

THE THIRD AND FOURTH

Congressional Districts—What is Being Done by Both Parties.

HON. C. B. SMITH'S POSITION.

He Will Not Allow His Name to be Used Unless Jackson is His Opponent—Not Anxious to Run in the Third District.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., August 18.—The political situation in this county is decidedly interesting, and scarcely any one, except the parties immediately interested will venture a prediction as to the result. The fight here has been made chiefly on the county clerkship.

George H. Natter and William Dills being the leading candidates, and has grown so warm as to almost excite the passions of the people, and has led to some of the most interesting questions, including that of what shall be the coming candidate for Congress.

This year the delegates from this county to both the Congressional and Senatorial conventions were appointed by the districts and as the friends of the candidates for county clerk were out in full force and the fight was made on the county clerkship, the attention was paid to the County clerk, and as a result no one knows exactly how Kanawha county stands on the Congressional question.

Hon. C. B. Smith, the present County Clerk of this county, has a decidedly strong following, but the name in the hands of Mr. McGinnis, and just how far the Hinton convention will be cast in the hands of the county clerk, is a matter which Mr. Smith claims that nearly all the delegates, if not all of them, will vote for him on the first ballot, at least, but he declines to make any statement.

Mr. McGinnis, on the other hand, has a strong following, and it is understood that several of the districts have already pledged delegates who look favorably upon his name. Mr. McGinnis has a strong following, and it is believed that the delegation from Boone county is also favorable to him. Mr. McGinnis has a strong following, and it is believed that the delegation from Boone county is also favorable to him.

There is only one contingency that can possibly arise which will sweep Mr. McGinnis from this office, and that is so remote as to be scarcely worth thinking about. This is the nomination of Mr. McGinnis for the office of Judge of the Court, at Point Pleasant, West Virginia, by the Legislature.

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THE "ROUGH COUNT"

Of West Virginia's Population Has Not Been Completed.

THE HOUSE DIRECT TAX BILL

And How it Effects Citizens of This State—The Edmunds Amendment to the Tariff Bill—A Scheme of Reciprocity on Sugar.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 18.—The publication of the "rough count" of the population of West Virginia has been delayed for several days, owing to the necessity of recounting one of the enumeration districts in the second census district. Directions have been forwarded to make this recount as quickly as possible, but it may be the last of the week or even later before it is finished.

The Direct Tax Bill. The House of Representatives has passed the direct tax bill, which will be reported to the Senate tomorrow. The bill provides for a direct tax on the value of real estate and personal property.

The Edmunds Amendment. The Edmunds amendment to the tariff bill, which provides for a scheme of reciprocity on sugar, has been passed by the House of Representatives.

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WEBB AND POWDERLY.

The New York Central Strike Seems to be Broken.

VICE PRESIDENT WEBB'S REPLY

To the Grand Master's Communication Appears to Settle All Differences—The Men Were Discharged for Cause.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

NEW YORK, August 18.—The Executive Committee of the Knights of Labor, who have been in session now and then at the St. Cloud Hotel since Friday noon last, finished their deliberations and presented the result of their consideration of the strike on the New York Central railroad to Third Vice President Webb this morning.

The Executive Board, which consists of Messrs. Powderly, Secretary Hayes and J. J. Holland, were joined early this morning by Mr. A. W. Wright, who had just arrived from Albany. The three gentlemen left the hotel together at about half-past eight o'clock, and held a conference with some of the local leaders in another part of the city. The result of this conference was that Mr. Webb was authorized to write Mr. Wright a letter for publication, with the intention of settling the matter of the strike on the New York Central.

Mr. Webb, in his letter, stated that he was glad to see a monument begin, at least which will mark the last resting place of "her husband."

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PARLIAMENT PROLOGUED.

The Speech of the Queen Brief and Much to the Point.

THE BEHRING SEA MATTER

The Potato Famine in Ireland Assured—Alarming Proportions—The Czar and the Emperor Meet.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

LONDON, August 18.—Parliament has been prorogued. The Queen's speech to the House was as follows: My Lords and Gentlemen: My relations with all foreign powers continue pacific. Friendly attention has been called to inconveniences which might arise from a conflict over territorial claims in the newly occupied regions in Africa, and I have therefore entered into negotiations with the powers principally concerned for the purpose of defining the boundaries of the continent. The action of the respective governments shall be confined.

I have offered the President of the United States to submit to arbitration the differences over the Behring sea fisheries. I earnestly hope that the resolutions of the conference on the slave trade may lead to a more speedy and effective action for the benevolent purposes that inspired them. My Lords and Gentlemen, I am rejoiced to observe the effective steps taken by you to promote intermediate technical education, and to the measures passed for the extensive reconstruction of the army which will secure the health and increase the efficiency of my soldiers.

I am glad that you have been able to materially improve the condition of the police force, on whose valuable services increasing demands are being made. The policy you have adopted of giving uniformity and increased vigor to the precautions against contagious diseases, among cattle will have a salutary influence upon a very important interest.

The Emperor of Germany arrived in Berlin last evening. He was attended in the uniform of the Vistula regiment, and wore the decoration of the Russian Order of St. Andrew. The Czar was in the German capital, and the Emperor accompanied the Czar and received his membership of the Czar's and Emperor's Order of the Holy Spirit.

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A NAIL MILL BURNED.

The Jefferson Iron Works, at Steubenville, Destroyed.

A DISASTROUS FIRE THERE.

Entailing a Loss of about \$100,000, and Throwing a Number of Men out of Employment—The Insurance and who Holds it.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., August 18.—The combined houses and store of the James Brothers, burned in Wheeling this morning. Loss, \$2,500; insurance, \$1,000.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., August 18.—The house occupied by Nicholas Brandon near here was discovered to be on fire yesterday. Upon the flames being extinguished, Brandon's charred and blackened remains were discovered in the ruins. It is believed the unfortunate man was intoxicated and upset a lamp, causing the fire.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., August 18.—The fire started shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning. About half-past eight o'clock Mackey, working in the blacksmith shop of the works, looked out of the door and saw a plume of smoke out of the stack from the main boiler of the mill in the center of the works. He at once gave the alarm, but the fire spread rapidly, and soon the immense structure was wreathed in flames. The report that the Jefferson Iron Works was a fire of hundreds to the scene, where Steubenville's leading factory was being rapidly consumed.

The tarred roof burned like tinder, and in almost less time than it takes to write it the fire was running in every direction. The main boiler, which was at once the Phoenix engine, was at once abandoned, and a few seconds later an alarm was given by the fire alarm bell. The fire was extinguished by the fire department, but the damage was done. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

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