

THE POLITICAL FIELD.

Mr. Washburn Fully Defines His Position.

The Illinois' Combination Against His Known Wishes--He Will Go Home to Combat It--Jackson County Sends Grant Delegates--Addresses to Other Delegates--Premises of Democrats.

A Letter from Ex-Minister Washburn, New York, May 14--The Times will publish the following to-morrow morning:

PORTLAND, Me., May 14. To the Editor of The New York Times: My position in regard to the candidacy for president in any national or general party nomination has not changed in any respect whatever. All reports sent out by certain parties in Chicago as to my position are entirely false and known to be so by my authors. I am fully satisfied that I have no friends and no other candidates have been entered into without my knowledge or approval. I have been confined to my room here for nearly a week by serious illness, and shall return home as soon as I am able to travel and have attended to the business which brought me to this state.

E. B. WASHBURN.

Instructed for Grant.

CHICAGO, May 14.--A Times special says the Jackson county republican convention today instructed its five delegates to the state convention for Grant.

The Co. K. County Delegation.

CHICAGO, May 14.--The delegation of opposing delegations from Cook county to the state convention are both published. That of the Grant delegation sets forth the reasons for the bolt of the delegates from the Farwell hall convention, while that of the anti-Grant delegation sets forth the proceedings of the Farwell hall convention and the reasons for the bolt.

Virginia Democratic Delegates.

RICHMOND, Va., May 14.--The election of delegates to the democratic convention on the 19th is far throughout the state indicates no preference for any candidate, but favors a nomination of Grant.

New Jersey Democratic Primaries.

CAMDEN, N. J., May 14.--The democrats of this city held a meeting last night, and elected delegates to the state convention favoring the nomination of Thomas Francis Hendry for president.

CALIFORNIA LAND TROUBLES.

Funeral of Those Killed in the Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.--The victims of the Hayward tragedy were buried yesterday. All honors were suspended and the whole population attended the obsequies. An autopsy has been made on the body of Hart, but no evidence has yet been taken by the coroner.

Statement by a Railroad Agent.

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THE SUICIDAL MANIA.

WASHINGTON, N. J., May 14.--A stranger calling himself Walter Forester, who registered at the Metropolitan Hotel, was shot through the head by a young man, who shot him through the head with a pistol.

THIRTEEN OUT OF SIXTEEN RESCUED.

CHICAGO, May 14.--A dispatch from Norway, Mich., says: A little after midnight on Wednesday night, a boat from the Lighthouse Marine Company here, carrying sixteen men, was wrecked on a rock in the bay, and sixteen men were rescued.

THE LIGHT TO CONTROL CEMETERIES.

New York, May 14.--The case of relatives of Denis Cuyler, who obtained a mandate compelling the board of trustees of St. Patrick's cathedral to open a grave and allow the burial of Denis Cuyler, a decision was rendered to-day by the general term of the supreme court.

Mortally Injured with a Sledge-Hammer.

New York, May 14.--Patrick Duffy, a longshoreman, aged fifty-five years, was arrested at an early hour this morning for deadly assault with intent to kill on Morris Welch. The injured man is lying at the point of death at the charity hospital, his skull being fatally fractured by blows from a sledge-hammer.

ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS.

The Methodist General Conference, Cincinnati, May 14.--In the general conference to-day the election of editors resulted as follows: For the Christian Advocate of New York, J. M. Buckley, who received 228 votes; for the Quarterly Review, D. D. Hatch, 207 votes; for the Standard, J. H. Vincent, 229 votes.

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EDUCATED FOR BUSINESS.

Graduating Exercises of the Spencerian Business College.

Last night Lincoln hall was filled to overflowing by the many friends and former students of the Spencerian college, to witness the graduation exercises of the class of 1880.

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