

OFF FOR A CONFERENCE  
Chairman Hitchcock to Meet Politicians at Colorado Springs.

Chicago, July 18.—Frank H. Hitchcock, chairman of the Republican National Committee, left Chicago this forenoon for the Colorado Springs, where he is to confer with Western Republican leaders on Monday and Tuesday. He was accompanied by James T. Williams, Jr., and Fletcher Maddox, solicitor for the internal revenue bureau, who is the new national committee man from Montana. All of the members of the national committee and all of the chairmen of the state committees from west of the Missouri River, except three men, are expected to be present at the Colorado Springs conference. In addition there will be present a committee of other prominent Western Republicans.

Although there has been no decision reached permitting a positive announcement as to where the principal Republican headquarters are to be, sentiment in favor of Chicago being made the active working center is growing. The probability is that Chairman Hitchcock will divide his attention between the East and the West, spending much of his time in New York and Chicago, but not making either his permanent headquarters.

HOW TAFT WILL BE TOLD.  
Programme of Notification Day Given Out by Warner.

Nahant, Mass., July 18.—United States Senator William Warner, of Kansas City, Mo., who has arrived here for a brief vacation, to-day announced the detailed programme for the notification of William H. Taft at Cincinnati on July 23 of his nomination by the Republican party for the Presidency of the United States. Senator Warner, who is chairman of the notification committee, expects to remain here until shortly before the day set for the notification. The programme as it now stands is as follows:

- 7 a. m.—Salutes of cannon from four hills.
- 7 a. m.—Flag raising on the lawn at the home of Charles F. Taft in the city.
- 8 a. m.—Notification committee escorted to Charles F. Taft's home and received informally by William H. Taft.
- 10 a. m.—Official notification, with speech by United States Senator William Warner, Missouri, and response by Mr. Taft. These exercises are to take place on a platform on the lawn.
- 10 a. m.—Review of marching clubs.
- 11 a. m.—Public reception from platform on lawn.
- 12 p. m.—Luncheon by Charles F. Taft to members of the notification committee.
- 12:30 p. m.—Automobile ride through the suburbs.
- 3 p. m.—Releasing of thousands of toy balloons from various parts of the city.
- 4 p. m.—Dinner at the country club to members of the notification committee and guests.
- 8 p. m.—Fireworks.
- 8 p. m.—Musical entertainment by members of the notification committee and guests from the decks of the steamer Island.
- Bands will furnish music throughout the day.

AFTER THE IRISH VOTE.  
Socialists Predict Democratic Party Is Going to Perdition.

Irish-Americans who are not satisfied with present conditions were urged to become socialists in a manifesto issued yesterday by the Irish Socialist Federation, headquarters No. 743 Third avenue. The federation was organized at the time William D. Hayes first addressed the socialists here after his acquittal, one of the leading organizers being James Connolly, who took an active part in the spreading of socialist propaganda in Dublin three years ago.

The antagonism of the Democratic party to the Know Nothing movement in the past for its support of the Irish workers, but now the Democratic party is going down as an unheeded grave because of inability to grasp the problems of your own time. It will be the end of the party unless it is dragged down to perdition with it.

NEGROES SWING INTO LINE.  
Yonkers Organization Pledges Support to Taft and Sherman.

Evidence is coming in every day that the hope of the Democratic party that the negroes will break away from the Republican party this year is not to be realized. One after another the negro organizations are swinging into line for Taft and Sherman.

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A SECRETARY OF STATE BOOM.  
It Is for L. A. Rose, an Albany Republican—Supporters at Work Here.

Among the booms that are being promoted quietly for places on the Republican ticket this fall is that of L. A. Rose, of Albany, for the nomination as Secretary of State. He is the assistant manager of the Albany office of R. G. Dun & Co., the commercial agency, and has many friends among the business men of that part of the state. He is a member of the Commercial Travellers' Accident Association of Utica; the Ancient City Lodge, A. F. and A. M.; the Fellowship Club, of Rensselaer; the 8th St. Republican Club, of Rensselaer; the Unique Rod and Gun Club. Considerable work has been done on behalf of Mr. Rose in Rensselaer, Albany, Oneida and Herkimer counties, and representatives of the boom are now working in this city and in Westchester County.

DOCTOR THE SKIN TO CURE THE SKIN.  
Scientific Study Proves Eczema Cannot Be Treated by Dosing the Stomach with Drugs.

Advanced medical science, after years of study and research, is now practically agreed that eczema and other skin diseases are not caused by dosing the stomach with drugs. The treatment prescribed is the direct application of healing, soothing remedies to the skin.

INSTRUCT FOR HUGHES.  
First Dutchess County District Wants Him Renominated.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)  
Matawan, N. Y., July 18.—At the Republican convention for the 1st Assembly District of Dutchess County held to-day at Matawan the following were elected delegates to the state convention: John T. Smith, Samuel K. Phillips, G. Howard Davidson, Daniel J. Cannon, John H. Draper, Charles J. Drake and Llewellyn Lent; alternates, Myron T. Smith, George H. Uhl, Weldon F. Wood, William R. Scofield, Jay Jackson, Lewis E. Weston and Joseph Van Wyck.

HEARST SAILS FOR HOME.  
Dodging Presidential Nomination and City's Damage Suit.

William Randolph Hearst sailed yesterday from London on the steamship Locomia, according to a cable message received last night in this city. The ship is due in New York on Saturday, and Mr. Hearst is expected to start on the first train leaving here after his arrival in Chicago, where the Independence party convention will meet on the following Monday.

Mr. Hearst had planned to return to this city on Friday, but a number of things caused him to change his plans. In the first place there is a movement on foot to induce him to accept the nomination for President, which is contrary to his plans this year. Although he has not abandoned his ambition to run for the Presidency, he has reached the conclusion that this is not the year to do it. He is willing to furnish the money, but he wants to save himself for the next campaign.

The great trouble, however, is that there seems to be no aspirant who could be expected to poll an ayore of a vote at the head of the Independence ticket this year. Thus it is that some of the Hearst admirers and others who want the new party to make some sort of a showing at the coming election have been sending messages to Mr. Hearst urging him to head the ticket. To escape as much of this pressure as possible, he decided to return to this country just in time to reach Chicago for the convention opening.

LLOYDS CALLS HALT ON BRYAN RISKS.  
Feels That Million Insurance Already Written Is Enough.

Local insurance brokers who, as agents for Lloyds, have been accepting risks on Bryan's election said yesterday that the writing of that class of policies practically ended on Friday, and that few, if any, had been taken out since then. The quoted rate yesterday was as high as 10 per cent, which is equivalent to odds of 4 to 1 against Bryan.

The rate on Tuesday was 10 per cent, and several hundred thousand dollars was taken at that figure by Wall Street brokers and financiers, in order to guard themselves against loss from the slump in values that would follow in the event of Bryan's election. There were so many applications at this election that Lloyds increased it to 15 and finally to 20 per cent, which caused a rapid falling off in the demand.

A member of one of the largest insurance brokerages in the financial district said yesterday that his firm had been informed by cable that Lloyds was "filled up" with risks on Bryan's election and did not want any more of it, for the present at least. The total amount taken out, he said, was considerably under \$1,000,000.

RYAN FOR DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN.  
Milwaukee, Wis., National Democratic Committee Man from Wisconsin, Is Favored for Chairman of the National Democratic Committee by a Majority of the Special Committee that Is to Select a National Chairman, Is the Assertion Made this Evening by His Representative, Colonel "Fack" Childers, of New York.

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KERN VISITS OLD HOME AT KOKOMO.  
Indianapolis, July 18.—John W. Kern, Democratic candidate for Vice-President, went to Kokomo, Ind., to-day, to visit his old home and neighbors. He was accompanied by several former residents of Kokomo. He was met by a large reception committee and had a rousing reception. Later he made a short address.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED AFTER FIRE.  
Had Threatened to Burn Property Following Loss of Work by Floods.

Jonesville, La., July 18.—James Wilder and Frank Hutchins, suspected of arson, were lynched here to-day by a vigilance committee. Wilder, a cotton field hand, had been idle because of flood conditions, and threatened retaliation by a wholesale burning of property. The cotton gin of J. W. Swayze was destroyed by fire yesterday, and the vigilance committee, after a trial of five minutes, decided both negroes were guilty and hanged them to the same tree. Three families who had harbored the negroes were horsewhipped and driven from the community.

MOLTEN METAL BURNS FIVE.  
Chicago, July 18.—Five men, employees of the Wisconsin Steel Mills in South Chicago, were burned, two perhaps fatally, to-day by an overflow of molten metal from a furnace. The victims were preparing to let the metal flow from the furnace and were splashed by the fiery liquid.

MORRISTOWN CHURCH GETS DIAMONDS.  
Morristown, N. J., July 18.—St. Peter's Church here is to have the diamonds left by Miss Nina Howland for her niece, Miss Anna Howland Ford. Miss Howland's will provided that her niece should have the use of the diamonds during her lifetime, and at her death they were to go to St. Peter's Church to be inserted in the communion service. Miss Ford died recently and the diamonds now become the property of the church.

LONG DISTANCE NAVAL WIRELESS.  
Washington, July 18.—A report to the Navy Department says the naval wireless station at Paranal Islands, California, held communication with the cruiser St. Louis for fifty-three hours out of Honolulu, 1,460 miles distant, her signals coming in loud and clear. Several messages were exchanged.

CHAUTAQUA TENT FALLS FOUR HURT.  
Chicago, July 18.—At the height of a wind and under a heavy tent tonight a huge tent sheltering 1,200 Chautauqua tent at Chicago Heights was blown down on the heads of the multitude. Four persons were hurt. After the canvas fell the electric lights continued to burn, and those under the fallen tent were enabled by the light to find their way out, otherwise a panic probably would have resulted.

FOUR HURT IN TRACTION WRECK.  
Cleveland, July 18.—Four persons were injured, one of whom may die, as a result of a head-on collision between two cars on the Eastern Ohio Traction line, near Delta Mills to-day.

BRYAN TO TEACHERS  
Addresses Faculty and Students of Normal School.

Lincoln, Neb., July 18.—Declaring that society had not given to the producer his equitable reward and that the administration of the government should be changed to remedy this condition, William J. Bryan, from the laws of his home, to-day addressed several hundred teachers and students of the Fremont (Neb.) Normal School. After shaking hands with the visitors Mr. Bryan was introduced to Professor W. H. Clemmons, principal of the school. Mr. Bryan spoke as follows:

It is true that I have not been officially notified yet of my nomination, but there are certain things that have been said that have raised a suspicion in my mind that an announcement is going to be made soon that will not be a great surprise to me. But I cannot withhold my congratulations until discussions until this announcement is officially made. But I cannot withhold my congratulations until discussions until this announcement is officially made. But I cannot withhold my congratulations until discussions until this announcement is officially made.

You are preparing yourselves for teachers, and what I want to say to you to-day is in line with your work. If you will examine the platform adopted by the party you will find that it closes with an appeal to those who desire to see this government a government of the people, and administered by the people, and so administered that it will be as far as human wisdom can secure to each individual the reward of his service, proportionate to the contribution that that person makes to the welfare of society. To my mind, this is the ideal toward which a government should strive. There is a divine law of rewards. It is that every one shall enjoy in proportion to the amount of his service to the community and intelligence contributes to the world.

Many of you are the sons and daughters of the pioneers who came to this country and converted what was once a desert into a garden spot. When the pioneer goes into a new country, he goes forth with great industry to convert the raw land into a garden spot. He does not go out to make a fortune, but to make a home for himself and his children. He does not go out to make a fortune, but to make a home for himself and his children. He does not go out to make a fortune, but to make a home for himself and his children.

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LOST IN RACE WITH DEATH.  
Daughter of New Yorker, Coming Home to Die, Expires in Iowa.

Creston, Iowa, July 18.—Racing with death from cancer, Miss Della Bainton, died to-day the daughter of a wealthy New York merchant, died on Burlington train No. 2 as it was pulling into the station here last night.

GUNN'S STEAMER STARTS FOR SAMOA.  
Norfolk, Va., July 18.—The British steamer Strathgry, Captain Gunn, whose commander and officers had conspicuously in connection with charges of cruelty and hardship by members of the Strathgry's Chinese crew, has sailed from Lambert's Point for Samoa with a cargo of coal for the American fleet now in the Pacific. Captain Gunn received no word that his presence was desired in New York by the authorities there.

CAR STRIKES WAGON; SEVEN HURT.  
Detroit, July 18.—Eight persons were injured, six of them seriously, to-night, when a heavy interurban car left the rails near the eastern city limits and crashed into a wagon. At the corner of Belvidere and Gratiot avenues the rear trucks of the car, which was heavily overloaded, struck the wagon, which was jammed against the rails and completely demolished. It was a heavy interurban car, and it was heavily overloaded. It was a heavy interurban car, and it was heavily overloaded.

TO SUE FOR KANSAS SCHOOL LANDS.  
Topeka, Kan., July 18.—An effort to regain possession of thousands of acres of public school lands which have been sold in recent years is to be made. Evidence has been obtained of fraud, collusion and swindling by land speculators in getting possession of land in this area. J. C. Gifford, the state accountant, has notified the governor, and it was announced to-day that Governor Hoch will order the Attorney General to proceed to the immediate recovery of the lands.

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THREE HOUSES FOR YOUNG BRIDE.  
Aged Bridegroom Transfers Property to His Former Housemaid.

New Haven, July 18.—Burr Peck, aged seventy-seven, who eloped and was married in New York City, transferred to-day three of his houses to his housemaid before she eloped with him. She worked as a maid for twenty-two years. She was Miss Mamie O'Brien, of New Rochelle. The property transferred is valued at about \$20,000, and constitutes most of Peck's wealth. He says that he fears attempts on the part of relatives to annul his marriage and to appoint a conservator over him. Peck's mother, who is ninety-five years old, said to-night that she approved of her son's actions.

A GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY.  
Pittsburg, July 18.—A sensational train robbery was reported to have occurred at Edinburg, Lawrence County, early to-day. Later it was learned that the conductor and brakemen of the Royal Blue Limited stopped the train near Newcastles, Penn., early to-day, and ran a short distance after a tramp who was discovered riding the "blind baggage." A number of passengers witnessed this, hence the report that the train had been held up.

MUTINY THREATENED THE OHIO.  
Nome, Alaska, July 18.—Mutiny was averted to-day before the steamer Ohio reached Nome only by the appearance of the revenue cutter Thetis and the gunboat Albatross, which had just been known. The plan was to threaten Captain Conradi with a revolver and force him to make his way through the ice after the captain had announced that he intended to return to Seattle.

TWO MEN KILLED BY MINE TRAIN.  
Dubois, Penn., July 18.—Two English workmen were killed and a Frenchman was fatally injured in an accident at the Ames Slope Mine, near here, yesterday. They were run down by a "trip" train in the mine.

ELEVEN HURT IN WRECK.  
Western Maryland Express Demolished in West Virginia.

Western Port, Md., July 18.—An express train on the Western Maryland Railroad, running from Elkins, W. Va., to Baltimore, was wrecked shortly before noon to-day, as a result of which eleven persons were injured, two seriously. The engine left the rails on a sharp curve. It remained upright, but all the cars of the train rolled down an embankment toward the Potomac River. It is considered remarkable that none was killed. Nearly all the injured are residents of West Virginia. A relief train sent from Cumberland, Md., took a number of the victims of the wreck to that city this evening. In the baggage car were the bodies of a man and a woman, both of which were tossed about and the coffins broken.

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Philadelphia, July 18.—Discovery by workmen in the basement of Philadelphia's great City Hall yesterday that a pier supporting a portion of the seven-story wall on the east side of the building had become weakened and threatened to collapse, led to the employment of a big force of men to-day to shore up the shaky support. A department of the city treasurer's office on the third floor was ordered to vacate its rooms immediately.

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WEALTHY WEST VIRGINIAN SHOT FROM AMBUSH—In Front of His Store.  
Cumberland, Md., July 18.—John W. Chapman, a wealthy and well known citizen of Hampshire County, W. Va., while standing in front of his store at Elsasville, that county, last night, was shot from ambush and instantly killed. The assassin from the cover of some bushes fifty feet distant, emptied both barrels of a double barreled shotgun into his victim and escaped.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN THE WOODS.  
Trapper and Wealthy Planter Slain in Hand to Hand Struggle in Arkansas.

Harrison, Ark., July 18.—A double tragedy occurred yesterday afternoon on Bear Creek, ten miles north of Harrison, in which Thomas Cox, a wealthy planter, and Thomas Crawford, a trapper, were killed. Crawford was slain with his own gun in the hands of either Cox or his son. It is thought that Cox had ordered Crawford from his premises. Crawford opened fire on Cox with a shotgun, tearing away Cox's left hand and lodging in his right breast. The two men were so close together that Cox grabbed Crawford's gun, overpowered the trapper and threw him to the ground. Then Cox or his son shot Crawford with his own gun. Cox died this morning.

FAT MEN PLAY BALL FOR CHARITY.  
Mineola Women Sell Peanuts at Wall Street Prices on Bleachers.

Hempstead, Long Island, July 18.—About \$200 was raised for charity by the Nassau Hospital at Mineola, when the women of Hempstead and vicinity prevailed upon nine of the fattest men of Hempstead to catch bats with a team composed of nine of the thinnest and smallest men to be found in Nassau County. Not content to have the nine play for charity, the women donated nurses' uniforms and sold chewing gum, candy, peanuts, lemonade and programs at prices that would have caused a baseball manager to turn a handspike for joy.

PACIFIC RIFLE COMPETITION.  
Monterey, (By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Monterey, Cal., July 18.—The second day's preliminary practice rapid fire at two and three hundred yards and one forty-round skirmish run were fired to-day at the Pacific rifle competition. The aggregate scores to date follow:

Lieutenant Pardee, 20th Infantry, distinguished marksman, 34; Corporal John McGee, 2nd Infantry, 31; Lieutenant Paul Chase, 3d Infantry, 29; Lieutenant Alvord, 25th Infantry, 28; Lieutenant Schmidt, 16th Infantry, 25; Ordnance Sergeant Probst, 2nd Infantry, 25; Ordnance Sergeant Probst, 2nd Infantry, 25; Ordnance Sergeant Probst, 2nd Infantry, 25.

FERTILIZER PROSECUTION DROPPED.  
Nashville, Tenn., July 18.—United States Attorney A. M. Tillman received a letter to-day from the Department of Justice stating that the government had exhausted its resources in the fertilizer trust case and does not deem it advisable to appeal to the Supreme Court, get out a writ of error or proceed to reinstate. The case is therefore finally settled.

SALVAGED OIL BURNS WITH HOUSES.  
Hempstead, Long Island, July 15 (Special).—When the Peter Rickmers was ashore off Jones Inlet in May, and part of her cargo of oil was thrown overboard, Samuel Resnick, of this village, obtained many barrels of it and expected to reap a nice profit. The oil caught fire this morning and his house, store and stock, besides that of Treadwell Elderred, a neighbor, were burned. The total loss being \$12,000.

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VICTIMS OF JERSEY CITY SHOOTING LIVE  
Mrs. Harriet Brennan, who was shot by J. Martin Tilton, a private at her home in Jersey City on Friday, was reported to be still alive at the City Hospital last night. Tilton, who tried to kill himself, is in the same institution in a critical condition. Jealousy is said to have been the motive for Tilton's act.

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FOUR MEN BURIED IN REDHOT BRICKS.  
Hamilton, Ohio, July 18.—Four men who were removing coals from an oven at the Hoover, Owen & Rentschler Company's plant this morning were buried under tons of redhot bricks when the oven collapsed. All were terribly burned and crushed, and will probably die. Several of the rescue party were badly burned in handling the bricks.

HEMORRHAGE OF BRAIN FROM HEAT.  
William O'Neil, a civil engineer, living at No. 210 Brown Place, is in Fordham Hospital, suffering from hemorrhage of the brain, caused, the physician says, by heat. The case is considered unusual.

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Rain in Massachusetts—Wells Beach Gatling Gun Dispatched to Scene of Cottages Saved.  
Boston, July 18.—Heavy rains in the last two days all over New England have checked the forest fires, which have destroyed thousands of acres of timber. The fire which threatened the Wells Beach cottage settlement is now under control. Until last night there had been no rain-fall in Wells since June 24. Oakland, N. H., had a fire yesterday which destroyed twenty acres of timber. The fire in Orleans, Mass., broke out afresh yesterday and burned all day to-day, threatening the centre of the town. Rain this afternoon, however, checked the flames.

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