



"Everybody knows who will be United States Senator," remarked one of the leaders of the Regular Republicans quite recently to a friend.

"Who do you mean," queried the latter, but the first speaker with an enigmatical smile turned away and continued his walk up the street, where he held a long conversation with a prominent Democrat whom he "chanced" to meet.

The above conversation and the "chance" meeting with his Democratic friend fully demonstrated to any observer which way the wind was blowing and bears out the fact that has been published in "The Sun" that by "everybody knowing" he intended to convey the impression that he meant the Regular Republicans and Democrats.

The next United States Senator will, therefore, be Hon. George Gray, Administration Democrat.

Both President McKinley and Mark Hanna have demanded his return to the United States Senate, and, in order to accomplish this and defeat if possible J. Edward Addicks, their common enemy, they will merge with the Democrats and obey the Administration.

The remainder of the candidates, ex-Senator Anthony Higgins, William S. Hilles, Jonathan S. Willis, Benjamin Nields, Colonel Henry A. du Pont, William du Pont and others, are receiving very little attention.

The real fight at issue between the Regulars and Democrats on one side and the Union Republicans on the other, is, shall it be Hon. George Gray or shall it be J. Edward Addicks?

A political trickster should never be elected to a School Board. He is sure to sacrifice the interests of public education if necessary to his advancement to a higher public position. Politicians with future advancement in view often cause unseemly wrangles in School Boards and are apt to be a nuisance to their colleagues.—Milton Times.

The miserable condition of Sussex county finances, as a result of Sussex county misrule, is an unsavory topic to partisan Republicans all over the State. But they should not squirm and twist over the matter. They should take hold of and vigorously prosecute the work of reform.—Every Evening.

A Republican Levy Court has placed a heavy burden of debt on the people of Sussex county. Thousands of dollars' worth of county orders are floating around unpaid, and the credit of the county has been seriously impaired. No one questions the existence of the obligations, and the only thing for the people of the county to do is to take steps to give his assets. Whether this be done by an issue of bonds or by raising the tax rate, or both, is a question. Whichever system is adopted the money must come from the pockets of the people. They have no cause to complain for the work was done by men of their own selection. They made the costly mistake of electing a Republican Levy Court.—Evening Journal.

Three weeks from tomorrow the General Assembly will be convened at Dover. The body will be the first to meet under the new order of things and the Senate will consist of seventeen members instead of nine and the House will contain thirty-five members instead of twenty-one, a joint increase of twenty-two. The Senate chamber and the hall of representatives have been enlarged and the two houses will have more room and more conveniences than ever before.

The session will consist of but sixty days, and for the first time the Governor will be called upon—not considering the special session last winter—to pass upon legislative enactments. The Democrats will have a majority of one in the Senate and the Republicans a majority of twelve in the House. Thus it is that no legislation can be produced unless the two parties are agreed and the Governor is willing to give his assent. It is thus made clear in advance that whatever legislation is attempted will have to be of a character free from partisan suspicion. The way is made clear for the passage of measures that are absolutely demanded and the members-elect should be getting themselves in shape for settling down to business at once.

The election of a United States Senator will be a purely partisan matter and the Republicans have the naming of the successor of Senator Gray. That is a matter that will have to be considered seriously and with a determination to make no mistake. It is a question of the most vital importance and one that will naturally occupy much of the time of the majority members. The sooner it is disposed of the better it will be. There should be no unseemly struggle and there should be prompt action. It will not do to give the entire session up to the election of a Senator, inasmuch as there are several important acts needed in order to put the constitution, proclaimed in 1897, into full force and effect. The members-elect are, according to current reports, doing little or no talking on the subject of the Senator, and this may be taken as an earnest that the matter is to be considered with the seriousness that it demands. There are enough Republicans, of good standing as such and as citizens, to make the selection of a United States Senator possible in a few days. In the meantime, however, bills should be prepared so as to be placed in the hands of committees at once. The session should be one of business from beginning to end.

The inauguration of the increased General Assembly should be the inaugura-

tion as well of a system that will produce the best results in the least possible time. The members of the new body will be closely watched by the voters of the State.—Morning News.

As the days for the session of the next General Assembly come nearer, the discussion over the question of who will be the next United States Senator from Delaware grows more interesting. But while the matter is being generally discussed among the people of the State, and especially by the politicians, it is only privately that the politicians are saying anything about the subject.

The reason for this is that affairs are just now in a condition where a little talk and a few stories published in some of the local newspapers in reference to that talk might upset the calculations of the leaders and do a great deal of damage. That is the Regular Republican view of it. The Union Republican view of it is that the matter has been practically settled now, and that it does not make any difference how much talk there may be.

Of course just before a political caucus is held is the time to make prophecies, but it does not take a very astute politician to tell at this point exactly what will happen in the next General Assembly. It may therefore be as well for the politicians of the State to look into the subject and see where they stand on this Senatorial question. That the contest which was waged when Colonel Henry A. du Pont claimed to have been elected Senator stands a chance of being repeated cannot be denied, and anyone who does deny that such a situation faces the Republican party at this time, is either deliberately telling what is untrue, or is unaware of the situation.

While there is likely to be a repetition of the famous Addicks or nobody contest of a few years ago, the question will not be the same, and the conditions will be reversed. From a question of Addicks or nobody, it will be a question of anybody but Addicks. In the previous contest four men who were in favor of Addicks for Senator stood out as opposed to anyone else, and prevented the election of Colonel Henry A. du Pont. In this contest it appears likely that a few men will stand out in opposition to Addicks and will defeat his election.

The Regular Republicans will be in a very peculiar position in this contest for Senator, and the question is how they are going to reconcile themselves with their record of the previous contest, and an equally interesting question is how the Union Republicans are going to reconcile themselves to their record. In the previous contest the Regular Republicans were in favor of a caucus and a majority of the Republican members of the two Houses did go into a caucus and nominated Anthony Higgins to succeed himself. The Union Republicans at this time—it was really before they became known as Union Republicans—would not go into the caucus and would not at any time do anything beyond holding a conference of the Republican members to talk over the situation and offer suggestions. The Regular Republican papers at the time were full of arguments on the beauties and glories of ruling parties by caucuses. The Union Republican papers were full of the praise of conferences and opposed to caucuses. The result was that four men, as said before, insisted upon having Addicks for Senator, and prevented the election of anyone else.

Of course it has been claimed that they made an agreement to vote for certain men if the Regulars would do the same thing, but that the Regulars insisted upon voting for du Pont and would not agree to it. The fact remains, however, that four Addicks men prevented the election of a United States Senator. After the United States Senate decided that du Pont was not elected, some of the Union Republicans were read out of the party for the part which they had taken, and because they would not take part in the caucus of the party. Now there has a great change come over both of the Republican parties. The Regular Republicans have been converted to the former Union Republican idea of the beauty of a caucus and of the right of the minority to prevent the election of a man who is not satisfactory to them and to their constituents, while the Union Republicans have become converted to the former regular idea of the beauties and glories of the caucus to name nominees for the party. Therefore the Union Republicans are crying aloud for a caucus while the Regulars want a conference, and so the matter stands. The two sides have reversed positions, and how either can reconcile its former record with what it wants now, is more than the average man can tell.

There is one thing sure, and that is that in the vote for United States Senator in the next General Assembly J. Edward Addicks will at the start have more votes than any other candidate, and, unless all the calculations are wrong, he will have a majority of all of the Republican votes in the Assembly. Another thing is equally sure, and that is that some of the regulars will not vote for him for Senator and will continue to vote for some one else until the end of time. The question, therefore, comes down to whether the adherents of Addicks will desert him or whether some of the regulars will go over to the Union Republican forces and assist in electing him.

According to the latest count of the votes in the General Assembly the Union Republicans will have eighteen and the Regulars thirteen. This count was given several Sundays ago, and, though disputed at the time, has now come to be accepted as the best estimate which has

yet been given. If all of these men are for Addicks and all of the Regulars are for some one else, then nine Regulars must go over to the Union Republicans in order to elect a United States Senator, for it will take twenty-seven votes to elect. On the other hand, for the Regulars to elect a man to the Senate it will be necessary for fourteen Union Republicans to go over to them. It is, therefore, easy to see that the election of a Senator is in the hands of the Union Republicans, and, if there is one elected, it will be some one who is acceptable to the Union Republican party.

Whether all of the Union Republicans will stick to Addicks and all of the Regulars will oppose him remains to be seen. As already stated, some of the Regulars will oppose the election of Addicks until the end of time, and it might be possible that some of the Union Republicans would stick to him for the same period. The election of a Senator, therefore, depends upon how many will stick. If all of the Regulars stick Addicks cannot be elected. If five men stick no Senator can be elected, for that would bring the Republican vote for one man down to 26, which would not be enough. This is the situation, and it is by no means a pleasant one to contemplate.—Wilmington Correspondent, Philadelphia Inquirer.

They say Jim Hitch has a hot game. What is it?

Why are matters thusly? See somebody that knows.

All your political gossip is required, so send it to THE SUN.

First Citizen Hilles: "When we meet beyond the river."

Did any of them make the remark that they were subsidized?

They will have laws to burn and that's no dream of the "cuckoo."

It's no use kicking, for the Administration says Hon. George Gray.

How about the Reform Ballot? Whisper it softly or no one will listen.

The next clerk of the State Senate will be W. Lindsay McFarland of Smyrna.

Charles S. Horn was "buncoed" because he said he only delivered half the goods.

It is asserted that the Pyle will be led to Slaughter when the State Senate convenes.

The "cross of gold" will in all probability play a prominent part in the next General Assembly.

It is stated on good authority that Dr. Evan G. Shortidge will be appointed to the Police Commission.

William Michael Byrne says he don't know where certain people are at. There are others just as dense.

Mr. Clerk of the Peace Ford has decided not to place an "ice plant" in his office as his time is too short.

Democratic State Chairman John Biggs will not be deposed as the report goes. He will "quit." Isn't he kind?

A message from the dead—How are you Dick, Baldy and Squire? They all said it and then raised the devil.

"Have you secured the endorsement of Congressman Hofferker?" And he thought of home, sweet (?) home.

Jack Spring, who was defeated for the Republican nomination for coroner, is going to try again two years hence.

Hon. John D. Hawkins, of Dover, Kent county, Delaware, was in the city yesterday. He escaped at midnight.

Oh! Mr. Citizen Willie, Said Sir Anthony Hig; But not so awfully big.

Postmaster Hugh C. Browne will announce the names of his four extra letter carriers the latter end of this week.

Sir Anthony Hig, Li Hung Chang Bacin and High Priest McClear, it is said haven't held a confabulation for two "weary" weeks.

Mr. Courtland C. Montgomery, you have three weeks more, Why not pass that time in swimming towards shore?

Winfield S. Quigley, is hard to "down." He now wants to be the next Clerk of the Peace. Are there any others? If so please write.

Even at this early hour the Democrats are looking around for the successor to the chairman of the State Central Committee—the Great-I-Am.

Bear Station's me home, De Senate me fort; But now I must roam, For I've only de cork.

Wash. Hastings has evidently crawled into his shell. They say he hasn't talked politics since he received the knock-out blow for the post office.

Some Democrats have been comforted with the assurance that Senator John Pyle will resign from the State Senate—when he gets good and ready.

Police Commissioner Hart is on the sick list and in consequence of this and absence of another member no meeting of that body was held last night.

The State Senate will have the privilege of electing a speaker of that body for the last time in January. In the future a Lieutenant Governor will preside.

Recorder of Deeds-elect Delaware Clark yesterday announced that Frank L. Speakman, a young lawyer of this city, would be Deputy Recorder of Deeds.

William T. Smithers, of Dover, who is a candidate for clerk of the House, was a visitor in Wilmington yesterday. Mr. Smithers came here in the interests of his candidacy.

It will be Hon. George Gray, and the Regulars, through the demands of the Administration know that they have to bow to the inevitable in re-electing him to the United States Senate.

Sheriff-elect John E. Taylor is a frequent visitor here and is gradually gaining an inkling as to how the business which will command his attention for the next two years is run.

If you want the Democratic party any smaller in the city of Wilmington vote for the retention of the leaders who not only sacrificed Hon. L. Irving Handy on the "cross of gold" but others as well.

Representative-elect John Pilling, who sprang the boomlet for Benjamin Nields for United States Senator, will no doubt be by his lonesome when it comes to voting. Even Jim Hitch won't walk in the narrow path designated by his "running" mate.

It's all cocked and primed, and Hon. George Gray, Gold Democrat, will be re-elected to succeed himself in the United States Senate, if the Regular Republicans know on which side their bread and butter is spread. The Administration thinks that way, and there you are.

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 Lex Radiator Co., 432 Market street, Phila.—Phila. Press, Feb. 8, 1898.

The Connecting Link.
 The connecting link between the trolley systems of Wilmington and Chester, upon which work has been progressing for several months, is nearing completion. It is expected that it will be finished about January 1, and then it will be possible to ride all the way between Philadelphia and this city, a distance of about 29 miles, on the electric cars. The trolley companies operating in Wilmington and Chester are now controlled by E. W. Clark & Co., of Philadelphia, as well as the Chester & Darby branch, connecting with the Darby line of the Union Traction Company.

NOTICE.
 NOTICE—We, the undersigned, county assessors for Wilmington hundred, will sit in the Levy Court room, at the County Court House, on December 15, 16, 22 and 23, 1898, from 10 a. m. to 12 m. and 2 to 5 p. m. for the purpose of receiving returns from all persons who are subject to assessment under the Adams tax law. We will also sit at our homes on all other days during the month of December to receive such returns, the hours being the same as those at the Court House. The law is strict in the matter of making such returns, and all must comply.
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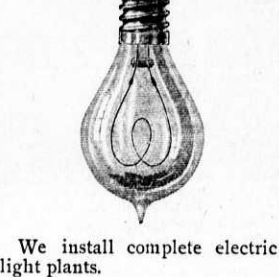
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 WANTED—Engineer wants a position, either locomotive or stationary. A first-class, competent engineer with first-class references from last employers. Will go anywhere. Have run C. R. Green, Eagle, Hall, Erie, Wood and locomotives. Address, Wilmington, Del. Office open 8 to 9 a. m., 2 to 3 p. m.
 WANTED—Boy with experience at barbering. Apply immediately to J. MARK REUTER, No. 835 East Fourth street.

HELP WANTED--FEMALES.
 WANTED—Girl for general housework. Must be good plain cook. Reference required. 803 Jackson street.
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 WANTED—Half grown white girl to assist with children. Apply at grocery store, 625 West Front street.
 WANTED—A middle-aged woman for general housework; reference. Apply 59 IVY ROAD, Bancroft's Mills City.
 WANTED—Young white girl as child's nurse. Apply 1311 West Eighth street.

SITUATION WANTED--FEMALES.
 WANTED—Girl wishes position at housework or chambermaid. Best of reference. P. O. Box 152, City.

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 LOST—100 trip passenger book B. & O. R. R., No. 3011 in name of J. N. Carter, on Seventh street between Van Buren and Market. Liberal reward if returned to Catherine Bonner, No. 605 Van Buren street.
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