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BLAINE!

THE TIDE FOR THE PLUMED KNIGHT

Surging on Unchecked, Despite the United Efforts

Of His Friends, Who Attempt to Sweep it Back,

And it Will Take a Miracle to Prevent His Nomination.

A Bare Possibility That the Maine Statesman's Wishes

Not to be a Candidate May at Last Prevail,

And the Convention May Unite on Some One Else.

But it Beats All How the Enthusiasm For Him

Seems to Grow as the Crowd Increases.

An Unprecedented Gathering Already in Chicago.

The Goff Boom For Second Place Fairly Started.

Columns of Interesting News and Gossip on the

Eve of the Greatest Political Convention Ever Held.

At the West Virginia Headquarters---Latest View of the Situation.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHICAGO, June 18.—It is fortunate that the convention does not have to say in the next hour whom it wants for President, for it has not made up its mind, and is not yet in shape to nominate anybody. There are more than enough Blaine men in the convention to nominate him, but all except a few of them will vote for others on the first ballot, and will continue on that line unless it shall appear that nobody in the field can be nominated, or unless the convention should be carried off its feet by a Blaine ground swell. Blaine's near friends are busy with brooms trying to sweep back the tide, with only indifferent success. They have paid special attention to Pacific Coast boomers, urging them not to spring Blaine on the Convention. Chairman Creed Haymond, of California, says he will nominate Blaine in spite of everything. The California men, however, have promised not to be so demonstrative as they have been. I visited their headquarters today for the first time, and if they have been making any more Blaine noise there before, the quiet of the neighborhood must have been seriously disturbed. It cannot be disguised that the nomination of Blaine would

CREATE MORE ENTHUSIASM HERE

than that of any other man, but it must be remembered that only 820 of all this crowd have votes, and though Blaine is the strongest with them, an earnest and honest effort is being made to agree upon somebody else. I asked S. B. Elkins if he thought there was any prospect of Blaine's nomination. He replied: "I hope it may be possible to unite on somebody else. I am taking no part either way; expect to do what I can to prevent anything like a Blaine movement."

Since New York agreed to give Depew its solid support, there has been a rise in his stock, but this, I think, without reason. New York is not more seriously for Depew than Ohio is for Sherman. New York was with great difficulty

SOLIDIFIED FOR DEPEW

by the efforts of managers of other booms, who want to make Depew feel good and the same time hold New York away from anybody who might make more trouble, each boom manager hoping that at the right time the empire State will swing over to his candidate. The Harrison and Alger people, in particular, were influential in this behalf, and the prospect is that unless the situation greatly changes, Harrison will get thirty from New York when Depew is dropped, Alger the next big slice and the remainder scattering. If Blaine is to be regarded as out New York seems to be looking for a Westerm man to lead the ticket, taking for herself second place or giving that to New Jersey. Sherman cannot make an impression on the New York delegation thus far, and there is no reason to think he will. This is one reason why his boom is not healthy. Another reason, spoken of in my dispatches last night, is that his own delegation is cutting so poor a Sherman figure at the Ohio headquarters. I hear much more enthusiastic expression, on the quiet, of course, for Foraker and for McKinley than for honest John, and

MORE FOR BLAINE THAN FOR ALL

of them put together. If Sherman understood the real situation he would take himself out of the field before the convention opens, for with his own delegation as it is, only a miracle could nominate him. It would be an unique coincidence to see one Ohio man on the ticket of each great party, nominated with the Ohio delegation practically against him. So Thurman was put through at St. Louis, but I shall miss my guess if the like happens here. It was rumored to-day that the Harrison men and the Gresham men had threatened to go to Sherman if New York supported Depew. There is no truth in the report, though it is very generally believed. Ineffectual efforts at combination have been and are being made, but is too early for that sort of play. There are so many loose ends that they cannot be gathered up for work so fine. Some of the statesmen who are now rolling high will be glad enough to drop down into second place, but not while they think it necessary to wear non-conductors on their heads to keep from being killed out-right when the lightning strikes them. The net result of the day is that Harrison and Alger show better, the Indiana men seemingly having made the greater gain. As a completed ticket Harrison and Morton (Indiana and New York) is beginning to be a good deal talked of.

The arrival of thousands to-day does not help to

CLEAR THE ATMOSPHERE

or make it easier to squeeze through the hotel lobbies. Hotel keepers say that the crowd here this morning was the biggest ever seen in Chicago. Certainly no such crowd ever attended any previous convention of any party. It will give some idea of the number of visitors to say that from West Virginia alone close on to one thousand have come, and more are on their way. After eight thousand people get into the convention hall others will have to cool their heels outside. All are good natured and willing to succumb to the inevitable. They feel that a winning ticket will be placed on a winning platform, and that contents them.

I began to prepare for publication the names of West Virginians who came in to-day, but concluded that the INTELLIGENCER could not make room for a State directory. They come from all quarters—almost every county. There has never been such a turnout from the State. Some of the estimates run as high as 1,200, but we can afford to knock off two or three hundred and then make a respectable appearance. Headquarters are crowded all day and night by home people. Then there were visitors to feel the pulse, and they all took observations satisfactory to themselves. To-morrow morning at 10 o'clock the Harrison men will come to present their man to the extent of half an hour. Major Moore called on the California delegation and whooped up

GOFF FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

The response was very cordial. There is some talk of getting all the Southern delegates to unite on Goff, but this is advised against as having a sectional appearance. The West Virginia man has many friends outside of the Southern delegations. All the West Virginia delegates are here except Payne, of the Third district, and he is expected late to-night or to-morrow. Delegate Cooper, of the Third district, says nobody is authorized to put him down for Sherman. He is not that way, and will not say which way he is going to vote. He would rather have Blaine than anybody.

Mr. Elkins greatly regrets that he was placed in nomination for National Committeeman. He says he has been on the committee for fifteen years and wanted to retire. He knew it would have been improper for other reasons. He would not have served if elected.

On the train which left Wheeling last night a straw vote was taken among Ohio men and West Virginians and resulted as follows: Blaine, 147; Sherman, 42; Gresham, 11; Alger, 3; Allison, 3; Foraker, 5; Depew, 7. The wind blows very hard in that direction.

EVERYBODY FOR BLAINE.

The Blaine demonstration overtopped them all to-night. John Cummins had to be restrained from jumping out of headquarters window in the wildness of his excitement. John called on Depew. When he told the New York man he was a railroad engineer Depew said laughingly:

"Then, Mr. Cummins, you are a railroad monopolist."

A BELMONT MAN ROBBED.

Col. J. M. Lewis, the Belmont Giant, was robbed last night of his watch and $350. Ohio's Lieutenant-Governor, his room-mate, was done up for $150. These statesmen are at the Gand Pacific, and the thief entered their room. Many watches and pocket-books are missing.

Col. Bob Ingersoll was in the West Virginia headquarters this evening, and being called on for a speech made a fine short talk on protection. He said he wanted to see a strong nominee, and for that reason favored Gresham, who, he said, is as strong a protectionist as himself. The speech was warmly applauded.

C. B. H.

ANOTHER REGISTER LIE NAILED.

Prompt Refutation of the Story About Alleged Discourtesy Toward Parkersburgers.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHICAGO, ILL., June 18.

To the Editor of the Intelligencer.

A telegram from your city says a *Register* special from Chicago represents the Parkersburg delegation as complaining that they were kept out of the private car furnished by Mr. Clements. We desire to say that the private cars in charge of Mr. Hart and Mr. Frew were thrown open to everybody, so far as the capacity of the cars would permit, and there was no exclusion, except as it was caused by lack of room. The Parkersburgers have no reason to complain that the impossible was not done for them, and being sensible men, as well as gentlemen, they have not complained. Those who were not in the private cars well understand the reason why. They also understand the animus of the *Register* report.

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J. E. MCCOY,
JOHN HARRIS,
W. VANDERVORT,
A. B. BARRETT,
STEPHEN DAVIDSON,
HENRY C. FLESHER,
G. B. GIBBONS,
CHAS. A. SWEARINGEN,
M. C. C. CHURCH.

The above was handed me by Delegate Smith, of Parkersburg, with a request that I publish it. He said the signatures were only those whom he had been able to see in a few minutes, but he undertook to speak for the others.

C. B. H.

WEST VIRGINIA ORGANIZATION.

Members of the Convention Committees Appointed, and a National Committeeman Selected.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHICAGO, June 18.—The West Virginia delegation organized by the unanimous selection of W. P. Hubbard, Chairman, and Henry C. Flesher, Secretary. The following members of committees were selected: Permanent Organization, John Frew; Credentials, John Cooper; Resolutions, T. B. Swann; Vice President of the Convention, Judge R. Berkshire; to notify the nominee, C. B. Smith. N. B. Scott was elected member of the National Committee. A movement was made in favor of S. B. Elkins without that gentleman's knowledge, but he was withdrawn after receiving a very complimentary vote.

Capt. Ham Davis, the well-known colored brother of Wheeling, was made Sergeant-at-Arms of the delegation, and J. W. Paxton, of Wood county, was appointed a Messenger in the Convention.

C. B. H.

EARLY MORNING TALK.

Effect of Depew's Candidacy—Confidence of the Allison Men.

CHICAGO, June 18.—The skirmishing preliminary to the great battle which will be formally opened in the Convention to-morrow, was unusually active and aggressive in the hotel corridors this morning. At an early hour groups of politicians congregated in the lobbies talking over the situation, and though there was nothing definite which the friends of any candidate could use as a basis for their enthusiasm, predictions and counter-predictions were loudly and vigorously indulged in.

The doors of the headquarters of the various State delegations stood invitingly open and within, eager badge-bedecked gentlemen stood, prepared to seize upon any passing delegate and impress upon him the desirability, if not the absolute necessity of the Republican Convention nominating this or that favorite son in order to obtain assured success at the polls in November next. As early as 7 o'clock the desks of the Iowa headquarters were cleared for action, and Gen. Henderson was upon the scene, directing operations.

The announcement of Mr. Depew's candidacy seemed but to have invigorated the Allison forces. They predict that the convention, in its present uncertain condition, is a peculiarly auspicious one for "reserve" candidates, of whom they say their favorite is the strongest. Senator Teller called at an early hour, and is still closeted with Gen. Henderson. The result of their conference cannot be learned, but the Allison men claim that Iowa and Colorado are in hearty cooperation. Referring to a published statement that Iowa, through a representative in the New York conference, had yesterday assured Mr. Depew of the vote of that State, Delegate Rich, of Iowa, said: "Nothing could be further from the truth. The transportation question is the great issue in Iowa to-day, and railroad men are not over popular there, I assure you. No representative of our delegation favors Depew. We are gaining strength for Allison hourly, and without giving you the States upon which we count we are confident of his nomination."

The New York delegates were the recipients of a visit this forenoon from the Iowa delegation, headed by a brass band, and leaving a large photograph of Senator Allison, draped with American flags. It was hospitably received and the large audience, which assembled in the parlors, joined in the refrain. When to the air of "Good-bye, My Lover, Good-bye," both delegations joined in a campaign song prophetic of the defeat of Grover Cleveland at the approaching election.

As early as 10 o'clock this morning one had to elbow one's way even on the sky parlor floor of the Grand Pacific. The crowd increased as one descended and the rotunda and lobbies were filled with thousands of men, most of them morning arrivals.

Numerous delegations have arrived since yesterday, and by to-night the roster of all the States and Territories will be complete. The New York and Ohio headquarters in the Grand Pacific, which Saturday were nearly deserted and yesterday had but few signs of life, were early this morning filled with representatives of those States. The Gresham headquarters as usual had a large quota of active workers, and the Harrison and Rusk headquarters were crowded from an early hour. The Allison headquarters has blossomed as the rose. Not content with their old suite of rooms the Allison men have moved into the ladies' ordinary, and have decorated the large room until it is the

HANDSOMEST HEADQUARTERS

in the city. Over the main entrance, trimmed with flags and bunting, is the name "Allison" picked out with incandescent electric lights, showing to splendid advantage the comparatively dark hall. Inside there is almost a glimpse of fairyland. Beautiful flags and streamers adorn the walls and circle about huge pictures of Iowa's favorite. Roses of sallax, dotted thick with exquisite roses criss-cross from the chandaliers.

Delegate Blood, of Iowa, said: "Allison has strengthened materially since Saturday. We have gained thirty-five votes certain, and as it stands now we will go into the convention with over one hundred votes pledged for our candidate. Then we have almost a positive assurance from the delegates of a large State that they will come over to see us after the first few ballots. If Iowa were a doubtful State I think there would be no question of Allison's success. Gresham has many friends in our delegation, and he is easily the second choice so far as I can see. We have not yet considered our second choice, however, as we think Allison stands as good a chance, it not a better one, than any of the candidates. Iowa is in any event

FOR THE NOMINEE.

We will carry the State if the convention should nominate a man from the Florida swamps."

Nearly all the delegations are holding, or will hold, their caucuses to-day. Meanwhile, matters are wholly adrift, and such a thing as a crystalization of sentiment on any mooted point is not to be found. New Hampshire will probably select Congressman J. Hallinger as chairman. Either B. C. Cheney, or E. H. Rollins will go on the national committee. In regard to candidates, the delegates are all adrift. There is no settled idea. Harrison has some friends, Allison is favorably regarded and everybody has a friendly feeling for Blaine. There is no Alger blood in the delegation. The Minnesota delegation caucussed at 4 o'clock. Gresham has ten of the fourteen votes; Alger has two votes. The second choice is Blaine.

There was plenty of enthusiasm among the Jersey men this morning. State Senator John W. Griggs will be chosen to represent the State on the Platform Committee. Senator Sewell will be the chairman of the delegation. C. A. Hobart will be returned to the National Committee. Mr. John Bert Brewer said there was no Blaine sentiment in the New Jersey delegation. "We would be sorry to see Mr. Blaine brought forward. However, the objection to Mr. Blaine is an outside one. He would suit New Jersey to a 'T.' We are absolutely undecided whither we would go if our man William Walter Phelps were out of the way. We shall stick to him with the belief that he ought to win. However, if there is to be a dark horse, we regard

MR. M'KINLEY, OF OHIO,

As the man. New Jersey will go for him to a dead certainty. In 1883, in a series of pen pictures of prominent Congressmen, I wrote of Mr. McKinley: 'He is destined to be one of the idols of the people of the country. Reader, mark this man and see if I am not correct.'"

NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING.

Thurston, of Nebraska, to be Temporary Chairman—Contested Seats.

CHICAGO, June 18.—To choose the man who would probably preside over the stormiest scenes of the Republican Convention was the delicate and important task before the National Committee when the members assembled at noon to select a temporary chairman for the great assemblage of Tuesday. The call of States for the presentation of candidates for this position was at once begun. California, almost at the head of the list, had the advantage of being the first to name its favorite.

Mr. Estee, of California, was the gentleman urged by Mr. Davis, of that State. Mr. Estee was presented in a strong speech as the candidate of the united far West. He was put forward as an anti-monopoly man of the first water, and attention was called to the quick action of the Democrats in choosing a temporary chairman from the coast.

John M. Thurston, of Nebraska, was presented in a brief, pointed speech by Church Howe, of that State. Stress was laid on his ability as a parliamentarian and upon his brilliant speech seconding General Logan in the National Convention four years ago.

Mr. Leland, of Kansas, vigorously seconded the nomination of Estee for his anti-monopoly record. Oregon also seconded him. The vote was then proceeded with, resulting in a tie. Chairman B. F. Jones cast the docding vote in favor of Thurston. The nomination was made unanimous on motion of Mr. Hamill, of Colorado, who had acted with the Pacific coast men.

J. Hale Sypher, proxy from the District of Columbia, moved that in the contest from the Third Congressional district of Maryland, both parties be excluded. Gary, of Maryland, amended by asking that both sides be admitted as contestants and the matter referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Conger, of Ohio, moved to lay the whole subject on the table. Conger's idea was adopted, and the result will be to admit the regular delegates recommended by Gary, the member of the National Committee from that State.

The Virginia contest, involving the seating of sixteen Mahone district delegates, was reopened by Blair, of Virginia, moving a reconsideration. Elkins and Lawson, of New York, joined in opposing stremuously any reconsideration whatever. Reconsideration was defeated by a vote of 26 to 11.

CALIFORNIANS KICK.

Judge Thurston, who had been selected for recommendation to the Convention as the Committee's choice for temporary Chairman, was being congratulated from all sides after the adjournment of the National Committee. The Californians, thoroughly unused to defeat, were simply dumbfounded. Their opponents, however, were no less surprised, the closeness of the vote being almost wholly unexpected. It was pretty generally conceded that the amount of strength gathered by the Californians, and the number of votes they mustered was, under the circumstances, a tribute to the Pacific slope nothing short of that accorded by the Democrats at St. Louis. Nevertheless, the coast men were sore and their eastern supporters not less so. Everybody else thought the Estee men had made a magnificent fight, considering how they had been handicapped by their late arrival—the Convention being in the matter of preliminaries relatively a full week ahead of the Democratic Convention, where the Californians achieved their triumphs largely by being the first men on the ground. Here the Thurston men from Nebraska had been the early birds, and the opposition to Thurston had attempted to centre on Patrick Egan, who could almost undoubtedly have had the honor, but felt obliged in loyalty to his fellow delegates from Nebraska to

GIVE WAY TO THURSTON,

the first favorite of the Nebraska delegation. Some talk of carrying the fight into the convention was heard after the meeting of the National Committee was over. No one of prominence would commit himself, however, until the matter had been thoroughly discussed in private by those who had stood for Estee. Cyrus Leland, of Kansas, is said to have been the best and most earnest champion of Estee in the National Committee. He said: "The vote for temporary chairman was a tie. The deciding vote was cast by Chairman Jones. The motion to make it unanimous for Thurston had one opposition vote, many refraining from voting. The press of Nebraska has vigorpusly opposed Depew as being a corporation man, yet at the first opportunity Nebraska presents a railroad attorney for temporary chairman. We came here to make votes for the party and not to drive them from the party."

A concensus of opinion from the people in the corridors was that Estee would have won on his presentation as an anti-monopoly candidate, but the friends of too many favoriteism candidates for the Presidency united largely against such a pronounced recognition of an out-and-out Blaine delegate as the man from the Pacific Slope. It was, the verdict seemed, a reaction against the Californians too previous shouting for Blaine.

HARMONY RESTORED.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Mr. Estee, of California, after consultation with his friends, announced that he would not allow any contest on his behalf before the convention for the temporary chairmanship. The decision was made in the interest of good feeling all around, and the Californians at once commenced to regain their grip and to be regarded as still near the top of the heap.

Stephen B. Elkins said to-night: "Immediately on my arrival here, I saw the inevitable clash coming between the friends of Estee and Thurston. I tried to bring about a compromise but could not. To-day in the meeting of the National Committee, the clash came and it was evident to all present that hard feelings was the result.

"Now," continued Mr. Elkins, "the majority of the committeemen were anxious to stop any such trouble, and there was not a man on the committee who would not have been glad of the chance, if unavoidable circumstances had not prevented, to do the handsome thing by the Californians; to surpass in fact whatever the Democrats did or could do. So a number of us have been around to the various State caucuses and have secured the pledges of nearly all that their members of the Committee on Permanent Organization shall vote to put in Estee, of California, for permanent chairman of the convention. The Pacific slope deserves to get recognition and everybody is glad that the thing has been so well."

ESTEE FOR PERMANENT CHAIRMAN.

M. M. Estee, of California, will undoubtedly, from every indication tonight, be permanent Chairman of the Republican National Convention. The Pacific Slope men were beaten in the matter of temporary organization only to capture this greater honor. Estee will have the distinction of supplanting no less a man than Warner Miller, the prospective Republican nominee for Governor of New York. By common consent, Miller was up to-night the man for the place.

The Republican leaders here were from the start, it seems, determined to be no whit behind what the Democrats in St. Louis did in affording tokens of appreciation of the power and good will of the Pacific Slope.

Quay Kept His Promise.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Senator Quay did what he promised for Sherman in the delegation to-day. In the caucus he polled thirty-six votes for Sherman as against fourteen votes from Philadelphia for Mayor Fitler, whose candidacy has aroused considerable curiosity. Depew got two votes, so did Gresham, and Quay said shortly after the caucus that Sherman would have sixty-five of the Pennsylvania vote when Mr. Fitler dropped out as he would after the first or second ballot. Fitler's candidacy is simply a result of the truckling of the local politicians to the vanity of a man who holds control of all the patronage in the city. There is every reason to believe that Quay can hold the Pennsylvania strength for Sherman as long as he cares to do so. The significant fact that the National Committeeman was not named by the caucus shows that what has been asserted is true of the Senator's candidacy for the chairmanship of the National Committee.

NEW YORK FOR DEPEW.

The Delegation Decides to Support Him Unanimously.

CHICAGO, June 18.—The New York delegation met at noon to-day with closed doors and remained in session for over an hour. The meeting was called to order by G. R. Sloan, as temporary chairman, and the first business in order was stated to be the election of a permanent chairman. Chauncey M. Depew was unanimously elected to fill the position, and R. A. Hamilton was selected as permanent secretary. Frank Hiscock was appointed to serve on the Committee on Resolutions; J. B. Webber, on the Committee on Credentials; G. R. Sloan on the Committee of Permanent Organization, and Gen. Husted on the Committee on Rules.

A resolution was then adopted without a dissenting voice, declaring Chauncey M. Depew to be the choice of the delegation for the Presidential nomination and amid a chorus of cheers the meeting adjourned, while the delegates burst into the hall shouting "Hurrah for Chauncey M. Depew," and giving other evidences of enthusiasm; nor was their ardor dampened to any especial extent, when answering cheers for Allison and Gresham came from the respective headquarters of those candidates, nor when the Iowa delegation marched in front of the New York rooms, keeping step to the refrain of "Allison, Allison, William B. Allison."

Mr. Depew held quite a reception and he received many congratulations upon the unanimity shown by his delegations in his support.

Depew's Attitude Toward Blaine.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Mr. Depew has been so outspoken and persistent in advocating Mr. Blaine's nomination that no one questions that, next to himself, he still stands for the Maine statesman. In this he is backed by more than half of the New York delegates, and especially those from New York city and Brooklyn, who seem to have caught the fever worse than ever since they have mingled with the Blaine crowd from the Golden Gate. The problem with them is not so much whether it should be done as how it should be done. On this they are as much at sea as ever, and chaos and doubt still reign supreme. They will continue to reign, probably, till the atmosphere clarifies more and the wisdom of nominating Mr. Blaine or taking him at his word is thoroughly canvassed. It will not be attempted unless it can be done with practical unanimity. This much can be said of the Blaine sentiment among the New York delegates, that in talking with them individually they will not listen to any name but that of Blaine or Depew, and after those two names comes chaos. Sheridan Shook, after talking with delegates from States, said that he was more than ever convinced of the necessity for nominating the Plumed Knight.

A Voice for Depew.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., June 17.—The following is an interview by the *Pioneer Press* on the Depew question: James W. Husted, of New York, assured the *Pioneer Press* that he was as close to Mr. Depew as any living man, and that he would say positively that the chances all seemed to be in the New Yorker's favor. "The idea is crystalizing," said Husted, "that we cannot win without New York, and every thinking man admits that, while it would be possible to carry New York with some one or other of the excellent candidates before the convention, Depew alone is sure to carry it by at least 50,000 majority.

NO MUGWUMPING.

Everybody Will Support the Nominee—The Republican Emblem.

CHICAGO, June 18.—When Mr. Depew returned from church yesterday he came into the packed and steaming rotunda of the Grand Pacific Hotel, wearing his straw hat on the back of his head, and his eagle beak well advanced, and greeted his acquaintances with "How are you, Jake?" and "Hello, Jim," &c., after his manner. As he passed upon his beaming way a couple of Nebraska men eyed him, and one said: "He does not know the extent of the Western antipathy to railroad men; when he does he will withdraw, or arrange for a complimentary vote only."

"Well," said the other, "he would make a good President. The boys could go up and go over the threshold and see him about things."

"What is the matter with any of the other candidates in that respect, or any other respect?" asked the other.

"Nothing; I will be satisfied with anybody who is nominated," was the reply.

"So will I," said the first.

This is the kind of talk that greets you all day. There is to be no Mugwumping in this Convention or after it. There will be no repetition of the performance of George William Curtis, who took part in all the proceedings of the last Convention, even after the nomination of Mr. Blaine, and then went home to fight the ticket to the day of its defeat, and the party ever since. Perhaps had the Harper firm been given the publication of Mr. Blaine's book matters would not have been so bad.

There never was a prettier struggle in a National Convention, never so much eagerness and enthusiasm combined with so much good will and united purpose to support the action of the convention. The whoopers who sing and shout in the corridors do so with perfect impartiality. They give three cheers for Sherman; three for Allison; three for Depew; three for Gresham, and so on through the whole list, over and over again, till their throats give out and they retire from labor to refreshment, and give way to fresh men with indurated throats.

I have yet to hear in all the excited talk, the continual impromptu and noisy arguments, any expression to the point that whatever may be personal or State preferences of opinion, there will not be hearty endorsement of the Convention's action and solid and enthusiastic work to make it a winner.

There will be no skulking this time unless all signs fail, though feeling runs high upon the different candidates and preferences are fierce and aggressive. This is the biggest Covention in numbers, and perhaps in popular interest, ever held by the party, and it means to block out the way to victory.

It will mark the differences between the nose-wipe of an ancient and honorable oldm an who has suffered much ill treatment at the hands of his party, and the American flag, which will be the emblem of our ticket and the banner of the party. Here you see the flag in every form. It peeps from the pockets of delegates; it ornaments the rooms and meeting places in profusion; it is

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A MASON COUNTY MURDER.

A Terrible Tragedy, the Prime Cause of Which is Whisky.

FATAL RESULT OF A BRAWL

Begun in a Saloon Between Two Prominent Cizizens of Buffalo. A Duel to the Death—Jeff Belton Kills Wm. Flowers.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

POINT PLEASANT, W. VA., June 19.—News has just reached here that a cold-blooded murder was perpetrated in the usually quiet little village of Buffalo, on Saturday. Quite a number of boys and men gathered in from the country to spend the day and make their purchases for the following week; and, as is their custom, after their business had been attended to, they repaired to the onlv saloon in the village and remained there until the majority experienced difficulty in maintaining their equilibrium.

After leaving the saloon, William Flowers and Jeff Belton started for home, quarreling over some trivial matter that had arisen at the place of drinking. About a mile from town pistol shots were heard, and friends of the parties immediately started in the direction of the shooting, and found Flowers dead, with a butlet hole in his left side. As soon as the shooting was over, Belton made his escape by crossing the Kanawha river and taking to the mountains.

The Plaintiff Got There.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, O., June 18.—In the case of Edward Leavitt, of Cincinnati, against Hanlon & Co., publishers of the Barnesville *Republican*, for libel in the Common Pleas Couat, a verdict for the plaintiff was reached this afternoon for $4 50. The jury has been out since Saturday.

Failure at Buckhannon.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

BUCKHANNON, W. VA., June 18.—Klein and Nusbaum made an assignment to G. M. Fleming for the benefit of their creditors. About $5,000 are preferred to creditors. The amount of the indebtedness is much more. Assets about $5,000 to $6,000.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

Unimportant Business Transacted in Both Houses.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—On motion of Mr. Crain, of Texas, a bill was passed in the House to-day appropriating $50,000 for the erection of a public building at Brownsville, Texas, and at the instance of Mr. Peters, of Kansas, a bill was passed appropriating $50,000 for the completion of the public building at Wichita, Kansas. The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Mr. Lawler, of Illinois, moved an amendment appropriating $50,000 for the repair of the Chicago postoffice and custom house. After a long struggle he finally succeeded in getting an allowance of $20,000 for the purpose.

A debate ensued on the new congression library building, when the committee rose, and soon after the House adjourned.

THE SENATE.

House bill for the representation of the several departments at the Columbus Centennial Exposition next September and October, was taken up and passed with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, appropriating $40,000.

Several bills were passed as follows:

To authorize the construction of a railroad bridge across the Missouri river at Parkville, Mo. Appropriating $250,000 for a public building at Oakland, Cal.

The conference report on the Indian appropriation bill was presented and agreed to. Adjourned.

"JOSIE DARLING" GETS $5,000.

Lawyer Bourke Severely Lashed by the Court that He Appealed To.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., June 18.—Lawyer James S. Bourke, the bachelor member of the Hampden county bar, whom a superior court jury ordered to pay Miss Josie Moran, a domestic in his hotel, $5,000 for breach of promise, is having the cold water hose turned on him in his efforts to get the verdict set aside. Judge Brigham, in summing up the arguments of the appellant's counsel, said that as the defendant denied everything, and as his story was not accepted by the jury, they were compelled to believe he lied, and this might have influenced them to bring in a large verdict. In view of the financial advantages the plaintiff might reasonably expect, as the wife of the defendant, the award was small when it was considered what the income of $5,000 is. The fact that she had ceased to love the defendant did not absolve him from liabilities for damage. The plaintiff had engaged manners and was intelligent and attractive, and the Judge thought that had helped her case.

"Then, too," continued the Judge, "I think if the defendant had not made so complete a denial it would have better for him. If he had admitted that he had taken some of those liberties which a man may sometimes take with a pretty girl without harming either, it would have gone better with the jury than for him to say he 'had always treated her like a post.'"

The motion was overruled and "Josie, darling," is again triumphant.

A Political Flop.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., June 18.—The *Evening Sun*, a Bourbon Democratic paper, will appear as a Republican morning daily on Tuesday morning. It has secured the Associated Press franchise of the late *Commercial*. The paper has been a free trade, Bourbon Democratic sheet. The same editors have pledged themselves to support the Republican candidates and preach tariff doctrine.

Chancellor Douglas Sustained.

CINCINNATI, June 18.—The report of the committee of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythais, is said to sustain Chancellor Douglas in suspending the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, but not in organizing a new one. It requires, however, that the Grand Lodge shall comply with the demand made by Chancellor Douglas.

A Murder in Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Peter Murphy was fatally stabbed by Peter McCann last night. Both men were switchmen on the Northwestern Road. The killing was the result of an old feud. An unknown man was stabbed in front of the saloon at 396 South Clark street early this morning by one of three men. Anthony, Dominick and Thomas Raggio have been arrested on suspicion of complicity in the murder.

The Dis Debars Sentenced.

NEW YORK, June 18.—Gen. and Madame Dis Debar were this morning sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

THE MILITARY PROFESSORSHIP

Of the University Slipping Away—Aggressive Measures Needed to Save it.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—The optimistic indifference of President Turner to the INTELLIGENCER's warning that the State University is in danger of losing its Military Professorship is little short of amazing, granting that the President has at heart the welfare of the Institution. A proposition is now pending before Secretary Endicott in the form of an application of the President and Faculty of the Military Institute at Lexington, Virginia, to transfer Lieutenant Wilson, of the Fourth Artillery, from Morgantown to Lexington. This means, as things now stand, that Morgantown will have no further detail, unless the pending bill offered by Senator Manderson to increase the army details from thirty to forty shall pass the House, which is now very doubtful. The confidence of President Turner is seemingly based upon War Department assurances a year old.

It is fully understood in the War Department, as the INTELLIGENCER ascertained to-day from the best possible authority, that Morgantown is to be dropped after July 1, and if this threatening condition is to be averted President Turner and the Morgantown faculty will be forced to aggressive measures. Kenna, Faulkner and Wilson may be able to scotch the retrograde movement. The case calls for immediate action. Lexington has not had an army officer since the war. Virginia already has one detail, but the Lexington institution presents such a strong numerical argument over Morgantown, that the favor of the Department strongly inclines toward it.

A TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

Three Hundred Houses Burned and Three Thousand People Made Homeless.

PITTSBURGH, June 18.—The town of Dubois, in the northern lumber regions of Pennsylvania, was almost wiped out of existence this afternoon by a conflagration. Nearly 300 houses are in ruins, and 4,000 people are homeless. The fire is still burning.

A LATER REPORT.

A fire broke out at one o'clock this afternoon in the baker house on Railroad avenue in the center of the town, and owing to the high wind blowing at the time it could not be controlled until it had destroyed the whole business portion of the town and several hundred residences. The loss is put by insurance agents at a million dollars, but this is likely a large estimate and as most of the insurance is written outside of town, the agents who have placed the most of it cannot be seen to obtain any figures. An area a mile long by an average of almost half mile wide, extending from the Rochester colliery's store to the Terpe house and to the extreme end of Long street on the east side of town is a complete ruin. Blackened walls and piles of coals is all that is left of one of the most prosperous towns within a hundred miles

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and destitute to-night, and in need of immediate aid or they must suffer. The flames spread so rapidly that many of them escaped with barely their clothing which they wore. The origin of the fire could not be determined. Various causes are given, but the most plausible is that a kitchen flue was defective. A fire engine came at 7 o'clock from Renova, but by that time evil was wrought and it afforded little aid.

At 12 midnight the fire has exhausted itself, having no more available ground to work on. The night is calm. The insurance is very light, as the companies were afraid of the wooden buildings of which the town is so largely built. Therefore the losses are largely without any protection. John Dubois, the lumber king, has, it is rumored, determined to donate $500,000 to the sufferers.

Orphan Asylum Burned.

CINCINNATI, June 18.—The St. Joseph's Catholic Orphan Asylum, situated on the Alexander turnpike, seven miles southeast of Newport, Ky., burned today. It caught from burning matches in the hands of some of the inmates at play. There were seventy-two orphans in the building, all of whom escaped. Loss $75,000.

A STURDORN FASTER.

Forty Days Without Food and Persists in Refusing Nourishment.

RACINE, WIS., June 18.—This is the thirtieth day since John Zacahar, the Caledonian faster, partook of food. There is no sham about his case. The family physician states positively that to his certain knowledge Zacahar has not taken one drop of nourishment. The last few days he has taken to sleeping a good deal and does not take the exercise he did. He is very reticent and quiet, and when told that his meals are ready merely says: "When I want to eat I'll let you know. I think I know my own business best." All manner of dishes have been prepared for him in hopes of tempting his appetite, but without avail. If he should take a notion to break his fast now it would probably result in death, unless it was done with the utmost caution. He has grown very weak and is losing flesh rapidly. The doctor says that before Zacahar began his fast he was an elegant specimen of physical manhood. He has consulted prominent physicians of Milwaukee and Chicago, but thus far he has been unable to decide what is likely to benefit his patient.

THE AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION.

Another Wage Conference to be Held To-day—An Unconfirmed Report.

PITTSBURGH, June 18.—The wage conference committee of the Amalgamated Association and manufacturers will meet again to-morrow for the purpose, if possible, of reaching some settlement about the new scale. In case no settlement is reached the Amalgamated committee will submit the resolution adopted last Saturday, proposing a three months' shut down. This resolution is not looked on with favor by the manufacturers. While they admit that the iron market is overstocked, yet they are unwilling to let their works lay idle. The rumor that four firms would draw out of the Western Iron Association and sign the Amalgamated Association scale cannot be confirmed.

Sheridan Gaining Strength.

WASHINTGON, D. C., June 18.—9 P. M.—For the past twenty-four hours Gen. Sheridan has been comfortable. He slept well and restfully last night and has coughed rather more than usual this afternoon. His pulse and respiration are satisfactory. He is gaining in muscular strength. His appetite is good. The tone of his mind is improving.

Got Thirteen Cents Damage.

ST. LOUIS, June 18.—The jury in the $150,000 damage suit in which R. R. Lancaster, Surveyor of the port, was plaintiff, and Congressman John M. Glover defendant, returned a verdict Sunday. The case has been bitterly fought for more than a year. It grew out of the charges made in Washington by Glover when the President appointed Lancaster. Lancaster is given a total of thirteen cents damages.

SERVICES AT POTSDAM

And the Last Funeral Rites at the Castle Over the

REMAINS OF THE EMPEROR

At the Place of His Death—Preparing For the Final Ceremonies Next Monday—Emperor William's Proclamation.

POTSDAM, June 18.—Prince Bismarck and Count Von Moltke, and a number of foreign princes arrived here this morning. The railway stations at Berlin and Potsdam are closed against the public. Crowds have gathered outside these buildings, and soldiers and police are posted all around the stations to keep back the crowds. The Friedrichskron Palace is guarded like a fortress.

At 9 o'clock this morning the bells were tolled and the ministers who were to officiate at the Emperor's funeral took their places around the coffin in the Palace. The choir sang the hymns "Soon Thou callest me to higher joys" and "Jesus is my trust." Chaplain Koegel blessed the corpse and the mourners, after which the choir sang the hymn, "If I am to die." The Commanders of twelve regiments of which the late Emperor was the chief officer, carried the coffin to the hearse. Eight majors then took the horses by the bridle, and the procession started for the church.

In the procession from the castle to the church, the Prince of Wales walked with the Emperor and the King of Saxony.

Among those who took part in the procession were Prince Henry, second son of the deceased Emperor, the hereditary Prince of Saze-Meiningen, and the Generals of the army, headed by Count Von Moltke, who carried a marshal's staff. Bodies of the Prussian corps of the guard and the dragoons' guard brought up the rear of the procession.

The funeral ceremonies ended sh