

CREELMAN vs. THE LAFAYETTE INTERVIEW.

He Modifies the Text of the Republican Paper.

Denies Having Made Threats Against Any One—Did Not Use the Scurrilous Language as Credited to Him—Senator McDonald Not Responsible for Not Cognizant of His Talk.

On Saturday a stalwart-framed, affable-faced man of somewhere in the thirties entered the Sentinel editorial rooms. He might have been a lawyer, an Alderman, or a merchant, or a legislator; he was not solemly dignified enough for a clergyman nor gaudy enough for a dude, nor sufficiently self-important for a base-ballist. "My name is Frank Creelman," said the visitor.

"Come here on 'graveyard' business" quired the Sentinel.

"I've come to say that the talk and publications of my having claimed to be in the 'political graveyard' enterprise is as false as it is absurd," answered Mr. Creelman.

"Do you mean to say you had no talk with a representative of the Lafayette Courier?" was asked.

"No, I did talk with a man connected with the Courier, but did not say all he has reported, nor in the manner he has made out."

The Sentinel read him a lecture on talking to Republican papers at all, warning him of the propensity of that class of prints to color and distort every word spoken by a Democrat that can possibly cause dissension in our party ranks.

"Well, it is too late to adopt your advice in the Lafayette Courier case," said Mr. Creelman, "but I do want to repudiate certain passages printed by that paper as coming from me."

The Sentinel took up his pencil as Mr. Creelman spread a copy of the Lafayette Courier open before him and bade him proceed.

"In the first place," began Mr. Creelman, "I made no statement that I would be heard of again in a way not altogether pleasant to the parties interested in the fight just ended."

"This being jotted down, his finger dropped lower down the column.

"I said that it was at the solicitation of Mr. Bynum and others that I became a candidate for the Postoffice. I did not say that Senator McDonald asked me to become a candidate."

"Next?"

"I am credited with saying that 'I had elected Mr. Bynum in a county strongly Republican, cutting down a large Republican majority, and of course I did it with money and hard work, and all that sort of thing.' I made no such remark. I did say that Mr. Bynum was elected in a district strongly Republican, and in spite of the use of a large amount of money by the Republican party."

"Go on!"

"I am credited with saying that 'I had been appointed Postmaster, I would have bent every energy to secure the continued success of my party in the county.' What I did say was that if I had been appointed, my first endeavor would have been to give the citizens of Indianapolis a postal service that would have been a source of pride to every citizen, and in doing so made such appointments as would have insured continued success to the party, and that in every appointment made by me efficiency for the post to which each appointee was assigned would have been the first requisite."

The Sentinel approved of the last sentiment, and Mr. Creelman resumed:

"I am credited with saying that 'I was determined that Mr. Hendricks should not use me to secure securities for his barnacles, political prostitutes, etc.' What I did say was I was determined no one should use me to secure places for their friends regardless of efficiency, and made no reference whatever to Mr. Hendricks personally in connection with the subject."

"I made no such remark as that Mr. Hendricks was in his dotage, and in no way criticized the appointment of Mr. Jones as an unworthy one. I did say that Mr. Hendricks was doubtless led to urge that appointment because of the fact that Mr. Jones was a life-long friend and had rendered him valuable political aid a great many years ago. I believe now, as I did while the contest was pending, that the appointment of the Postmaster belonged to Mr. Bynum, and in this I believe a very large majority of the party agreed with me, but I have always said that if Mr. Hendricks controlled the appointment, in my opinion, he was doing exactly right in urging Mr. Jones's appointment in preference to any one else, and for that reason could not understand why he would promise his support to two or three other candidates, as from their statements he undoubtedly did."

In reference to the appointment of Hon. East as Private Secretary to the Vice President, I simply said that I believed the better class of the party thought it an unworthy one in every respect, and were very much surprised that it was made."

"I did not say that Mr. Hendricks was a traitor to his country; but I did say that he had been a traitor to some of his best friends—men who stood in the foremost ranks of the Democratic party; and in this, as every one familiar with the political history of Indiana well knew, I referred to Mr. McDonald. I said that he had betrayed McDonald, whom he always said that he loved, and his honesty and integrity; and that if it had not been for Hendricks McDonald could be in the Cabinet to-day."

"I did not say that McDonald said to me that it would have cost him \$10,000 a year to have accepted a Cabinet position; but I did say that while I had no doubt that it would have been a loss of \$10,000 a year to him to have accepted, he could have done so to please his friends and for the honor there was in the office; and further, because it would have added strength to the Democratic party in this State. I also said that, notwithstanding Mr. McDonald may have had reasons to believe that he had been betrayed by Mr. Hendricks in Chicago, that fact did not affect his course in the Presidential campaign, but that he gave to the party all of his time and talents, and probably did more than any other man to secure for Cleveland and Hendricks the large majority they received in the State, and must therefore have felt that it was hard to have Hendricks shut the door in his face when every member of Congress from Indiana and Senator Voorhees were urging his appointment to the Cabinet."

In answer to the question as to how Mr. Hendricks got the President to give him the appointment of the Postmaster in preference to Mr. Bynum, I said that I understood that it was secured by a personal appeal to the President to save him from political death, and that it would undoubtedly have humiliated Mr. Hendricks very greatly to have returned home and been obliged to admit that he did not have sufficient influence with the President to secure the appointment of a Postmaster in his own city. While a good many people have been asking recently, 'Who is Creelman?' I do not profess to know any one who knows me will believe that I used the language attributed to me in the Courier in

terview. I certainly would not expect to be sustained, even by my best friend, in applying such terms as 'old villain,' 'damned old lying hypocrite,' etc., to Mr. Hendricks or anyone else.

"All talk about my saying that 'I had a graveyard started,' etc., is nonsense. While I have my personal preference as to who should receive the honor to be bestowed by the Democracy, my desires for the success of the party are altogether above any personal consideration. In reference to the petitions for my appointment as Postmaster, I made no statement that 'fifty-four firms, including three banks and all the brewers, sent a demand for my appointment by telegraph. Mind you, my petition was signed by 6,000 representative men, and by all the Cabinet,' but I said that it was signed by 3,000 representative citizens of this city."

"I have made this correction of the Courier interview for the reason that the statements made there are unjust, both to myself and my friends; and I want it distinctly understood that in what I say I speak for myself alone, and no one else is responsible for it."

K. O. P.

Indianapolis Division No. 2 Uniform Rank—Its Progress and Present Standing.

"It was in the old armory, the present site of the New State House, facing Tennessee street, that a number of members from different Lodges of the Knights of Pythias met and organized a drill corps entitled Indianapolis Drill Corps No. 1, September 3, 1877. Charles Many, Sir Knight Commander, James R. Foster, Sir Knight, Lieutenant Commander and W. F. A. Bernhamer, Sir Knight Recorder. On December 21, 1878 the title was changed from drill corps to division, the former officers remaining. From that time the Division began to grow and prosper, and becoming quite prominent in drilling started out by giving an exhibition drill at Madison, Ind., in June, 1879. The second drill was at Columbus, Ind. (exhibition), receiving \$300 in gold, and very highly complimented for their proficiency. The third drill was at Dayton, O., at the Grand Lodge Conclave, when the division received the second prize, coming very close to the first, against several of the best divisions in the country, a handsome Pythian banner valued at \$25 being the prize. The fourth drill was at St. Louis, Mo., in June, 1880, at Grand Lodge Session, securing also the second prize, \$300 in gold. The fifth drill was also in June, 1880, just after the success at St. Louis, given at the Fair Grounds in this city—\$300 prize. The sixth drill was at Lafayette, Ind., June 22, 1882, capturing the first prize, \$300 in gold, against the divisions of Chicago, Springfield and Kokomo. The seventh was at Detroit, August 23, 1882, against Buffalo, Springfield, Dayton, Lafayette and Kokomo. The last drill was at Cincinnati, May 22, 1883, against Dayton, Lancaster and Kokomo, receiving second prize. Since the above date no public drill has taken place. On August 30, 1883, S. K. J. R. Forbes took command of the Division, S. K. Commander Many resigning to take command of the new Division No. 18, organized about that time. At the time of this change the Division was in a rather precarious condition financially, but by earnest and persistent efforts the members went to work and brought it out in good shape and at the present time its membership is sixty-four in good standing, out of debt and a goodly sum in the Treasury.

The following are the present officers of the division: James R. Forbes, Sir Knight Commander; George T. Reeves, S. K. P. L. Commander; Charles L. Schmidt, S. K. Herald; Harry C. Webb, S. K. Treasurer; W. F. A. Bernhamer, S. K. Recorder; Henry Elstrod, S. K. Guard; William Luft, S. K. Sentinel. The present condition of the Indianapolis Division and its past good record may be greatly attributed to Commander Many for the great interest and energetic efforts he has demonstrated since he has been connected with the division. The appreciation of his untiring efforts for the prosperity of his division was duly demonstrated the other evening at the Grand Opera House, when a beautiful sword was presented to him by the members of his division.

Commander Forbes merits the high compliment paid to him by his division, and no doubt he highly appreciates the same. The complete success of the benefit serves to stimulate the members of the division and entitle them to action which can not help but bring ultimate success. There was a set of jewels offered to the lodge which sold the largest number of tickets. Indianapolis Lodge No. 50 was the lucky one, and are now in possession of the beautiful ornaments. The member who sold the most tickets was to receive a K. P. charm, Fred G. Grant, of 36, was the lucky member. One that sold the next largest to receive a ring. Austin J. Morris, also of 36, was the fortunate one that sold the third largest a helmet and sword. Harry Webb, of Star Lodge No. 7, captured the prize, and desires a sword. The charm was given by the division, and the ring by Mr. John Wimmer, jeweler, No. 10 North Pennsylvania street. The sword was given by S. K. Thomas Target. These presents are all beautiful in design, and are very creditable to the donor. The Indianapolis Division is preparing for the Grand Lodge meeting in June, as well as for the Supreme Lodge Conclave in 1885 at Toronto, when Commander Forbes expects to enter for the first prize, and by the eternal efforts capture the big prize and bring it to the Hoosier capital with all the dignity of the highest in the land, if in his power so to do. Such is the earnest desire of the writer.

Prize Drill.

The Richardson & Co. will give an exhibition prize drill at their armory to-morrow evening. The programme will be the same as the one to be carried out in Mobile. To help defray the expenses of the trip an admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged. Tickets for sale by all members of the company, who respectfully ask the patronage of their friends.

Arrested on Suspicion.

John Sweeney and William Wall were arrested early yesterday morning as fugitives from justice. They were at the depot, and were trying to dispose of a quantity of shoes, which they claimed were smuggled into the country from Canada. They were thought to be the men wanted at Louisville for burglarizing a shoe house in that place.

The Grant Meeting.

The meeting called for this evening at the Federal Court Room, to express sympathy for General Grant, will be presided over by Governor Gray, ex-Governor Porter, Senator Harrison, and Senator McDonald and others will speak.

Something Went.

Tennison's "Skeleton in Armor" finds a counterpart in one found in the day in the sand about Petersburg, Va.—Indianapolis Journal.

"Alas, poor ghost!" And yet Longfellow is so well known and much admired by Tennesseans, that it is not surprising that they should have found him in Westminster Abbey.—Indianapolis News.

THEY CONTINUE TO WIN.

The Coming Champions Again Defeat the O'Leary Aggregation.

Pittsburg Whitewashed at St. Louis—Cincinnati Easily Wins a Game From Louisville—Base Ball Gossip.

Dan O'Leary's nine met the local sluggers again yesterday afternoon, and in the presence of 4,000 people demonstrated that they were weak at the bat, weak behind the bat and weak in the infield—in fact, weak at every point, hence Indianapolis easily won the game. The outfielders were given no opportunity to show what they could do, but the infielders gave a wonderful exhibition of fumbling, while Stenmeyer's support behind the bat was nothing short of miserable. Cook having six errors and four passed balls. He could not throw to second and the home team stole bases on him with ease. Four innings were played before the visitors secured one of the three hits with which they are credited, and had Miller not been unfortunate in giving men bases on balls they would have scored nine goose eggs instead of four runs. The home team played a brilliant fielding game up to the sixth inning, when they made four errors, giving the visitors three runs.

In the first inning, after Donnelly had been retired on a little hit to Rainey, Poorman hit safe to center, and went to second on Cook's error, scoring on McKoon's safe throw to right. McKoon was forced out at second on Collins' slow one to the infield, and Moriarty retired the side by a long fly to center. In the second, McQuerry led off with a clean hit, went to second on Cook's error, third on a passed ball, and scored on Crane's single. McGuire struck out, and Miller went to the right for two bases, scoring Crane. It looked as if the home team would pile up two or three runs in the third when McKoon led off with a heavy drive for three bases, but the next three men at the bat were retired in short order on hits to the infield. In the fourth the home team secured three runs on errors by Kearns and Buckenberger. McGuire's base on balls, and McKoon's safe hit, in the fifth the visitors scored their first hit, Kearns rapping the ball, and would have scored had it not been for a bad throw by Miller. In the sixth inning Buckenberger, Wright and Morrison were given bases on balls, and all scored on loose fielding by McGuire, Miller and Crane. In their half, however, the home team sat at rest all fears that Toledo would be able to tie the score by securing four runs. McGuire hit Miller, the first two men at the bat, were hit by the pitcher. McGuire was forced out, however, at second, on Donnelly's hit to short, and an effort to double them up was not attended with success, the batsman easily beating the ball to first. Miller and Donnelly were advanced by Poorman's hit to right, and McKoon's hit to center. Buckenberger was given a base on balls, reached second on Crane's error and third on a passed ball. Rainey also went to his base on balls, and in attempting to steal second was cut off by McGuire's pretty throw, but Buckenberger scored while the play was being made. Miller straddled his arm in the eighth and McKoon came in to pitch, the third man at the bat hitting him safe. The batsman, however, died on second and the agony was ended. The features of the game were brilliant plays by Wright and Collins and the batting of McKoon, who was at the bat five times, carrying three singles and one triple. The umpiring of Hoover was very satisfactory. Following is the score:

Score table showing runs, hits, errors, and outs for Toledo and Indianapolis.

TOLEDO. R. H. E. P. O. A. E. Rainey, 3 b..... 0 0 5 1 0 Wright, 1 f..... 0 0 0 0 0 Morrison, 1 f..... 1 0 3 0 0 Pratt, 1 b..... 0 0 3 0 0 McDonald, 1 f..... 0 1 1 1 0 Crane, 2 b..... 0 0 0 0 1 Stenmeyer, p..... 0 0 0 1 1 Cook, c..... 0 1 6 1 3 Buckenberger, 2 b..... 2 0 1 0 2 Total..... 4 3 24 5 12

INDIANAPOLIS. R. H. E. P. O. A. E. Donnelly, 3 b..... 2 0 0 4 0 Poorman, r f..... 1 2 0 0 0 McKoon, c f and p..... 1 4 1 0 0 Collins, s..... 0 1 1 3 0 Moriarty, 1 b..... 0 1 1 1 0 McQuerry, 1 b..... 1 2 14 1 0 Crane, 2 b..... 1 0 3 4 2 McGuire, c..... 2 1 0 5 4 Miller, p and c f..... 2 1 0 5 1 Total..... 11 12 27 20 5

Innings..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Toledo..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 Indianapolis..... 1 2 0 3 0 4 1 0 x-11

Left on Base—Indianapolis, 3; Toledo, 2. Bases on Balls—Indianapolis, 2; Toledo, 5. Struck Out—By Miller, 7; by Stenmeyer, 5. Wild Pitches—Stenmeyer, 2. Base for being hit by Pitcher—Toledo, 1; Indianapolis, 2. Two-base Hits—Miller to Crane, 2; McGuire, 2. Double Plays—Miller to McGuire to Crane to McGuire. Time of Game—2:40. Umpire—Hoover.

To-Day's Game.

The Cincinnati Club will play an exhibition game here to-day, and it promises to be one of the most exciting contests of the season, as both nines will play hard to win. Indianapolis has defeated the Porkopolis nine twice this year by only one run, Jimmy Peoples, the old Indianapolis favorite, will catch for the visitors, while Cooper will do the twirling. The home team will present Casey and Keenan. Game will be called at 3:30.

Couldn't Hit Shell.

CINCINNATI, O., April 26.—The Louisville failed to make anything out of Mountjoy's pitching to-day, and this, together with several errors, lost them the game. The attendance was the largest this season, between 8,000 and 9,000.

Kansas City Wins.

KANSAS CITY, April 26. Kansas City..... 2 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 0-5 Milwaukee..... 0 1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0-3 Base Hits—Kansas City, 4; Milwaukee, 5. Errors—Kansas City—5; Milwaukee, 10.

A Nest of Goose Eggs.

St. LOUIS, April 26.—St. Louis treated Pittsburg with a full nest of goose eggs to-day. Morris was hit very freely and every man in the home club except Barkley, scored a hit. The weather was fine, but cool,

and the attendance very large, fully, 10,000 people being on the ground.

St. Louis..... 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0-2 Pittsburg..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Diamond Dust.

Where is McArthur's little walnut bat? The Baltimore will burn 'em all this season. The Indianapolis club will travel 6,594 miles this season. Indianapolis parties are talking of organizing a club at Rushville.

Redoubton has returned to Providence with a sore arm and a string back. The Sporting Life makes the startling announcement that "money rules the League."

A Boston paper truthfully says that it is too early in the season to criticize players. Boyle is said to be able to pitch with terrific force, even when coming in the new role.

Jerry Doran has, upon promise of amendment, been reinstated by Manager Morton, of D. trot. It is highly probable that Jack Peltz, of last year's Indianapolis Club, will sign with O. maha.

The League may well avoid the mistakes and afternoons in hard practice until the season opens. There will be lots of trouble over umpiring in the south this season, owing to the lack of experienced men.

Manager O'Leary has received a telegram, stating that work on the Toledo Sunday grounds had commenced.

Honnan made quite an impression in Toledo. The press of that city is satisfied that he is as good an umpire as John Kelly.

There is another ball player named Strief in addition to the Allegheny player of that name. The second edition is a Memphis amateur.

Manager Lotos, of Milwaukee, is beginning to think that he has altogether too many pitchers and catchers in his line. He needs fielders badly.

A new idea is to sew vulcanized rubber instead of leather. The rubber, it is claimed, will not slip or knock off. A Philadelphia inventor.

It is reported that the Milwaukee Club will turn its dizzy second basement. Foster, drafts on the cold, pulsed over, ere long. He has been found wanting in many respects.

The Philadelphia Club will keep an extra infielder—Nix—to be on hand in case of accident. Feary will be kept in center field, and Day, Ferguson and Lynch will alternate in left field.

The Louisville and that remnant of the once powerful Mets would make a hard fight for last place in the American Association this year if the latter were to remain in the association all season.

The special meeting of the American Association, Friday night, at Toledo, Ohio, will be a very important one. The programme that will be carried out was given in Saturday's Sentinel. The Mets must go.

Kearns, of last year's Detroit nine, joined the Toledo last night, and will play short stop to-day. Manager O'Leary has signed Dennis O'Connor, a first base ball player, who will join the nine in a few days.

The St. Louis correspondent of the Sporting Life almost invariably concludes his letters with the announcement that he will have a mammoth sensation next week. He never sends the sensation with the rest of his correspondence when "next week" comes, however.

A paragraph has been going the rounds to the effect that a base ball daily is to be published in Philadelphia. There is no truth in the statement. Philadelphia is a great base ball city, but could not support a newspaper devoted to the game. There is no field anywhere for such a paper.

Does the National agreement protect? Following the lead of the Cincinnati Cincinnati immediately after reinstatement, comes Lou Bierman's break from Omaha to Buffalo. He had signed to go to Omaha and had received \$30,000. The probability is that he won't last long with Buffalo.—Sporting Life.

Peoria would like to have the Keokuk nine transferred to that city and enter the Western League. It may be done. If so, Gauley Fyren, who has developed more young players than any man in the West, notably Coleman, King, Finckler, and others, will be in demand.

Peoria has 40,000 inhabitants and is a good ball town. The Indianapolis correspondent of the Sporting Life, in his report of the game club, says that it seems to me that they can easily win the pennant of the Western League. The men are in splendid form, and Manager Watkins, who by the way, has become the most popular and efficient manager the club has ever had, is maintaining rigid discipline and the team is working together admirably.

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