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Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—The news of the return of Senator Quay to Wash-ington from Florida, in the best of spirits and in excellent health, with the fact that immediately after his arrival in the capital he was in consul-tation with President Roosevelt in the discussion of matters affecting Pennsylvania interests and the policy of the national administration on subjects shortly to be acted upon by congress, has delighted the leaders of the Republican organization in this

city and state.
Senators Quay and Penrose are now senators Quay and Penrose are now regarded as among the most influen-tial men in the United States senate with the Roosevelt administration. Their views and advice are solicited

by the president, and they have his absolute confidence in matters relat-ing to the national, as well as the state organization of the Republican

STANDING BY PARTY. Every week seems to bring forth additional evidence of the fact that the president, while adhering strictly to the provisions of the civil service reform laws and loyally co-operating with those who are advocating an ex-tension of the civil service reform legislation in certain federal departments, proposes to miss no oppor-tunity to give encouragement and support to the men who have been chosen by the Republicans of their respective states and counties to di-rect the affairs of the party organiza-

Before Senator Quay left President Roosevelt on his last visit to the White House, the president promised to refuse the requests of friends of the internal revenue collector for the eastern district of Pennsylvania for his reappointment and agreed to send in as his successor the name of William McCoach, of Philadelphia whose appointment was recommended by Senators Quay and Penrose and a large majority of the members of the national house of representatives from the Keystone state.

Like Postmaster General Charles

Like Postmaster General Charies Emory Smith, whose retirement from the cabinet gave the stalwart Republicans of Pennsylvania so much keen satisfaction, and like Thomas L. Hicks, whose removal from the postmastership of the Quaker city was hailed with delight by the regular Republicans all over the state, the retiring collector of internal revenue of the eastern district of Pennsylvania, the eastern district of Pennsylvania, Penrose A. McClain, espoused the cause of the Union party in the last campaign. McClain publicly pro-claimed his intention to vote for the candidates of the Union party, and he worked in his home district against the regular Republican nominees. Not satisfied with that, after the ignominious defeat of the Union party ticket, McClain proceeded to discharge from office several of the employes of the internal revenue de-partment who had been conspicuous champions of the Republican nomi-nees, and who could not be influenced by him or any one else to vote against

their party candidates.
STALWARTS WON OUT. Notwithstanding this record, friends of McClain went to work to influence the officials in Washington in his behalf. They got some close friends of Secretary of the Treasury Gage in-terested in the matter, and through

this influence they hoped to continue McClain in office. Senators Quay and Penrose lost no senators quay and remose tost no time in informing the president of the facts of the case, and the outcome of their interviews is the retirement of McClain and the selection of a stalwart Republican as his successor.

Apropos of this matter, there has come to light a letter written by President Roosevelt when he was vice president, and which has a bearing upon the subject under discussion. The letter was written to a cousing who was an applicant for an office, and shows how important it is to have the influence of the men at the head of the party organization to applications for official positions.

A LOGICAL POSITION.

Among other things, Roosevelt said

in his letter:
"If you wish to get a place I shall, of course, try to help you, but in such case it is absolutely imperative that you should get your local backing first. I now speak with entire knowledge, for the men of my regiment have applied to me by the score for just such positions as you seek and just such positions as you seek, and even when I was writing or speaking in behalf of a man who had served under me, I found that it was a mere waste of time for me to attempt to do anything unless he had his own sena s or representatives behind him. e Wyoming senators, for instance, would not tolerate, and would be per fectly right in refusing to tolerate, the interference of the vice president in an appointment in their state. As I say, this I have found out by actual experience in scores of cases. You will have to get the backing of your

President Roosevelt has given substantial evidence that he still believes in this doctrine, and Senator Quay stands with this at his back when he very frankly says that Hicks and Mo

Olain are in the same class—party bolters, and are being punished for their opposition to the stalwart or their opposition to the stalwart or

The positive stand taken by President Roosevelt in favor of the leaders of the Republican organization it is predicted will discourage the formation of insurgent parties in the several states of the Union. It is certain to have considerable influence throughhave considerable influence through-out Pennsylvania, where, with the great industries depending upon pro-tective legislation, the success of the Republican party means so much to capital and labor. The insurgent sen-timent in the Keystone state has been gradually disappearing, and there is everywhere a disposition to join with the regular Republican organization the regular Republican organization for a sweeping victory in the fall

ACHESON IS CALLED

A Friend of Elkin Tells of the Insurgent Bolter.

SEN. MITCHELL'S FRANK TALK

What the Jefferson County Leader Thinks of the Suggested Nomination of the Attorney General For

(Special Correspondence.)
Harrisburg, Jan. 14. — While the state Republican convention for the nomination of candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and secretary of internal affairs will not be held for some months, there is already a keen interest manifested in the probable action of the convention. Attorney General John P. Elkin has not yet formally announced himself as a candidate for governor, but in almost every county admirers and friends of the Indiana county favorite are actively

working in his behalf.
Former State Senator James G. Mitchell, of Jefferson county, who is probably one of the best posted men in the Republican organization of Pennsylva-nia, was in this city this week and expressed himself quite emphatically regarding the attempt of Congressman Acheson, of Washington county, to or ganize opposition to the nomination of Mr. Elkin.

HIS ANNUAL KICK.

"I have noticed that Acheson is making his annual kick," remarked Senator Mitchell. "Ever since I have known anything about state politics, Acheson has been interviewed at least once a year to the effect that if this candidate or that candidate were not nominated the Republican party would go to ruin.
In almost every instance the candidates opposed by Acheson have been nominated and the Republican forces have gone to victory, notwithstanding his predictions. The trouble with Con-gressman Acheson is that he has a bad case of political dyspepsia.
"His suggestion that the nomination

of Attorney General Elkin would make more difficult the election of Republican candidates for congress and the legislature is not worth serious consideration. It is intended to veil other purposes he has to serve. The regular organization of the state has been in battle during the past five years and has won every contest. It has won these contests against the earnest op-position of Congressman Acheson and his friends and it will do so again. Congressman, members of the legislature and county officers on the ticket this year will receive the vote of every regular Republican in their respective districts. The regular Republicans will elect the governor and a majority of both branches of the legislature.
"In the session of 1899 the members

of the legislature from Acheson's home county, Washington, bolted the caucus nominee for United States senator. In the session of 1901, when Acheson controlled three members of the house from Washington, he refused to allow them to enter the caucus and they opposed the election of Senator Quay to the end.

"He and his friends have done as much as any other class of people in the state to disrupt and disorganize the Republican party. They have not succeeded, however, in carrying out their purposes. They will fail this year as they failed in the past. While Acheson was entering into political mbinations with other spirits to disrupt the Republican party and defeat the Republican candidate for the United States senate, Attorney ergy to elect congressmen, members of the legislature and county officers.

A CONFIDENT PREDICTION.
"The friends of Attorney General El-

kin will be found this year supporting Republican congressmen, members of the legislature and county officers in Congressman Acheson and his friends

will do as much "Attorney General Elkin deserves the nomination and will receive it, be-cause the Republicans of Pennsylvania believe in fair play. He is well fitted for the duties of chief executive. My prediction is that he will be nominated with but little opposition and will be

triumphantly elected by the people in November next."
INSURGENTS KNOCKED OUT. In the appointment of Mr. Chamber-lain as postmaster of Everett, Bedford county, Pa., this week, President Roosevelt gave the insurgents of Pennwill have to get the backing of your own local people first, and then, if I can help in any way, I most gladly will."

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