

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Hurst Named for Governor by Maryland Democrats.

CONVENTION IN BALTIMORE TODAY

Reassessment Demanded by the Platform.

CLEVELAND IS PRAISED

From a Staff Correspondent.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 31.—There are under normal circumstances a plentiful supply of democrats in Baltimore, but today there were more persons of that persuasion in the city than there were pretty girls, and that is saying all that is necessary.

From early in the morning the Carrollton Hotel has been a seething mass of humanity. All of the second floor has been occupied by headquarters of different candidates. Way down in one corner Spencer Jones had headquarters, and despite the way things seemed going, smiled and looked cheerful while his supporters, foremost among them were the Montgomery delegation, expressed confidence of his pulling off the gubernatorial nomination even up to the hour of the convention's meeting.

Over one room was the legend, "Tom Hayes and Reassessment," marking the place of an address by the speaker. The partners were marked, "Cleveland Democracy," "W. J. Fisher," and here the anti-Gorman squadron gathered.

Some of the later-timers were rampant, but the situation lay in the hands of Senator Gorman, and he was silent.

The Rumored Slate.

So the hours were away until 10 o'clock, and then the news went flashing from headquarters and through the corridors that John E. Hurst of Baltimore was the man for governor, Marion DeKalb Smith for controller and State Senator Crothers of Cecil for attorney general.

The first selection meant the turning down of all the candidates who have sought the light of the convention, and the last choice meant the turning down of Gen. K. Douglas, who had been named the candidate for attorney general up to today. Mr. Hurst is a big goods merchant in Baltimore. He has always been a Gorman man, and has recently put himself favorably in the hands of the slate.

The slate has created no enthusiasm, and in many quarters was bitterly assailed. The Hayes strength, instead of going for Hurst, is now being used for Gorman, and the situation lay in the hands of Senator Gorman, and he was silent.

The delegates began to gather at the opera house a few minutes before 12 o'clock, and as the delegates entered a hall on the second floor, the delegates were seated nearly all the prominent democratic leaders in the state, while the other delegates were seated in the galleries and the galleries were packed with visitors.

Convention Assembled.

It was 12:25 when Hattersly Talbot, chairman of the state convention committee, called the convention to order.

Senator Talbot made a lively address.

During it one enthusiast proposed a cheer for John E. Hurst. The cheers and the applause were almost equal in volume. A cheer for the Gorman man met with better success. Mr. Talbot predicted a big democratic success this year. He said that the party was in a position to elect a temporary chairman, Mr. Bernard Carter as temporary chairman, Mr. Bernard Carter as temporary chairman, Mr. Bernard Carter as temporary chairman.

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representatives to carry out their wishes for a fair and equitable assessment.

No mention was made of the record of any of Maryland's representatives in Congress.

The nominations for governor were then called for.

Mr. Gorman of Baltimore county presented the name of ex-Judge William A. Fisher of Baltimore city. His references to Maryland's representatives representing the wishes of their constituents in Congress was greeted by loud cries of "Gorman," "Gorman."

Mr. Bernard Carter of the second legislative district of Baltimore city first presented the name of Mr. John E. Hurst of Baltimore city. He was unopposed and unanimously elected.

This statement did not coincide with the views of the crowd, as Hurst is regarded as a cheery and successful politician. A confusion ensued, which was quieted only by a threat to clear the galleries.

Mr. Biedler of the third district of Baltimore city, then nominated State Senator Thomas G. Hayes, the champion of reassessment.

Hurst Nominated.

Later, John E. Hurst was nominated for governor on first ballot.

NO WORD OF SMOOT

He Seems to Have Got Away With His Employer's Money.

Detectives and Police Officials in Every Direction Notified of His Crime and Flight.

Frank P. Smoot, the alleged defaulter of \$2,000 of the funds of his employer, Maj. H. L. Biscoe, the wholesale lumber dealer at the 10th street wharf, has not been seen here since Friday, although the police have made every effort to apprehend him.

Detectives Carter and Gallaher have made a thorough search of every place in the city where they think the fugitive would possibly have gone, but failed to locate him here on Friday afternoon, when he left his employer's office. The detectives think he remained at his home, No. 417 6th street southeast, Friday night and left here at an early hour Saturday morning, as the condition of the house and bath room indicated that he had been there.

It is now certain that Smoot had never thought of robbing his employer until he actually got the \$2,000 in his hands and started for the bank, as a letter sent to his wife the day of his disappearance shows.

Mrs. Smoot and her two children were at Churchland, Va., and she had evidently written to him and asked him for money. On Friday he wrote her a letter, in which he spoke of his heavy debt, and said: "Where I shall get money for the house rent God only knows." He expressed sorrow for the sick child, and signed himself "Your husband, Frank."

In one corner of the letter he scribbled in pencil that he had gone south with some of Maj. Biscoe's money. Being written in this way, and in pencil, the detectives had no reason to suspect anything, and the letter was not examined. Inclosed in the letter were ten \$10 bills, and this money Mrs. Smoot returned to Maj. Biscoe on Saturday morning.

The disreputable wife and children are at the home of John Smoot, the fugitive's father. This morning the wife of John Smoot, who is now in the city, is giving information of the case to various police departments and a description of the man wanted, together with his picture.

The circular reads: "FRANK P. SMOOT, wanted for the larceny and embezzlement of \$2,000, committed July 29, 1895. His description is as follows: White; twenty-nine years old; about five feet six inches; 130 pounds weight; slender build; dark complexion; hair and eyes; smooth face (mustache shaved off); dresses well; drinks moderately; fond of women and likely to be found in the company of women. He is a native of Virginia, and has been in the lumber business in this city; last seen here July 29, 1895."

Mrs. H. L. Biscoe, his employer, offers a reward of \$100 for his arrest and delivery to any officer of this jurisdiction or 15 per cent of any money recovered on his person.

Please contact Judge Monday for him, and if found arrest and telegraph L. H. Hollinger, inspector, detective bureau.

These circulars have been sent to all the large cities, as well as to town and county officers, and the detectives think they may be able to capture the man wanted. It is thought, however, that Smoot will spend the money, as he is fond of sporting life, and it is hard to believe that Maj. Biscoe will get back much of it.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY OFFICES.

An Atlanta Delegation Wants the Headquarters Taken South.

NEW YORK, July 31.—A committee of leading citizens of Atlanta, Ga., including delegates to the chamber of commerce, met President Spencer of the Southern Railway Company today for the purpose of endeavoring to induce the railway company to remove its headquarters to Atlanta.

President Spencer, when seen by a reporter of the Associated Press after the meeting, stated that he and vice President Andrews had heard the views of the delegation and the points they made in favor of the change of the company's headquarters from Washington to Atlanta. He declined to express any opinion on the subject, saying that in any case he could not at this time say what action the company would take in the premises.

Members of the committee, he said, had stated the case very forcibly and earnestly, and what they had said would be carefully weighed and considered by the company.

JONES IN THE FIELD.

Will Be a Candidate for Governor in Virginia.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

RICHMOND, Va., July 31.—Wellford Corbin, president of the state board of agriculture, during the session of that body this morning, made some remarks indicating that Congressman W. A. Jones would be a candidate for governor the next November, to a Star representative.

Mr. Corbin declared that Jones was an Ex-Congressman who in a few days publicly express his views on the financial question, and will advocate the hard money plan. He stated next year for his old seat in Congress.

RAZORS IN THE AIR.

A Lively Time at a South Carolina Primary.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 31.—During the progress of the primary election yesterday the Lightsey-Bennett feud was revived at Varnville. The worst fight seen in years followed. Knives, clubs, pistols and razors were used. Henry Lightsey and his sons, the administrator of the estate of Charles Pike by William and Noley E. Moreland, shoe dealers, at 457 Pennsylvania avenue. The liabilities are placed at \$6,164.13 and the assets at \$2,703.57.

THE MISSING MANAGER

Every One to the Wharabouts of Ranier Being Worked.

Slisley & Co.'s Vanishing Employee to Be Hunted to Earth.

Nothing has been heard from W. S. Ranier, the manager of a branch office of Slisley & Co., stockbrokers, who disappeared Monday. The only thing in the line of a discovery which has come to light is rather unpleasant one, that the amount of money belonging to the firm which Ranier is believed to have taken is larger than was at first supposed. Yesterday it was thought that the total loss footed up to about \$500, but it has since been found that there is an additional \$100 missing.

It is possible that Ranier's disappearance is made, but it is not supposed that the total will be very materially increased.

It seems that Ranier got into the habit of charging indebtedness to customers that did not exist. The rule was that transactions should be made, and it is thought that in some cases Ranier pocketed the money and put in due bills in order to make it appear that the money had not been paid.

One or two other persons are said to be believed, to Mr. Ranier's determination to leave the city. It is not thought that he had any other contemplation for any length of time. He came here with good recommendations, and the theory is that after he had been here for a little while he began to speculate in stocks and real estate, and he is believed to have visited the race course and indulged in what is known as playing the races.

Saturday last the manager of the main office found in his returns a due bill for \$150. He called Ranier's attention to this and asked him to explain it. He refused to give credit to any extent, and the custom to give the money represented by the paper by Sunday.

It is thought that Ranier had spent this money, and not being able to procure this funds, he gathered up what cash he could find. It is believed that if he had planned to go to the races, he would have waited a time when he could have taken money with him, and for this reason he was unable to do so. It is believed that his sudden departure was made after the close of business Saturday.

Some of the theories in regard to the case are that he had secured the services of a private detective to hunt him up. Detective Carter and his colleagues are being followed that has been reported. His wife is still in the city, and it is believed that she is as much in the dark in regard to his whereabouts as her husband as any one else. She is left without money, but has been assured that she will be able to get it.

According to the statement of a man made to a representative of the firm of Slisley & Co., Ranier some days ago called at the home of the manager of the main office, and seemed to be unwilling to give any information about himself or her husband, but finally she said she had a name, but she said she had no baggage, with the exception of a couple of small valises. The detectives realized the danger of the firm who have seen and talked with Mrs. Ranier believe that she had no idea in her mind of where he had gone, and of his plans.

TIED ILLEGAL KNOTS.

A Colored Brother Holds Meetings and Assumes to Marry Folks.

C. C. Mason, an Anacostia colored man, who it is said, claims to be a Baptist minister, is to be arrested and prosecuted on a charge of false pretenses, the warrant for his arrest having been taken out in the Police Court today.

Mrs. Estella Quiet was charged with seventy cents. This action resulted from an investigation made by the Colored Baptist Ministers' Union, which body met Monday night and passed the following resolution:

"Whereas C. C. Mason has been performing marriages in the District of Columbia unlawfully, not being an ordained minister of the Gospel, and is not even a member of any church, and

"Therefore, the Baptist Ministers' Union puts its condemnation upon the actions of C. C. Mason."

Mr. Quiet, who swore out the warrant, alleged that Mason performed the marriage ceremony for Robert Quiet and herself, and that the bride's hands were in no wise responsible for it.

His Condition Unchanged.

Mr. Todd was removed to the Garfield Hospital soon after he arrived at the drug store. At a late hour this afternoon his condition was practically unchanged.

The physicians stated that although it is hard to explain the opinion regarding the outcome of the accident, they are inclined to think that it will not result fatally.

MAIL ROUTE CASE.

Pay for a Line Diverted to Subcontractors on Another Job.

Judge Cole had before him today the question of the right of the Post Office Department to divert the payments due a mail contractor on one route, for the purpose of paying subcontractors under the same principles on another case in which the question arose was that of the United States against James B. Colegrove and his sureties. In 1890, it is claimed, Mr. Colegrove contracted with the department for the carrying of a certain mail route, and it is charged that he failed to pay subcontractors on other routes, whereupon an amount due on the first route, having been withheld by the department with it, subcontractors were paid. Because of that action of the defendant, it is said, Mr. Colegrove sued on another case in which he was one of the four years under the contract. Thereupon, the department relit the contract, and Mr. Colegrove and his sureties were sued on the contract, and it was between his contract price and that paid his successor.

In the hearing before Judge Cole today the government was represented by District Attorney Birney and Mr. C. H. Armes, the defendants' counsel being Mr. Jere M. Wilson. The defendants admitted the making of the contract, and the validity of the bond, but pleaded that the diverting of the money by the department was illegal, and that the government was not entitled to contend that the department was fully authorized to do as it had done by the act of Congress of May 4, 1892.

Judge Cole reserved his decision in the matter.

THE NINTH STREET LINE.

The New Equipment—A Threatened Trouble With Employees.

Three trains, consisting of an electric motor car and trailer, are now running regularly for the transportation of passengers on the 9th street line, but the electric train when the road is ready for full operation by electricity. Some feeling, however, has been occasioned by the action of President Phillips in employing a non-union man to break in the motor men.

The matter will, it is said, be brought up at the meeting of the Street Railway Protective Union tomorrow night, by some of the members of the union are in favor of asking President Phillips to employ a union man to do the work the non-union man is now doing. If the latter will not unite with the union, or otherwise to have the men resign their positions with the company, in either case it is believed that it will require considerable diplomacy to avert trouble.

The most expensive short story ever printed in this country, a novel of 900 pages detective story, the first installment of which will be printed in The Star of Saturday, August 3.

HURLED FROM A CAR

A Serious Accident This Morning on the Chevy Chase Line.

MR. TODD OF THE SMITHSONIAN HURLED

Tried to Step From the Motor to the Trailer and Was Thrown.

Mr. Everard R. Todd, document clerk at the Smithsonian Institution, met with a serious and perhaps fatal accident while on his way to the office this morning. He lives on the Pierce Mill road, about midway between the Tenleytown and Chevy Chase roads. In accordance with his invariable custom, he boarded train No. 24 of the Chevy Chase road at the intersection of the Pierce Mill road at 8 o'clock this morning. He carried a small basket of very fine plums, and these, in a measure, were responsible for the accident of which he was the victim. In getting on he chose the rear seat in the motor car, and showed his fruit with special pride to several friends sitting nearby. He was in particularly good spirits, and just as the train was nearing the Rock Creek bridge it suddenly occurred to him that he would like to show his plums to a neighbor who occupied a seat in the trailer. He was apparently accustomed to the cars, and anticipated no difficulty in getting from one to the other, but they were in motion. With an air of confidence he stepped on the footboard of the motor and swung himself around to face the trailer. Just as he was about to make his position secure, the train entered a sharp curve, and the two cars spreading suddenly outward at the point of the curve, and the other was broken and he was thrown headlong to the road, several feet from the track. In falling, he struck, apparently, with his full weight, on the corner of the motor car, and his head. The force of the fall rolled him over several times in the dust, and when this occurred he lost his play perfectly motionless on his back. The incident caused unusual excitement, and the train, which was crowded at the time, was stopped as the accident occurred. There were several passengers ran back to the prostrate body, and did what they could to aid Mr. Todd. He was entirely unconscious, and it was impossible to get him up. Medical aid was removed there and medical assistance summoned.

IN A PRECARIOUS CONDITION

Among those on the train at the time of the accident were Mr. Dunlop of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company and his two sons, Mr. E. L. Renick, chief clerk of the State Department; Dr. Foster of the National Tribune, Mr. Richardson of the Navy Department, Mr. Gresham and several other residents of Chevy Chase and vicinity. All of them assisted in carrying the unconscious man from the road to the point where he fell, and then helped in taking him to the drug store at the corner of 14th street. No one of them knew exactly what had happened in this case.

Mr. Todd rose suddenly from his seat near the end, and, with the simple remark, "I'm going to see some one on the other side of the car," he made his way to get to the trailer by swinging around outside to the handrail and footboard of the other car. He moved very quickly, and none of the passengers realized his danger until they saw him thrown violently to the road. Mr. Todd's motive in attempting the feat was not known, and it is under the circumstances is not known.

What makes his conduct all the more inexplicable is that he is usually a careful, prudent man of cool, methodical temperament.

All the passengers on the train agree that the accident was a cold-blooded one, and that the man's hands were in no wise responsible for it.

Contributions Coming in to the New Quarters—More Needed.

The friends of the Young Men's Christian Association are responding gallantly to the appeal for help in the work of furnishing rooms of the association in the Lennox building, at the corner of 12th and Montgomery streets. Since the first meeting a handsome desk chair and a dozen office chairs, and Messrs. Sanders & Stayman have sent a piano to the new quarters, so that it will be possible to have musical accompaniments to the noonday religious meetings that are held in the rooms. Mr. A. J. Whitaker gave an office chair.

There are other crying needs, however, that should be filled, and one such as a good many more chairs, some tables, a safe for the valuables of the association—which are fewer in number now than they were a fortnight ago, but still precious—a clock and another desk.

Mr. S. W. Woodward, chairman of the finance committee, returned to the city at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon from Massachusetts, and met at once with characteristic energy into the project for raising a fund for the new building.

The subscription blanks have now been prepared, and the subscription lists are open. A feature is being made of the young men's fund, and a number of names have been subscribed to it. The list of names is being given one hundred dollars apiece, payable in four years. One of the young men has also promised to secure one thousand dollars for the fund.

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