

PITH OF THE NEWS

Capital Topics—Crimes and Casualties.

Personal and Political.

Something of a sensation was created in this city on the 28th ult. by the arrest of Colonel J. O. P. Burdise, superintendent and disbursing officer of the Post-Office Department, on the charge of being a defaulter on the extent of \$45,000.

A telegram was received in Washington on the 23d inst., stating that General G. E. Hoback (Commissioner of Public Buildings) and President Grant, B. F. Sutter, and Levi P. Luckey (formerly General Grant's private secretary), had been drowned at Mosquito inlet on the Florida coast.

The Garfield Memorial Hospital in this city was formally dedicated on the 30th ult. Rev. Mr. Butler, of the Lutheran Memorial Church, officiated, and John S. Springer, of the Supreme Court, delivered an address.

The collections of Internal Revenue during the first ten months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1884, amount to \$20,164,745, a decrease of \$10,000,000 over the collections for the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

The Washington National Monument closed last week at the height of 445 feet. It is now within seven feet of St. Stephen's spire, Vienna, and there are but four edifices in the world which have reached a greater elevation.

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The front portion of the large five-story warehouse at 27 South Gray street, Baltimore, Md., occupied by the Messrs. W. E. Hooper & Sons, the well-known manufacturers of cotton duck, twine, etc., collapsed at a few minutes before 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, burying nearly a dozen men and women.

A dispatch from Wausau, Wis., dated the 21st ult., says: Wm. Thayer, of this city, shot and killed Frederick J. Beale, of Roseville, N. Y., this morning at 10 o'clock at the residence of the latter at the Marlborough County Bank here. They opened the bank as usual, and shortly after had a dispute regarding pay. While Beale was engaged upon his work, Thayer stepped up behind him and fired a revolver at him.

Michael T. Moran, overseer at the Eastern penitentiary, Philadelphia, was brutally murdered on Saturday last by a convict named Joseph Taylor. Moran had gone to the latter's cell to see that he took his morning exercise, and was returning to his quarters at 10 o'clock.

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CHICAGO CONVENTION.

Blaine's Candidate for Temporary Chairman Defeated.

Special Dispatch National Tribune. CHICAGO, June 3.—At the session of the National Republican Committee, yesterday, the names of ex-Senator Powell (Ark.), Senator Hoar (Mass.), Representative Roswell G. H. (Mich.), and Galusha A. Grow (Pa.), were presented as candidates for temporary chairman of the convention and the vote resulted as follows: Clayton 27, Hoar 13, Grow 2, Horstmann 1. A motion to make the choice of Senator Clayton unanimous brought out three dissenting votes. This action of the committee was the occasion of much discussion last night and to-day, the anti-Blaine men generally opposing the choice, and the fight was carried into the convention.

The assembling of the convention this morning was a brilliant spectacle. Before 10 o'clock the main auditorium began to be sprinkled with delegates from all over the land, located in the extreme southern portion of the building, burst forth with a martial air the stream of arrivals became steady and unceasing until the scene from the speaker's platform was that of an unbroken, undulating sea of faces. The first of the delegates began to arrive at 11:30, and the delegations were in the allotted places before the noon hour.

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT. The following members of the United States Senate were present among the delegates and on the main stage: Aldrich, Blair, Hoar, Platt, Miller (N. Y.), Miller (Cal.), Sewell, Malbone, Fairbank, Conger, Harrison, Callahan, Sabin, Plumb, Manderson, Brown, Dolph, and Jones (Neb.).

At 12:25 Senator Sabin, of Minnesota, chairman of the national committee, called the convention to order, and announced that the session would be opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Bristol, who thereupon arose and invoked the blessing of God upon the convention assembled to substitute the name of the Plymouth Rock, Declaration of Independence, proclamation of emancipation, the results of the war and the Republican party. He besought that the results of the convention might be in harmony with the wishes of the people, and that the might be free from any circumstances which too often accompany such occurrences; that the result would be such as to enable man and country to substitute the name of the country, the good of religion, the promotion of education and the blessings of Heaven.

Senator Sabin then delivered an address of welcome, and ex-Senator Clayton, who had been chosen by the national committee as temporary chairman, was about to take the chair, when Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, rose and said: "It was the right of the convention to adopt the choice of the national committee for temporary chairman or reverse it. With no view of attempting to make a vote of the strength of its patronage, but to give the best possible effect to, and to strengthen the party, I would move to substitute the name of John R. Lynch, of Mississippi." [Great applause.]

Dutch, of New York, seconded the resolution, and demanded a call of the roll. This brought forth much cheering and the excitement became intense. Mr. Morrow, of California, said the convention should proceed with the proper preliminary, that no such precedent had ever been set. Great applause. It was impossible to commence a great campaign with hostility to the report on the floor of the convention. With fire and enthusiasm he urged the convention to consider the resolution, but to support the judgment of the National Convention. [Prolonged applause.]

An animated discussion ensued, after which the chairman ordered the roll-call on Mr. Lynch's motion to precede the name of John R. Lynch, of Mississippi. Mr. Lynch was selected as temporary chairman by the following vote: Lynch, 432; Clayton, 337.

Mr. Clayton moved to make the election of Mr. Lynch unanimous. This was carried. Mr. Lynch was escorted to the chair by Mr. Clayton. He was received with cheers on taking the chair. The roll of States was then called for chairmen of the different committees on permanent organization. The election of Lynch has greatly disheartened the Blaine delegation.

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