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ANOTHER chapter in the history of factional politics in the Republican party in Pennsylvania was closed last week by the significant words:

Not Guilty! The District Attorney faithfully and with distinguished ability performed his part.

The Presiding Judge gave the Commonwealth every opportunity to present all the evidence that could be brought together to prove the defendant guilty; and the jury rendered a verdict of not guilty!

Matthew Stanley Quay, the chief figurehead of one faction, has thus been completely vindicated of the charge of conspiracy to misuse State funds, according to the evidence and according to law!

Those who cunningly schemed to unhorse Quay for the purpose of furthering their own political interests, and to give vent to the accumulated wrath of disappointed ambition, have signally and conspicuously failed in a court of law where justice was impartially administered.

Those who sought to crucify Quay politically by legal process had the co-operation of a minority of the Republican members of the Pennsylvania House and Senate who were not to be bound by a decision of a large majority of Republican Representatives and Senators, thus preventing the re-election of Mr. Quay to the U. S. Senate.

It was the business of the anti-Quayites, after they had refused to be bound by the action of the caucus to go into the camp of the Democracy and give evidence of the earnestness of their professedly exalted purpose by proposing to support an Independent Democrat of ability and sound economical opinions for United States Senator!

Good government has never yet been obtained by attempts to reform a political party, within party lines, and it never will be thus secured. The method has been tried over and over again and it has failed every time.

And the next day Sir John Wanamaker issued another pugacious pronouncement. The faithful work—according to law—of the court, did not meet with his approbation. If he could monopolize justice he might establish a court of his own; but there are some things Sir John Wanamaker can't do.

Governor Stone's action in appointing Matthew Stanley Quay, immediately upon his acquittal, United States Senator to succeed himself, was the bold stroke of a faithful friend in behalf of a friend. From a constitutional standpoint the appointment can hardly be sustained.

The ambitions of men wreck the lives of individuals, of political parties, of various forms of governments; as years and centuries are added to the age of the earth.

In an encounter with the Philippines, Monday, seven Americans were killed and forty-nine wounded.

That letter, to which Professor Hoeffker failed to reply, was, under the circumstances involved, by no manner of means an intrusion upon his private affairs, as has been insinuated by a misinformed or purposely blinded contemporary. A fair and correct statement of facts in relation to the letter was presented in this department of the INDEPENDENT some weeks ago, and we have no disposition to restate what was then made sufficiently plain to be well understood by all who had any inclination to understand the difference between fair and foul treatment, between courtesy and discourtesy.

An explosion of a benzine tank in a Cheung Gum Factory, Twenty-fourth and Callowhill streets, Philadelphia, Tuesday morning, wrecked the building, causing the loss of two lives and \$300,000.

Governor Stone has caused to be issued a statement which indicates a purpose on his part to reduce the school appropriation, if this action becomes necessary to furnish funds demanded by the appropriations for the various asylums and hospitals.

The observation seems to be in order that Editor Brandt, of the Norristown Review has a particular liking for "tough" propositions. However, he doubtless draws the line at tough beefsteak, and that is certainly another discrimination in his favor.

The Legislature of 1899, which finished its work Thursday, passed 355 bills. Governor Stone approved 59 of these and vetoed three House bills, one Senate bill and one resolution. This leaves 291 bills which the Governor must take action upon before 12 o'clock midnight, May 20.

Taking into account the distracting influences of the fruitless Senatorial contest, the Legislature did a considerable amount of work in a brief period of time. It was not a bad Legislature.

We respectfully submit to the consideration of the School Directors, including, of course, Collegeville, Trappe, Upper Providence, and Lower Providence, the conviction that Professor J. K. Harley fully deserves their unanimous support in his present candidacy for County Superintendent. He has been identified with this portion of the county since his early boyhood days and has done naught to forfeit the esteem, confidence, and support of his neighbors.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21, '99.—After considerable diplomatic juggling, the three governments interested agreed upon identical instructions for their representatives on the Samoan Commission, who are now on their way to San Francisco, whence they will sail next week on the U. S. S. Badger, which will remain at their disposal during their stay in Samoa, likely to be several months.

What is regarded as the most important capture ever made by the United States Secret Service in connection with the uttering and passing of counterfeit money—a capture that has taken almost a year to accomplish, and in which both Secretary of the Treasury Gage and Assistant Secretary Vandellip have been greatly interested—has just been effected in Philadelphia and Lancaster, Pa.

Admiral Dewey sent his first bad news from the Philippines this week. Lieut. Gilmore and fourteen members of the crew of the Yorktown went in a steam launch to communicate with a Spanish garrison which had been surrounded by Filipinos for months, and are supposed to have either been killed or captured by the Filipinos. Lieut. Gilmore's home was in Washington.

That America's high place in the galaxy of nations is now recognized everywhere was shown by the letters from the Czar of Russia and the Emperor of Germany, received in Washington this week. The Czar, wrote through the Russian Ambassador, to Secretary Hay, to thank the many Americans who have endorsed the Czar's disarmament conference; and the Kaiser wrote an autograph letter to President McKinley, requesting him to accept the accompanying beautifully engraved condensed history of Christianity as a memorial of the consecration of the Church of the Saviour, at Jerusalem, last fall, and to express his pleasure that America was represented at the consecration.

Party Harmony. A great part of what is said about the need of "getting together" on the part of the discordant factions of political parties is wasted, because there is no definition of terms. What is meant by party harmony? What is meant by factions? Get together for what?

Very often we hear it said that if a party wishes to succeed in carrying an election it must stop internal disputing, must give all its leaders a fair chance at leadership and all its voters a fair share of whatever is going. The idea seems to be that all that is needed is just for everybody in the party to keep still unless he is either abusing the other party or lading out "saffy" impartially all around within his own party.

How a Little Girl Prayed. A small Chicago girl ended her evening prayer as follows: "And please, O Lord, take good care of yourself, too. If anything should happen to you, we couldn't have any one but McKinley to depend on, and he isn't doing as well as papa expected."

A Brilliant Sight. From the Saratoga School Bulletin. Standing on top of a high hill and looking at a gorgeous sunset, a mother asked of her little daughter: "What does that remind you of?"

A "Barrel Sermon." An English clergyman was called suddenly to preach before the students of a well-known college. He hurriedly chose out of his "barrel" a sermon, and without reading it went to the college chapel, the congregation of which was wholly composed of male students.

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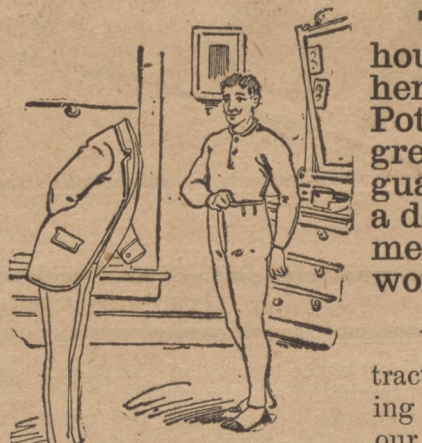
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