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CLARKSON himself, QUAY and Jockey

PLATT, a pretty tough handicap for the

Mane horse to carry?

THE EVENING WORLD Sporting Extra

presented the best, most interesting,

most complete and most graphic account

of the Blaine resignation and the effect

of its announcement at Washington and

at Minneapolis which was given to the

public on Saturday. Gathering the facts

from all quarters which went into THE

EVENING WORLD story and putting them

into the clear and attractive form in

which they appeared was a wonderful

piece of work, when the short space of

time in which it had to be done is con-

sidered. Credit for the feat is due to the

Associated Press, which on this occasion

outdid the best previous accomplishment

of any news association.

POSSIBILITIES.

It is generally supposed that BLAINE'S

retirement from the Cabinet is a practical

announcement of his change of front on

the question of the nomination, and a

notification to his friends of his willing-

ness to be their candidate notwithstanding

the Secretary's action. It is certain that

the Secretary's action will result in his

nomination on the first ballot at Minne-

sota, as the political trial of BLAINE, CLAR-

KSON and QUAY, seems to believe?

It is possible that Mr. BLAINE may be

satisfied with preventing HARRISON'S nom-

ination without deserting the prize for

himself. It is possible, also, that the

political leaders who have been using Mr.

BLAINE'S name to kill HARRISON may

really prefer some other nominee to the

Secretary whom they have heretofore op-

posed. It is possible, further, that the

cool delegates of the Republican Con-

vention may question the expediency of

taking for their candidate a man who, however

distinguished he may be, can be put on

the defensive by a charge of having ob-

tained the nomination through trickery

and deception, and who has unquestion-

ably made an enemy of the Administra-

tion. Lastly, it is possible that present

Republicans doubt the wisdom of

electing as President a confirmed in-

valid whose health may give way at any

moment.

While everything at present fore-

shows the nomination of Mr. BLAINE,

these points must necessarily receive

consideration, unless the Republican

party abandons all hope of success at the

polls.

DAVENPORT'S OWN ACCOUNT.

Mr. JOHN I. DAVENPORT, Chief Super-

visor of Elections in New York, appeared

before the Senate Immigration Commit-

tee at Washington last Saturday to testify

as alleged abuses and irregularities in

the administration of the Naturalization

laws in this city.

If any fraudulent naturalization papers

are issued here or anywhere else, it is a

crime which every honest citizen what-

ever his politics may be, would desire to

see exposed and punished. But Mr.

DAVENPORT'S story is one of history. He

published a book which contains nearly

all the information he tendered to the

committee. In that book it is to be found

the statement he repeated last Saturday

that in one year (1888) the New York

courts granted 60,000 certificates of citi-

zenship.

But in consequence of the war natural-

ization had practically ceased since 1861.

In that year immigrants who had arrived

in 1856 had filled their time, but would

not take out their papers. In 1868 all im-

migrants who had arrived from 1856 to

the President's advisers for more than

three years. His selection for Secretary

of State was announced as soon as HAR-

rison was elected and before the cabinet

structure of the rest of the Cabinet had

even been considered. Hence the choice

was a special indication of Mr. HARRISON'S

desire to express his appreciation of Mr.

BLAINE'S ability and his gratitude for

his friendship. Their intercourse

must naturally have been of the

closest and most confidential character.

When two such associates sever their

relations with a cold and scarcely civil

bow it is ridiculous to insist that their

"mutual respect" has not been "im-

paired" and that no "sense of irri-

tation" will "survive" the Secretary's

abandonment of his post.

It is alleged that the rupture between

the President and Mr. BLAINE has grown

out of "bickerings and heartburnings

between the two families," and that the

Secretary's withdrawal, if not the man-

agement of the President, is the result of a

practical application of "home rule." This,

if true, would certainly not tend to make

the quarrel any the less embittered.

The plain fact is that the break in the

Cabinet is a break in the party. With

the supporters of the President and the

Secretary flung at each other's throats

over the nomination, it is possible that

the quarrel can be confined to the two

principals?

OIL CREEK VALLEY'S DISASTER.

The awful calamity at Titusville and

Oil City, in the Oil Creek Valley, is one

of those visitations the details of which

make the bereaved sick. Fire of the fiercest

kind breaking out in the dead of the

night, consuming its victims, and an

overwhelming flood rushing into the

valley through the bursting of a

dam, cutting off escape, while even

drowning was rendered more horrible by

the flames of the burning oil borne on

the surface of the water, these are horrors

it is harrowing to contemplate. Even

the memorable flood at Johnston three

years ago did not exceed in its terrible

consequences this double calamity in the

valley, although the loss of life may

have been greater. Over one

hundred bodies have already been

recovered, and the fear is that this

number will be largely increased. And

with this new horror again comes up the

question of the criminal recklessness of

human life shown in the insufficient

structure of dams. Was the Spartans-

burg Dam properly built? That is the

inquiry to which public attention should

now be directed.

THE CLEANER.

Just at dusk last evening a fashionably

dressed young man walking along Twenty-

third street stopped on the corner of Broad-

way and for a few minutes thought deeply.

Then drawing a coin from his pocket he tossed

it in the air, caught it as it fell, scanned the

upturned side and abruptly retraced his steps,

walking dejectedly. Evidently that slip of

the coin decided for him a most vexatious

question.

At least two conductors on Brooklyn

open surface cars have no use for the whistles used

to signal the driver. One crooks his little

finger between his lips and gives a particu-

larly shrill whistle, while the other is equally

successful with a peculiar position of his

teeth and lips, leaving both hands free to

make change.

Because his parrot wouldn't talk when he

wanted it to, Henry Stimpier, a Williamsburg

sign-maker, tossed it into a chicken coop

for punishment. The parrot resented the

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