

THE WEEK IN SOCIETY.

At no time this summer has New-York been more completely deserted by fashionable folk than it was last week...

Of the many social entertainments of the week the Astor ball on Monday night, given by Mrs. William Astor in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor...

On the same night dinners were given by Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mrs. George B. De Forest and Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt...

The principal incident on Tuesday was the polo match for the Cup presented by W. K. Thorne...

A luncheon party was given by Mrs. Edward S. Willing, at which the table decorations were of maiden hair ferns and sweet woodruff...

The social incidents of Wednesday were many and varied, the news of the robbery at the Mason cottage by Catherine-st. and Gibbs-ave., this season occupied by Henry Asher Robbins, of Fifth-ave., was the first genuine bit of excitement in the cottage district...

Bright, crisp little advertisements, describing in a direct way the various charities, societies and organizations, with many columns on the ninth page of the Tribune to-day.

OPENING A TENNIS TOURNAMENT. The annual open tennis tournament of the Palisade Club was begun on the 25th inst. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ashford...

A CHILDREN'S FAIR FOR THE FUND. To the Editor of the Tribune. Sir: The children of this delightful Adirondack resort, desiring to help those less fortunate than themselves, decided to hold a fair for the benefit of the New-York Tribune Fresh-Air Fund...

A NEW HOTEL WILL BE FILLED. The Grand Rockland Hotel at Congress-on-the-Hudson is having an unprecedented run of visitors. Whether the guests are attracted by the new electric, the pick-up cars surrounding or the skilful management of the hotel, it is difficult to say...

BENEFIT FOR A WORTHY CAUSE. What promises to be one of the most successful benefits of the season will be given at the Broadway Theatre, this evening for the Park Place fire sufferers...

at the train villa, which Miss Harzons's sister, Mrs. Conroy's Wagner, will be the guest of Mrs. W. Butler Duncan on October 15. Owing to the recent departure of the Havemeyer family the wedding will be an unostentatious affair...

The day season at Lenox is near at hand, as the number of arrivals plainly indicates a several previous entertainments are being planned to take place during the invitation tennis tournament which begins on Tuesday on the Lenox Club course...

Considering the unfavorable weather, Bar Harbor had a tolerably lively week, and the cottagers made this their pleasure for the season...

An engagement announced on Staten Island is that of Miss Helen M. Aldrich, daughter of Richard D. Whitmore, of New-Bright, Arthur Church, of this city...

The President passes through town. HIS ARRIVAL DELAYED—NO TIME LOST AFTER REACHING THIS CITY. President Harrison was delayed in his arrival in New-York yesterday morning. He started from Proctor, N. Y., at 10:40 p. m. Friday night, intending to meet the New-York express leaving Rutland at 11:25...

The arrival of the President at the Forty-second-st. station was not unexpected, and some people had assembled there to see him. When he alighted from the car somebody proposed three cheers, and the President, who was in the best of spirits, gave them heartily...

EXECUTIVE BUSINESS AT CAPE MAY. Cape May, Aug. 29 (Special).—The Executive business will be transacted at the shore Capital for the week, and the offices at both Congress Hall and the Shoreham will be used. The President desires, however, to obtain as much rest as possible during the latter part of his stay...

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FIGHTING FOR DELEGATES' HILL AND CLEVELAND FACTIONS JOIN BATTLE.

PISTOLS DRAWN BY THE RIVAL FACTIONS AT AUBURN—HILL MEN HUSTLED OUT-TWO CONVENTIONS IN OSWEGO—RESULTS ELSEWHERE. (BY TELETYPE TO THE TRIBUNE.)

Auburn, N. Y., Aug. 29.—The North District Democratic Convention at Westport this afternoon opened with a fight between representatives of the Cleveland and Hill factions. The former had a majority of the delegates, and a quartette of Warden Durston's prison keepers attempted to break up the convention. They raised a row, but the Cleveland delegates were ready for the break and the men were promptly hustled out of the room, after one had been badly cut by being thrown against a stove. The split in the opening resulted in two organizations. After the opening rumpus in which revolvers were flourished, the two conventions were organized and conducted in the same hall. The Cleveland contingent had a majority and chose their delegates by ballot. The opposition kept quiet until the Cleveland men were through and then named delegates to the State Convention, where the fight will be decided.

In the South District there was a split. The Hill delegates, under the leadership of Warden Durston, left the convention hall, and after considerable difficulty secured the use of a log-cabin, Cleveland men having hired the three public halls. The fight will result in the loss of several hundred votes to the Democratic State ticket which ever way the contest is settled.

Oswego, Aug. 29 (Special).—For more than a month the Democratic factions of this county have been fighting for supremacy. W. A. Poucher led the Cleveland forces and Charles N. Bulgar managed the Hill interests. The Cleveland men had the advantage of the organization, controlling the County Committee, the district committees of both Assembly districts and nearly all the ward and town committees. The Cleveland men laughed at the efforts of the Hill men to win a victory, and openly boasted that with the organization they would control the State delegates, no matter how the caucuses resulted. The 1st District, with seventy-eight delegates, has elected forty-two whose seats are unopposed. These stand thirty for Hill and twenty for Cleveland. Of the thirty-six contested seats, the Cleveland men have only a shadow of a claim to them.

In the 2d Assembly District the result was as disastrous to Mr. Poucher. The district comprises fifteen towns with seventy-five delegates. Of the sixty unopposed delegates Bulgar had fifty-two and Poucher eight. Poucher's committee called the convention for Central Square to-day. The committee had hired the only hall in the place and prepared it for the convention. At the appointed hour the delegates, with few exceptions, and the spectators assembled. They waited for three-quarters of an hour and sent leading delegates to invite the committee to organize the convention. At the hotel, a few minutes before the hall, they were informed that the convention had been called and adjourned. The delegates protested, and a report was shown to them of the alleged action of a convention in the hotel clothing, Ira Betts, G. N. Harding and W. R. Paul State delegates. The room in which the convention was said to have met was twelve feet by fourteen. In it after the meeting were sixteen chairs, an organ, a couch and a washstand. The Cleveland men laughed at the ridiculous account of the meeting as well as the Hill men, asserting that they had made the best move they could.

Returning to the hall, the delegates reported and organized a convention. Ten towns with unopposed delegates handed in credentials. Three delegates of one of the towns carried by the Cleveland men asked admission. The convention organized with W. R. Paul, elected in the most recent convention as a State delegate, arose and said that he repudiated the bedroom stair chamber affair, and that he would support the Cleveland ticket. Mr. Clark, W. R. Paul and E. D. Erdick were then elected State delegates. Both conventions endorsed Flower for Governor. The one in the hall endorsed Bulgar for Attorney-General. The other in the hall endorsed the Cleveland ticket. The 1st District Convention has not yet been called, but there will undoubtedly be two conventions in the convention to-day.

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MR. FOSTER ON THE OHIO CAMPAIGN. HE IS LOOKING FOR A ROUSING REPUBLICAN VICTORY—THE ISSUES.

Washington, Aug. 29 (Special).—Secretary Foster, in an interview in "The Post" this morning, makes some interesting and timely comments on the political campaign now in progress in Ohio. He is highly encouraged over the successful opening of the campaign in two such powerful and convincing speeches as those of Major McKinley at Niles last Saturday and of Senator Sherman at Paulding on Thursday. "Senator Sherman's speech at Paulding," says the Secretary of the Treasury, "was just the kind of a speech I, or any other man who knows him, would expect him to make. He is by far the greatest student of finance this country or any other has ever produced, and he is able to make this question of finance so plain that any one can understand it. His speech was an admirable exposition of the Republican financial policy, and showed the evils of free and unlimited silver coinage so that every voter in that State can readily understand the conditions that will exist if the policy of the Democratic party prevails. No more dangerous policy than that of free silver coinage was ever advanced, and, as the Senator said on Thursday, this plank was put in the Ohio Democratic platform as a subterfuge to catch votes. A very great proportion of the party opposed to it, however, it seems a fixed principle of mine, that, if I believe that a man is a Republican, I will not believe that he is a Democrat who will support it when it comes to the election. Governor Campbell may attempt to dodge it, but the Republicans won't let him. With two such men as Sherman and McKinley on the stump, Governor Campbell will be kept rather busy, I think. Sherman will take care of the financial end of that discussion, and the gallant leader in that contest will see that the subject of protection is properly handled."

"The speech of Senator Sherman will be productive of good. It will open the eyes of the voter to what free coinage really means, and set the sober, thinking man to considering how they can support the Democratic candidate standing upon such a platform; a platform which the candidate himself does not endorse, and from which he is vainly endeavoring to escape. When a man repudiates his platform, as Governor Campbell has practically done, he generally falls."

Referring to the attacks that are being made on Senator Sherman, Secretary Foster said he believed that the attacks were unwarranted. "When Mr. Polk, from South Carolina or North Carolina or any other State," continued the Secretary, "goes into Ohio to attack John Sherman or defeat the Republican legislative ticket, he arouses the wrong kind of people. The Republicans of Ohio are not the kind of men to let an outsider like Mr. Polk or anybody else carry such threats into execution, and the result will show that this kind of work will only arouse the Republicans to renewed efforts, ending in the election of a Republican Legislature. Mr. McKinley will be elected by an old-time Republican majority, such as we have not seen there in years. The issues of the campaign are being presented in a clear, forcible, convincing manner, and the people understand them. Our workers are making a thorough canvass; the party has gone into the contest with confidence in its leader, and proposes to win. 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