

DEMOCRATS HAVE AN INNING.

Something Unique in the Party's History in New York.

The State Convention Meets Without a Programmed Slate.

Money Question Eliminated From the Platform Presented—Democrats of New Jersey Meet in State Convention at Trenton and Nominate Elvin W. Crane as Their Standard Bearer.

SYRACUSE (N. Y.), Sept. 28.—The Democratic State Convention met here to-day at noon to-day without a slate or program other than the temporary organization agreed upon in the State Committee last night. It is in many respects the most remarkable political convention ever held. Never before have all the prominent leaders of the Democratic party appeared in convention and consulted as to a program...

THOS. F. BAYARD IS NO MORE.

Passed Quietly and Peacefully Away Late Yesterday Afternoon

At the Home of His Daughter, Near Dedham, Massachusetts.

Death Came to the Delaware Statesman Without Pain, Surrounded by His Wife, Two Daughters and Son—The Remains to Be Taken to His Delaware Home for Interment.

DEDDHAM (Mass.), Sept. 28.—Thomas F. Bayard died at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel D. Warren, after an illness of six weeks. His death was without pain. His wife, Miss Florence Bayard, and his son, Thomas F., Jr., saw him draw his last breath, and his third daughter, the Countess Lauenhaupt, was on her way to Dedham. The remains will be conveyed to Delaware, and the funeral services will be held Saturday in the old Swedish Church at Wilmington.

FATAL EXPLOSION AT ST. LOUIS.

Occurs in a Big Building Occupied by a Sporting Goods Firm.

Fire Breaks Out, Reducing the Four-Story Structure to Ruins.

Several People Injured, One of Whom Has Since Died, and Two Others in a Critical Condition—One Girl Escapes by Walking a Narrow Ledge in Front of an Adjoining Building.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 28.—An explosion of powder in the rear of the four-story building at 410 North Fourth street, occupied by C. & W. McClain, fishing tackle and sporting goods, set the store on fire and caused its destruction and resulted in injury to a number of people, one of whom later died, and two others are in a critical condition. The list of injured follows: Pauline Bender and Florence Higbee of the McClain Company, fatally; Kate Weldon and Kate Gault, injuries; Joe Detter, Engine Company No. 6, cut by flying glass; Frederick Bohly, Engine Company No. 15, hit by runaway team whose car he was riding; Fred W. Stone, passer-by, cut by flying glass, not serious; A. R. Taylor, hit by runaway team and badly injured. The first explosion occurred in the basement of the McClain building, where a quantity of powder and shells had been stored. It set fire to the building and shattered the glass in store fronts for some distance along Fourth street.

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CONDUCT OF WAR.

Little Business Done at Yesterday's Session of the Commission.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Only four members of the Commission appointed to investigate the conduct of the war were present at the forenoon session to-day and in the absence of replies to the interrogatories sent to the Secretary of War and his subordinates, very little business was transacted.

Colonel Denby was elected Vice Chairman of the Commission, and in the absence of Chairman Dodge, presided over the session to-day. The only important matter brought to the attention of the Commission was a report by General Wilson of the Engineer Department of the army, of which he is chief. No statement was called for from him, but because of the charges against his department, General Wilson concluded that to furnish one would be an appropriate proceeding. The document was held for disposition by the full Commission, and consequently was not given to the presiding officer.

It is a detailed statement showing the condition of the department on the first of last April, just before the declaration of war, as compared with its condition on the thirty-first of August last, after the cessation of hostilities, and it deals especially with the changes in the department. Included in it is a letter written by General Wilson to his subordinates throughout the country just before the beginning of the war, advising them of the prospect for hostilities, and directing what course they should pursue as members of the Engineer Department. A few letters were received from persons offering to come before the Commission. These were replied to with a circular letter, of which the following is a copy: "Dear Sir—Referring to your communication of the 22nd inst., the Commission requests that on receipt of this you will forward a written statement, giving in as specific and complete a form as may be practicable all the facts, based upon your own personal experience and knowledge, which will aid the Commission in its investigation. The statement will be for the information of the Commission only."

NEW JERSEY DEMOCRATS.

Meet in State Convention at Trenton.

TRENTON, Sept. 28.—The Democratic State Convention nominated for Governor Elvin W. Crane, the prosecutor of Essex County, and adopted a platform which in a measure supports the Democratic national platform. The convention, however, without debate defeated a proposition to specifically endorse the platform adopted at the Chicago convention of 1896. This for a few moments caused considerable turmoil, but the band struck up a lively tune, and finally the silver men accepted the situation gracefully. Later, when Mr. Crane had been nominated, the Hon. George M. Palmer of Schuylkill as Chairman, and as assistant Secretaries Calvin Huson, Thomas E. Benedict, Frank P. Hulet and Clark Day.

Chairman Palmer's address opened with an expression of opinion that the state point unanimously to an overwhelming Democratic victory in November. He charged that the Republicans had squandered and wasted the people's money; that the laws enacted by them had favored the classes as against the masses; that many new and needless offices had been created to reward political servants, and that laws had been passed under the Republican party, having for their sole object the protection and fostering of monopolies and trusts, thereby suffering the people to be robbed by practices and methods which, said the speaker, had frequently been decided by the Court of Appeals to be criminal.

Mr. Palmer attacked the record of the Republicans on the State Canal expenditures, charging corrupt methods in the use of money, and said no attempt had been made to correct any of those abuses. At the close of his speech the roll was called, and at its completion Delegate Pierce of Rochester sent up a resolution, which he asked to have read. Chairman Palmer announced that the resolution which had been sent to the Chair would be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Mr. Pierce demanded that the resolution be read. "That is a resolution to instruct the Committee on Resolutions," he said, "and now is the proper time for it to be read." Chairman Palmer announced that his decision was that the resolution should be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and directed the Clerk to proceed with the reading of resolutions for the appointment of committees. The resolution which Mr. Pierce desired read was as follows: "I move that when the Committee on Resolutions is appointed that they are instructed to reaffirm their resolutions platform of 1896."

CHAPLAIN MCINTYRE.

Testimony Before the Court-martial Being Held at Denver.

DENVER (Col.), Sept. 28.—The court-martial trial of Chaplain Joseph P. McIntyre of the battleship Oregon was resumed this morning. McIntyre, who heard Mr. McIntyre's lecture on August 8th, testified that the report of the lecture which appeared in the "Rocky Mountain News," extracts from which were used in the specifications to support the charges against the accused, was substantially correct. He said the Chaplain spoke sneeringly of Captain Evans a number of times as "Fighting Bob."

CORBETT INJURED.

Kicked by Kid McCoy While Held by Friends.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The pugilists, Kid McCoy and Jim Corbett, whose match has been broken off, met in the lobby of the Gilsey House to-day. McCoy knocked Corbett's hat off, and then, while Corbett was held by his friends, kicked Corbett in the groin. He then ran out of a side door away from the crowd. Corbett was taken to his room and a doctor summoned. Corbett, his manager, George Conladyne, and Al Smith ate lunch together in the Gilsey House cafe, finishing about 1 o'clock. They then walked out through the lobby, and in the Broadway entrance met David Nugent of the Hawthorne Athletic Club, who joined them. In one end of the entrance were McCoy, William Gray of the Hawthorne Club, and six other men. They were talking excitedly. Conladyne stated that Gray and Corbett walked up to do likewise. Gray, after acknowledging the salute, said to Corbett: "I don't think you want to fight." "What's that?" inquired Corbett. Gray repeated the remark, and Corbett loudly said that he was ready to fight McCoy anywhere and at any time. "I'll fight him now and right here in the street," said Corbett. McCoy, who had been listening, stepped up to Corbett as the latter spoke and knocked off his hat. Several of Corbett's friends, wishing no disturbance, held him, and as they seized him by the arms and shoulders, McCoy leveled a kick at Corbett, which struck him in the groin. Corbett leaned over in pain, unable to try to get at McCoy, who, as soon as he had kicked Corbett, dashed back to the side entrance of the hotel. Corbett tried to follow, but he could not do so, and he was persuaded to go to his room. A doctor was immediately summoned. A large crowd had gathered at the time the pugilists were in the lobby, and by the time the report that they had got into a fight had been spread, which was in a few minutes, the hotel was besieged. The crowd was in a state of excitement about the alleged fight, but neither of the pugilists was seen by the people. McCoy disappeared early.

CAMP WIKOFF.

All but Three Regiments Have Departed From the Place.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The departure of troops from Camp Wikoff continued to-day, and now there are only three regiments in the camp, which a month or two ago had 25,000 men. The First Cavalry got away to-day. They are assigned to the Department of Dakota, and will be distributed among the different forts in the department. The hospital ship Leviston to-day took ninety sick men to Providence to be distributed among the hospitals in that city. She also transported forty members of the Second and Ninth Massachusetts Volunteers who had been sick, but have recovered and went home on leaves of absence. There were 225 men in the general hospital to-day, and only one death was reported.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—To-day's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$310,445,800; gold reserve, \$242,808,206.

Japanese Minister to Resign.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 28.—The Minister of Justice, Ohigashi, will resign because of agitation among the members of the bench and bar, alleging unfitness for the office he has been holding. The agitation in favor of the State purchase of the railroads continues.

Major General Merritt.

PORT SAID (Egypt), Sept. 28.—Major General Merritt, U. S. A., Major Strother, aide-de-camp, and Captain Matt Howell, the General's Secretary, passed here to-day on board the steamer Arcadia on their way to Marseilles and Paris.

German Baptists.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 28.—The triennial conference of the German Baptists of the United States and Canada has been concluded after a session extending over a week. It has been decided to meet in 1901 at Berlin, Ontario, Canada.

Silver Moving Upward.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Silver moved upward to-day on a good demand. Certificates at the exchange rose to 61 3/4. London was an active bidder, the purchases being destined for the silver-using countries.

Will be Closed Within a Week or Ten Days.

CHATTANOOGA (Tenn.), Sept. 28.—Lester Hospital, the largest general

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Must File Memorandum of Sales.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—Judge Sales, of the United States District Court to-day upheld the constitutionality of the provision of the War Revenue Act requiring brokers to file memorandum of their sales. He dismissed the habeas corpus proceedings instituted by James Nichols, a Board of Trade operator, who was fined \$500 recently for violating the law. The decision was based on the declaration that it was the privilege of selling on the Board of Trade, and not the sale apart from that privilege, that was taxed. The case will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

Glass Tableware Combine.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 28.—The glass tableware manufacturers of the country are in session here, and have practically formed a combine for the regulation of the product and prices. Twenty-six firms are represented. The combine will be capitalized at \$8,000,000 and a charter will be taken out in New Jersey. The general agency will probably be in this city.

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