

KILKENNY FIGHT.

Party Leaders Alarmed at the Deadly Feeling So Far Displayed.

Every Delegate Has a Razor in Hand and a Knife in His Boots.

It Would Be Suicidal Now to Name Either Blaine or Harrison.

Sherman, Allison and McKinley Named as the Dark Horses.

Horace Porter Undoubtedly Has the Call for Temporary Chairman.

Though Chairman Clarkson Has a Soft Side for Negro Langston.

Marcus Johnson and W. H. Eustis Wager \$1,000 on the Result.

Last Night's Events Show No Probable Solution of the Situation.

The fight is growing very bitter. Blaine and Harrison men are ready to fight each other's throats.

Cooler heads feel that both men must be thrown overboard to save the party.

It is doubtful whether in the history of the Republican party there ever was such an exhibition of bad blood between the friends and supporters of rival candidates for the presidential nomination.

Though it is yet four days before the convention, bad feeling has been worked up to such a pitch that an open war is imminent. The most bitter language is used on both sides in referring to the claims and pretensions of the other, and in many cases the rival workers and hangers will not speak as they pass by.

Already on the floor of the West the interference of bystanders has been necessary to prevent actual blows.

This condition of affairs has been very carefully canvassed by the cool and thoughtful men, who think more of the party than of the claims or pretensions of any one man in it, and the question of retiring both Blaine and Harrison is being seriously considered.

In the present state of feeling it would be suicidal to nominate either. The greatest bitterness is shown by the Blaine side of the fight, and the Harrison men feel that Blaine is not really in the fight to be nominated, but only to try and beat the present executive.

Every man knows the state of feeling that exists between Harrison and Blaine themselves. They are at constant daggers drawn, and that fact is freely commented upon at the hotel.

Mr. Blaine and Mrs. Harrison hate each other cordially, and each has drawn into their circle all the political friends she can control. Under no circumstances could the differences between the rival houses of Blaine and Harrison be reconciled.

It is being the situation, conservative party leaders are asking each other the question, how can we nominate either of these men and then hope to win?

More was said on this subject after the arrival of the press train, yesterday, than ever, and the view was shared by several of the brightest and best of the correspondents. The prediction was freely made last night that when the day of the convention comes, the fight would have reached such proportions that it must be apparent to the most selfish partisan that the only way to the sincerest folly to think of nominating either Blaine or Harrison. But in case this should happen and both the rival nominees be turned down, the convention would find it a great task to unite on a compromise candidate. He must be a man entirely free from any taint of the present fight, and that would eliminate Alger in the beginning. Allison was frequently mentioned in this connection, but his name did not awaken any particular enthusiasm. Shrewd politicians say that in such an event, the choice will fall upon a man as P. B. Hayes in 1876, for the reason that nobody could find fault with him.

TO MEET TODAY.

When the National Committee Will Settle Vexed Questions.

Today the Republican national committee will meet. The result of the meeting of this committee will be, to a certain extent, a straw indicating the respective following of Blaine and Harrison. It will show, at the least, how Harrison and Blaine stand with the national committee.

The committee being composed, supposedly, of the representative men of the Republican party, each member representing the sentiment of his particular state, the division of the national committee should indicate the strength of the candidates.

This show of hands will be made on the contest over the place that belongs to Tennessee on the national committee.

In 1888 W. W. Murray was appointed as Tennessee's member of the Republican committee. He represented that state on the committee all through the campaign, and was an active worker for Harrison. For his political pertinacity he was rewarded with a place under the commissioner of the land office. That appointment took Mr. Murray down into New Mexico. He has lived down there since he was appointed, but continued to stand as Tennessee's representative on the national committee. When the men of Tennessee held their state convention this spring they decided that they wanted some other representative on the national committee. They had nothing in particular against Mr. Murray, but he had not lived in the state for nearly forty years. Naturally, they preferred to be represented by some one more home.

They elected as their member of the national committee George W. Hill. It is possible that the supposed candidacy of Mr. Blaine may have influenced the convention. Tennessee is for Blaine. Hill is a Blaine man. Murray is a federal officeholder. It follows logically that he is a partisan of the little republic of Tennessee. So far as can be learned, he is the only federal officeholder who has shown a disposition to observe the president's request and keep his hands off the national convention. But he thought he had a right to

be esteemed the representative of Tennessee on the national committee. He gave his proxy as a national committee man to H. C. Evans, an ex-congressman and a Harrison man. Evans comes to Minneapolis with Murray's proxy, and Hill comes as the man chosen by the Tennessee state convention as a member of the national committee. The plan of the former member, who had moved out of the state, Hill will insist upon sitting for Tennessee, and Evans will ask the same thing for the holder of Murray's proxy. The national committee must decide between the two. The national committee is supposed to be strongly impregnated with the Blaine sentiment. If so, Hill will be the man selected. Anyhow, the friends of both Harrison and Blaine were waiting for the meeting of the committee.

THE PENCIL TRAIN.

Arrival of the Correspondents' Special From Washington.

The train load of special correspondents from Washington arrived in Minneapolis at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon after an enjoyable journey. They left Washington shortly after midnight of Wednesday by the Pennsylvania line. They were under the personal escort of the national committee, and an advance guarantee of a pleasant trip. The train made only water and other stops until it reached Chicago at 10 o'clock Thursday night. There the cars were transferred to the tracks of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, and the train was ready to start on its journey to St. Paul.

The first morning was spent by many of the correspondents in the car studying the beauties of the mountain scenery on the line of the Pennsylvania. On the second morning the train passed through the most picturesque part of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul route along the banks of the upper Mississippi, the most beautiful scenery of the West. What might have been a very tedious journey was made a very pleasant one by the association of nearly eighty curious spirits, for whose comfort every possible provision had been made. There was much good-natured banter, but very little serious political talk except when the correspondents were interviewed on the outcome of the convention. This occurred at intervals all the way from Washington to Minneapolis. The trip culminated in a monster hot breakfast at the hotel, which celebrated their personal non-partisanship by drawing names and blanks to determine the convention city. Most of the newspaper correspondents went to the New York Life Insurance building, which had been fitted up as a temporary headquarters for the press. Others went to the West hotel, where the United Press has made its headquarters in a suite of rooms.

MR. QUAY'S CAPRICE.

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him all his political life are against him. It is quite easy to tell the truth. The fact is that the Blaine racket is being played for a Yankee ground. The object of the movement is his behalf want a chance to concentrate on some one. That can only be done in case a compromise candidate is sprung. The tendency is for Harrison because the shouters for the president are on deck. The Blaine contingent today, and then the battle will open in earnest. It is perfectly fair to say of this coming convention that there is more chance in it than has ever been known for years. The hustlers of years gone by are here, looking wise, and pretending to know nothing. The friends of Gen. Harrison are making all the noise, and if he is not nominated, there will be a very disappointed lot. It will be a day or two before the practical ends of the convention assemble. The skirmish line now here does not amount to much, so far as the public is concerned.

HILL MEN WATCHFUL.

Meeting of Regulars Called to Plan a Little.

New York, June 3.—Chairman Murphy of the Democratic state committee, has issued a call for a conference of the regular Democratic state delegation to the national convention at Chicago.

The meeting is to be held at the Hoffman house next Tuesday evening. It is said that Senator Hill will attend, and that important action will be taken with reference to the senator's candidacy.

A Troy dispatch says: On good authority, it is asserted here today that the New York meeting it will be proposed that in case the regular committee refuses to admit any portion of the contesting delegation the regular delegates will stay by Mr. Hill, but to give no support to either Blaine or Harrison.

It is also reported that the regular delegates will be asked to give their allegiance to Roswell P. Flower, discarding both Blaine and Harrison, and to propose to make this change is to be submitted to the contesting delegation.

TAMMANY VOTES FOR HILL, BUT SUPPORTS THE NOMINEE.

New York, June 3.—The Times says: Richard Croker, Tammany chieftain, was quoted as saying that he believed that Senator Hill was the coming man and would be nominated and elected. This was at the end of an interview in which Mr. Croker defined the position of Tammany as to the contesting delegation and criticized the actions of the Democrats who met at the Syracuse convention. Mr. Croker was asked last night what he had been correctly reported as to Mr. Hill being the coming man.

"I did not say that," Mr. Croker said. "I have been misquoted. All I did make that statement." Mr. Croker was then asked what course Tammany would pursue at the national convention. He said that Tammany would vote for Senator Hill.

Mr. Croker was then asked what the Tammany organization would do in the event of Mr. Cleveland's nomination. "Tammany," he said, "would give him its most loyal support. What else could it do? The would read ourselves out of the Democratic party and make ourselves Republicans."

A BLAINE BLUFF.

No One Had Nerve or Cash to Call It.

New York, June 3.—The enthusiasm of the Blaine men and their faith in his nomination and election was illustrated in a remarkable but unsuccessful offer on the floor of the stock exchange yesterday. During a lull, half an hour after the opening of the exchange, F. T. Adams sang out at the top of his voice: "I am offering \$1,000 or \$2,000 for three times that, if Blaine is nominated at Minneapolis he will accept."

A man was at once surrounded by a crowd. Many of them wanted him to give odds. One of the brokers said: "Why don't you bet that Blaine will be nominated and elected?"

"I'll do that," responded Mr. Adams. "I offer now to any one who wishes to invest an additional bet of \$3,000, if he part of it, three times that, if Mr. Blaine accepts, he will be elected."

There were no takers, but Mr. Adams said the bet had stood at the Windsor hotel. It is said that some of the sportsmen who were present at the time Mr. Adams is a Blaine man, but it is said that in making the remark about the offer he simply executed a commission from Ed Gilmore.

CLARKSON IS SURE.

He Thinks Blaine's Silence Will Certainly Nominate Him.

Chairman Clarkson was standing in the doorway of his room at the West hotel, talking to an Associated Press reporter, when he received a message saying that Mr. Blaine had stated to the Associated Press that he would write no more letters about the pres-

dent. "When was it sent?" said he. "Afternoon; and will you think its effect will be the response and query put to Mr. Clarkson. 'I think it will nominate him,' Mr. Clarkson replied promptly. 'That is my opinion. We think we are going to nominate him.'"

"Do not suppose he will be formally placed in nomination, but I cannot tell what course he may decide upon. There is no organized effort in any way for Mr. Blaine. No one is organizing a movement to spring him on the American people, who are lining him." "Are there any favorite sons who will be put in nomination, or any name except Harrison's to be formally presented?"

"It is too early to talk about that. The state delegation may decide to name some one from their state. There are a number of good, strong men who would make good presidents and would be popular and who may be placed in nomination."

QUAY IS ON DECK.

The Shrewd Pennsylvania Schemer Reaches the Scene of Action.

And Is Received by Chairman Clarkson With an Evident Relief.

The Blaine Boom Thereupon Takes on Another New Impetus.

Quay Has Little to Say, and Appears in a Very Bad Humor.

Boss Filley Says the Missouri Delegation Will Support Blaine.

Clarkson Jubilant Over the Latest News of Blaine's Reticence.

And Claims It Will Result in His Nomination Beyond a Doubt.

The Day Closes With the Blaine Following in High Spirits.

The private car "Wildwood" pulled into the city, and snugly ensconced within it was the celebrated Pennsylvania statesman, Matthew S. Quay, formerly chairman of the national committee, and generally regarded as the chief competitor in the party. Quay has rooms at both the Nicollet and

West hotels, but he steered for the latter, and was received with open arms, by Clarkson. He had very little to say during the day, and was for the most part invisible. Just after breakfast he ambled and declined to say that he believed that Mr. Blaine was the choice of the party and the people, and would be nominated early in the game. In the car with Mr. Quay came Senators Stockbridge, Sawyer, Felton, Gallinger, and Congressman Burrows, as company. Stockbridge and Sawyer are Harrison men, as between the latter and Blaine, while Felton and Gallinger were for the time being decidedly in the camp of Burrows, although an open Alger man, said that in his opinion, should the Blaine movement go so far as the place of a particularly serious contest, Alger would not be a candidate. At the same time he had reasons to believe that before the convention it would be definitely and authoritatively understood whether or not Blaine consented to the use of his name in connection with the contesting delegation. "But there are always two ways of doing one thing," Senator Quay was not particularly explicit. He said that ninety per cent of the alleged interviews with himself during the past few days had been purely imaginary, and that he had proposed to say a word until after he had conferred with Clarkson. It was developed that the party in question was an informal talk concerning available dark horses, in the event of the situation demanding the delegates from the contesting delegation. The names of Sherman and McKinley were talked of in this connection. Certain of the senators and congressmen believed that the nomination of either would not weaken the party in Ohio, and that the nomination of either would be a blow to the party, and that he believed that the existing differences in the Buckeye state, it was also the sentiment of the Harrison men, that the nomination of either Blaine or Harrison, it would be good politics to put a far more capable man in the second place on the ticket.

QUAY TALKS.

Pennsylvania for Blaine, but No Good Party Men Look Anxiously Toward Blaine.

The seriousness of the situation is apparent to the representatives of the Associated Press, who last night sent out the following:

Prominent Republicans have begun to give considerable numbers from all parts of the country, and the presidential contest is growing in interest with every hour. Men are getting into the habit of making their own minds up, and the party is divided as to which party is to say harsh things about each other. The few leaders who have no presidential preferences view the situation with considerable seriousness, for, no matter who may be the nominee, the contest has serious consequences. Many bitter things have been said that men had feeling will inevitably be engendered. It is not surprising, therefore, to the present situation, a contest, for, whether by his will or against his will, Mr. Blaine has been forced by the circumstances to become a passive candidate, and the Harrison people are not unreasonably saying many caustic things about him. Mr. Blaine is insisting that good faith will compel him to write another letter of declination. If this letter should not be forthcoming by Tuesday morning, the prophecies will have been proven false, and it is impossible to predict what the situation may be understood when it is stated that the representatives of the Associated Press are questioned every hour by our party leaders as to whether any declaration has been made or is expected at Washington from the secretary of state.

BEATS ARE ALL RIGHT.

But the Blaine Crowds Insist on Regular Headquarters.

The Harrisonites have succeeded in stirring up the Blaineians in the matter of headquarters, and it is probable that by today some sort of a regular Blaine headquarters will be established. The Blaine men have a place to look to as soon as they arrive, and this leaves the anti-Blaine men at a disadvantage. For instance, as soon as Senator Frank Hiseock arrived he was whisked off to two or three rooms, and the same happened the moment Chauncey I. Filley, Gen. Lew Wallace and Gen. W. W. Murray, in their appearance. On the other hand, the Blaine cohorts have no rallying place, and of this they are complaining. They say that their opponents will have organization or else they will be simply in the position of bushwhackers and will be taken care of by the Blaine men. The Harrison men are of the opinion that the appearance of spontaneous sentiment that is now their chief strength, but at the same time they insist it must be organized into one or two main movements, and that they must have the same systematic concentration and organization as the other side.

RIVAL CLAIMS.

Today and Sunday the skirmish lines will have been thrown out, and then the various state delegations have taken their places on the field and thrown out their banners, the battle will have begun in earnest. Both sides are anxious for a preliminary count of noses. New York has a full complement of 50 delegates, all of whom he claims as instructed and pledged for Harrison, while he has a supplementary list of 40 or so more that while unattached, can in his judgment be reckoned as part of the president's force. But Clarkson, who has a little list of his own in an inside pocket, puts the Harrison strength as 208 to a man. In this he is less liberal than J. Stout East, when the various state delegations have taken their places on the field and thrown out their banners, the battle will have begun in earnest. Both sides are anxious for a preliminary count of noses. 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