

THE POLITICAL CAULDRON.

Interest in the Nominating Convention Increasing.

Attitude of the Cook County Grantists--The Rate or Rate Policy--It is Likely to Damage Both Blaine and Washburne--Delegates Assembling at Detroit--New York for Blaine.

The Springfield Convention. SPRINGFIELD, May 11.--The political situation creates the utmost anxiety among politicians here, as a bolt in the convention is considered certain.

The Coalition Desperate. CHICAGO, May 11.--A meeting of the Blaine and Washburne delegates from Cook county was held at the Grand Pacific hotel this afternoon. On motion it was unanimously resolved that they would go to the Springfield convention as a unit, and that all should go in force.

The Michigan Convention. DETROIT, Mich., May 11.--The delegates to the republican state convention, which meets to-morrow, are so pronounced in favor of Blaine that it is not expected to be an active one.

The Wheeling Convention To-day. WHEELING, W. Va., May 11.--The republican state convention to elect delegates to the national republican convention meets in this city to-morrow. A large majority of the delegates have arrived.

Blaine Delegates from Nevada. ASTORIA, Nev., May 11.--The republican state convention to-day instructed the delegates to Chicago to vote for Blaine.

A Grant Campaign Committee. NEW ORLEANS, May 11.--A grant campaign committee has been organized here with J. R. G. P. as chairman.

Massachusetts Greenbackers. WORCESTER, May 11.--The republican state convention met at the Horticultural hall at 11 o'clock this morning. There were about 150 delegates present.

Wisconsin Democratic Convention. CHICAGO, May 11.--A Madison, Wis. delegate to the Tribune says not over seventy-five delegates to the state democratic convention, which meets to-morrow here, and it is anticipated that less than one-half of the delegates will be present.

Faction Fights of Tennessee Democracy. NASHVILLE, May 11.--The violent proceedings of the republicanists at Lebanon yesterday fully confirm the policy heretofore indicated that they intended to rule or ruin the democracy of this state.

Why He Sticks to Grant. To the Editor of the National Republican: Sir: An old line republican from New York, who believes that the republic is in a perilous position, and who is convinced that the only way to save it is to elect Grant, writes me as follows:

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CURRENT CAPITAL TOPICS.

Matters Discussed by the Cabinet Yesterday.

The King of Spain's Visit Postponed--No Light for Public Offices--Both Houses of Congress on Contested Seats--The Voelter Paper-Pulp Patent--Mr. Springer in a Bad Fix Again.

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Immigration Statistics. The chief of the bureau of statistics furnishes the following information in regard to immigration into the United States during the month of April, 1879.

Political Contests in Congress. In the senate the president pro tem laid before the body a communication from the secretary of the treasury.

Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriations. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, reported on Monday, was printed and placed upon the senators' desks yesterday.

Virginia Short on Tobacco. From all the tobacco plantations of Virginia reports have been collected by the Richmond Dispatch which show that the tobacco plantations were not generally destroyed by the fire that not only destroyed the crops but also the buildings.

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SECRETARY SHERMAN.

A Guest of the New York Chamber of Commerce.

The Merchants' Annual Banquet--Toasts and Responses--Speech by Secretary Sherman--Flattering View of the Financial Situation--American Ships the Pride of the Country.

The Financier and the Merchants. NEW YORK, May 11.--The annual banquet of the chamber of commerce was given at Delmonico's to-night. Covers were set for over 200 persons.

Secretary Sherman's Speech. Secretary Sherman in his remarks said: "As your president has been kind enough to call on me for a few minutes, I will say a few words in regard to the financial situation of our country."

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WHAT COURTESY SAYS.

He Will Do His Best to Beat the Canadian Champion.

Arrival of the Cotton Springs Oarsman--He Leaves the "Rig" Behind, but Declines to Tell What It is--Something of His Boating Record--He Earnestly Declares that the Race Will be Fair.

Courtesy's Arrival in Washington. Double statements and betting to the contrary, Charles E. Courtney, the Union Springs (N. Y.) oarsman, who is to row against Edward Hanlan, was here at 10 o'clock, arrived in this city on Monday morning at 9 o'clock, having left home at 4:30 o'clock the previous evening.

Train Accidents. WATERBURY DEPOT, Conn., May 11.--The noon up-train on the Naugatuck railroad at this place struck a fence and a carriage in which were Mrs. Mary Schult, of Middlebury, Conn., and her husband, Carl Schult. Mrs. Schult was killed, but her husband escaped unhurt.

To be Executed To-morrow. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., May 11.--Governor Andrews yesterday denied a reprieve to Edwin Hoy, sentenced to be hanged on Thursday. Sheriff Sanborn refused a petition to effect this morning.

Annual Association Anniversary. NEW YORK, May 11.--The anniversary of the annual association of the Union theological seminary was held to-day in the chapel of the seminary.

Four Persons Burned to Death. ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 11.--The cheap lodging-house of Charles Schult, No. 409 South 15th, was destroyed by fire between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning.

Terrific Explosion of Giant Powder. DEADWOOD, D. T., May 11.--An explosion of five boxes containing nearly 100 pounds of giant powder occurred at the blacksmith shop of the High School at Deadwood, S. D., this morning.

Fresh Forest Fires. MILFORD, Pa., May 11.--Forest fires are continuing to break out again in this section. Last night heavy rains were visible from here in New York.

Fatal Carelessness with Firearms. PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 11.--At one hour last night a man named John Smith, of the name of the proprietor, and R. P. Williams engaged in a discussion about the merits of a gun.

Progress of the Southern Pacific Railroad. (Special Dispatch to THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN.) ANTONIO, May 11, 1880. Thirty-nine hundred feet of track laid yesterday.

Victor's Losses. SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.--A dispatch from Tucson says Victor lost eleven of his best horses in the recent fight with King.

The Billings Trial. BALTIMORE, N. Y., May 11.--The defense rested at 10:15 o'clock this morning after examining two witnesses on material points.

Surrendered Himself. NEW YORK, May 11.--A fugitive negro who struck down and killed Charles, a free man, surrendered himself to the police to-day.

New York's Dog Show. NEW YORK, May 11.--The fourth annual dog show of the New York Dog Club was opened to-day in Madison Square garden.

Mrs. Lockwood Denied Admission to the Bar. POTTSBORO, Pa., May 11.--The general term of the court at Pottsville, Pa., yesterday refused to admit Mrs. Lockwood to the bar.

The Old Fires Burned Out. BRADFORD, Pa., May 11.--The lumber mill at Bradford spent its fire this afternoon. All the fires are now extinguished.

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