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Harrisburg, Jan. 28.—Since the dinher given by Senator Quay to the Pennsylvania congressional delegation there has been more or less comment over the remarkable feelings of personal regard for the veteran leader existing among the influential men of all parties. It is held by many of the best posted newspaper correspondents in Washington that there is no more popular man with his colleagues in the United States senate, without regard to political associations or affiliations.

A most significant feature of the recent gathering at Senator Quay's hospitable board was the fact that with one exception, every member of congress from the Keystone State was present, and Democrats and Republicans alike esteemed it an honor to be a guest of this distinguished party leader. The one member of the house who was not on hand sent regrets as he had a previous engagement to dine with the family of a cabinet officer.

This coming together at the home of Senator Quay of representatives of the several sections of this commonwealth emphasized a condition of harmony within the Republican organization of Pennsylvania, such as has not existed before for many years.

ACHESON WANTS TO GET IN.

Even the irrepressible Congressman Ackeson, who has been a rank insurgent in Pennsylvania politics during the last four or five years, was present at the Quay dinner. Naturally some of the old line stalwarts were surprised to see him there, but they were more than surprised when later on in the evening they saw Senator Quay and Congressman Acheson get off together in a corner of the dining hall for a long

"There is something on the carpet," remarked one of the party, and from all that has been heard since the dinner there must surely be "something doin'."

It would appear that Congressman Acheson is anxious to renew his standing in the ranks of the regulars and that it is quite probable that before many weeks he may be found training along with the leaders of the regular party organization.

The case of Acheson directs attention to the fact that his home county of Washington is the only county in the state in which the men in control of the Republican county organization are not working in harmony with the leaders of the Republican state organiza-tion in all matters of importance.

This is, indeed, a remarkable condition of affairs. It is in striking con-trast with the situation of a few years ago when during the administration of Governor Hastings there were practically two Republican organizations in Pennsylvania. With Hastings' limited personal following there was the Phila-delphia organization with David Martin in control, and the Allegheny county organization, with the late Senator Magee and William Flinn in undisputed command. There were a number of other counties in the state where the party organization was in the control of men not in sympathy with the ele ment of the party which directed the affairs of the Republican state commit-tee and which recognized the leadership of Senator Quay in state and national politics.

There was an incessant fire of per-sonalities between the leaders of the rival factions and in many sections of the state the Democrats through this factional fighting got control of impor

THINGS ARE DIFFERENT NOW.

Things are different now. The great Republican organization of Philadelphia and Allegheny counties are in absolute accord with the state organization leadership. The two United States senators, the governor and all the other state officials at Harrisburg, and the influential Republican leaders in every county in the state with one exception, which exception will possibly be eliminated within a short time, are all working together for the success of the Republican party.

The Republican candidates that shall

be placed in the field next summer will find a united, solid front presented to the enemy and a grand Republican majority will be rolled up for every man

on the Republican state ticket.

It is true that there is a contest under way in Pittsburg over the elec-tion of councilmen, but the leadership of the party organization is in no way involved. The struggle appears to be over the control of councils which will have to do with the solving of the problem whether there shall be elevated or underground railways constructed in Pittsburg and in this mat-ter the Republicans in the state at large have little concern

ALL ARE REPUBLICANS.

No matter which way the present contest shall be decided it is declared by representatives of both factions in Pitteburg that all hands will be to

The most noteworthy change in re cent political conditions is to be found in Philadelphia county, where, under Mayor Warwick the Hastings-Martin combination in state politics had every-thing their own way at the Republican primaries. Now the friends of Israel W. Durham will elect one of the delegates to the coming Republican state convention and they will all be lined up with the stalwart Republican lead-

ership of the state.

Harmony has, indeed, come to the Republican organization of Pennsylva-

### QUAY AND PENROSE

Proposed as Leading State Convention Orators.

MADE CHAIRMEN

Suggested That They Be Invited to Sound the Keynote of the Fall Campaign-Elkins' Boom Has Been Launched.

(Special Correspondence.) Philadelphia, Jan. 28.-A suggestion has been made within the last few days for an interesting feature for the program for the coming Republican state convention. It developed from an invitation from a number of Republicans of Beaver to have Senator Quay go as a delegate to the state convention. Since then some one conceived the idea of having both senators figure in the convention and to have them sound the keynotes of the campaign.

It has been proposed that Senator Penrose shall be named as the tem-porary presiding officer and that Sena-tor Quay shall be elected permanent president of the convention

SPEECHES WORTH HEARING. Anything that Senator Quay shall have to say on either state or general topics would be of national interest. His speeches in his memorable cam-paign for re-election to the senate gave him an international reputation not only an orator, but as a student of human nature and a close and careful reader of the classics and of historical and Biblical subjects.

An incident is recalled of his meeting with the late President McKinley dur-

with the late President McKinley during his stumping tour.
"Well, Quay," cordially remarked
the lamented McKinley, as he saluted
the Pennsylvania leader, "I have been
reading your speeches. There is not
one of them that I have not read
through twice. You are a wonder. I want you to consider yourself booked for the most important meetings in any campaign that I may hereafter be interested in.

Senator Penrose, on account of the prominent part he is taking in the shaping of the Republican policy in the present congress on the great issues that have to be met before this session shall end, will be in a position to speak by the card when the Republican state convention shall be held, on all issues that will have to be discussed in the

coming congressional campaign.

The attitude of the party on the Philippine situation, and the govern-ment of the other recently acquired possessions, the Pennsylvania interests involved in the fight against a reopen-ing of the tariff legislation, and the all important matter to the working-men of the Keystone State, as well as the nation at large, the exclusion of Chinese cheap labor, will be among other subjects which Senator Penrose will be in a position to talk upon with positive and official knowledge.

The intimate relations existing be-tween the two Pennsylvania senators and President Roosevelt will enable them to be thoroughly posted regarding the attitude of the national administration on all questions affecting par-ty organization and party policy.

ELKIN'S BOOM LAUNCHED.

It is known that the party leaders have not agreed upon any program for the state convention, but it is likely that this suggestion will appear to

them favorably.

During the last week there have been ing home favorites for honors in the gift of the coming state convention.

Indiana county was the first to formally enter a candidate for the gubernatorial race. The Republican county committee, with an exhibition of enthusiasm and earnestness that was most pronounced, adopted resolutions submitting the name of Attorney General John P. Elkin to the Republicans of the state for governor. The resolu-tions referred to Mr. Elkin in a most complimentary and eulogistic manner. They told of his early struggles as a poor country lad, and dwelt upon his sterling qualities as a man, his high standing as a citizen, his eminent ability as a lawyer, and his distinglished services to his state and to the Republican party, and appealed to all Republicans to support him for the

governorship. Although the two counties in which delegates to the state convention have already been elected—Berks and Carbon—have elected delegates in the in-terest of Mr. Elkin, the action of the Indiana county Republicans was the formal inauguration of the movement to bring about Mr. Elkin's nomina-

Chester county has since indorsed Senator Snyder for lieutenant gover-nor. Dr. Flood, of Crawford; Dr. Reed, of Cumberland, and General Schall, of Montgomery, have also been mentioned for second place.

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