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The Beaver Statesman Has Now Let ters 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

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.

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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 head 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. Magee has reason to be opposed to Wanamaker.

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Meanwhile the regular Republicans are united and aggressive. They are persistent in calling upon the insurgents to name a candidate for United States senator. John T. Harrison, of the Twenty-second district of Philadelphia, a well known manufactuer and a stalwart Republican, defeated John F. Keator, an insurgent, for renomination and re-election to the house of representatives. Mr. Harrison has been one of the most active of the regulars in demanding that the insurgents speak out.

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"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 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 bushwhacking 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 reelection. 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.

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"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 overwhelminly defeated at the primaries. It was a clean cut fight. I was known as a reb-

resentative who, when the majority of the Republican representatives did not agree with him, would bolt his party and co-operate with the Democracy.

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"Not satisfied with the verdict of the Republicans at the primaries, he went before the people as an independent candidate, but when the votes were counted I had more votes than Mr. Keator and the Democratic candidate had together.

"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. Bayard Henry, who has stumped 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 Republicans elected 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 senatorial 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 wil

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"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. Quaymeans but a small element in the membership in the legislature.

"I have absolute confidence in the re-election of Col. Quay, but I shall hall 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 senator-ship, 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.
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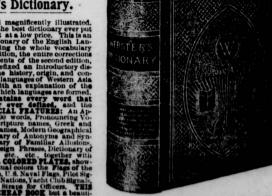


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