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## TELEGRAPHIC. 4 O'clock, a. m.

### GENERAL.

#### Blaine's Investigators at Their Work.

John C. Harrison on the Stand.

James F. Wilson and E. S. Rollins are Examined.

All There is Against Blaine is What Somebody Has Heard.

The Evidence Seems to Exonerate Him.

Council Bluffs Experiences its First Through Train.

The Political Sky is Overcast With Conventions and Rumors of Conventions.

Carl Schurz Comes to the Surface Once More.

### WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The sub-judicial committee of the house today commenced an investigation of the charges against Ex-Speaker Blaine in relation to the Ft. Smith and Little Rock R. R. bonds. J. C. S. Harrison, of Indianapolis, in response to questions put by Hinton, chairman of the sub-committee, testified that he was the Harrison alluded to in an article published in the Cincinnati Gazette of April 26, '76, and that the interview, as published in that journal, was correctly reported. He has been government director of the Union Pacific railroad for about four years—

Clark, president of the Union Pacific R. R. told the witness he had exchanged 75 bonds of Ft. Smith and Little Rock road for 15 of new bonds, to be issued by the Union Pacific.—Witness thought it a strange transaction, and at a meeting of the board of directors in September, 1872, moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the matter. Rollins came to witness, and asked him to withdraw the motion, as an investigation would involve Ex-Speaker Blaine and might defeat his re-election to the house. Witness fully understood the matter he took Millard, of Omaha, with him the next day to see Rollins and asked him further in regard to the matter, and Rollins then said it would involve a prominent member of the Republican party. When the house was investigating the credit mobilier case, Rollins wrote to the stand. Witness wrote Wilson, of Iowa, and asked him to propound certain questions in relation to the matter to Rollins but saw from the daily report that it was not done. Witness found an entry on the books of the executive committee directing Morton, Bliss & Co., to draw on the Treasury for sixty-four thousand dollars and hold Fort Smith and Little Rock bonds as collateral. Secretary Rollins did not tell the witness, he saw it would involve Blaine.

In the following March an effort was made to change the whole board of directors. Witness did not receive any letter from Secretary Delano, but he had a letter in his possession written by Delano to senator Morton, as follows:

DEPARTMENT INTERIOR  
Washington D. C. 26th, 1873.  
DEAR SIR: As I promised in our conversation yesterday, I now write to say that it is deemed advisable to change the entire board of directors for the Union Pacific R. R. I shall therefore feel obliged if you will give some name for Indiana in place of John C. S. Harrison, against whom there is no personal objection whatever. Very Respectfully,  
Your Obedt. Servt.,  
C. DELANO,  
Secretary.

To Hon. O. P. Morton U. S. senate.  
Witness never made any investigation of the matter, but understood that Wilson had done so. Morton, Bliss & Co. drew on the company for \$64,000, and Rollins as treasurer paid it. Witness regarded the transaction on the books as a very mysterious one, but perhaps it could be satisfactorily explained. Harrison said that the U. P. road did not own the Little Rock bonds spoken of. Had heard that Oliver Ames gave his check for \$65,000 for them, but did not know whether it was true or not. He knew nothing further about the matter.

Testified he had been a government director of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. since 1869, and in reply to a question propounded by Representative Hunter, said he had seen the bonds that certain bonds of the Little Rock & Fort Smith R. R. Co., had come into the possession of the Union Pacific R. R. Co. He had heard they came through Colonel Thomas A. Scott, who was president of the company from 1871 to 1872. He had no knowledge of John C. Harrison's having introduced, as a meeting of the board of directors, a resolution enquiring how the bonds came into the possession of the company, but Harrison informed him he had introduced such a resolution, and he was also informed by Mr. Harrison that Rollins told him that Blaine would be implicated if there should be an investigation. Wilson afterward had a conversation with Rollins on the subject, when Rollins said that Harrison had no right to use Mr. Blaine's name in that connection. Witness mentioned it to Blaine a few months after September 1872, when Blaine asserted that he had no interest in the bonds, and so one could be surprised that himself that he should be connected with them. The interview between Blaine and himself took place in Washington. Blaine in this interview denied he had ever had possession of any L. R. & Ft. Smith R. R. bonds, except those which he subscribed for and paid. Blaine did not hold the 75 bonds for any of his constituents, on the contrary he said he did not, and that he had nothing to do with the 75 bonds passed by the U. P. R. R. Co. Wilson talked with Dillon and others on this subject. Dillon had two years been president of the company, and the only explanation he obtained was that the bonds were put in by Col. Scott in accordance with an arrangement between him and the Union Pacific Railroad.

These bonds remained on the books of the company as an undivided question, and Col. Scott has not yet received his salary for the time he was president of the road.  
E. H. Rollins secretary and treasurer of the Union Pacific railroad co., testified, on being interrogated by Hinton, that he did not think Harrison offered a resolution in the board of directors to investigate the subject of the ownership of the 75 bonds of the U. P. R. R. Co., but he thought that he simply made an informal motion to investigate the transaction.—At that time, Rollins said that he had heard that the bonds belonged to Blaine, but he could not now say from whom he derived the information.—He could only state the fact. When Harrison made his motion or suggestion, he remembered that the road and its management had been subjected to severe criticism in the newspapers and elsewhere, and as that transaction had been closed up, he desired to obviate the scandal in connection with Blaine's name, whether the report was true or false, and he may have said to Harrison under those circumstances, that the bonds in question were Blaine's, or some equivalent expression.

Questioned by Horton, the witness replied further: "And that an investigation would involve Blaine, and I may have said they were Blaine's bonds, or that he would be involved in the matter. I may have used words equivalent to these. I merely state as a matter of memory, that I heard these were Blaine's bonds, and that Blaine might be involved."  
Question.—Then you confirm Mr. Harrison's statement.  
Answer.—I have given you my statement.  
Rollins in his further testimony said Harrison was mistaken as to the time of the above mentioned occurrence, the said election having taken place two days previous to the meeting, when Blaine was triumphantly elected to congress. Rollins did not ask Harrison to withdraw his motion, but may have said to him that any investigation would involve Blaine.  
Question.—How would the ownership of these 75 bonds involve Blaine.  
Answer.—"Because it would be thought a questionable transaction, as he could not see why the Union Pacific R. R. Co., should buy bonds of the Little Rock & Fort Smith R. R. Co., or any other company."  
Rollins in further response to the question said, in acting as he did, he desired to avoid scandal.  
Q.—What scandal did you desire to avoid?  
A.—The reported connection of Blaine with the bonds.  
Q.—In what connection was it a scandal?  
A.—It was treated as a scandal then and I presume it is now. Unaccompanied by any explanation from Blaine it would be regarded as a scandal. The public would think it not right; that would be their judgment.  
Rollins further testified. He did not know or remember from what source he learned that Blaine was connected with the bonds. Mr. Blaine asked:  
Do you know of a circumstance that led you to suppose that I had any connection with the bonds?  
Rollins—None whatever.  
Mr. Blaine—Did Mr. Harrison request to join his desire of an investigation?  
Rollins—No, he did not.  
Harrison was recalled, but nothing important elicited.  
NOMINATION.  
The President sent to the Senate to-day the nomination of M. A. Sweeney, an Indian agent for San Carlos agency, Arizona.

**The First Train.**  
COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, May 15.—The Union Pacific run its first through train over the Missouri river bridge to-day to its eastern terminus at Council Bluffs, in obedience to the writ of mandamus ordered by the supreme court of the United States. Several hundred citizens visited the transfer to witness the incoming train, which consisted of eleven cars. Great enthusiasm was manifested.

**POLITICAL.**  
IOWA PROBABILITIES.  
Des Moines, Iowa, May 15.—The Democratic state committee meets here Wednesday morning. Quite a number of prominent Democrats are already here, among them Ed. Campbell, chairman of the state committee. The prospects are better than usual for a large attendance. The feeling is strongly against any instructions on the presidency, but there are strong Hendricks indications among all men here leaders and followers.

**WILL CONVEY.**  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 15.—The national independent convention convenes in this city Wednesday next for the nomination of a ticket. The names of Judge Davis, of Illinois, B. Butler, of Massachusetts, U. S. Treasurer, Spinner, of New York and Booth, of California, are mentioned.

**N. Y. INDEPENDENTS.**  
NEW YORK, May 15.—About three hundred prominent gentlemen from various parts of the country assembled at 5th avenue hotel to-day to attend a political conference called by W. C. Bryant, Horace White, T. D. Woolsey, A. H. Bullock and Carl Schurz. The following were appointed permanent officers: President, Theodore D. Woolsey; Vice President, G. G. Fogg, New Hampshire, O. W. Willard, (Vt.), H. L. Pierce, Martin Breinley, Julius H. Seely, Ward Hopkins, Jas. F. Clarke (Mass.), Leonard Bacon, Joseph Cummings, R. Hazard, Wentworth Higginson (R. I.)

W. C. Bryant, John Jay, R. Wood, Cyrus W. Field, C. H. Butler and Samuel Osgood, New York; Thomas Balch, Henry Lea, Wm. Webb, Penna. Ex-Gov. Miller, J. D. Cox, Ohio; Col. Morton, Indiana; J. H. Bryant, and Robert Collier, Illa.; Davis F. Horne, Wis.; John McNeil; Jas. D. Rollins, Mo.; Seutenis, H. C. Lodge, Mass.; M. T. Adler, Pa.; A. Reichen, Enoch Clark, Mo.

President Woolsey said that for 8 or 10 years past the country was growing politically worse and the strong men of the republican party had made the country blush with shame; and now this meeting was called to decide what was best to be done to remedy matters.  
Carl Schurz thanked the audience for such a large attendance.—It was a good sign when men came forward and showed their political independence. Every citizen should see that the party he belongs to is a good one. None have been united here but men not overawed by any party and such as are known to have the best interests of the country at heart.  
Independents, it is said are on the fence but it is owing to the vast quantity of mud on both sides of the fence that they are afraid to descend.  
The object of this conference is to promote and further the general interests of the country. A committee was appointed to draw up some definite plan of action. Dr. Osgood spoke of the unsavory odor that has arisen around the White House on account of the bad associations there. We want a man in that office intelligent, honest and capable, high toned and fearless (applause).

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
STEAMSHIPS.  
NEW YORK, May 15.—Arrived, Steamers Hidalgo from Hull, and Acadia from Bordeaux.  
SUCIDE.  
Henry S. Mullady, a well known Fenian and exile, committed suicide in Donovan Rossa's hotel in this city, yesterday.  
RAILROAD ACCIDENT.  
RICHMOND Va., May 15.—A serious accident occurred to-night on the Richmond and Petersburg R. R. near Chester. Two cars of a military excursion train, which left here this a. m. were returning to Richmond and thrown from the track by a broken rail. A number of persons reported killed and wounded.

**FOREIGN.**  
THE LAST RITES.  
PARIS, May 15.—The funeral of Richard, late minister of the interior, took place to-day and in consequence the debate on the amnesty motions in the assembly has been postponed.  
ELECTED DEPUTY.  
Jerome Napoleon has been elected deputy from Ajaccio.  
LOST A RUDDER.  
QUEENSTOWN, May 15.—The steamship Ontario, which lost her rudder on the voyage from Liverpool for Quebec and Peking. She was towed into the port to-day.

**BLOCKADE DECLARED.**  
LONDON, May 15.—In the house of commons it was stated that the blockade of the coast of Dahomy be instituted July 1st.

**APPOINTMENT.**  
BERLIN, May 15.—Herr Hoffman, prime minister of Hessalia, has been appointed president of the Imperial Chancellery, to succeed Debruch, who resigned. He will enter upon his duties June 1st.

**OPENED.**  
LONDON, May 15.—A special from Copenhagen says, the Rikstag was opened to-day. If a radical majority should pass a vote of want of confidence in ministry, parliament will be again dissolved immediately.

**SPORTING.**  
THE LOUISVILLE RACES.  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 15.—The first race to-day was for a purse of \$300, mile heats. Ten started. Brakeman won, Weatherly second. Time 2:11. In the second race, mile and a half dash, Vagrant won. Time 2:38 1/2. In the third race, with heats, Emma C. won. Time 1:45. The track was heavy and was a great impediment to the races.

**FIRES.**  
IN OHIO.  
CLEVELAND, May 15.—The Leader's special from Niles, Ohio, says: A fire to-day destroyed property valued at \$40,000. There was a small insurance. The heaviest losers are A. H. Mason, and Isaac Halford. The fire is supposed to be incendiary.

**Failed.**  
NEW YORK, May 15.—Messenger & Wright, wool brokers, are reported failed, with estimated liabilities at from 150 to \$200,000. The firm has a large mill at Worcester, Mass., and the failure is ascribed to the same cause which led to the suspension of the North Adams mills.

**Pedestrianism.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—At midnight O'Leary and Schmehl began to walk. At 9 this morning the former had completed his 46th mile, while Schmehl was two and a half miles behind.

**Prejudice Overcome by a Coroner's Jury.**  
NEW YORK, May 15.—The chaplain of the calvary cemetery informed the friends of Henry S. Mulledy, the Irish exile who committed suicide yesterday, that the body could not be received into the cemetery, owing to the laws of the Roman Catholic church in regard to suicides. A deputation headed by Gen. Bourke then called on the vicar-general and permission was granted to bury the body in calvary, as the coroner's jury had rendered a verdict that Mulledy was temporarily insane.

**White vs Black.**  
NEW ORLEANS, May 15.—The New Orleans Times special dated Summit, Miss., May 15, says information was received here last night of a row between negroes and whites at Laurel Hill, near the Mississippi line on Friday night. About 30 negroes went to the store of a white man and pulled him to the door and riddled him with bullets. A posse from Bayou Sara went out for the body, but the negroes would not give it up. A fight ensued and three negroes were killed. Two white men are missing.

**The Methodists.**  
BALTIMORE, May 15.—In the Methodist conference to-day, several resolutions were introduced and referred. The order of the day was suspended for the formal reception of the fraternal delegates from the Presbyterian church. Rev. F. I. Patton was introduced and addressed the conference, bearing cordial and fraternal salutations from the Presbyterian church. His remarks were frequently applauded and at their close a resolution of gratification at his visit and fraternal and Christian sympathies with the Presbyterian church were adopted. It was agreed that the secretary should strike from the proceedings of Saturday last all reference to the questions between Dr. Nelson and Dr. Lunsford. Adjourned.

**CONGRESSIONAL.**  
A Bill to Restrict Chinese Immigration.  
Passage of the Bill to Encourage Timber Growth on Western Prairies.  
The House Bill to Extend the Time of Pre-emption Passes the Senate.  
Secret Session of the Senate on the Impeachment Matter.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 15th.—During the morning hour a number of reports of an unimportant character were made from various committees.  
Mr. Sargeant introduced a bill to restrict immigration of Chinese to the United States.  
Mitchell said he desired to submit some remarks on the subject to which the bill related and asked that it lie on the table for the present. So ordered.  
Mr. Paddock called up the house bill to amend the act of March 13, '74 to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies. Passed.  
Mr. Windom called up the house bill to extend the time of pre-emption on public lands. The amendments of the committees were agreed to and the bill passed.  
The senate then went into secret session to deliberate on the question of jurisdiction as to the Belknap impeachment.  
The doors were re-opened and the senate, setting as a court of impeachment—adjourned until to-morrow.  
Legislative business was then resumed and Oglesby, from the committee on public lands reported favorably on the house bill extending the time within which homestead entries upon certain lands in Michigan may be made.  
Adjourned.

**House.**  
Several resolutions were adopted calling for reports and co-sponsorship as to the whisky ring prosecution and the dismissal of John B. Henderson as special counsel for the government the propriety of turning over the

duties of internal revenue to the commissioner of customs and for a list of government defaulters since March, 1865.  
The bill introduced by Mr. Payne to authorize the issue of silver coin to the amount of ten millions dollars in exchange for legal tenders which are only to be issued after the destruction of an equal amount of fractional currency was then called up. Soon after a vote was taken which resulted as follows: Yeas, 139, nays, 73. Not two-thirds in the affirmative.  
Mr. Hoar moved to suspend the rules and adopt a resolution declaring that the house has entire confidence in the wisdom, integrity and efficacy with which the secretary of the treasury has prosecuted and is prosecuting that class offenders against the internal revenue laws known as the whisky ring and does not desire him to make public any information in regard thereto which in his judgment might impair the efficacy of such prosecutions.  
Mr. Randall said that the resolution just reverses what the house has already done and moved to lay it on table.  
Pending action on that motion the house proceeded to business of the District of Columbia. The charges of Albert Grant against Judge Wylie, of the District of Columbia, were referred to a select committee. Adjourned.

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