

DIFFICULTY IN SELECTING THE BISHOPS

The Methodists Hustling in General Political Fashion for Their Respective Candidates.

DARK HORSE GAINING GROUND.

Colored Candidate's Vote Falling Off. Two Missionary Bishops Recommended—Four Fat Jobs Gone.

CHICAGO, May 17.—The quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church took three more ballots to-day in an endeavor to select two additional members of the board of general superintendents, but without result. The balloting, however, showed many changes, and the opinion prevailed that at least one of the distinguished Methodists who polled but a small vote in the early balloting, will be selected for the highest office within the gift of the church. J. W. E. Brown, the colored candidate, lost much of his strength on to-day's balloting, and it is now generally conceded that no colored bishop will be elected at this general conference. Dr. Berry, too, who has been leading in the balloting, lost many of his supporters to-day, especially on the fifth ballot and his friends are now apprehensive of the final result.

Settled Down to Hard Work.

With only ten days before the end of the conference, the delegates to-day settled down to hard work and considerable important business was disposed of. Almost unanimously the conference voted to abolish dual and triple secretaryships of the various church benevolent societies, a question which has been in dispute for years.

The result of the third ballot for two additional members of the board of general superintendents was announced immediately after the close of the morning devotional exercises at the Methodist Episcopal general conference to-day. The most significant change from the second ballot was the falling off in the vote of Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, the colored candidate. A gain in the vote of Dr. Berry was received with a buzz of comment and many of the delegates expressed the opinion that the distinguished editor of the Epworth Herald will be chosen within the next two or three ballots.

How the Third Ballot Resulted.

The result of the third ballot was as follows:

J. F. Berry, 340; J. W. Hamilton, 236; D. H. Moore, 190; W. B. Kelley, 135; J. W. E. Bowen, 129; H. Spellmeyer, 103; J. W. Washford, 99; T. B. Neely, 29; C. J. Little, 18; A. J. Palmer, 15; F. M. Bristol, 12.

Several others received from one to ten votes. Total number of votes cast, 563; necessary to a choice, 445.

In spite of the protests from many delegates a motion to take another ballot was carried and the conference amid considerable confusion proceeded with the votes for bishop.

The conference voted unanimously to extend fraternal greetings to the Presbyterian general assembly now in session at St. Louis. Former Governor Pattison, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee on state of the church, presented, without comment, the committee report recommending that there be but one general secretary for each organized benevolence of the church, each secretary to be an executive officer.

Do Away With Four Secretaries.

This recommendation, if adopted, would do away with four high salaried secretaries, and a lively fight at once developed. Amendments and substitutes of all kinds and motions to refer were voted down one by one after a heated discussion. Governor Pattison finally spoke in defense of the report, explaining that the proposed changes were in the nature of reorganization and not of economy. The report was then adopted amid much applause, with the amendment that the conference elect at least one assistant secretary to each general secretary. This action does away with two secretaries of the mission society, one of the church extension, and one of the Freedman's Aid Society, each of whom received a salary of \$300 a year.

Result of Fourth Ballot.

The result of the fourth ballot on general superintendents was then read, as follows:

J. F. Berry, 322; J. W. Hamilton, 252; D. H. Moore, 205; W. V. Kelley, 179; H. Spellmeyer, 155; J. W. E. Bowen, 94; T. B. Neely, 27; J. W. Washford, 20. Others received from one to eleven votes.

The large increase in the votes of Dr. Kelley and Spellmeyer occasioned considerable surprise, and during the recess that followed, some decidedly lively scheming was done by the friends of the various candidates.

After recess the report of the committee on city evangelization was read and discussed for fifteen minutes, when the fifth ballot for general superintendents was taken. Consideration of the city evangelization report was then resumed and adopted.

Dr. Buckley then read the report of the committee on Episcopacy recommending the election of two missionary bishops for southern Asia.

DR. KELLEY WITHDRAWS.

Rumor of a Combination—Book Concern has Removed to Kansas City.

CHICAGO, May 17.—William V. Kelley, of the East New York conference, a leading candidate for bishop, withdrew from the race to-day. He

sent word to his friends that he had decided to withdraw from the field. His withdrawal gave rise to a report of a combination between Dr. Spellmeyer and Dr. Berry. According to the story told the plan is to elect the former as the eastern representative and the latter from the west. To-night it is said the Kelley vote will go to Dr. Spellmeyer, together with a sufficient number of Dr. Berry's friends to elect the minister for New Jersey. If this is accomplished the Spellmeyer, Kelley and Berry forces will unite to elect the latter. The rumor of this powerful combination caused alarm among the other candidates, who talked of uniting the field against them in an effort to break the slate. If the Kelley vote goes to Spellmeyer the latter may secure the necessary two-thirds vote required to elect on the first ballot taken to-morrow.

Consolidation of the Papers.

In the interest of economy the committee on book concern at its meeting to-day decided to recommend to the general conference the consolidation of three church papers and the removal of the book depository now located at St. Louis to Kansas City. The publications to be united under one management are the Central Advocate, St. Louis; the Omaha Advocate, Omaha; and the Rocky Mountain Advocate, Denver. These periodicals will be consolidated under the name of the Central Advocate and published at Kansas City, if the general conference concurs in the committee's recommendation.

PRESBYTERIANS

In Large Numbers Begin the One Hundred and Twelfth Session—Dr. Dickey Elected Moderator.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 17.—The one hundred and twelfth annual session of the Presbyterian general assembly, the law-making body of that church, began to-day at the Washington and Compton avenue Presbyterian church. Nearly 1,000 commissioners and delegates, representing all the northern and western states and territories, and many of those in the south, with the synods of Catawba, central and south China, north China and India, are in attendance. Among them were many eminent divines and prominent laymen.

Owing to the street car strike, Rev. Dr. E. W. Sneed, chairman of the committee on arrangements, had fixed the hour for convening in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which time the commissioners assembled and remained in session until after 6:30, when adjournment was taken until evening. The election of a moderator to succeed Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., of Auburn, N. Y., Charles A. Dickey, of Philadelphia, president of the Presbyterian hospital.

The invocation of the afternoon was made by Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, of Campbell, N. Y. It was then announced that nominations for moderator were in order.

Nominations for Moderators.

Rev. Joseph G. Reaser, D. D., of St. Charles, Mo., placed in nomination Rev. Charles A. Dickey, D. D., of Philadelphia. Dr. Reaser, in his nominating speech, eulogized Dr. Dickey, saying that as president of the Presbyterian hospital he had secured \$1,000,000 for that institution. The nomination of Rev. Dr. Dickey was seconded by Rev. George Stewart, D. D., of Auburn, N. Y. Stewart made the statement, which was regarded as significant by the assembly, that Rev. Dr. Dickey was a representative of "advanced orthodoxy" of the church and would give impartial rulings.

Rev. Dickey is the Winner.

The names of Rev. Daniel Webster, D. D., LL. D., president of Hanover College, Indiana, and Rev. William McKibben, D. D., of the Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, were put forward and seconded. The roll was then called by synods and presbyteries. When the result of the ballot was announced it was found that 673 votes had been cast, 237 being necessary to a choice. Of these Dr. Dickey received 236, Dr. Fisher, 132, and Dr. McKibben, 205. As no one had been chosen, Dr. John M. Werrall moved that the stated clerk be requested to cast the ballot of the assembly for Rev. Dr. Dickey. This was voted down, as unanimous consent was necessary. The name of Dr. McKibben was then withdrawn and Dr. Dickey received 339 votes, and Dr. Fisher, 234. Rev. Dr. Dickey was declared elected.

Committees Being Made Up.

In a becoming speech, Dr. Dickey thanked his brothers for the honor conferred upon him. The benediction was then pronounced by Rev. Dr. Reaser. The first day's exercises closed with a communion service, held at the Compton and Washington avenue church to-night at 8 o'clock. This was the first devotional service of the session, and the solemnity of the occasion was impressed upon those in attendance.

The service was not completed until after 9 o'clock, when adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock to-morrow.

It is stated on the best of authority that Rev. Dr. Dickey, Rev. Dr. William H. Roberts and some friends passed the evening until a late hour, making up the important committees to be announced to-morrow morning. Rev. Dr. Sample will be chairman of the committee on bills and overtures and by precedent, such revisions of bills will be by Rev. Dr. William McKibben, the chairman of the judicial committee, the most important committee of the assembly, before which will come the appeal in the McGuffey case, the Wertz case and other questions.

Stands by Old Creed.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 17.—The Rev. Charles A. Dickey, D. D., of Philadelphia, said to-day when asked for his views on revision of the Westminster confession of faith, and if he favored revision what substitute he would suggest for the predestination clause. He said he was opposed to revision and that he had no substitute to suggest for any clause.

"The Westminster confession," he said, "is now and always has been merely a system of doctrine and as such is subscribed to by every minister of the church when he takes his ordination vows. There are many things in the confession of faith that are not subscribed to by ministers at the time of taking their vows and the various presbyteries have allowed great latitude of individual thought and ordained many men entertaining views apparently at variance with the logical significance of

certain clauses, yet in perfect accord with the general doctrinal system it reveals."

A Minister Dies Suddenly.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 17.—Rev. William A. Echols, of Middleport, Ohio, a commissioner to the Presbyterian general assembly, representing the Athens, Ohio, presbytery, dropped dead at 10:30 a. m. to-day, in the auditorium of the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian church. He was seated in a pew in the rear of the church, when attacked with heart disease. Three physicians tried to resuscitate the minister, but without avail.

KANAWHA COUNTY

Organizes an Immense Republican Club—Hon. A. B. White the Principal Speaker—Preparing for the Convention.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 17.—There has never been a better, more largely attended or enthusiastic political meeting in Charleston, than the one to-night at the Burlew opera house, at which an immense Republican club was organized for the purpose, primarily of providing entertainment for the delegates, alternates and visitors to the nominating convention to be held in July, and also for the purpose of aiding in swelling the Republican majority in Kanawha county in November.

Hon. A. B. White, the Republican standard bearer, was the principal speaker and he was at his best. No more effective and convincing argument for Republicanism has ever been heard in Charleston and Mr. White made a host of new friends to-night. The club starts off with a membership of nearly 800.

Messrs. Gaines and Edwards, candidates for Congress, made stirring speeches. Republican primaries here Saturday, will be the hottest in the history of Kanawha county.

PNEUMATIC TUBE

Service Vigorously Attacked in the Discussion of the Postoffice Appropriation Bill—Laid Aside for the Day.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The postoffice appropriation bill was considered in the senate to-day. The committee amendment for the extension of the pneumatic tube service created some debate and was under discussion when the measure was laid aside for the day. Mr. Wolcott, chairman of the committee on the postoffices and the post roads, vigorously attacked the committee proposition to appropriate \$750,000 for the pneumatic system adding that the pneumatic service was unnecessary and the appropriation a waste of public money. Mr. Mason, (Ill.), quite as vigorously supported the proposition. An amendment of Mr. Butler, (N. C.), to reduce by 10 per cent the amount to be paid the railroads for the transportation of mail was rejected, 11 to 41.

Special River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The house to-day passed a special river and harbor bill, carrying \$400,000 for surveys and emergency work, and devoted the remainder of the day to the Alaskan code bill. Four pages of the bill were disposed of before adjournment. Mr. Southard (Ohio) objected. The bill was privileged and thereupon Mr. Burton moved that the house go into a committee of the whole to consider it. The motion prevailed without division.

Nominations Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The senate to-day confirmed the following nominations: J. P. McNally, of Pennsylvania, consul general at Guatemala City. Lieutenant Colonel J. C. Gilmore, to be assistant adjutant general with rank of colonel. Major H. O. N. Helstead to be assistant adjutant general with rank of lieutenant colonel.

"Free Homes" Bill Signed.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President McKinley signed the "Free Homes" bill at 3:42 o'clock, this afternoon. There were present Delegate Flynn, of Oklahoma, and Representative Gamble, of South Dakota, both of whom made brief speeches in support of the measure. A number of others interested in the fate of the bill also were present, so that the occasion assumed unusual proportions for an occasion of the sort. The President said his best reply to the representations made could be put in writing at the foot of the bill, and he then affixed his signature.

Dental Surgeons in Army.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Senator Pettus from the committee on military affairs to-day favorably reported the bill authorizing the appointment of thirty dental surgeons in the army.

BANKS INCREASE.

New Law Gives Opportunity for Formation of Small Concerns.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The records of the comptroller of the currency show that from March 14, the date on which the new financial bill became a law, to May 12, 229 applications have been received for authority to organize national banks with a capital of less than \$50,000 each, making a total capital of \$5,905,000.

During the same period sixty-one applications have been received where the capital was more than \$50,000 each, of a total of \$7,205,000.

Since March 14, fifty-nine banks have been organized with less than \$50,000 capital, and twenty-six have been organized with \$50,000 capital or over. These eighty-five banks have deposited bonds to secure circulation aggregating \$1,356,100.

KENTUCKY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

Governor Taylor Received an Enthusiastic Reception—His Speech Evoked Repeated Applause.

THE GOVERNOR WEPT BITTERLY

When Bradley Referred to the Calumny That Had Been Heaped Upon Him.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 17.—The Republican state convention was called to order at 2 o'clock by Chairman C. M. Barnett, of the state central committee. The auditorium was decorated with flags and bunting, while pictures of President McKinley, ex-Governor Bradley and Governor Taylor adorned the stage. Captain N. S. Irwin, candidate for Congress from the Louisville district, was elected temporary chairman of the convention, he having been nominated by the state central committee. In accepting the nomination Chairman Irwin talked at considerable length on state and national affairs. Hon. J. M. Yerkes, of Danville, national committeeman for Kentucky, was appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions. There were loud calls for Taylor, Bradley and other party leaders.

Taylor Received With Cheers.

The chair appointed a committee to escort the contesting candidate for governor to the platform. His presence caused the greatest enthusiasm. Governor Taylor referred to the condition of affairs in the state and urged "that the fight for liberty be continued unceasingly until Kentucky should be wrested from the state of disorder and disregard of the people's rights into which the Democratic party had precipitated it." His speech evoked the greatest enthusiasm.

Bradley's Forceful Speech.

Ex-Governor Bradley followed with a speech in which he referred forcibly to state affairs, involving restoration of civil liberty, which he said had been so long disregarded in the state. He denounced in unmeasured terms the assassin who shot down Senator Geobell, and said he hoped the guilty would be punished but not the innocent.

While the ex-Governor was speaking, Governor Taylor sat behind him with his little daughter on his knee and as Bradley referred pathetically to the criticisms made of Taylor, the latter buried his face in his hands and wept bitterly. The unusual spectacle of Democrats addressing a Republican convention was seen when Judge W. H. Yost and Richard W. Knott, editor of the Evening Post, of Louisville, life long Democrats and supporters of ex-Governor Brown, were called for and spoke. After several speeches the convention adjourned until 8 p. m.

The Evening Session.

It was 8:30 when Chairman Irwin called the convention to order for the evening session. The committee on permanent organization recommended Senator DeBoe for permanent chairman. The report was unanimously adopted and Senator DeBoe in taking the chair thanked the convention. The report of the committee on resolutions was made through Chairman Yerkes.

Independent Voters Thanked.

The resolutions dealt briefly with national affairs. They endorsed President McKinley and his administration and instructed the Kentucky delegation to the national convention for McKinley. They cited the importance of state affairs and set forth the party duty "to restore the right of suffrage to the people of this commonwealth." They demanded the unconditional repeal of the present election law which was denounced. The course of Governor Taylor, Lieutenant Governor Marsh and all Republican officials was endorsed.

The independent voters of Kentucky, who had sided with the Republicans, were thanked. The positions of Senator DeBoe's and Congressman Pugh and Congressman Borlgen were endorsed. Recognition was made of the service rendered by ex-Governor Bradley and his legal conferees in the contests in the courts.

The resolutions concluded by requesting ex-Governor Bradley to allow the Republicans of Kentucky to present his name at the coming national convention for vice president. They were enthusiastically adopted.

The convention elected Governor W. S. Taylor and ex-Governor W. O. Bradley delegates to the Philadelphia convention by acclamation.

George Denny, of Lexington, and W. A. Gaines, colored, were elected delegates to the national convention on the second ballot. Ed Parker and Marmaduke Borden were elected presidential electors and after the convention named four alternates it adjourned.

SYMPATHY STRIKE

May be Inaugurated in St. Louis in Case the Strikers and Street Car Magnates Cannot Agree.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 17.—The culmination of the prolonged struggle between the St. Louis Transit Company and its employees is not yet in sight, notwithstanding the conferences held during the past week. To-day, like preceding ones, was devoted to conferences, but up to a late hour to-night, no solution tending to end the fight had been arrived at. Shortly after 3 p. m. the union grievance committee and the Transit company officials met and continued in session two hours.

The strikers' committee submitted a counter proposition to the one handed to them by the railroad officials last night, which was rejected by the executive committee of the railway men's union at an early hour this morning. The Transit company officials at this afternoon's conference in turn rejected the counter proposition of its employees, the hitch resting entirely on a clause which calls for the complete reinstatement of all the old men. The railroad officials flatly stated that under no circumstances would the men employed by them to supersede the strikers, be displaced. After the adjournment President Whitaker, of the Transit company, said his offer was final, and that it lay now altogether with the men whether the strike was to continue or be called off.

May Be a General Strike.

The grievance committee at once left for the West End coliseum, where the general committee of the strikers' union and practically all the striking employees were assembled in mass meeting. The proposition of the railway company was submitted to the meeting for ratification and up to 10:30 to-night the matter was still under discussion. It is stated that in case of rejection of the proposition, a sympathetic strike of all labor unions in the city or a labor demonstration in the near future, will be discussed.

WAGE QUESTION

Occupies Attention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers—Wheeling May Secure Next Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 17.—The convention of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers to-day took up resolutions submitted from various districts, referring to changes in constitutional law. They were referred to committee.

John Williams, secretary-treasurer read his annual report showing an unparalleled growth of the association throughout the country. During the past year eighty-one new lodges were instituted, with an increase of 25,000 members, making an aggregate membership in the United States of 45,000. The states showing the largest growth were Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Indiana, it is said, was the best organized state in the association and for one of the causes reference was made to the laws on the statute books for the protection of labor. There is not a non-union iron mill in Indiana. Finances were reported in satisfactory shape and the journal self sustaining.

Wage Question Taken Up.

The convention took up so much of the work of the wage committee as has been perfected and devoted a portion of the afternoon to its consideration. It is understood the exact ratio of increase has not yet been established and will not be generally known, even to the delegates, until the complete report of the wage committee is submitted to the convention Monday. It was stated that all that has been so far published as to specific figures on the scale is the merest speculation. It had been expected the report would be presented to-morrow, but it had not been perfected as a whole to-day and no definite action regarding it will be taken until Monday.

Wheeling May be Next Meeting Place.

Of the five cities actively endeavoring to secure the next annual meeting of the association it was openly stated to-night that Pittsburgh would not secure the meeting; that if it went east, Wheeling, W. Va., would get it, but that the outlook was favorable to a western city, possibly Milwaukee.

There is an earnest scramble on for the offices and sufficient was learned among the delegates to-night to indicate plainly that W. H. Hughes, of Muncie, Ind., can secure an election to the presidency if he can be prevailed upon to accept a nomination.

BLOW AT CLARK.

Republicans of Montana in Convention Denounce Him and the Republicans Who Betrayed the Party.

BUTTE, Mont., May 17.—The Republican state convention met to-day.

When the list of delegates was reported from the committee on credentials, ex-United States Senator W. F. Sanders moved to strike out the name of State Senator Ben D. Phillips. Phillips voted for W. A. Clark for senator. The motion to strike Phillips from the list was adopted.

The platform commends the administration of McKinley, calls for the reelection of Senator Carter, denounces trusts and on local affairs says:

"We heartily commend the action of those Republicans who stood by their party in the election of United States senator in the last legislature.

"We also denounce in unmeasured terms the betrayal of Republican principles by the eleven Republicans who voted for and assisted in the election at the last legislative assembly of a Democrat in the person of W. A. Clark to the United States senate.

"We denounce the statement recently made in the United States senate that 80 per cent of the people of Montana favor a Democratic United States senator, no matter who he may be, and assert that the people of Montana if given the opportunity, will send as our representatives two Republican senators."

Minority Report Turned Down.

A minority report approved the action of the Republicans who voted against Clark and omitted any mention of those who voted for him. The majority report was adopted without division.

Thomas H. Carter, United States senator was elected delegate and chairman for the delegation, by a rising vote. Ex-Justice H. J. DeWitt was elected national committeeman.

Good News for Standard Employes.

SPRING FIELD, Ill., May 17.—W. R. Palmer, local manager of the Standard Oil Company, received a dispatch to-day stating that at the meeting of board of directors of the Standard Oil Company of Kentucky, which has control of the western states, it was decided to advance the wages of all employes 10 per cent. This will affect 14,000 employes and will increase the pay rolls \$33,000 per week.

AWAITING NEWS FROM MAFEKING.

Beleaguered City Still Holding Out While the British Forces are Moving in its Direction.

FREE STATERS SURRENDERING.

Willing for Annexation—Bullies Pushing Ahead—Bundle Captures 10,000 Bags of Corn.

LONDON, May 17, 3:30 a. m.—England still waits with intense and almost breathless interest for news of the result of Mafeking. A crowd remarkable for the number of men in evening dress and including many ladies, lingered around the war office even after midnight, hoping for some announcement. Only reluctantly did the people disperse when the lobbies of the war office were finally cleared with the word that nothing had been received.

One thing seems clear. The town still holds out. Were it otherwise the Boer wires laid to the camps of the beleaguered would have flashed the news.

Boers Fell Into a Trap.

Skeleton messages from Lorenzo Marques, based upon information that leaked out at the Pretoria war office, show that the Boer stormers Saturday fell into a trap. Col. Baden-Powell permitted them to seize one fort and he then surrounded and overbore them before the large forces near at hand perceived the stratagem. It was thus that Sarah Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, and part of his commando, were taken and fifty Boers killed.

The Canadian artillery contingent of the Rhodesian force is now reported to have reached Bulawayo, May 2. The distance from Bulawayo to Mafeking is 490 miles. As the railway is open all the way to Pitsani, twenty-eight miles from Mafeking, where Col. Plumer is, they may yet take part in the relief.

French Moving Northward.

Gen. French, scouting northward, found the Boers in strong force at Kroonstad. Spruit, thirty miles from Kroonstad. Generals Botha, Delarey and Olivier, with artillery, were holding the position.

President Steyn, according to one dispatch, has gone to Pretoria. Another says he is a fugitive at Lindley. The Free Staters are surrendering on all sides. A dispatch from Cape Town says that proclamations are being printed there, to be published on the queen's birthday, May 24, annexing the Free State.

One of President Steyn's brothers, who is a prisoner of Gen. Brabant, says that the Free Staters will accept annexation. Those who took up arms the second time, he explains, had to do so under threats of instant death if they refused.

Receive Commissioners in Good Spirits.

Lord Roberts has directed the British commanders to receive all commissioners in a good spirit and to issue to them passes to go to their farms.

General Buller is pushing straight ahead without opposition. He has only lost five wounded during the move. Apparently he is aiming at Laing's Nek, which is the direct road to the Transvaal, although he may diverge to Botha's pass.

Gen. Hunter's movements in the western Transvaal are rather puzzling. He has returned to Fourteen Streams with one brigade, leaving another, General Barton's, at Christiansia. Lord Methuen is said to be advancing along the south bank of the Vaal. Col. Kekefich is with him. The loop railway line across the Transvaal is fast nearing completion. The probability is that Gen. Hunter took back a brigade to Fourteen Streams, owing to the scarcity of transport.

Large Amount of Corn Captured.

General Rundle has captured 18,000 bags of corn. He is marching slowly through a district which is described as "literally teeming with cattle, sheep and horses."

TOWNE WAS SILENT

His Name Will be Presented to the Democratic Convention.

CHICAGO, May 17.—Former Congressman Charles A. Towne, of Minnesota, vice presidential candidate on the Peoples' party ticket, passed through Chicago to-day, en route for Toledo, O., where, as chairman of the National Silver Republican committee he will confer with silver Republicans relative to sending a delegation from Ohio to the Kansas City convention.

Mr. Towne would not discuss the possibility of his being nominated for the vice presidency by the Democratic national convention.

"I will say, however," said Mr. Towne, "that my name will be presented to the convention, as my state will endorse my candidacy."

Movements of Steamships.

BOULOGNE—Sparndam, New York for Rotterdam and preceded.

PLYMOUTH—Kaiser Friedrich from New York for Hamburg.

CHERBOURG—Batavia, New York, for Hamburg; Kaiser Friedrich, New York via Plymouth for Hamburg.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

For Ohio—Showers and cooler Friday; Saturday fair; fresh northerly winds. For Western Pennsylvania—Showers and cooler Friday; Saturday fair; fresh northerly winds.

For West Virginia—Showers and cooler Friday; Saturday fair in northwest, showers in southeast half; west to north winds.

Local Temperature.

The temperature yesterday, as observed by C. Schneck, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

7 a. m. 65 | 3 p. m. 81
9 a. m. 65 | 5 p. m. 81
12 m. 65 | Weather—Fair.