

NEWS COMMENTS.

WHITE EARTH Indians had to borrow seed wheat, and still some people say they are not taking kindly to the ways of the whites.

WALLACE unseated McKinley in the house, says an exchange. And now we suppose he stands up to eat, and will not be comforted.

DON CAMERON has shown up in the senate. Pioneer Press. With all the ladies and gentlemen in the gallery? The immodest man.

Mrs. Aimee says that she loves America. Yes, Americans, will persist in paying out their money for anything and everything that comes along.

APPLETON, Wis., has a missing girl.—Ex The people of that town ought to be ashamed of themselves. Why can't they send the poor girl to her friends.

GENERAL HANCOCK says he wants a cast iron candidate as the democratic nominee. The general is thoughtful, but "dust" is what you need, general, "dust."

There is a boy in Paris whose legs are so crooked that he has to be pulled out of his trousers with a corkscrew.—Beacon. We once knew a young lady—but there, it won't do.

A MINNEAPOLIS boy recently stole \$800 in New York. We'll take it for granted that he is a greenbacker and anti-monopolist and is working for the distribution of wealth.

"FOR CONGRESS" has been running at Crooley's Chicago, during the past week to crowded houses.—Herald. "For President" will run to crowded houses in Chicago next week.

An advertisement in an eastern paper is headed, "A place where prime cigars can be purchased at a small price." That's all right, but we've seen several of them "go off."

ONE of the young Grants declares that his father, his brother and himself are fools.—Ex. And now the man who carries the lantern in daylight may blow out the glim and rest.

AMONG other items in its Dutch column, the Harrison, D. T., globe has this very forcible remark: "Mr. Vis. en Markus hebben een car load landbouwmaschinerien ontvangen." Send us up a car load or two.

De Lesseps boasts that Napoleon the great, once wrote "Henceforth let the accounts of M. De Lesseps be paid without examination." De Lesseps is not a modern politician or he would never have "given it away."

BENJAMIN BUTLER is not as shy as some of his rivals; neither is he as modest.—Ex. But he is the most forbearing man on earth. Where is there another political martyr who has stood up under so many defeats?

IS IT proper to say of a milkman that he keeps a cow? Would it not be preferable to say that the cow keeps him?—Call. Neither, sir. Just state that he keeps a barrel of chalk and a good supply of water.

MR. NEWTON GOTTHOLD'S farcical comedy, "Random Shot," has been entertaining good audiences at the Comedy theatre.—N. Y. Journal. Bismarck has several sportsmen who could become stars in this comedy.

THE Hotel Gazette says that Minneapolis spent \$10,000,000 last year for building, and will spend nearly \$10,000,000 this year. Now if you will tell us how much you spend for beer, we may become interested in the place.

BROOKLYN is dying off. There were twenty-one more deaths than births last week.—Ex. Didn't the leading gentlemen of that city forget to look on their doorsteps a morning or two during the week? There must be some mistake.

KEX challenged Pitt Kellogg to blow out his brains.—Ex. It is understood that Kellogg has not found them yet, but with the aid of a strong microscopic detective force, he hopes to be successful in the acceptance of the challenge.

THE friends of a prominent candidate for the democratic nomination have started the story that Samuel J. Tilden is again a physical wreck. Poor Sammy. Next week his friends will have him in a wild and bitter race and "back" him against Sullivan for physical force.

YOUNG lady (brightly to an old bachelor).—Do you know, Mr. Singlestone, that when one finds a four-leaved clover it is a sign that the finder will be married within a year?

Old bachelor.—No. I have always supposed that finding a four leaved clover was an omen of good luck.—Philadelphia Call.

SHE plays the pianer, Her name is Jobanner. She sings like a hawk in unrest; Her hair is not long, 'Cause her mind is so strong It pulls in the roots with a zest.

AN exchange says its town "has a most intelligent and enterprising community, composed of the better elements of each nationality." We will give you timely warning not to send any more of this class of advertising matter out into the world if you want the people's respect. We know whereof we speak.

A KANSAS CITY woman is said to speak eight languages. The average woman, speaking one language, can generally manage to get over a good deal of ground in a short time, but when we consider the capabilities of a woman able to say eight times as much, we shudder at the possibility of a meeting.—Yonkers Statesman.

JUSTICE BREXON fined four young girls \$1 each yesterday for picking flowers in Prospect park.—N. Y. Journal. The bald-headed old reprobate. We'll bet \$25,000 and put the money up now, that he would have given them five dollars each to go into some wine room and get "fuff" with him. There's New York civilization for you.

In a boom article a Minneapolis paper says: Her churches represent every shade of religious denomination, and will rank with those of any eastern city in beauty and magnificence. Here the printing stops, but the reader can hear some musical voice shouting, "Pass in and see truly the wonder of the nineteenth century—the congress of wonders, the great fire king, the largest living ser—" etc., etc., etc.

AN article in an exchange is headed "One year in the air." Talmage can beat that record by a big majority. He has been soaring in the "misty" flights of rhetoric for several years, and has never come down, even to drink.

HELP some man worse off than yourself, and you will realize that you are better off than you imagine.—Chicago Sun. We would be pleased to follow your instructions, but, candidly, we cannot find him. However, our imagination is good.

THE 17th of May was Norway's independence day. In a certain locality in Minnesota Ole Olson read a poem; Ole Olufson spoke, while Jorg Jorgenson, Tin-pan Kettleson and Lars A. Colhoulson acted as a committee on refreshments.

A PROMINENT Bismarcker recently introduced a friend of his from the east to another Bismarcker, after which he asked his acquaintance from the orient how the capital city gentleman struck him, and the reply came "for a dollar."

A CHICAGO paper says that beauty depends more upon the movements of the face when the countenance is lit up by animation, than upon the mobile form of the facial features when at rest. Now watch the facial contortions of Bismarck girls.

Oh, for a breed of poisonous gnats that would kill off the detestable dead beats, frauds and swindlers.—Editor Agent's Herald. We have't a poisonous gnat in stock at present, but if you want to die so awfully bad, we can accommodate you in some other way.

In regard to the discussion now going on between the editor of the Buffalo Courier and the editor of the New York Sun as to true science in pugilism, the Rochester Post thinks there is but one way to settle it.—Exchange. Marquis of Queensbury rules?

THE revenue cutter Andy Johnson is to be placed on duty at Chicago. The steamboat inspectors agree that her boiler is in a dangerous condition, but she is exempt from their authority.—Times. Is this a blow at Morrison? If so, why call him Andy Johnson?

The Wall street sky is clearing, and the clouds that so long have hovered over it are showing a silver lining.—New York Journal. It might be well to add that, as after all showers, the sun's rays are cruelly scorching and the bulls and bears are prone to remain in the shade.

A GERMAN boy, twelve years old, living eight miles from Bisming City, weighs 230 pounds and is still rising.—Sioux City Journal. It must be amusing to see his mother, who weighs 109 pounds, rock him to sleep on her knee, tickle him under the chin and call him her 'tittle pie.

THE police of Brooklyn were yesterday informed that Mrs. Sarah Kinnane, of Waterbury, Conn., had disappeared from home. It is said she is slightly deranged.—Ex.—We'll wager a new hat that she's camping on the trail of her husband, who has left for the Chicago convention.

A COUNTRY exchange asks with much emphasis: "Are we going to have a base ball club?" There's a question that demands the earnest attention of every man who has any respect for the honor and safety of the republic. For God's sake let us settle this question before it is too late.

We, of course, have no means of knowing whether or not there will be a dark horse at Chicago, but it will be safe to bet that there will be some black and blue horses.—Call. It might be added that several hundred jackasses of variegated hues, will furnish the "bone and sinew" of the political show.

If, as reports, Lawrence Barrett has lost a great deal of money by his London engagement, Minnie Palmer will, no doubt, gladly lend him enough to get home on. She has made thousands.—Ex. You don't know the circumstances, though. Perhaps Lawrence would be flush if Minnie had remained at home.

A FAREWELL dinner of three weeks was yesterday begun by Moody and Sankey in an iron tubercule on the Thames embankment in London.—Chicago Times. It's no use, gentlemen. We Americans know that ordinary iron will never hold them down. If the building flies into atoms, don't think dynamite was the cause.

A FRIEND of Lord Tennyson says that an American publisher has offered the poet £10,000 to come to America for three months. A good scheme. Get him over here. Hide him. Hold him for £100,000 ransom. England would sooner lose the royal family or Oscar Wilde than be bereft of the builder of rhymes.

THERE was a heated discussion in a Third Ward hotel the other night. "I tell you, sir," said one of the disputants, "I tell you, sir, there is no law made but what the people can change." "Yes, there is," said a new comer. "There is one law that no man, no people can change." "What is that?" "Mother-in-law."—Breakfast Table.

MR. FERDINAND WARD is under arrest, but has not been taken to jail, of course.—Ex. It would be an irreparable insult to his profession to put him in a cell. By the way, does the poor slandered man have his usual morning drives and a private box at the opera? See that he does not suffer from want of entertainment.

Logan's liver pad is fading, Belford's teeth are plugged with zinc; Bill Mahoue has caught the cholera. Playing in the kitchen sink.—Hatchet.

Benny Butler's in the gloaming Of his fast approaching night, While Sammy Tilden's training For the presidential fight.

U. S. Grant is now reflecting On the property he'll sell, And Ward is asking Beecher If there really is a hell.

EVERYBODY who is anybody in the world of fashion and society will be at Saratoga this season.—Philadelphia Press. But hold on—don't be hasty. Bismarck has the capital; business is robbing, and our duties may prevent us from going down this summer. But then if you've an extra pass and can give us a journalistic introduction to one of the hotel keepers we may descend to run down and stay a few months. The extent of our visit will depend on the generosity of the landlord. We may remain a year or two.

By Telegraph

Memorial Day at Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—All public buildings and banks were closed throughout the day and private business houses closed doors at noon. The principal procession, composed of Grand Army posts, formed on Ninth and Tenth streets, and headed by the Marine band, marched at 10 o'clock, via Pennsylvania avenue, to the National cemetery at Arlington Heights. The procession then disbanded and spent a couple of hours in decorating the graves with flowers and evergreens. At noon the veterans and spectators reassembled at the amphitheatre and listened to the reading of a poem by Will Carleton and an oration by Hon. Stewart L. Woodford, of New York. The cemetery was thronged with visitors and the ground was covered with floral tributes. Three or four thousand persons visited the Congressional cemetery, where the soldiers' graves were decorated under the supervision of a committee of the Grand Army. Special services were held over the grave of Col. A. B. Meacham, of modern war fame. The ceremonies at the Soldiers' Home were similar to those at Arlington. Hon. Wm. T. Price, of Wisconsin, was orator of the day, and he had among his hearers a cluster of distinguished army and navy officers, veterans of the late war, and some of them retired. The Second Artillery band furnished appropriate music. Committees of the Grand Army visited and decorated the soldiers' graves in Oak Hill, Glenwood and Battle Ground cemeteries and the Germans Veterans Union held memorial services over the graves of German soldiers at Prospect cemetery. There was no diminution of former interest taken in the day. All the monuments in the numerous parks of the city are wreathed with evergreens, and flags are floating from all public and many private buildings. About four thousand excursionists, especially Grand Army men with their families, who had already taken part in the commemoration here, departed for the battlefield at Fredericksburg, Virginia, where interesting ceremonies were held.

AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO. SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, May 30.—Decorations day was observed here with unusual manifestations of interest. An immense number of people participated at Ferncliff. Addresses were made by Dr. C. A. Kneiper, of Cincinnati, and ex-President Hayes, who spoke in behalf of government aids in the education of the illiterate in various portions of the country, and urged the people to exert their influence in the house of representatives to pass the Senate bill to aid the establishment and temporary support of the common schools, and Mr. Hayes said: "Had it not been for ignorance there would have been no rebellion, and that the blacks having been enfranchised, it was the duty of the government to so educate them that they could vote intelligently. When the war ends the duties of peace follows. The slaves are as yet but half emancipated; the thralldom of ignorance must be broken. Freedom and the privilege of voting are education, but not complete in their mark. Universal suffrage should be based on universal education. The bill which has passed the senate was not perfect but it was a beginning in the right direction. There are difficulties to be overcome, as almost half the voters of the south were lately slaves and the other half is not adequately educated. There are now more than a million voters who cannot read the ballots they cast. The case is urgent, as 'continued ignorance may put in jeopardy the nation's life once more.' The address was entirely unpartisan and statesmanlike and produced a profound impression.

AT ST. PAUL. ST. PAUL, May 30.—Decorations day was opened by a salute of twenty-one guns at 6 o'clock this morning. At the same hour decorating squads proceeded to the different cemeteries and planted flowers and flags on each soldier's grave. In the afternoon a procession, composed of a number of companies from Fort Snelling, the Minnesota Guards, the governor and staff, Garfield Post, veterans of the Mexican war and the war of the rebellion, Acker Post and other organizations, paraded the streets. The annual address was made by ex-Governor Davis. Business was generally suspended during the day.

AT FARGO. FARGO, May 30.—Decorations day was observed here for the first time, today. In accordance with a proclamation of the mayor all business houses were closed and there was a general participation in the exercises held under the auspices of the G. A. R. A procession was formed comprising two bands, hose and fire companies, mounted police, public schools, G. A. R. and a large number of carriages, extending over a mile and making a fine display. At City Park several thousand people gathered and the regular programme was carried out, under the direction of Governor Austin, commandant of the post. This comprised the reading of orders and remarks by Governor Austin; music by the bands; singing by twenty-four male voices; prayer by Rev. A. A. Beard; reading of letters of regret by Gen. W. T. Clark; oration by Rev. Mr. Kaufman, and the recitation, by Dr. Hill, of a poem written by a sister of Judge West. The oration was one of the finest ever heard on such an occasion, and elicited frequent applause. One of the letters of regret was from Senator Logan, and his expressions of earnest sympathy with the occasion, elicited three rousing cheers. Flags were displayed at half mast, and all the exercises were in the best of taste. The demonstration was a complete success.

AT WHEELING. WHEELING, W. Va., May 30.—Memorial day was observed here under the auspices of the G. A. R. The graves of union soldiers were decorated in the forenoon, and ex-confederates also decorated the graves of their late comrades in the afternoon. A procession, composed of home and visiting posts of the G. A. R., city fire department, civil and other societies, was followed by exercises at the state house. Wm. Leighton, Jr., of this city, read an original ode, and Gen. Horatio C. King, of Brooklyn, judge advocate general of New York, delivered an oration to a large audience. The weather was favorable and the city gay with flags and banners.

AT NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN. NEW YORK, May 30.—The programme of the decoration of graves, parades, orations, etc., was carried out in this city and Brooklyn. The weather was fine. After the parade, which took two hours to pass the reviewing stand, President Arthur returned to his hotel and a public reception followed. General Butler was enthusiastically

cheered on the line of march. Generals Sheridan and Grant were conspicuous in the ceremonies in Brooklyn.

AT INDIANAPOLIS. INDIANAPOLIS, May 30.—The observance of decorations day was more general than for several years past. Business was almost entirely suspended, and thousands of people witnessed the parade, which was the largest ever seen in the city. The weather was bright and beautiful, and flowers were unusually abundant. The procession proceeded to Crown Hill, where the decoration ceremonies took place and the oration was delivered by Col. Samuel Merrill.

AT COLUMBUS AND DELAWARE, OHIO. COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 30.—Decorations day was generally observed by the suspension of all business. The decoration of soldiers' graves, a parade and speech by General R. P. Kennedy, General Rosekrans officiated in unveiling the soldiers monument at Delaware, Ohio, making a speech, and was followed by other prominent gentlemen. Gov. Hoadly and staff were present. Over fifteen thousand people attended the exercises.

AT JAMESTOWN. JAMESTOWN, Va., May 30.—Memorial day was duly observed by the people of this city today. The rain in the afternoon interfered with the procession, but the music and speaking were carried out according to programme in the court house. It was the first demonstration of the kind ever held in Jamestown. A. G. A. R. post is in process of organization here.

AT ST. LOUIS. ST. LOUIS, May 30.—Memorial day received more attention today than for several years past. Fifty thousand people visited the national cemetery at old Jefferson barracks, twelve miles down the river, where the graves of 14,000 soldiers were properly decorated. Services were conducted by Grand Army of the Republic posts.

AT LOUISVILLE. LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 30.—Decorations day celebration held here today with the usual ceremonies. A very large crowd was in attendance. The exercises were marred by the falling of the speakers' stand, precipitating fifty people to the ground, but no one was seriously injured.

AT SAN FRANCISCO. SAN FRANCISCO, May 30.—Decorations day was celebrated by the customary observance. Business houses were closed and the military procession was unusually fine. Interior towns report the day commemorated in an appropriate manner.

AT YANKTON. YANKTON, May 30.—Decorations day was celebrated here by Phil. Kearney Post of G. A. R., and General Custer Camp, Sons of Veterans, assisted by almost the entire population. Gen. Hugh J. Campbell delivered the oration.

AT DULUTH. DULUTH, May 30.—Decorations day was quite generally observed. The ceremonies under charge of the Grand Army consisted of decorating the graves, Grand Army exercises and an oration by S. D. Allen, Esq.

AT MEMPHIS. MEMPHIS, May 30.—The graves of the federal dead at the national cemetery were decorated today with the usual ceremonies. Gen. Durbin Ward, of Ohio, delivered the oration.

AT CHICAGO. CHICAGO, May 30.—The military and civil parade this afternoon as part of the decorations day ceremonies, was the largest ever witnessed here on a similar occasion.

AT ANNAPOLIS. ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 30.—Union and Confederate veterans united in decoration ceremonies. Congressman A. J. Warner, of Ohio, was orator of the day.

AT CLEVELAND. CLEVELAND, May 30.—Decorations day was observed throughout northern Ohio with the customary ceremony.

Blaine and Victory.

OMAHA, May 30.—This morning the special train having aboard the delegates to the national republican convention at Chicago from California and Nevada, arrived in this city. The train was composed of eight Pullman sleeping cars and one baggage car, and upon the sides of the cars were large streamers, on which were painted, "California Delegation, 1876, 1890, 1894." Following this was a portrait of James G. Blaine, after which, in large letters was "Blaine and Victory." The train remained in Omaha only a few moments, after which it crossed the river, where the party took breakfast.

In Lordly Style.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—About sixty Washington newspaper men, principally resident correspondents, representing the leading newspapers of all parts of the country, departed in lordly style for Chicago this morning, the guests for the entire trip, of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company. The train is a special and the cars will remain on a siding in Chicago and be at the service of such of the guests as prefer them to crowded hotels, and will return to Washington after the convention. Maj. J. G. Pangborn, assistant general ticket agent of the Baltimore & Ohio, is in charge of the train.

Not in the Banana Belt.

BOSTON, May 30.—Frost did great damage all over New England last night. In the strawberry district, around Taunton, the crop valued at many thousand of dollars is said to be quite ruined. In northern New Hampshire, several inches of snow fell. Around Norwich ice formed a quarter of an inch thick and all the crops which can be killed by cold are ruined. In Vermont the tender crops are killed. Though corn is not advanced sufficiently to be hurt much fruit is badly injured; loss heavy.

An Excellent Appointment.

FARGO, May 30.—C. J. Eddy, who has occupied important positions with both the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and Chicago & Northwestern railroads, has been appointed general passenger and freight agent of the Fargo Southern. The appointment will take effect June 1, and Mr. Eddy's headquarters will be in Fargo. It is regarded as an excellent appointment.

The Mississippi Way.

BATESVILLE, Miss., May 30.—A difficulty occurred on the streets this morning between H. W. Thater, editor of the Batesville Blade and Julius Porter, a young lawyer, which resulted in the killing of Porter. Thater had just left the post office going toward his newspaper building when Porter followed him. Turning around he saw Porter advancing on him with a drawn pistol and calling out to Thater to defend himself and then fired

two or three shots before Thater could draw his pistol. Each exchanged five shots. Porter was shot through the body, and died in a few moments. Thater was arrested but discharged at the preliminary trial, having acted in self defence. The difficulty grew out of an accusation made against Porter which Thater refused to retract.

They Won't Sell.

YANKTON, D. T., May 31.—The Sioux commission, consisting of Emerson Edmunds, Secretary Teller and Judge Shannon, has returned from Sisseton agency. It visited the agency for the purpose of inducing the Sisseton and Wahpeton Sioux to sell a portion of the reservation. The Indians, through their legislature and government, refused to sell, and negotiations are off. The commission visits the Yankton agency on a similar mission in a couple of weeks and will probably be more successful.

Buy Loses a Leg.

ST. LOUIS, D. T., May 30.—Robert Jones fourteen years old, had his leg cut off at the knee this morning in the Royal Route yard. He was hanging on the side of a moving freight train when a switch target knocked him under the wheels. He is a son of John Jones blacksmith.

A Railroad Caves In.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., May 30.—A cave-in under the track of the Reading road at Turkey Run, yesterday, rendered six collieries idle. The ground is still sinking and all traffic on the railroad is suspended. The body of a workman was buried and is not yet recovered. The breach now covers two hundred feet, and a new track is being laid around it.

Discharged.

CHICAGO, May 31.—The remaining indictment against Neal McKeague for the murder of the aged Wilson couple at Winnetka was nolle prossed today in view of his acquittal on the former indictment, the evidence being similar in both cases, and the prisoner was set free.

A Kansas Horror.

PLEASANTON, Kan., June 2.—Today a report was received that two children were drowned in Sugar creek, five miles north of Pleasanton. A coroner's jury was summoned, which upon repairing to the scene, found a wagon and one horse. Lying beside the wagon was the body of a girl of about sixteen years, with the head completely severed from the body. The stream was searched and the bodies of two children found; a girl about eleven and a boy about six years of age. The girl's skull had been crushed with an axe, and the boy's throat cut from ear to ear, and the bodies then thrown into the creek. Coffins were provided and the bodies placed in them and an inquest held. Meanwhile a stenographer was noticed arising from a neighboring thicket, and investigation revealed the culminating horror in the mutilated body of a woman, apparently the mother of the murdered children. The side of her head had been beaten in with some murderous weapon and her throat cut from ear to ear. The body was hidden in the brush and covered with logs. All the bodies were too much decomposed for removal. It is learned that a man, accompanied by the murdered woman and children, was in town last week but nothing was discovered as to the identity of the party.

The Devil's Lake Murder Trial.

FARGO, June 2.—Judge Hudson left tonight to hold court at Grand Forks. It is understood that this term was ordered for the trial of the parties indicted for killing the Ward boys at Devil's Lake, but the absence of ex-Governor Davis, attorney for the defense, at the Chicago convention and, on the 13th, at the trial of Governor Ordway, at Yankton, will, it is believed, cause a postponement of that trial to June 30th.

A Big Day.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Twenty-five democrats and thirteen republicans took part in the proceedings of the senate today. Ninety-five measures were brought up, of which forty were passed. This is the greatest day's work of the session and very few days in past sessions show a larger record. Among the senators present were Edmunds, Sherman, Logan, Hawley and Allison.

One Less.—Fire.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 2.—[Special.]—The paper named Milwaukee City Press is defunct and has given up business for good. A fire this morning caused damage of \$1,000 to the building corner of Main and Third streets.

Through Awkwardness.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 2.—Through the unskillful tapping of a blast at the Cleveland Rolling mills this morning fifty tons of melted metal rushed out in one avalanche, overspreading everything in the vicinity and fatally scalding Frank Fouts who tapped the blast, and Dennis Bryan, who was doing thirty feet away. Both men were shockingly mutilated.

The Cincinnati Heroes.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 2.—Adjutant General Finley today disbanded the Fourth regiment of infantry, Ohio National guard, for inefficiency at the Cincinnati riots, and partially organized it as the Seventh regiment, under command of the officers who reported for duty at the riots.

Another Mexican Rebellion.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2.—A Guaymas special say yellow fever has broken out again at that place. Five states have declared war against President Gonzalez on account of the revenue stamp act, and troops are being concentrated in the interior.

Fire at Mobile.

MOBILE, Ala., June 2.—Grey & Co's barrel factory, and the Mobile Electric Light company's works burned. Loss about \$6,000; two thirds insured.

Off For Home.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Senator Blaine left for Augusta Maine, this afternoon, taking his family with him.

Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The senate today passed the following bills: House bill refunding the rate of postage on mail matter of the second class when sent by persons other than publishers or news agents. The bill was passed in the shape it came from the house except that the newspaper limits of weight for one cent postage was extended to four ounces; bill introduced by Senator Miller, of California, providing for the execution of article two of the supplemental commercial treaty of November

17, 1880, between the United States and China, for the repression of the opium trade; bill to establish a forest reservation at the head waters of the Missouri river and head waters of the Clark Forks and Columbia rivers; bill introduced by Mr. Slater to grant the Astoria & Winnemac railroad company the right of way through public lands, and right to construct bridges over navigable water courses; bill for the relief of Nez Percés Indians in Dakota and of allied tribes residing upon Granderoan Indian reservation; bill authorizing the construction of bridges across the Mississippi river in Minnesota and Wisconsin by the Chicago, St. Paul & St. Louis Railroad company, and bridge between Hastings and Red Wing, and between Hastings and St. Paul. Adjourned.

On the Eve of Battle.

CHICAGO, June 2.—The situation to-day is very much simplified. All the delegates are now on the ground. The preparations which were carried forward in the interest of the respective candidates yesterday makes it clear that the adherents of six candidates, namely: Arthur, Blaine, Edmunds, Sherman, Logan and Hawley have made a fair measure of their strength, and deem that the aspect of the fight warrants them in standing by their candidates. The most ardent of the Arthur and Blaine men do not now claim for a majority of the convention; the highest figure mentioned for Blaine is 333, and the highest for Arthur 325, but the conservative advocates of each put the figures for both men at 300. This is necessary in view of the stand taken by the Edmunds, Logan and Sherman men.

AN EDMUNDS CAUCUS.

The friends of the Vermont senator today were in the highest fever over the possibility of his nomination, and contend that he has developed unexpected strength in all northern and western states, and has even acquired some votes in Missouri. So strong were they in their faith that a caucus of all his adherents was called this morning at the rooms of the Massachusetts delegation. It was attended by all of the Vermont, nearly all of the Massachusetts and New Jersey delegations, a portion of New York, including Andrew D. White, Theo. Roosevelt, Jud. T. Gilbert and George William Curtis, and a portion of the Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan delegations were present, between 300 and 400 people, of whom 150 were delegates. The latter were not willing to pledge themselves to the cause of Mr. Edmunds at the outset, but the absolute pledges of ninety were obtained to vote for him, and it was estimated that his strength in the early balloting would exceed 100. Senator Hoar presided and speeches in the interest of Mr. Edmunds were made by Andrew D. White and George William Curtis. If the estimates of Edmunds' advocates are correct, and the Sherman and Logan men stand by their colors, the convention will unquestionably result in a deadlock.

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have been instructed to remain by him, and the Ohio men who are for Sherman, numbering somewhat more than half of the delegation, declare that all overtures which have been made them have been ignored, and that they will certainly remain by him through numerous ballots. This portion of the Ohio delegation has received some assurance of support from Indiana in the event that Gresham or Harrison are not named. In the general view of affairs the attitude of Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana is watched with great interest, the combined strength of these states if merged with the strength of the independent or Edmunds movement at the east might turn the tide strongly in the direction of a new man.

IT IS OPENLY DECLARED THAT THE GRESHAM MOVEMENT, IF PROPERLY SUPPORTED BY INDIANA, MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN AND MINNESOTA, WOULD PROBABLY CARRY WITH IT THE TOTAL ACQUIRED EDMUNDS STRENGTH. IT IS NOT THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT GRESHAM WILL BE NAMED BY INDIANA, THAT DELEGATION, IT IS NOW BELIEVED, WILL PRESENT THE NAME OF MR. HARRISON, BUT RALLY TO THE SUPPORT OF GRESHAM AT ANY OPPORTUNE TIME, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT IF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL IS NAMED IT WILL BE BY WISCONSIN OR ONE OF THE PROMINENT EDMUNDS STATES. THE ARTHUR AND BLAINE MANAGERS APPEAR TO RECOGNIZE THE CONDITION OF AFFAIRS, WHICH WOULD BE DEVELOPED BY THE ADHERENTS OF EDMUNDS, SHERMAN AND LOGAN STANDING FIRM, BUT THOSE OF EACH CONFIDENTLY CLAIM THAT THEY WILL SHOW SUFFICIENT STRENGTH APART FROM THAT GIVEN MR. EDMUNDS, TO CARRY THE DAY, AND THIS PREDICTS THAT THE STRENGTH OF ONE OR THE OTHER OF THESE LEADERS HAS BEEN OVERRATED OR THAT ONE CAN DRAW AWAY THE STRENGTH OF THE OTHER AFTER THE EARLY BALLOTING. WHAT THE RESPECTIVE STRENGTH OF THE BLAINE AND ARTHUR FOLLOWING IS HAS CERTAINLY BUZZED THE JUDGMENT OF THE CLOSEST OBSERVERS, AS THE TACTICS OF THE ARTHUR MEN HAS BEEN TO PURSUE A VERY QUIET CAMPAIGN, AND THEY HAVE CERTAINLY MADE NO EXHIBIT OF FIGURES, ALL THE WHILE, HOWEVER, DISPLAYING THE GREATEST CONFIDENCE. IF EITHER ONE IS SUFFICIENTLY NEAR THE GOAL TO OBTAIN ENOUGH VOTES FROM THE THIRTY STATES NAMED TO SECURE VICTORY, THE FRIENDS OF THE OTHER CANDIDATES CONTEND THAT IN SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE A NEW NAME WILL LIKELY BE SPRUNG UPON THE CONVENTION. IT WOULD SEEM, TO COMPEL CONVICTION, THAT ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE TWO LEADING CANDIDATES.

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will have to begin the fight with nearly or quite sufficient votes to carry with them the nomination. Connecticut declares it will support Hawley, but the impression prevails that the strength of that state, in case of an early break, will go to Edmunds. The Arkansas delegation was added to this afternoon by Collector Robertson, of New York, who said that Blaine could certainly carry New York state, while there was doubt of Arthur being able to secure it. The meeting was a stormy one, and when it adjourned without action it was said the delegation stood nine for Blaine and five for Arthur.