

BLAND IS GAINING.

Congressman Maguire's Views of the Chicago Situation.

GOLD MEN COMBINE TO DEFEAT HIM.

The Anti-Funding Bill Plank Passed by the Platform Committee.

WEADOCK'S STUBBORN FIGHT AGAINST IT.

The Silver Men Have a Handsome Majority and Are Confident of Winning.

THE CALL'S HEADQUARTERS, GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILL., July 8.

Among the leading candidates for President Bland is the only one who appears to be gaining ground. Illinois pledged her 43 votes to him on Monday. Tennessee pledged him 24 votes yesterday and the Georgia and Virginia delegations declared for him to-day.

There are predictions that the gold men will select one of the other silver candidates and nominate him over Bland by casting their solid vote whenever the opportunity may offer. Just now their motto seems to be "anything to beat Bland," and they are not concerned about the "hoodoo" which their support would cast upon the candidate so nominated. Indeed, while they profess the tenderest solicitude for the welfare of the party, they seem to think that their welfare would be best promoted by its defeat in the coming campaign.

The gold men held a conference in Chicago last evening and decided to devote their energies and means to the organization of gold monometallic Democratic clubs throughout the Union during the next four years to teach the people the beauties of English monometallicism. One of the distinguished leaders of this educational movement is Colonel John P. Irish, Naval Officer at the port of San Francisco. It was expected that the convention would to-day adopt its platform, but the exciting struggle over the Michigan question lasted until nearly 10 p. m., and, after effecting permanent organization, the convention adjourned for the day. The platform will be reported immediately after the assembling of the convention to-morrow and will probably be adopted as reported.

The sub-committee on platform inserted the anti-funding bill plank, and as it was this morning adopted by the full committee it is now a part of the platform to be reported to the convention to-morrow and will undoubtedly be adopted by that body. This we regard as a great victory and feel well rewarded for all the effort that it has cost.

Senator White, having been selected for permanent chairman, requested that I be selected to take his place on the committee on platform, which the delegation promptly did.

We expected a stubborn fight against that part of the platform, as Mr. Weadock of Michigan, who was one of the strongest supporters of the Reilly bill in the Fifty-third Congress, is the administration representative from the State of Michigan in the committee. The plank approving the action of the Fifty-third Congress was a direct condemnation of his course in supporting the bill.

At first he seemed determined to oppose the adoption of the plank, but finally came to me and asked if I was going to insist upon it. I told him I certainly would insist upon it more strenuously than upon any other plank in the platform. When he left the room and did not return during his consideration, I think the reason for his desertion of his once favorite measure was that he received no encouragement from the other members of the committee, who had been thoroughly canvassed and advised about the matter. Allen W. Thurman of Ohio was one of our champions and Senator Tillman, he of the pitchfork-tongue, was also a member of the committee and eager to lash any friend of the monopoly who might raise his voice there. Congressman Robertson of Louisiana was a member of the sub-committee and rendered us great service. JAMES G. MAGUIRE.

LEANDERS WIN AGAIN.

New College Beaten in the Fifth Heat for the Grand Challenge Cup.

A Splendid Race, the Losers Being Only Half a Length Behind.

HENLEY-ON-THE-THAMES, ENGL., July 8.—The principal events of the programme of the Royal Henley regatta to-day were the second trial heats of the eight-oared contest for the grand challenge cup and the single scull contest for diamond sculls to determine which crews and individual oarsmen shall row in the final heat in each race to-morrow.

The fourth heat in the race for the Grand Challenge cup having been a bye for the Thomas Rowing Club, the fifth heat of that race was the first of that series to be contested to-day, between the Leander Rowing Club and the crew of New College, Oxford, the two crack teams in the list of entries for the Grand Challenge cup.

In spite of the magnificent showing made by the Leanders against the Yales yesterday, the New College men were the favorites. The New College men started first at a stroke of 22 to 43. Leander rowed at a stroke ranging from 21 to 42.

The New College boat had a clear lead in a minute, having kept in front from the stroke. There was space between the boats at the Rectory, and New College was a length and a quarter ahead at the half-mile, a lead which was maintained until the boats reached Fawley Court. The

first half of the course was rowed over by New College in 8:20.

Passing Fawley Court Leander began to spurt and drew up level with the Oxford men at the mile post. Then the nose of the Leanders' boat showed in front, and at the Isthmian was three-quarters of a length ahead. Passing the Isthmian the New College crew made a grand spurt, but the Bucks side favored the Leander boat, and in the desperate trial of speed and endurance for the finish the finer form of the Leander men was clearly apparent, the latter boat crossing the finish line half a length ahead in 7:28.

Both crews were pretty well pumped. The New College men were the worst winded, however, and it was some minutes before they recovered.

The race was a splendid one and both crews were cheered, the Leanders of course receiving the larger share of applause.

The sixth heat of the race for the diamond sculls between R. K. Beaumont of the Burton-on-Trent Rowing Club and Dr. W. S. McDowell of the Delaware Boat Club of Chicago, who beat the Hon. E. A. Guinness of Eton College so easily yesterday, was regarded as of especial importance in view of the fact that if the doctor should vanquish Beaumont as easily as he did Guinness he would stand a good chance of capturing the diamond trophy from the Hon. Rupert Guinness, the holder of the diamond sculls, the only other survivor of the trial heats. The result showed that there was little ground for apprehension that the trophy would be won by an American, for McDowell was beaten with as great, if not greater ease than he beat Guinness yesterday.

In the Grand Challenge cup heat between the Thames Rowing Club and the first Trinity Hall eight Trinity got away first, rowing a stroke of from 21 up to 41. Thames' stroke running from 21 to 40. Trinity was a canvas ahead at the top of Temple Island and at the half mile had increased the lead to half a length. Thames then began to draw up, and passing Trinity was leading by half a length at the Fawley Court boathouse. From this point the Thames boat went away clear of Trinity and held her lead to the finish, winning by a bare length in 7:28.

In the heat for the diamond sculls between Vivian Nickalls and the Hon. Rupert Guinness, the latter crossed the finish line four lengths ahead in 9:19. The sixth heat for the ladies' plate was won by the Eton College crew, who beat the Radley College boat easily.

The fourth heat of the Wyfold challenge cup was won by the crew of Trinity College, Oxford, who beat the Caius College crew easily.

The second heat for the stewards' challenge cup was won by the Thames Rowing Club, which beat Magdalen College, Oxford, by a length and a half.

The first heat of the pair-oared, race for the Nickalls challenge cup (silver goblet), was a row over for E. W. Ecrum and C. M. Pittman of New College.

The fifth heat of the Thames challenge cup was won by Emmanuel College, Cambridge, which beat the Kensington Rowing Club easily.

In the fourth heat for the Wyfold cup, the London Rowing Club beat the Longston Rowing Club a length and a half.

The fourth heat, for the Thames challenge cup, was won by the Societe d'Encouragement crew of Paris, which beat the crew of Trinity College, Dublin, by half a length.

HORSES THAT WON.

Results of the Racing on Different Eastern Tracks.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY, N. Y., July 8.—

Summaries: Five furlongs, Sulston and Burlesque ran a dead heat. Distinction third. Time, 1:02 2-3.

Mile, Farthing won. Triette second, The Druid third. Time, 1:44 4-5.

Six furlongs, Lambert won. The Swain second. Ed Kearney third. Time, 1:14 4-5.

Mile, Intermotion won. Cassette second, Religion third. Time, 1:43 2-5.

Five furlongs, Flying Squadron won. Lady second, Prisoner third. Time, 1:03 1-5.

One and a quarter miles, Gold Crest won. Donzet second. Long Beach third. Time, 2:11.

LATONIA, KY., July 8.—Summaries:

Six furlongs, Whiteside won. Major Tom second, Clara Foley third. Time, 1:17 3-4.

Five furlongs, India won. Will Wallace second, Bama third. Time, 1:02 3-4.

One mile and seventy yards, Nimrod won. Aimee second, Jess Clark third. Time, 1:47.

One mile, Hermes won. Eche second, Byron McCall third. Time, 1:42 3-4.

Four and a half furlongs, Turtle Dove won. Carrie F second, Talca third. Time, 55 1-2.

Six furlongs, Clisde B won. Cecil second, Remant II third. Time, 1:16 3-4.

SAN LUIS OBISPO FIRE.

A Great Conflagration Sweeps Through the Business Section.

Property Valued at Upward of \$80,000 Destroyed—The Entire Town in Danger.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CAL., July 9.—A. M. Fire is raging in the business section of the town. Cohen & Peyran's paintstore, the old Central Hotel, the Hutchinson block and the Bell photograph gallery have been destroyed and the Henderson block is burning. If the flames are not checked at this building all of the structures covering an entire block of land will be destroyed, as they are all of wood.

The loss already exceeds \$80,000, and if the buildings now threatened are not saved, it will be over \$250,000. The entire town is in danger of destruction.

The conflagration started shortly after 11 o'clock in the rear of Cohen & Peyran's paintstore, on Main street. It gained considerable headway before streams of water could be turned on, owing to the inadequate water supply.

This was a large two-story building. It was seen in ashes, and the flames spread to the old Central Hotel, another large building. The inmates had but little time in which to save their valuables, and at midnight the walls of the hotel had fallen.

The Hutchinson block adjoining, occupied by Ping Brothers as a liquor-store, soon followed the hotel as food for the flames. The Bell photograph gallery, a one-story structure, was destroyed.

The flames are now raging in the Henderson block, and there is little likelihood that it will be saved.

A hole has been burned through the side of the Brooks block, a brick structure occupied as a dry-goods store. The stock is partially consumed.

The firemen are battling bravely to stay the conflagration, but the intense heat drives them back.

ROBERT M. TODD KILLED.

The Capitalist Accidentally Shoots Himself with a Revolver.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., July 8.—Robert M. Todd, a real estate dealer and capitalist, accidentally shot himself with a 44-caliber revolver this afternoon, dying almost instantly.

Mr. Todd, in company with his partner, Mr. Leatherdale, drove to Cahuenga Valley to look after some land. Mr. Leatherdale carried a shotgun while Mr. Todd had his revolver. In the valley Mr. Todd shot several times at squirrels and then asked the other for the loan of a knife as the revolver had gotten out of order.

Mr. Leatherdale handed him a knife, and while Mr. Todd was working on the weapon he walked away. Leatherdale heard a shot, and, turning, saw Todd lying on the ground. He ran to the spot, the weapon having entered below the right nipple. Mr. Todd died soon after Mr. Leatherdale reached him. He is survived by a widow and daughter.

Long Journey of Facette Cyclists.

VACAVILLE, CAL., July 8.—Two enthusiastic bicyclists, J. W. Word and J. W. Woodford, departed at 7:30 o'clock to-day for a trip across the continent on a "silent steed." Their destination is Elkins, W. Va.

WORKING FOR WHITE.

Californians Want Him Nominated for the Presidency.

THE SENATOR IS VERY POPULAR.

The New York Delegates Will Vote for Him if His Name Is Presented.

OTHER CANDIDATES FROM THE FAR WEST.

Devices of the Chicagoans to Capture the Dollars of the Crowds of Visitors.

"THE CALL'S" HEADQUARTERS, GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILL., July 8.

The California Democratic delegation has got in good shape to do some excellent work for Senator Stephen M. White, in case the presidential nominee is to be a dark horse.

Mr. White is on very friendly terms with Senator Hill and the entire New York delegation. Moreover, he has not antagonized in any way the other delegations. He is so popular that after he had been called out and notified that he had been made chairman of the National Convention, he was on his return apprised that he had been made chairman of the committee on resolutions. He was obliged to decline the latter honor while accepting the former. He has been assured also that the New York delegation stands ready to give him its entire vote if it is sure that it would not best him. There are many Californians to-night who believe he will eventually be nominated for President.

Mr. White to-day presided for a time over the big convention and made an excellent impression. The split of the California delegation on its vote on the Michigan contested delegations will do Mr. White no injury, but will, if anything, aid him in his ambition to get the Presidential nomination.

The friends of W. J. Bryan, the boy orator of the "Platte," had been hoping that the lightning would strike in his vicinity. White is very diplomatic. He is so popular at home that when his delegation was seated the other Nebraska delegation, which was for gold and which had been sent here through the political work of J. Sterling Morton, made no objection, but accepted the situation and quietly departed. It does not seem possible, however, that Bryan is well enough known to figure in a large way as a Presidential possibility. As a Western man White is apparently stronger than Bryan, and he may be stronger than either Bland or Boies.

Senator White occupied the chair of the convention during the whole of the forenoon at the request of Senator Daniel, who was very tired. He showed great skill and ability as a presiding officer and has in a quiet way made a lot of friends.

A striking feature of the city and of the convention are the gold and silver hats that are exhibited. They are of the stovepipe variety and are gilded to represent the favored metal of the wearer. Many of the silver hats are worn, but the gold hats are as yet in the stores and store windows, none of the gold men having donned them. The Brice men are sporting imitation silver dollars from the gilt ribbons on their breasts, while the Bland followers of silver—there is an army here, mainly from Missouri—wear big white caps on which is the word "Bland" in silver letters an inch and a half long. There are many sorts of badges, and banners innumerable, all built to secure attention and further the different booms.

Chicago is as busy as usual chasing the nimble dollar. Restaurant prices have in a great many cases been raised, old signs having been removed, thus giving the proprietors a chance to size up their customers and charge all the tariff will bear. Consumers of beer have been shocked to find the price raised from the humble nickel a glass to 15 cents a glass or a quarter for two. Any kind of a room commands the biggest kind of money. The city is so thronged with visitors that many have been forced into the garrets of the disreputable lodging-houses. Robberies are frequent there, and the daily papers are full of the accounts of them each morning. The agile footpad and the pick-pocket are also both well in evidence.

There was never a better place probably for holding a National Convention than the monster Coliseum at Jackson Park. It is capable of holding 20,000 people and is comfortable, well arranged and has an abundance of light and air. The acoustic features are admirable.

In the Palace, Sherman, Great Northern, Auditorium and other hotels to-night, as for many nights previous, great throngs are gathered. Knots of men vociferously debate the respective merits of gold and silver. The speeches are red hot and acrimonious.

There was the biggest crowd in the Coliseum to-day that has ever gathered there. The building was almost completely filled, big as it is.

I do not believe that Hill, Whitney and Flower, skilled diplomats and tacticians as they are, will be able to swerve the silver advocates from the lines they have mapped out.

Crowds Depart From Monterey. MONTEREY, CAL., July 8.—It would be hard to realize to-night that this old town has recently been the scene of most interesting and exciting celebration. Where there were a thousand people on the streets last night there is only one to-night.

Quiet reigns where all was noise and hilarity and Monterey has gone to sleep again. Now that statistics are to be had it is shown that at least 25,000 people attended the celebration. This vast crowd was handled so skillfully that at no time was there confusion in their coming and going.

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Men's Suits!

Those beautiful Rough Twill Cheviots, in blue, black and fancy mixtures, in double and single breasted styles; \$10 values. CLEAN 'EM OUT TO-DAY AT --\$4.45--

LET GO!

That's the Custom of the Big Store.



It takes more space than we have at our disposal to attempt to describe the values on sale at \$10.95. Picture to yourself the handsomest and choicest of suitings; Cheviots galore, Worsteds galore, Cassimeres galore, the cream of our stock, tailored to perfection, our \$22 and \$20 values.

In the Clean Up With Us To-day at --\$10.95--

Some 800 Dozen Men's Laundered White Shirts,

Long and short bosoms, made from the celebrated Langdon Mills muslin. One dollar was the price; all sizes. DURING THIS GREAT SALE AT --60c--

NECKWEAR,

Our 50c, our 35c Neckwear. Some 500 dozen, handsome colorings. THEY'RE LAST TO GO IN THIS GREAT CLEAN UP SALE AT --15c--

DEMOCRACY DIES VERY HARD,

[Continued from First Page.] shouted the name of the New York leader. So great became the volume of sound and so widespread the confusion that Grant, Hinckley and the man who was the object of it—David B. Hill—who had sat quietly and calmly in his chair while the tumult raged, finally appealed by voice and gesture for quiet and order. But they might as well have argued or attempted to subdue so many Comanche Indians, and though things became quieter for an instant when Chairman Daniel endeavored to make a statement, the multitude seemed ever to gain greater vehemence by their brief pause, and yelled and waved with such heartiness that the demonstration went beyond its former bounds. Governor Altgeld rose to speak, but he was shouted down, and hisses commingled with the shouting. Grant and the New York leaders renewed their efforts to stay the tumult, and finally order was restored. The second demonstration was a repetition of the first, and was intended as the counter charge of the silver men. They found their cue in the announcement of the vote, which showed that the minority or gold report of the credentials committee had been rejected, and again pandemonium reigned. A Bland banner and a Bland band kept the enthusiasm from flagging, and coats were taken off and waved wildly, newspapers and hats were thrown in the air, and a scene of the wildest confusion followed the playing of "Dixie." Beyond these scenes there was little of

One Month Earlier Than Usual!

Usually the Big Kearny-Street Store starts its Clearance Sales in August. This year it takes place on the 9th of July; not a puny little affair, but A Great Clean Up Sale



We Have Gone Through

Our big stock of Men's Suits and selected some 1500 Suits, all pretty colorings—Tweeds, Cheviots and Fine Scotch—excellently tailored garments. FIFTEEN DOLLARS IS MORE LIKE THE PRICE. In the Clean Up To-day --AT-- \$7.45.

Men's Hose.

Hundreds of dozens of Men's Fine Merino Hose, seamless; 25c values; IN THE CLEAN UP TO-DAY AT --10c--

Men's Colored Bordered Fine Linen Handkerchiefs,

25c values; borders entirely new. CLEAN 'EM OUT AT --10c--

RAPHAEL'S

INCORPORATED. 9, 11, 13 and 15 Kearny Street. ALWAYS POPULAR WITH THE MASSES.

Hundreds of Short Trouser Boys' Suits,

Made in double-breasted style, ages 4 to 15 years, IN THIS GREAT CLEAN UP SALE AT --\$1.35--

The Very Swellest of Reefeer Suits,

Deep sailor collars, handsomely braided, in Blue Serge Cheviots, all colorings. Regular \$6 and \$5 values. IN THE CLEAN UP TO-DAY AT --\$2.85--

English Corduroys.

Some 500 ENGLISH DOUBLE-BREASTED CORDUROY SUITS, \$5 values, ages 8 to 15 years. OUT THEY MUST GO AT \$2.40.

Boys' Long Pants Suits,

Ages 12 to 19 years. Well worth \$7. CLEAN 'EM OUT TO-DAY AT --\$3.65--

Men's Washable Sailor Suits,

In neat Striped Galatea. IN THE CLEAN UP SALE TO-DAY AT --35c--

Men's Underwear,

Some 300 Blue Mixed Merino Shirts and Drawers, full shrunk, 75c values. IN THIS GREAT CLEAN UP SALE AT --40c--

noted that the committee on credentials was about to reassemble after their long night's session. At 11:12 ex-Senator Martin of Kansas was recognized and moved an informal recess of five minutes to permit Governor Hogg of Texas to address the convention. Governor Hogg began by saying this should be a proud occasion for every American citizen. He advocated the cultivation of a spirit of friendliness in order to win the victory next November. Every Democrat in the United States should lay aside his prejudices and march with his rival brother against the common enemy, the Republican party [cheers], which was pleading in glittering generalities and promising better behavior if the people would only try them again. Their fight should not now be waged with each other, but with the common foe. If Democrats only united they could carry constitution, disaster and defeat into the Republican ranks. [Cheers.] He assailed the Republican doctrine of protection and bounties, and said the Republican party proposed to destroy labor organizations, and had organized syndicates and trusts for that purpose. It proposed, through the use of the Federal courts, backed by Federal bayonets, to strike down and overawe those labor organizations. In condemning the Republican party for its declaration in regard to gold and silver, Governor Hogg exclaimed in tones of indignation: "Are you Americans or are you trucking sycophants, winning smiles from foreign crowns?" Governor Hogg's "five minutes" were stretched into half an hour, but still there were no tidings of the committee on credentials, and amid vociferous cries for "Hill," who was not present, the chairman recognized Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, who moved that Senator Blackburn of Kentucky be invited to the stand. Mr. Blackburn, the first pronounced can-