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The demand for the election of United States senators by the direct vote of the people will be considerably strengthened by the seating of Quay, as now seems to be the determination of the senate, notwithstanding the apparent opposition to the consideration of his case on the vote in that body the other day. It was stated in the Associated Press dispatch announcing the result on the question of consideration that the vote was not a test of Mr. Quay's strength, as many senators who favored his seating voted against consideration, while others known to be opposed to his admission voted for consideration. Why there should have been such a curious alignment on what seemed to be a decisive point in the case was more than the mind of any one unfamiliar with the operations of the senate could conceive. But the prediction of the press dispatch is corroborated by the opinion of one of the best press correspondents engaged in watching legislation at Washington. That correspondent is Albert Halstead, who writes his paper, the Brooklyn Standard-Union, as follows on the subject:

Matthew S. Quay will be seated. That is the meaning of the vote of 34 to 23 yesterday on the question of taking up his case. It was a remarkable victory, and one that was not expected. Quay's friends and the influence at his command, corporative and other, have enabled him to command a majority. Several democrats and one republican voted to take up the case who will vote against seating him. They wanted the case taken up because they thought it wrong to delay a decision on such an important question. Several republicans, six, perhaps, voted against taking up the case because they thought other legislation should be first considered or wanted to avoid the necessity of voting for him, as they will have to do by reason of their attitude on previous cases of a similar character. Quay will have from eight to ten, perhaps twelve, majority when the vote on seating him is taken. He counts on forty-seven out of the eighty-six votes will not be cast, but pairs will even matters up. It is a great personal victory for the Pennsylvanian, no matter how unfortunate it may be regarded for the country. He triumphs against a particularly strong opposition.

THE AMENDED SUBSIDY BILL.

Tacoma Ledger.

President Hill of the Great Northern Railway company is deeply interested in the development of our trade

with the Orient. That he expects that it will develop rapidly and to large proportions is shown by the fact that he has ordered built several large steamships to carry freight to and from Puget sound and the Orient in connection with his railway.

That Mr. Hill is as much interested in the growth of the American merchant marine as he is in the growth of business for his railway, may be suspected from the fact of placing his orders for steamships in British yards. Under these circumstances the fact that Mr. Hill does or does not approve of the shipping subsidy bill may perhaps have less weight than it would under different circumstances.

However, the objections to the original Payne-Hanna subsidy bill, which it was asserted were unfair to the Pacific, have been removed. A new bill has been framed by members of the house committee on commerce, among whom is Representative Jones of Washington, which it is believed will meet the objections to the original bill, and prove acceptable to the Pacific coast interests.

Perhaps the most popular feature of the new bill is that which prohibits the benefits of the bill being enjoyed by what are called "tank steamers," owned or chartered by the Standard Oil Company and used solely for the transportation of oils. They are not engaged in general freight business, but for the transportation of the products of the corporations which own the vessels, and are clearly not entitled to any subsidy.

Another important amendment is introduced for the purpose of stimulating exports, and that is that the subsidy is conditioned upon the steamers carrying a certain amount of freight from this country. This expectation, in order to receive the subsidy, necessitates the finding of a market and will increase the demand for American products.

Important amendments are made regarding the speed of vessels, in order to encourage the building of freight carriers rather than ocean greyhounds and passenger ships. Another provision limiting the subsidy to ten years for vessels already built will encourage the building of new vessels. Another wise provision, to prevent the running to secure the subsidy of vessels that should be in the boneyard, is that every ship enjoying the subsidy shall maintain an A1 classification. New vessels will receive compensation for twenty years.

If President Hill can show that more than 50 per cent of his new steamships is owned by American capital, he may bring them under American register when the whole amount is owned by American citizens, so long as such ownership remains, provided the ships are under construction when the law becomes effective.

There can be no objection to this bill by the producers or shippers of the Pacific coast. The new bill has been drawn for the purpose of eliminating the features in the original bill which were objectionable to them, as opposed to their interests. It is now fair to all sections, and so far as benefiting producers by encouraging exports, is preferable to the original bill, as it is in other directions.

The interests of all are for the building up of the American merchant marine, which will increase our exports, reduce freights to farmers and other producers, give employment to thousands of American mechanics and sailors, and save to this country many millions annually which are now paid to foreign shipowners.

THE CONVENTIONS OF 1896 AND 1900.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The order in which the national conventions of the two great parties are to be held in 1900 are the same as it was in 1896, and the dates at which they are to take place will be nearly the same as that time. The republican convention met earlier than the democratic four years ago, and will meet earlier this year, but the interval of time separating the two gatherings will be about six days shorter than it was then. The republican convention of 1896 opened in St. Louis on June 16, while the democratic national gathering began in Chicago July 7. This year the republicans will meet in Philadelphia on June 19, and the democrats in Kansas City on July 4, the republicans coming together three days later in the year than they did four years ago and the democrats three days earlier than they did then.

It is not probable, however, that either convention will be as interesting in 1900 as it was in 1896. In the republican gathering there will be no contest on the presidential candidate this year, Mr. McKinley's nomination

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by acclamation being assured. Probably there will be only one name mentioned in the democratic convention also, Mr. Bryan's nomination being practically certain by an overwhelming majority or by a unanimous vote. These elements of uncertainty being removed, it will not be possible to invest the gatherings this year with the interest which those of four years ago had. There will be no "walk-outs" in either convention this year, while there was a split in all the parties, small and great, in 1896. A split is practically assured in the popular party, of course, as the rupture in the conference the other day in the populist national committee in Lincoln, Neb., shows a division in that party which can hardly be closed up at the national gatherings of the two wings which take place on May 9, one of them in Cincinnati and the other in Sioux Falls, S. D.

A new issue will be before the convention of 1900, that of national expansion, and this fact will give an interest to the gatherings of the big parties, but it will not call out anything like the concern which was felt regarding the silver declaration of both these parties in 1896. The republicans will declare for expansion by a practically unanimous vote. Nobody in the Philadelphia convention will lead a revolt against anything which will come up in that body like the one which Teller and Cannon directed in the St. Louis gathering four years ago. The gold standard will be unanimously and emphatically endorsed in Philadelphia. There is some doubt as to the deliverance which the democrats will make on the expansion question, as a large ingredient of their party favors the policy to which the administration and the republicans are committed. This question will probably be straddled, as the tariff used to be in democratic conventions. Whether straddled or not, however, there is not the faintest chance that there will be a bolt in the convention on that question, as all democrats, "anti-imperialists" and "imperialists," know that the Philippines and Porto Rico will be retained and that the republican idea will prevail. There will be no cyclones in the conventions of 1900 like those which Teller caused in St. Louis and Bryan raised in Chicago. Nevertheless these gatherings will be historic, and will attract the attention of the whole country.

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