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THE MARYLAND CAMPAIGN.

Meeting of the Republican State Committee Yesterday at Baltimore.

Hon. Hart B. Holton's Boom Given a Handsome Boost.

The State Convention Called for Sept. 27 and the Method of Electing Delegates Prescribed.

Prospects of a Lively and Interesting Contest—Other Maryland News.

Special Dispatch.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 9.—The Hon. Hart B. Holton's boom for the nomination as governor of Maryland received a very decided impetus at the meeting of the republican state central committee in this city. For the first time for many years the fifth congressional district was carried by a republican at the last election, and Mr. Holton's success in that campaign lends great strength to his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination, and if nominated his friends are sanguine he will be elected. They base their opinion on the fact that in their opinion he will receive the solid support of the republican vote of the state, coupled with the fact that the dissension existing in the ranks of the democracy between the several factions will not permit that party to unite solidly upon any candidate that may be brought to the front. Mr. Holton had rooms at Barnum's hotel last evening and there received a large number of his political friends. Among others present were Postmaster Alderson, Henry Sellman (whose appointment was recently made by the President at the request of Mr. Holton), and many other leading republicans from all parts of the state.

The committee was called to order at noon, the following members being present: Alleghany—Arthur Shriver, J. W. Shuck, Anne Arundel—J. Henry Sellman, John G. Taylor, Baltimore city—Phillip T. Dawson, Wm. E. Walsh, D. P. West, J. N. Richardson, Wm. A. Schumacher, Geo. Adams, J. H. H. Webster, Wm. Schofield, Geo. C. Maund, Wm. C. Jones, Joseph B. Calvert, H. H. Weaver, Wm. C. Jones, J. P. Tabler, H. E. Chellis, Baltimore county—John T. Euser, John T. Burns, Carroll—Dr. J. J. Weaver, Charles—Robert G. Stonefort, James M. Harvey, H. H. Wade, Frederick—John J. Jump, James Massey, Cecil—H. R. Tober, W. J. Smith, Dorchester—Alfred J. Mubray, Edward I. Grubb, Frederick—Harry C. Keeler, J. C. Motter, Upton W. Bahman, H. Clay Nall, Garrett—James C. Miller, Henry B. Lankford, Harford—Col. E. H. Webster, Edward M. Allen, H. Ward—D. M. Worthington, A. J. P. Tabler, H. E. Chellis, Kent—Charles T. Westcott, Wm. Perkins, S. S. Baker, Montgomery—Benjamin H. Miller, Lemuel Askew, Prince George's—John Holland, John W. Bell, Queen Anne—Samuel H. Henry, George Somers—Baldwin H. H. T. Lankford, St. Mary's—George Mackay, Talbot—James C. Miller, W. P. Wright, Washington—L. E. McManis, W. H. A. Hamilton, Wm. W. Farrow, Worcester—John W. Moore.

Mr. Henry Stonebridge, in calling the body to order—the session being with closed doors—addressed the members briefly, and after reviewing the political situation, said he regarded the outlook for carrying the state by the republicans at the coming election as remarkably good, and if union and harmony prevailed in the rank and file, success was almost assured. At the close of his remarks Gen. Adam E. King, of Baltimore, presented the following resolutions ranging for the campaign, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a republican state convention be held in Baltimore on the 27th of September to nominate a candidate for governor, comptroller and attorney general.

Resolved, That binary meetings and county conventions be held in each county to select delegates to the state convention, and also to select a number of electors to be present at the primary elections and county conventions to be held at such places and at such hours and under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the several county committees, or the members of the state central committee in consultation with the local committees, and in which the local committees refuse to concur.

Resolved, That the primary elections and legislative district elections be held in each county on September 27 to elect delegates to the state convention, and on the 28th to elect electors to the county central committee, and that the hours as well as the places of meeting of said legislative district elections, as also all places for the conducting of the primary election, be left with the city members of the state central committee, and the members of the county central committee, and a majority of them together may resolve upon.

The adoption of the above resolutions indicated a decided victory for the Holton men, and it was at once evident that Holton stock was booming.

Resolutions were also adopted authorizing the new committee to meet immediately after the state convention adjourned, and fixing Aug. 20 as the time for the meeting of the fourth judicial district convention to nominate a candidate for the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Pearre, of Cumberland.

A series of resolutions adopted by the Young Men's Republican Club were adopted, urging harmony, and recommending that the principles be held under the primary election laws. The club also extended the hospitality of their rooms to the delegates, which was accepted, and the body adjourned. To-night a reception was held at the club rooms, and the guests were handsomely entertained.

Walter Sumwalt, aged 35, a well known young man, was found dead in bed this morning in the north-western section of the city, having been suffocated by his own breath. The gas bracket was near his bed and it is supposed he accidentally struck it, in moving about during the night, or in getting some medicine, as he had been indisposed for some time past.

A FARMER SHOTS ONE OF HIS "HENS".

Information reached this city this morning that Theodore Baesman, a farmer residing in Carroll county, near Beltsville, yesterday shot one of his hens named "Sticksdale," with a shotgun, wounding him in the groin dangerously. The men had quarreled over some trilling matter. No arrests have been made. Baesman, it is said, has been in prison once before. It is probable the man will die.

WHICH DIED FIRST?

The orphan care has before it for adjudication a rather peculiar case. Wilhelm Schmidt, who murdered his wife a few days ago in the west end, after being in this city for six days, immediately after his own death, it is not known which died first. Consequently, the heirs of both husband and wife are claimants for the estate. The testimony was not at all positive, with a shade in favor of the theory that the wife survived her husband a few moments. Should the court decide this way two brothers of the murdered woman will take the property, while should it be decided that she died first the property will go to Schmidt's relatives in Germany, whose interests are represented by the German consul through counsel in court. The question is a decidedly novel one, and has not, to the best of our knowledge, occurred in the history of the orphan's care of this city.

A HOTEL MAN SUE.

Thomas Boylan, proprietor of Guy's hotel, was sued to-day for \$3,000 damages by Otis Cole, a guest who had his money and valuables worth \$1,500 stolen from a room while stopping there. The articles were taken while he was asleep, and the plaintiff alleges that proper precaution in the way of locks, &c., was not observed for safety. He also represents that the usual printed card notify-

ing guests to deposit valuables in the safe was not posted in the room. Hotel proprietors and the traveling public will watch for the decision with interest.

JUST BARELY BEATEN.

The Columbia Boys Lost the Consolation Race by a Very Close Shave, But They Lower the Record of the Champions.

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NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 9.—The Columbias were again beaten to-day, but in no glorious a manner as to compensate somewhat for the defeat of yesterday. Of the crews entered, only the Columbias and Unions, of New York, started at the signal, which was given at 6:50, about half an hour after the time announced. The Columbias took the lead and maintained it to the quarter mile post, the mile post, and in fact up to within a short hundred yards of home, their lead at this point being about ten feet or one-sixth of a boat length. Both crews were rowing in perfect form, but the superior bottom of the Union stalwarts enabled them to put on a spurt that carried the nose of their boat over the line in advance of their rivals. The race was decided in the Unions' favor by about two feet, or less than a fifth of a second. The time was 7:49, or eight seconds better than was made by the winners of the championship yesterday, the water being the last of an ebb tide, with no wind. The Columbias feel proud of having lowered the record of the champions. They leave for home to-night, accompanied by the Hilldaleas. The latter will be quartered by the regatta committee at the Annapolis boat house. The Ottawas are making two practice pulls a day, and will not arrive in Washington until Sunday or Monday morning.

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The first heat of the junior singles had four entries: J. Grayson, of Paterson; J. J. Cobern, of Newark; J. O. Davidson, of Nyack, and Thos. Walters, of Newark. Walters won in 1:07.

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A Fire in the Business Portion of Danville Threatens the Whole City.

The Destructive Work Still Going On—A \$30,000 Blaze in Richmond.

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DANVILLE, VA., Aug. 9.—A fire was discovered this afternoon about 2 o'clock in a building belonging to Messrs. Gust Bros., cotton manufacturers. It spread so rapidly that before the fire companies could do much good the whole building was enveloped in flames. Adjoining the building where the fire originated was a new building, also belonging to Messrs. Gust Bros., which had not been finished. This building was of wood, consequently it was burned up like a match. The flames, still spreading under a stiff breeze, next caught the large brick warehouse and factory and row of brick buildings belonging to Messrs. S. H. Holland & Co. This block was occupied by merchants in different kinds of business, there being some seven or eight stores, all of which soon burned down.

The greatest excitement prevailed when the flames reached across Union street, and almost suffocated the throngs of people. Several escaped with difficulty, so closely did the flames press upon them. The street had hardly been cleared, when an explosion occurred, blowing up a city street, and the blocks around. This was caused by the bursting of a large stock of kerosene in barrels, which had been heated to the exploding point by the flames from the opposite side of the street. The explosion created a panic for a few moments, and it seemed that the whole city must go, as the fire spread with almost irresistible fury, sweeping away everything in its path.

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THEY FOUGHT AND ARE FRIENDS.

SPRINGFIELD, MO., Aug. 9.—The reunion of the survivors of the battle of Wilson's creek, at which Gen. Nathaniel Lyon was killed, commenced here to-day. Several thousand persons are present, including veterans of both the union and confederate armies from Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa, Kan-

sas, and Louisiana. All are having a splendid time, and the most cordial feeling prevails. To-morrow will be the chief day of the reunion.

A BIG TALK WITH THE BRAVES.

The President Spends a Day at Fort Washakie and Has a Talk With a Large Party of Indians—They Entertain the Party With a War Dance—An Exchange of Presents.

PORT WASHAKIE, WYO., Aug. 9.—The presidential party have spent the day at Fort Washakie preparatory to setting out on their ride to the Yellowstone in the morning, the President, Secretary Lincoln, and Gen. Sheridan returning a call which the officers of the post had made upon them the previous evening.

In accordance with the expressed wish of the Shoshones and of the Arapahoe chiefs, their people were afforded an opportunity of calling upon the President at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Shortly before that hour they gathered on the plains to the number of about 500 warriors, mounted upon their handsome ponies. They dashed forward in line for about 1,000 yards to a point near which the President stood awaiting them. The column then halted, and the Shoshones dismounted and approached him. Among them were Washakie, the remarkable chief of the Shoshones, from whom this post takes its name, and Black Coal, chief of the Arapahoes, who within a few years has been permitted to share the occupancy of this reservation. The President then thanked his visitors for calling on him and congratulated them on their fine appearance. He assured them that he was glad to hear of their satisfaction upon hearing of their exemplary conduct, and their growing attention to the practice of industrial pursuits. His address, which was admirably suited to the occasion, was interpreted to the Shoshones by an English speaking member of the tribe, who bears the name of Norcut, and to the Arapahoes by one of their number who was educated at the Carlisle school. The chiefs then addressed the President in their respective tribes what had been said to them by their Great Father, and the announcement was received with demonstrations of approval. Both Washakie and Black Coal then replied. They thanked the President for honoring them with a visit, and avowed their purpose of living at peace with the whites and adopting as rapidly as possible their customs and manner of life.

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Five Operators at Charleston and One at Augusta Return to Their Keys—Three at Cincinnati Promise to Return To-day—The Resignation of Manager Whitney.

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The position of assistant superintendent of this district of the Western Union company was tendered Capt. Whitney, but he declined it in a letter to Gen. Supt. Charles A. Tinker, in which he announced that he was unable to accept the offer without giving further consideration to the subject. In the meantime, however, he resigned the Washington management unconditionally.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The Western Union Telegraph company reported this morning that the strike had been no more than a night. One lady operator who had been out with the strikers returned to work this morning. During the last two days three applications for positions made by former employees were rejected, because they were inferior workmen. There was no truth in the statement that the company was losing \$50,000 a day in consequence of the strike. The company was not losing anything at all, and it was probably said by Mr. Somerville, that the net receipts were little, if any, below the average. There was, of course, a falling off of the gross receipts, and this, upon good authority, was stated by Mr. Somerville to be less than 15 per cent. On the other hand, the company's expenses have been diminished, as many small offices were not open and the force was smaller in all the larger offices. While the company was not working as much, perhaps, as before the strike, it was not losing anything. In regard to the amount of business now actually handled by the company Mr. Somerville said that it was equal to more than three-quarters of its ordinary bulk. It was not true, he stated, that the American Rapid had been employed by the Western Union to transmit delayed messages. The Western Union was fully capable of handling its own business without resorting to the wires of any company.

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CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 9.—The telegraphers' strike in this city ended to-day. The eight striking operators, becoming convinced that the strike was not doing anything, returned to work. The movement in the south at least was about to collapse, all resumed work without conditions as to salary. The Charleston office has now precisely the same force as before the strike. The five telegraphers temporarily employed here have been provided with places elsewhere by the company.

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INDEPENDENCE, MO., Aug. 9.—Supt. Miller of the Western Union company reported that three of the first class striking operators notified him to-night that they would return to work to-morrow. This makes nine accessions here from the strikers.

BIG CUSTOMS FRAUDS.

Six Million Dollars' Worth of Opium Said to have been Smuggled into San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, AUG. 9.—In connection with an important opium smuggling case now on trial in this city, in the United States Circuit court, an official of the United States Treasury department informed a representative of the associated press this afternoon that during the last ten years over \$6,000,000 worth of opium has been smuggled into this port. The business has been systematically carried on by a ring of smugglers, assisted by prominent government officials, who have been receiving 30 per cent. of the spoils, the smugglers getting 70 per cent., and that in addition to their 30 per cent. the officials have received bribes varying from \$20 to \$5,000, and it is a notorious fact that many men in this city who are reported wealthy have made their money through smuggling opium. The present stock of opium in the market is large. As it is not more than a three months' supply, however, under the stimulus of increased duties the smuggling will be greater than ever. A treasury agent says that \$1,000,000 worth can be smuggled in easily, and that unless the government takes decided measures to suppress it, opium smuggling will continue to be a gold mine for some officials and their tools.

By Associated Press.

PORT AU PRINCE, JULY 24.—The country is in a very agitated condition. A revolution is momentarily expected in this city. The government is penurious and business is at a complete standstill. The town of Jacmel has pronounced in favor of revolution