that the newspapers which are now talking most about election frauds in Philadelphia have nothing to say about such offenses elsewhere, especially where Democrats are the guilty parties and beneficiaries of fraud."

Attention is then directed by The Gazette to the startling revelations of Tammany Hall election frauds in New York, for which Governor Roosevelt ordered that an extraordinary grand jury be convened, and where convictions have followed in 22 cases and in several instances severe sentences have been imposed.

HOG COMBINE RECALLED.

"That Philadelphia is not alone in its ballot frauds, or the worst of the great cities in this respect, is quite certain," remarks The Gazette. "There are others, and the nominal Republican newspapers that are holding up the present Republican leaders of the Quaker City to the scorn of the country because a few alleged election crooks have been cornered, are overworking the business. It will be suspected that if these fellows had been opposing the Republican party, as their trappers were, the public would never have heard of their alleged offenses."

"All good citizens must rejoice when the law is vindicated and violators of election laws brought to justice. It is Philadelphia's great shame that so few of her people are sufficiently interested in these matters as to be willing to give of their time and means to secure honest elections without reference to the effect upon the fortunes of this or that political faction. The persistent efforts of the 'insurgents' to give the machine a black eye, in order to further their anti-Quay crusade deceive nobody. Senator Quay is not even a resident of Philadelphia, and it is well remembered that the machine in that city never had such a tossup in any political contest as it received at the hands of Senator Quay's friends in his state chairmanship fight in 1895, when Boss Martin and his tool ex-Mayor Warwick joined the notorious hog combine to depose the Beaver statesman from party leadership. By the most high handed methods ever employed by a party organization a large majority of the Philadelphia delegation to the Republican state convention was named by Boss Martin and controlled by him as so many puppets, but thanks to the stalwarts throughout the state, who despise would-be party wreckers masquerading as 'reformers,' the anti-Quay campaign of calumny, greed and spite proved a failure, although backed by an unlimited corruption fund and all the resources of the most expert ballet thieves of Philadelphia."

"Set a rogue to catch a rogue," says the old adage. It is to be hoped that good may come from the efforts to ferret out fraud in Philadelphia elections, but whatever the outcome may be, it is not likely to give the rogue hunters a very high place in public opinion, knowing full well, as the people do, that the hunters of today would more than likely have been the hunted of yesterday had an honest investigation been made when Martin was boss and they were 'in the push.'"

THE ABUSE OF QUAY.

Congressman James Rankin Young, in discussing the latest phases of the contest over the seating of Colonel Quay, said:

"Abusing Quay to the senators personally helps the former senator. This is plain to even a casual observer. Those with whom Mr. Quay served for 12 years do not have to be told what manner of man he is. Whether or not he is the product of a bad system of politics in Pennsylvania does not concern them. So far as they can see, it is the same system that has made the state Republican ever since it was wrested from the Democracy. If the system is corrupt they are not ready to believe that Quay and what may be denominated his henchmen were the sole beneficiaries. Since the Republican party first gained power there never was a presidential election that the leaders of that party did not seek to carry Pennsylvania, and they were not asking any questions as to under what system it was to be carried."

"Abusing Quay for what he has done to elect Republican presidents and to help himself and his friends does not hurt him in the senate. On the other hand it creates a fellow feeling for him. Politics is politics the world over. This means that abusing the other fellow all the time while holding yourself up as the model to emulate does not always win out. Quay personally and the way the Pennsylvania Republican organization run their end of the politics of the state has nothing to do with the Quay case, as it presents itself to the senate. The young and able senator from Indiana, Senator Beveridge, states the whole thing in a nutshell in a letter recently published, as follows:

"The talk about Quay not having votes enough to seat him is nonsense, and so are the claims that he has enough votes to seat him. Nobody knows just what the situation is. Nobody knows, for example, how I shall vote. I know that a great many other senators are in exactly the same situation. The whole matter is a pure question of constitutional construction. All this talk about corrupt elections, etc., has nothing to do with the case. Quay is not claiming through an election. He is claiming through an appointment by the governor. The question is whether or not the governor had a constitutional right to appoint him."

"I have not had time yet to give that question the special study which its immense importance deserves. When I have done so I shall know how I shall vote. For that consideration and that consideration alone will determine the matter. This also is the case with a great number of other senators."

"That is the case in its entirety," added Congressman Young, "and that is the way in which it will be treated in the senate, the opinions of the newspaper editors who are proclaiming so earnestly against Quay to the contrary notwithstanding."

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p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	
4:15	12:55	10:20	Halls	9:45	12:00	4:00
4:18	1:00	10:23	Pennsdale	9:41	11:57	3:55
4:27	1:10	10:32	Hughesville	9:32	11:48	3:45
4:35	1:18	10:38	Picture Rocks	9:25	11:42	3:37
4:39	1:21	10:41	Lyons Mills	9:22	11:39	3:34
4:41	1:24	10:43	Chamouni	9:20	11:37	3:31
4:48	1:32	10:48	Glen Mawr	9:14	11:32	3:25
4:56	1:41	10:54	Strawbridge	9:05	11:29	3:14
5:01	1:45	10:58	Beech Glen	9:01	11:25	3:10
5:05	1:48	11:00	Muncy Valley	8:56	11:20	3:06
5:11	1:56	11:05	Sonestown	8:52	11:15	3:00
5:28	2:14	11:23	Nordmont	8:37	10:59	2:43
5:45	2:31	11:40	Mokoma	8:21	10:43	2:27
5:48	2:34	11:43	LaPorte	8:19	10:41	2:25
5:52	2:38	11:47	Ringsdale	8:16	10:38	2:22
6:15	2:58	12:07	Satterfield	7:55	10:17	2:01
				a.m.	a.m.	p.m.

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