

PREPARING FOR THE CONTEST.

LOCAL CONVENTIONS AND CONFERENCES. SELECTING THE CANDIDATES FOR THE COMBINATION TICKET AGAINST TAMMANY-TAMMANY SOCIETY FOR CONGRESS-CANDIDATES OF THE McLAUGHLIN DEMOCRATS IN KINGS COUNTY.

The Republican Conference Committee has decided to support Edward Cooper for Mayor, and has selected B. K. Phelps for the nomination for District-Attorney and Rufus B. Cowing for that for City Judge. A combination ticket against Tammany Hall last evening nominated Nicholas Muller, S. S. Coz, Anthony Eickhoff, Fernando Wood, and B. A. Willis for Congress.

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giving him 64 votes, against 23 cast for Mitchell by the 7th District, headed by Gumbleton. Mr. Gumbleton moved to take the nomination unanimous, but this was received by almost unanimous dissent from the 7th District, accompanied by hisses and groans. Justice Duffy began to speak, but he was interrupted by a shout from the audience. He then called for the roll, and the roll was called for the 7th District, and the roll was called for the 7th District, and the roll was called for the 7th District.

In the 7th District Tammany Convention, Michael Sison was chairman. Among those present were Cooper, Woltman, Alderman Keenan and Justice Timothy J. Campbell. Mr. Sison was nominated by acclamation, and on being escorted to the hall said: "I thank you, my friends, for the unanimous nomination to Congress which you have given me this evening. I accept it without hesitation, and I will do my duty to the best of my ability."

The Tammany Democrats of the 8th Congressional District last evening nominated Anthony Eickhoff. On the first ballot the delegation from the 8th District presented the name of William Snell, but Mr. Snell's name was withdrawn and Mr. Eickhoff was nominated by acclamation.

Lawrence B. Jerome was nominated for Congress by the Tammany Convention of the 10th Congressional District. He was nominated by acclamation, and on being escorted to the hall said: "I thank you, my friends, for the unanimous nomination to Congress which you have given me this evening. I accept it without hesitation, and I will do my duty to the best of my ability."

The 10th District Tammany Congressional Convention, G. W. McGlynn was permanent chairman. Ex-Assessor Desair, in a highly eulogistic speech, in which he alluded to the nominee's past services and the fact that he had been elected nine times to Congress, "a fact unparalleled in history," nominated Lawrence B. Jerome.

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derman Kane, of the 6th Ward, was nominated by Mr. Mahoney, who asserted that if Kane was elected, \$15,000 would be subscribed to secure his election. William Scammon, the Alderman-elect, accompanied by hisses and groans. Justice Duffy began to speak, but he was interrupted by a shout from the audience.

The candidates selected were from these lists. The nominee for Sheriff is leaving his third term as Sheriff of the County of New York, and is now in the United States Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. He was elected to the Assembly last year on the regular Democratic ticket, and was re-elected in 1877. He is a grain and feed merchant in Myrtle-ave.

The convention which recently nominated Clarkson N. Potter for Congress from the 13th District reconvened at White Plains yesterday. The committee appointed to wait upon Mr. Potter presented its report, which consisted of the letter of Mr. Potter already published.

Mr. Potter, in compliance with the wishes of the convention, appeared before it and made a few remarks. He said that he was glad to see so many of his friends on financial questions; the movement of the Greenback party was subsiding, the voters to the extent of the present campaign were not in the mood to be broken by it to strength and action before the end of the year.

A few members of the Taxpayers' Central Organization met last night at Room 24, Cooper-street. There was a report from the sub-committee on the new law of the State, and a letter from a friend of the organization in Sixty-sixth-street, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third-streets, had its valuation raised \$5,000 by the Tax Commissioners on account of its proximity to the Elevated Railroad station; but he had lost from \$200 to \$300 already in rent.

The Richmond County Democratic Convention was held last night in Tompkinsville, N. Y. James W. Covert, of Suffolk County, the nominee for Congress in the 10th District, made a long speech. Erastus Brooks, Samuel B. Brick, Theodore Freeman, and Gilbert B. Dean were named as candidates for the Assembly nomination.

A meeting of the National Greenback-Labor party of the 14th Congressional District was held last evening at East Broadway and Montgomery-sts. to rally the local Greenback nominations. The hall was crowded, and the nomination of S. S. Coz for Congress was ratified, as were all the nominations of the Greenback party.

The following candidates for the Assembly have been nominated by the Independent Democrats in Kings County: 1st District, Daniel Bradley; 11th District, John W. Grogan; 11th District, Thomas Sheridan; 11th District, James Merrick; 11th District, William Melody; 11th District, John H. Douglas; 13th District, James R. Allen.

The Republican Convention of Somerset County on Saturday nominated John G. Schenck for State Senator, and Simon Van Lier for Sheriff. Assemblyman John Ringelman and J. Newton Voorhes were re-nominated. (Mr. Ringelman's majority last year was 296, and Mr. Voorhes' majority was 294.)

Freehold, N. J., Oct. 21.—The murderer of young Peter Finley, the Long Branch waiter, George Frankly, aged seventy years, was brought before Judge Sander, in the Oyer and Terminer Court, this afternoon, to receive sentence. Judge Sander extended mercy to the old man, who is almost at death's door by reason of his close confinement, and sentenced him to State Prison for ten years.

WASHINGTON. TERRORISM, THE FISHERIES, 3-65 BONDS. A FRESH OUTRAGE IN SOUTH CAROLINA—A NEW DISCUSSION ON THE HALIFAX AWARD—GENERAL NEWS.

The policy of intimidation in South Carolina is being followed up steadily. A new specimen of it is brought to the attention of the Republicans of the North in a dispatch below. It is believed that the Halifax award will be up for discussion again this Winter. General Devens decides that the 3-65 bonds of the District cannot be counted as United States bonds in investments of bank capital.

THE ABSURD AWARD AT HALIFAX. A REVIVAL OF THIS SUBJECT PROBABLY THIS WINTER, IN VIEW OF LATE STATISTICS. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—It is probable that the question of the Halifax Award will be revived this Winter. Whatever may be done about the ultimate payment of money, the claim is made by those who have been examining the subject that taking the British bill of particulars exactly as it was submitted it shows that the Canadians were entitled only to \$120,000 annually, or for an aggregate of \$1,200,000 for the ten years.

A LOST COUNSEL FEE. W. O. AVERY BEING GENERAL BUTLER TO GET BACK A RETAINER WHICH HE ABSORBED. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—W. O. Avery, formerly Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, entered suit in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, this afternoon, against General B. F. Butler, to recover \$500. Avery, in his declaration, sets forth that at the time the whiskey fraud trials in St. Louis, in 1875, he gave Butler \$500 as a retainer to defend him, but throughout the trial Butler failed to appear, and he was obliged to procure other counsel.

THE ARMY IN GOOD CONDITION. THE MEN IN GOOD HEALTH AND THE STANDING EVEN OF THE PRIVATES VERY HIGH. WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—General Sherman, in speaking of the Army generally, said he never knew its condition being as satisfactory as now. All its branches are in accord, the best possible feeling existing among the officers, and the character of the men being all that could be desired.

THE REPORT ON THE WAR IN EUROPE. LIEUTENANT GREEN NOW EXAMINING THE RECORDS OF THE RUSSIAN OFFICE FOR MAPS, ETC. WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Lieutenant F. V. Green, of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., and military attaché of the American Legation at St. Petersburg, whose interesting reports upon the progress of the Russo-Russian war were published at the time, writes that he will remain at St. Petersburg during the Winter to complete from the records of the Russian War Office his general and comprehensive report of the conflict with Turkey, from its inception through the campaign in the Balkans to its final close in the occupation of Constantinople.

A DECISION AS TO DISTRICT BONDS. THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL GIVES AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER THESE BONDS ARE EXEMPT WHEN HELD AS BANK CAPITAL. WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—On the 27th of last month Attorney-General Devens was requested by Secretary Sherman to express an opinion whether, under the provisions of section 5213 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, a National bank, in paying the amount of taxable capital stock beyond the amount invested in United States bonds, should be allowed to deduct the amount of its 3-65 funding bonds held in the District of Columbia issued under the Act of June 20, 1874. The Attorney-General filed his opinion today. He says:

The District of Columbia was an expiring corporation, and as a corporate legal entity ceased to exist by the expiration of this Act. So far as the National Bank is concerned, the functions and authority from the United States, and the nature of these bonds was the same as that of the National Bank, which certain means provided by the United States by which certain liabilities of the District were to be discharged. As the corporation thus ceased to exist, and as the bonds were prepared and issued by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the United States was pledged to provide by legislation for the payment of principal and interest from its treasury, as by causing to be levied upon the property in the District such taxes as would provide the means necessary for the payment of such interest and principal at maturity, it must be considered that the National Bank is not entitled to the benefit of the exemption of these bonds from taxation, and that the fact that they are exempt from taxation in the hands of the United States does not dispose of the question whether they are to be included within the amount exempted under the act of June 20, 1874. The question is whether the contemplation of Congress at the time when the act was originally passed, or at the time of the revision, to include the bonds of the National Bank from taxation under section 5214 of the Revised Statutes, because they were not in existence. It is true that the act of June 20, 1874, is not in existence. It is important in this connection to observe that in all the legislation relating to the bonds in question, they are always styled "the bonds of the District of Columbia," and that the condition to which they are subject is not that they shall be exempt from taxation under the act of June 20, 1874, but that they shall be exempt from taxation under the act of June 20, 1874, with the meaning of section 5214 of the Revised Statutes.

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STORM AT HAVANA. HAVANA, Oct. 21.—The stormy weather yesterday resulted in a sudden increase with heavy rain all night. Trees were blown down and some buildings damaged. Three Spanish coasting schooners were sunk and two bars were damaged. No American vessel is reported to have sustained any damage, and the weather continues. Barometer stationary.

THE DEATH OF BISHOP ROSCANS. AN UNEXPECTED RESULT OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL AT COLUMBUS ON SUNDAY. (BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 21.—The Right Rev. Bishop Roscans, a member of the General, died this evening at about 10 o'clock. Bishop Roscans was a man of the most winning character, and his friends in this city are not confined to a few. The Bishop came to this city in 1858, and soon afterward he began the erection of St. Joseph's Cathedral, which was dedicated yesterday with the most imposing ceremonies of the Church. The Bishop took an active part in dedicating the cathedral and in the consecration of the altar. He was a man of great energy and responsibility had the effect of producing severe illness. After the ceremonies were over, he was taken to his room, and he died at 10 o'clock.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES—BY TELEGRAPH. MISS KELLIGH IN PHILADELPHIA. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 21.—Miss Kelligh, who had been in Philadelphia for some time, was overpowered by burglars and rapists.

SENTENCED TO THE GALLOWS. PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Oct. 21.—Henry Atfield, of New York, who was sentenced to the gallows for the murder of a woman, was executed today. The execution was a public one, and was witnessed by a large number of people.

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THE AMERER DEFIANT. HE CHALLENGES ENGLAND TO WAR. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTED—AN AFGHAN ENVOY SENT TO THE CAIR. The anxiously expected answer of the Afghan Amcer to the Indian Viceroy has been received at Simla. The Amcer openly defies the British, saying that they may do their worst; the issue he leaves to God. This reply has been sent to England, and will probably cause renewed excitement there. It is denied that there ever has been an Afghan Envoy at Constantinople. It is, however, announced to-day that the Amcer has sent one to the Cair.

THE AMERER'S DEFIANT ANSWER. HE TELLS ENGLAND TO DO HER WORST—THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTED. LONDON, Tuesday, Oct. 22, 1878. A dispatch from Simla to Reuter's Telegraph Company confirms the report that the Amcer's reply is unconciliatory and unsatisfactory. The Daily News's dispatch from Simla gives the following as the substance of the Amcer's message to the Viceroy: "You may do your worst and the issue is in God's hands." The Amcer's message has been telegraphed to England and a reply, indicating a course of procedure, is expected on Wednesday. A dispatch from Simla says the Amcer has dispatched an envoy to the Cair.

AWARDS AND HONORS AT PARIS. AN APPROPRIATE SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT—THE AMERICANS REWARDED. PARIS, Monday, Oct. 21, 1878. The ceremonies of the distribution of the Exhibition prizes took place to-day in the Palais de l'Industrie, in the presence of an immense and brilliant audience. On both sides of the nave banks of seats rose one above the other to the first story, and above that they extended behind the columns which supported the glass roof. At the bottom of the nave and facing the grand platform, the boxes of the two galleries gave room for two large amphitheatres, each holding 1,000 spectators. The arrangements provided places for 20,000 people. A mammoth orchestra was stationed on one side of the nave, opposite the Grand Entrance of Honor. The whole interior was superbly decorated with velvet, gold and silver.

At 1:30 p. m. a procession was formed in the Grand Salon at the Entrance of Honor, and when all had taken their places, Marshal MacMahon, President of the Republic, and the members of the Imperial Family, the foreign princes for their presence, and the governments and peoples who had contributed to the success of the Exposition, entered the hall. The officials who organized it. He said that the result showed what seven years of self-concentration devoted to labor have done for the world. He said that the result showed that the world is now in a state of peace and prosperity, and that the world is now in a state of peace and prosperity, and that the world is now in a state of peace and prosperity.

HONORS FOR AMERICANS. The following Americans have received decorations of the Legion of Honor: Commissioner-General Richard C. McCormick, who is made Commander; Professor F. A. P. Barnard, and William W. Story, who are made Officers; and Auguste H. Girard, secretary to the Commissioner-General; Henry Petitt, Engineer and Architect of the Commission; General G. B. Davis, who is made Officer; and Charles H. Coffey, who is made Officer.

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