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BOUND TO BE BLAINE

No More Chance Will Be Given Him to Decline.

THE HARRISONITES ARE ANXIOUS

Prominent Republicans Say That Blaine Will Be Nominated Whether He Wishes It or Not—The Situation in General.

[Special to THE HERALD—Examiner Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—The World today claims the highest authority for making the semi-official announcement that Mr. Blaine is to be nominated at Minneapolis next month, whether he consents to run or not. The decision to nominate Mr. Blaine in spite of anything he may say to the contrary, was definitely made after the conference between General Clarkson and Mr. Platt in this city Friday. The proposition was first seriously discussed over two weeks ago at a conference between Quay, Cameron, Platt and other anti-Harrison men in Washington. Since then these gentlemen have been in communication with prominent Republican leaders throughout the country.

The idea, it is said, has met with very general approval. The conference at General Alger's house in Detroit last Wednesday night was for the purpose of further considering this matter.

"All that can prevent Blaine's nomination now," said a close friend of Mr. Platt's to-day, "is his death or total disability. Nothing that he can say in advance of or during the convention will stop it. The convention

WILL NOMINATE HIM ANYHOW.

He must decline an actual tender of the nomination, and nothing short of it if he does not wish to run. We do not believe he will do that. If he does, he will be open to a charge of cowardice, and he must also bear the blame for the defeat of the party if they loose the campaign with any other man. There is a universal demand for Blaine all over the country, and we believe that his nomination is equivalent to an election. We recognized that it would be almost impossible to get Mr. Blaine to give us any definite encouragement, and so we have decided to act on our own responsibility."

Mr. Clarkson, the chairman of the Republican national committee, called on ex-Secretary Platt yesterday afternoon and spent several hours in consultation with him. It was well understood that Mr. Platt and Mr. Clarkson went over the political situation and reviewed the outlook from their point of view. Since his arrival here Mr. Clarkson has become an outspoken opponent of President Harrison. His preference is Blaine, but he will support Sherman or almost any one as against the president. Mr. Clarkson intended going to Washington tomorrow, but changed his mind tonight when he learned of Mr. Blaine's expected arrival in this city. Mr. Blaine telegraphed for rooms at the Fifth Avenue hotel and was booked to arrive last night. A later dispatch was received from Mr. Blaine saying he would not come until tomorrow night.

WILL VISIT NEW YORK.

Secretary Blaine and Wife Will Pay an Ostensible Visit to Their Granddaughter.

[Special to THE HERALD—Examiner Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Mr. Blaine will leave here tomorrow or next day for New York. His wife will accompany him. The secretary, it is announced, goes to pay his respects to his little granddaughter. At the same time his proposed visit is the subject of the liveliest speculation in political circles, and momentous results are predicted by those who are "booming" Mr. Blaine for the presidency.

The situation with regard to Mr. Blaine's candidacy is undoubtedly rapidly approaching a crisis. His friends have stopped arguing with him or persuading him. They inform him now in plain terms that they are going to nominate him at Minneapolis whether he wishes it or not. It will be for him to say then whether he will run or not. They go further than this. They tell him that it would do the president no good for him to decline the nomination, for under no circumstances can the President be again made the party's leader. If Mr. Blaine refuses, an excellent candidate can and will be found, they assert, in the ranks of the anti-Harrison men. Mr. Blaine knows the programme thoroughly, and his friends say it is not in his power now to stop the movement in his behalf.

Friends of the president are seriously alarmed. The most enthusiastic of them concede that if Mr. Blaine will take the nomination the president will not be in it.

The course of the New York *Tribune* since the return of Whitelaw Reid from France has aroused their gravest suspicions. Upon Mr. Reid's return he came to Washington and spent the greater part of the week. He was with Mr. Blaine every day of that time, dining with him, driving with him and remaining for hours at his house. Mr. Reid called only twice at the White House. Since his return to New York and to the editorial direction of his newspaper, not a word of encouragement of Harrison has appeared either in the news or editorial columns of the *Tribune*.

The Harrison people are hard at work. They do not believe it too late for the Blaine boom to be checked, but they confess that only Mr. Blaine himself can do it. They are besieging him to write another letter. They declare that he owes it to the president. Secretary Elkins spent the whole of the afternoon at Mr. Blaine's, and there is little doubt that the latest phase of the case was fully discussed. When a friend of Mr. Blaine was asked tonight why Mr. Blaine should go to New York to decide the question of his candidacy, he replied: "Simply to get out of the reach of the President's friends."

There is still another thing of significance at this time. Father Ducey, the famous Catholic priest of New York arrived in Washington on Thursday night last, and remained in town until Friday afternoon, when he left for Baltimore. He did not register at the hotel where he stopped, and this fact has been seized upon by the gossips as indicating that he desired his presence in the city to be unknown. Gossip says he came for an interview with Mr. Blaine regarding the correspondence which was printed subsequent to the granting of a divorce to Mrs. J. G. Blaine, jr. It was recalled by the gossips that for some unknown reason Mrs. Blaine, jr., did not carry out her intentions to follow up Secretary Blaine's letter to Father Ducey with certain correspondence which she said she had in her possession. Why this was not carried out has never been explained by the Nevins family. Between this fact and Father Ducey's visit, current rumor tries to seek to establish a strong connection. The report is that Father Ducey called upon Mr. Blaine Friday and that the trouble was patched up.

Blaine Arrives in New York.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Secretary James G. Blaine arrived at the Fifth Avenue hotel this evening from Washington accompanied by Mrs. Blaine.

To a group of reporters the secretary stated that his trip was of a purely private character. He smiled when interrogated in regard to his health, and announced in that respect he was perfectly satisfied, and his looks did not belie his words. In the matter of politics the secretary of state is silent. He would neither deny or affirm his intention of accepting the nomination if it was offered him.

POLITICAL LEAGUES.

The Vetern Soldiers of New York Propose to Take a Hand in the Game.

NEW YORK, 23.—A Syracuse special says a soldiers' movement has been started here which may have important influence on the politics of the state. The plan is to organize veteran leagues all over the state, and give them a distinctively political character, local as well as general. The grand army posts, as such, have nothing to do with politics. "This organization," said a veteran, will be for mutual aid in politics and perhaps other directions. We shall organize so that we shall be in a position to assist friends effectively, whenever opportunity affords. The existing county veteran leagues will be the basis of organization. There will be a civic committee for every assembly district in the state and a vice commissioner for every town and ward, and he will have a staff of ten members."

The soldiers are hopeful of building a powerful political machine.

Want a Free Silver Candidate.

DENVER, Colo., May 23.—[Special.]—At the Democratic county convention today a resolution declared for free silver and a free silver candidate for president. A resolution to endorse any candidate the Chicago convention might nominate was snowed under. The state convention will undoubtedly be for Hill at the convention Wednesday.

Foraker Interviewed

CINCINNATI, May 23.—Ex-Governor Foraker was seen tonight by an Associated Press representative and questioned concerning the report that he is to make a speech at the Minneapolis convention nominating Blaine. He said he knew nothing about such a report and had never said he would nominate Blaine. After a moment of hestitation, he added: "I have said, however, that in my judgment Blaine should be nomminated, and it is my opinion he will be nominated.

THE METHODISTS.

The Resolution on Admitting Women Is Laid Over.

A Resolution of Sympathy for the Jews of Russia Is Withdrawn—Routine Report of Yesterday's Session.

OMAHA, May 23.—Bishop Warren presided at this morning's session of the Methodist conference. Dr. Howell Eaton was chosen secretary of the Tract society.

A resolution making bishops of the board to appoint boards of control for auxiliary departments was passed. It was resolved not to pay the expenses of the delegates to the general conference whose annual conferences fail hereafter to pay assessments for expenses of the general conference.

It was resolved hereafter to pay missionary bishops out of the missionary fund instead of out of the episcopal fund.

Rev. Jenifer, a fraternal delegate from the African Methodist general conference, reported that the African Methodist and the African Methodist Episcopal and Zion churches were arranging a basis of union and hoped that the Methodist church and the Methodist church south would do likewise.

A resolution instructing the bishops to submit the question of the admission of women to the general conference and to annual conferences was again discussed at some length, and finally laid over to await the report of the committee having the constitutional question in hand.

Dr. Sanford Hunt was elected treasurer of the missionary society; Dr. Earl Cranston, secretary of the same.

A resolution to require bonds from all officers who had the handling of funds, led to a heated discussion.

A resolution of sympathy for the Jews of Russia, with the declaration that they are being unmercifully persecuted, and hope they may soon enjoy the same religious rights as other people, presented, but, after discussion, it was withdrawn.

There was a ripple over the resolution commending the action of the mayor of Sioux City in refusing $10,000 offered by saloon keepers for the relief of flood sufferers. Referred to committe on prohibition.

A resolution to locate a book repository at Los Angeles was introduced. Referred.

Bishop Appointed.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—The African Methodist Episcopal conference today appointed a number of bishops, among them Bishop B. I. Lee, for Puget Sound and Oregon.

IRON AND STEEL STATISTICS.

A Comparison of the Year 1891 With That of 1890.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 23.—The annual statistical report of the American Iron and Steel association just issued says: The production of pig iron in 1891 was 1,033,573 net tons less than in 1890, a decrease of 10 per cent. The production of bessemer steel ingots 494,428 net tons less, a decrease of 12 per cent. The production of open-hearth steel 649,323 net tons, an increase of nearly 18 per cent. Production of Bessemer steel rails, 649,740 net tons less than 1890, a decrease of over 30 per cent. But the production of all rolled iron and steel other than rails is only 60,235 tons less than 1890. The production of iron and steel cut nails in 1891 was 2638,770 kegs less than 1890, but the production of wire nails was 978,474 kegs, and of wire rods, 89,049 net tons greater than 1890.

Anti-Christian Disturbances in China.

HONG KONG, May 23.—Fresh anti-Christian disturbances have occurred in Manchu and in the districts bordering on Ton. One Chinese official is reported to have been killed.

Fatal Row Between Laborers.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 23.—A drunken row among laborers at the waterworks here resulted in the shooting of three men. Kid Sandford was shot dead, Bob Taylor was fatally wounded and William Taylor died today of his wounds.

To Propitiate the Gods.

LONDON, May 23.—A dispatch from Lagos says that Jebus made a sacrifice of 200 people, including many maidens, in order to propitiate the gods prior to battling with the British.

Fire Still Raging.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 23.—The fire, which started yesterday, continues to rage in the tunnel though the Coosa mountains on the Columbus & Western railway. The chemical engine did good work for a a while, but when the roof commenced falling it was considered dangerous to enter the tunnel. There is a large vein of coal through which the tunnel passes which is thought to be burning. The tunnel cost about $1,000,000. A force of men were put to work to smother the flames. It is reported that one man was caught in the falling timbers and killed.

SITUATION CRITICAL

Affairs Between the Miners and Owners Wear an Ugly Look.

TROOPS WILL BE ORDERED OUT

The Union Men All Well Armed, but Quiet—The Governor at the Scene of Action—Non-Union Men Being Shipped In.

BOISE CITY, Ida., May 23.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—Affairs in Cœur d' Alene in connection with the war between the miners and mine owners wears an ugly look. The fact that it is almost impossible to get reliable news from there, and both sides claiming there is nothing wrong, while Manager Dickenson of the Northern Pacific, wires Governor Willey for military aid,

IS DECIDEDLY SUSPICIOUS.

Large numbers of non-union men are being shipped in and trains are being boarded at different places by union men to get miners to join the union.

About forty miners, union men, armed with rifles, left for Mullan yesterday. The union men are well armed, and though quiet are determined and mean business. While no actual violence is attempted, they board trains in large numbers and passengers are alarmed.

Governor Willey, it is understood, received a dispatch from Wallace that all was quiet, but he determined to go to the scene of action in person and sift the matter to the bottom. He left for Cœur d'Alene this morning.

It is held by many here that the aim of the Northern Pacific and the mine owners is to use the spreading of the alarm to induce Governor Willey to secure military aid in order that the miners may be cowed.

The general opinion is that the situation is quite critical. It is probable that troops will be ordered in.

Tried to Kill Himself.

NEMPA, Ida., May 23.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—An old man about seventy years of age was found about three miles northwest of here, near the Stoddard ranch, this morning in a demented condition with an ugly gash in his throat, that had nearly severed his wind-pipe. When found he was brought to town and Dr. Kohler dressed the wound. He had in his possion a ticket to Portland, but refused to tell who he was or where he came from. He was put on the west-bound train and ordered taken to Portland, but it is thought by some that he will not reach his journey's end alive. He had attempted to kill himself with a pocket-knife, with the above result.

One of the Invaders Freed.

CHEYENNE, Wy., May 23.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—The first of the Johnson county invaders to get into court is practically freed. The application for a habeas corpus for Dr. Charles B. Penrose, the expedition surgeon, was granted. He has furnished bail in $1,000 to appear when required. He quit the party the second day out rather than travel there with a wagon. The indictment filed against him in Johnson county alleges that he murdered Nick Ray, who met death with Nate Champion at Nolan's ranch. Penrose answers that he was not present and did not start out to kill in the first place.

A Long Struggle Expected.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., May 23.—The conductors and motormen of the street car system of the city struck to-day for an increase of pay. The strikers belong to the National Federation of Labor and a long struggle is expected.

The New Orleans Car Drivers.

NEW ORLEANS, May 23.—The car-drivers' strike has extended to all street car lines. People are compelled by necessity to either walk or call vehicles into requisition. Attempts are being made today to run cars, but only at long intervals. The company say there are plenty of men ready to take the places of the strikers, but are restrained by intimidation.

OGDEN CITY COUNCIL.

Routine Report of the Proceedings of That Body.

OGDEN, May 23.—The council met in regular session at 8:45, Mayor Turner in the chair. The committee on laws rendered a report that the new city hospital is not subject to lien, and recommended that the bill of Mr. Flint for $46 be rejected.

The committee on water supply reported that the city water company would supply water for the city cemetery for $3.50 per lot if fifteen lots were supplied.

The special committee on paving recommended that the date for receiving bids for paving in District No. 2, be extended to June 2nd, and that all bide heretofor presented may be withdrawn.

The mayor's charity report was read, showing that $118 had been expended during the last quarter. The mayor stated that calls were becoming less frequent, showing that times were improving. On mction of Councilor Shurtliff $100 additional was appropriated to the mayor's fund. Adopted. Auditor Beardsley's report was presented and adopted.

Residents of River View addition presented a protest against locating the city crematory on the proposed site. On motion of Cannon it was referred to the health and sanitary committee.

The board of education asked for the use of the city hall rooms until January 1, 1893, stating by that time the new buildings would be completed. Referred to the committee on public grounds.

George J. Marsh, in behalf of many citizens, protested against farmers hitching teams on the west side of Washington avenue on Tabernacle square. Referred to committee on public buildings and grounds.

Councilor Cannon moved that steps be taken to fit up the old fire station rooms in th city hall for the use of the chamber of commerce.

A resolution was offered by Councilor Elliott instructing the city attorney to draft an ordinance repealing the present ordinance requiring merchants and bankers to pay a license. Carried.

After the transaction of considerable miscellaneous business, the council adjourned until next Tuesday evening.

AN IDAHO DECISION

Rendered by Judge Beatty of Importance to Settlers.

BOISE CITY, Ida., May 23.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—In the United States district court this morning Judge Beatty instructed the grand jury that a qualified settler in good faith upon public land had a right to clear his land of timber and sell the surplus not actually needed for the improvement of the land, including fences, buildings and other improvements. The question propounded by the grand jury involved the authority of such settler to dispose of his surplus timber outside of the state where cut, to which the court responded that the settler could sell his timber in the best and most available market without any restriction whatever. This same question the court stated had already been incidentally decided in two other cases during the last term of court. The grand jury had under investigation several charges of criminal timber trespass in the vicinity of Lake Cœur d' Alene and it is understood that the question propounded and the instructions given applied to these charges.

A BOY TRAMP.

Charles Stansbury, 16 Years of Age, Accidentally Shoots Himself.

SHOSHONE, Ida., May 23.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—Charles Stansbury, a boy tramp 16 years of age, accidentally shot himself with a large revolver this morning at 10 o'clock at Kimima, a station on the Oregon Short Line. The bullet entered above the left eye, coming out at the back part of his head. He is still alive but is in a very critical condition. He was brought to Shoshone by Dr. T. J. Redmond, who went to Kimima to attend him. His father, William Stansbury, a carpenter, who lives at Seattle, Wash., was notified of the affair, but at this writing has not been heard from.

In the Interest of His Company.

DENVER, Colo., May 23.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—G. W. E. Griffith, receiver of the Western Farm Mortgage company, left for Salt Lake tonight to secure his company where creditors hold securities as collateral. He also goes to Seattle and Helena.

THE RELAY RIDERS.

The Great Bicycle Race from Chicago to New York.

Muddy Roads and Bad Weather Prevented Good Time Being Made—Incidents of the Trip.

[Special to THE HERALD—Examiner Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, May 23.—After a hard struggle with horrible roads and a blinding rain, the last relay in the great bicycle journey from Chicago to New York was assisted from his wheel more dead than alive, at 4:06 yesterday morning. He had ridden

through from Tarrytown and had left his companion on the road with a broken wheel, while he battled with the darkness, rain and mud until he placed the carefully guarded dispatch in the hands of the proper person.

The mud which was packed into the spokes of his wheels clogged the pedals, and even the pelting rain, as he increased his speed on the solid road, failed to dislodge this constant companion of his journey. There were places where even the narrow wheel could not be pushed through and then the rider dismounted and carried his "horse" until he could again remount and resume his tiresome journey.

The run down from Albany was made with little loss of time by the riders, but it was impossible to make up any of the nine hours lost before reaching Albany. The message left Poughkeepsie at 4:25 p.m., Peekskill 7:04, Sing Sing 8:44, and Tarrytown 9:41.

On the last relay, coming into Tarrytown, Harry Cleveland, who was carrying the dispatch, fainted on his wheel. His companion, George C. Smith, seized it and pushed forward, leaving Cleveland to recover as best he could. At Tarrytown William Campbell took the message and accompanied by A. L. Rich and H. L. Quick, pushed on down to New York.

A hundred riders had shared in the undertaking of carrying the bit of paper from General Miles in Chicago to the hands of the military aide who waited at 2 Park Row. From Lumsden, the first rider who bore it away from the steps of the Pullman building, to Quick, who came rushing down over the slippery Broadway pavement last night, a long succession of "crack" riders had struggled along through darkness and dampness, covered with mud and drenched to the skin.

If these stories of the riders are to be believed the fences along the country roads were loaded down with excited countrymen who were found waiting even at midnight, each with a lantern in one hand and an umbrella in the other, to see the mud-splashed courier go by. In the large towns the streets were lined with curious throngs who, in some cases, had been waiting for hours to view the "scorchers" come in.

At Conneaut, O., the only case of malicious interference occurred. Some ruffian stuck a knife into the pneumatic tires of both the riders, letting the wind out of them, but other machines were secured.

Shouts announced that the riders were coming down Broadway, and as they rounded the postoffice, willing hands seized the mud-bespattered and wearied messengers and carried them inside one of the offices near by. Lieutenant Treat, aide-de-camp to General O. O. Howard, was waiting. He quickly took the message and conveyed it by a specially chartered tug to General Howard at Governor's island.

Quick was the hero of the hour. He received many congratulations on his good ride from Tarrytown, twenty-five miles, through the worst kind of roads and a pelting rain storm. The last relay from Tarrytown to New York, is often covered in two hours and less, yet tonight it took the crack riders to cover the distance three hours and twenty-five minutes, in spite of the most strenuous endeavors. In some places the riders reported the mud was knee deep and had to be ploughed through, while in others it was necessary to dismount.

Smallpox on Board.

NEW YORK, May 23.—The steamer Aurania is detailed for quarantine. She has the smallpox on board.

KILLED HER RIVAL

Decidedly Sensational Shooting in Paris.

A WRONGED WIFE'S REVENGE

Mme. Reymond, Finding Her Husband in Flagrante de Lieto With Mme. de La Porte, Fires Five Shots Into Her, Killing Her.

PARIS, May 23.—A sensational shooting, recalling the Deacon affair, with a change of sex, occurred here Saturday night. The names of the parties are carefully suppressed, though the papers refer to one as Mme. L. and her husband, as a prominent club man. She suspected him of intimacy with the wife of a high government official, watched and found them together in apartments, fired five shots into the woman, killing her.

A LATER ACCOUNT.

The name of the murderess is Mme. Reymond and the name of the victim is Laflimoune de La Porte. The murdered woman is a niece of Casimir Perior. Mme. Reymond, who is a pretty brunette and only 24 years old, says that Mme. de La Porte was an intimate friend of hers who had separated from her husband. She herself introduced Mme. de La Porte to M. Reymond and afterward discovered they were meeting secretly.

M. Reymond and Mme. de La Porte had a meeting on Saturday and Mme. Reymond went to the rendezvous. She knocked at the door and cried "open."

Paul, Mme. de La Porte's husband, was downstairs. Mme. Reymond's husband, partly dressed, opened the door and Mme. Reymond at once rushed in. She found Mme. de La Porte undressed and repeatedly fired at her with a revolver, afterwards stabbing her several times in the breast. She afterwards surrendered herself to the police. She was dressed in the height of fashion and wept bitterly.

A Mysterious Death.

MILWAUKEE, May 23.—The body found in Lake Labell, Oconomowoc, yesterday has been identified as that of S. Macelroy, a street contractor of Cleveland. It is supposed to be a case of murder. There were no marks of violence, but the post mortem shows that death was not due to drowning. The woman in the case is Mary Wendelstein, alias Mag Bloomerstein, wife of a Minneapolis railroad man. She declares she knows nothing about his death.

Deeming's Death.

MELBOURNE, May 23.—When a clergyman went to Deeming's cell a few minutes before the time for the execution, Deeming, falling on his knees wept and cried: "Lord forgive me for despatching my wife and family without warning." Deeming left two wills. In the first he leaves £300 to Miss Rounreville, and in the second he disinherits and upbraids her.

A FIGHT REPORTED

Between Government Troops and Yaqui Indians.

PHŒNIX, Ariz., May 23.—A telegram from Hermosillo, Mex., says an engagement took place between government troops and a band of Yaqui Indians near Los Hilros, on the Rio Yaquin, on the 17th inst, but the account is suppressed by the officials. A report just received says that a number of Yaquis were killed and the remainder dispersed, and owing to the mountainous condition of the country the military was unable to follow. Unofficial reports brought by American mining men state that seven Mexican privates were killed and two officers, including Commanding Officer Zepata, wounded. This is the first engagement since the last late pronunciamento of extermination, and both parties are preparing for a vigorous and lengthy conflict.

There are between twenty and thirty thousand Yaquis in the state of Soncra, the greater part of whom have assumed an aggressive attitude. They are poorly armed, however, and as a rule refuse open battle, preferring ambuscades and guerrilla warfare.

Four Persons Drowned.

ARKANSAS PASS, Tex., May 23.—A boating party consisting of T. G. Tinghom, wife and 9-year-old daughter and Charles Pickley, all residents of this place, were drowned yesterday by the capsizing of the boat.

A Faith Cure Victim.

KINGSTON, N. Y., May 23.—Mrs. James Finan of Creek Locks, this county, was buried yesterday. She had suffered several years with cancer, and a month ago was taken to Brooklyn to visit Rev. Father Adams, of whose relics and faith cure she had read.

Mrs. Finan remained in Brooklyn about a week and paid the customary three visits to Father Adams. She thought the treatment benefitted her and returned home with bright hopes of recovery. Friends and relatives came from miles around to congratulate her, as local physicians had given her no encouragement, but had bade her prepare for the worst. The relief, however, was not of long duration, for Mrs. Finan died this week, the funeral taking place yesterday. At least a dozen persons who had heard of her supposed remarkable cure went to see Father Adams and he treated them for various ailments.

BIG FIRE IN SPOKANE.

A Number of Mills and Cottages Burned—Loss, $230,000.

SPOKANE, May 23.—Fire broke out at 4:30 this afternoon in the Spokane Mill company's building, and destroyed it. In spite of the efforts of the firemen the flames quickly spread to the Echo Rolling mills, which were also consumed. The fire then jumped the river and destroyed the oat meal mill owned by Olney & Wadhams and the building of the Washington Shingle company.

Four cottages were burned and the Howard street bridge. The National Iron Works and steam laundry was badly damaged. In the Spokane mill the employes had so run for their lives and three men, Andrew Johnson, William Greenwald and James Smith were seriously injured by jumping from the building. Two employees are missing and it is feared they perished in the flames. They were Adolph Shultz and a man named Butcher. Total loss, $230,000, as follows:

Spokane Mill company, $100,000; Echo mills, $90,000; Oatmeal mills, $25,000; Shingle company, $2,500; Natunal iron works, $500; cottages, $3,000. Insurance light.

A Lively Time Anticipated.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The National Millers' association meets here tomorrow. It is expected there will be a lively time over the discussion of the Hatch anti-option bid.

A Good Opening.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23.—It was announced here today that John Bach McMaster, professor of history at the Wharton university, and financier of the University of Pennsylvania, had been offered the presidency of the State University of Illinois and would probably accept. Prof. McMaster thinks the opening a very good one, and if he decides to accept the position he will assume charge of the university about Aug. 1st.

Death of a Vanderbilt.

NEW YORK, May 23.—William H. Vanderbilt, son of Cornelius Vanderbilt, died this evening.

General H. F. Sickles Dead.

MONTE VISTA, Colo., May 23.—General H. F. Sickles, cousin of General Daniel E. Sickles, died at his residence in Monte Vista this morning of obscure stomach and liver troubles.

An American Playwright Dying.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Charles Gaylor, the veteran playwright, is dying at St. John's hospital, Brooklyn. Gaylor is 73 years old. He has had more than two hundred plays produced.

PROTECTION SPEECHES MADE.

The London Branch of the Imperial Federation League Listens to a Few.

LONDON, May 22.—The London branch of the imperial federation league held a meeting to-day, at which several protection speeches were made. Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian high commissioner, said if England adopted a small protective tax not discriminating on tariff no country would complain. Cobden's theory that all countries would speedily follow England's example by adopting free trade had proved fallacious, including, he said, Canada, which could produce all of the food the United States now exports to Great Britain.

Another speaker, Mr. Brekwith, said Salisbury struck the right note in declaring that free trade had gone too far. He advocated a plan to appease Canada by taking all rival imports from the United States.

CONGRESS.

The House Sub-Treasury Bill Requested to Be Reported.

Quite a Number of Bills Pass the Senate—A Statue for the Late Robert Dale Owen of Indiana.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The resolution of Watson of Georgia, requesting the committee on Ways and Means to report the sub-treasury bill was adopted. The bill granting a pension to ex-Senator George W. Jones of Iowa, was passed, and the river and harbor bill with senate amendments referred to the committee on Rivers and Harbors. Flood was then accorded a place on the committee on the District of Columbia.

The president to-day withdrew the nomination of Frederick Bancroft as United States consul at Brunswick, Germany.

A number of district bills were passed and the House adjourned.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Vest offered a resolution discharging the committee on finance from further consideration of the House bill to put wool on the free list and reduce the duties on woolen goods, and directing that the committee report the bill back to the Senate for action thereon. The resolution was tabled for the present.

BILLS PASSED.

The following bills, among others, were taken from the calendar and disposed of:

Appropriating $50,000 for the introduction of domesticated reindeer into Alaska; for a commission of three to examine and report as to the relative employment of the pneumatic tube system or other process for rapid dispatch of mails in large cities; appropriating $20,000 for a statue to the late Robert Dale Owen of Indiana, to be placed on the grounds of the Smithsonian institution; appropriating $15,000 for the purchase of Travii's oil painting of Abraham Lincoln, to be hung in the capitol at Washington.

At 5 o'clock the the calendar was laid aside and the Senate bill providing for the punishment of violations of treaty rights of aliens, being unfinished, was taken up. Without disposing of the bill the Senate adjourned.

Pension Investigation.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Many chiefs of divisions in the pension office testified before the Raum committee today that no favoritelsm or preference was shown any attorney or attorneys, and that completed files in order were of great benefit to claimants.

Appointed by the President.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The president has appointed Admiral Sephen B. Luce of the United States navy (retired), commissioner-general, and Prof. G. Brown Goode, assistant of the Smithsonian institution, and Prof. James I. Welling, president of the Columbian university, as assistant commissioners to represent the United States at the Columbian Historical exposition to be held in Madrid in 1892 in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America.

EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES.

The Italian Minister, Accompanied by Blaine, Calls on the President.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Baron Fava, the Italian minister, made a formal call on President Harrison, in company with Secretary Blaine. There were no particular formalities and set specches. Baron Fava took occasion, however, to tell the president that the king of Italy, the Italian government and people alike were greatly pleased and satisfied by the settlement of the recent difficulty in a manner so honorable to both Italy and the United States.

The president replied, in substance, that he was personally and officially gratified at the return of Baron Fava, whose services in promoting good relations between Italy and the United States he said had always been highly appreciated. The president added with earnestness that he was specially gratified that the difference between the two countries was settled with honor to both.

The Sealing Industry.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—J. Stanley Brown has gone to Port Townsend to take passage for the Pribyloff islands for the purpose of obtaining information in regard to the sealing industry for the secretary of state.

TO ABOLISH POST TRADERSHIPS

A Bill to That Effect Reported Favorably From Committee on Military Affairs.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—A bill intended to abolish post traderships in the army, which has the approval of the army department and General Schofield, was favorably reported from the Military Affairs committee by Senator Proctor. The measure will not produce a radical change immediately, and the present system will continue until those persons who are now traders shall either die or retire, but when vacancies occur then the post will be abolished.

ANOTHER SURPRISE

Col. William Morrison Looms Up as a Presidential Candidate.

THE STATE COMMITTEE MEETS

It is Claimed He Will Have the Support of the Solid South—Illinois Will Present Him as a Candidate.

CHICAGO, May 23.—Colonel William R. Morrison, chairman of the interstate commerce commission and for many years chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the House of Representatives, ha suddenly forged to the front as a somewhat formidable presidential candidate, and his friends assert that he will be presented to the national convention as the choice of the Illinois delegation, in case Cleveland is not nominated by storm.

The meeting of the new state committee here today was productive of not a little surprise when the presidential preference was canvassed. Forty-eight delegates from Illinois to the convention are instructed to favor the nomination of Palmer should it be deemed expedient to come west for a candidate. It appears certain, however, that Colonel Morrison and not Palmer is the choice of a very decided majority of the Illinois delegates, and after the primary ballot for Cleveland and a complimentary one for Palmer, it is the intention of the majority to throw the solid support of Illinois for Morrison.

That gentleman was in the city today and was very busy receiving visitors and conferring with political leaders from all parts of the state. He had nothing to say, but his friends enthusiastically insisted that he would receive the support of Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kentucky, and indeed nearly all the solid south whenever Illinois presents his name.

A Presidential Poll.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—At Palo Alto today a poll on presidential preferences was taken of 311 newspaper editors and proprietors accompanying the excursion of the National Editorial association. Of these who voted, 149 Democrats and 162 Republicans, the poll resulted: Cleveland, 117; Harrison, 86; Blaine, 72; Boies, 12; Hill, 7; scattering, 17.

CLAIM 'TIS A FORGERY.

Chauncey Depew Says the Alleged Grant Letter to Conkling Was Never Written.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Chauncey Depew, in an interview, declares that it is his firm belief that the alleged letter of Grant to Conkling, made public at Columbus, O., in which the writer argues against a second or third term, is an atrocious and ingenious forgery, and says it will act as a boomerang. Depew says he had an interview with the man who arranged Conkling's entire correspondence, and that the letter was not among them. Hon. George C. Gorham, in a letter to the *Sun*, takes the same position, and adds that he had assurance from Conkling himself after the convention of 1880, that he had not received a line from Grant on the presidency or nomination since his return from his trip around the world.

IN A SPECIAL PULLMAN.

The Boise Democrats Will Go to Pocatello in One—A Probable Chairman.

BOISE CITY, Ida., May 23.—[Special telegram to THE HERALD.]—The Boise delegation of Democrats have chartered a special Pullman and will leave for Pocatello tomorrow afternoon. A full delegation will go from Boise.

Ex-Governor E. A. Stevenson has been mentioned as a probable chairman of the convention. Tonight Jeffersonian Democrats elected the following to attend the meeting at Pocatello to organize a state association:

C. A. Clark, L. Vineyard, J. A. Hayes, J. H. Wickersham, jr., J. C. Straughn, W. S Burke, S. G. King, S. Z. Stevenson and A. A. Fraser were elected delegates-at-large.

Major Wood, a prominent member of the party from Cœur d' Alene, and A. F Parker of the *Press Press*, from Idaho county, are here and will attend the convention.

TEST OF AMERICAN ARMOR.

It Is Found Superior to the Foreign Article—Result of the Test.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The thickest piece of armor ever manufactured in this country was successfully tested at the Indian Head proving grounds Saturday. One of the 14-inch nickel steel diagonal plates for the Indiana, the first of the battle ships armor plates completed by the Bethlehem iron works, twenty diagonal plates for the battle ships Indiana and Massachusetts, aggregating 800 tons and representing $500,000 in value, will at once be accepted as the result of the test. The result shows conclusively the ability of American armor workers to supply armor plate of the highest quality.

The conditions were more severe than any tests imposed by foreign countries. Under the terms of the contract the projectile might go nearly through the slate and backing and be accepted if no serious cracks develope. None of the three shots fired succeeded in getting far enough into the slate to show any backing. Three shots were fired near the middle region of the plate, three points impact forming equilateral triangle. All three shots rebounded, one of them back to the muzzle of the gun, a distance of 125 feet, the deepest penetration being fourteen inches, the other two two inches or so less.

Only few slight cracks immediately surrounding the burr of each orifice were made. A ten-inch gun was used in the test. Two of the projectiles were first imported, the third made by the same process in this country. The latter was thrown out entirely uninjured, while one of the imported broke in two, thus showing a splendid record for the American projectile as well as American plate. The projectile weighed fifty pounds, a powder charge of forty pounds, giving a striking velocity of 1,440 feet to the second.

Dismissed for Want of Equity.

CHICAGO, May 23.—The rather sensational suit of George Durkee and other Wisconsin heirs of Charles Durkee, ex-governor of Utah, against Franklin H. Head, a millionaire of this city, was dismissed today by Judge Gresham for want of equity.

Two Huge Petitions.

LONDON, May 23.—Two huge petitions were wheeled into the house of commons this afternoon, bearing the signatures of 138,395 members of Protestant alliances, and 101,406 members of the Loyal Protestant league and others, praying for the appointment of a commission to inquire into the condition of the convents and monasteries in the United Kingdom.