

HARRISON HAS IT

Nothing but a Miracle Can Prevent His Nomination on the First Ballot.

The Administration Forces Fighting an Invincible, Winning Fight.

Blaine Has the Crowds, the Bluster, the Fuss and All the Feathers.

But Ben as Certainly Has the Organization and Will Get the Ballots.

Figures Tell, and Blainiacs Cannot Produce Them for Exhibition.

Yesterday's Caucuses Bear Out the Claims of the Yellers for Ben.

The Blaine Campaign a Hollow Mockery From Beginning to End.

But Oh! The Sore Crowds That Will Leave After the Deed Is Done.

Nothing short of a miracle can now defeat the nomination of Benjamin Harrison.

Miracles sometimes happen in politics, especially in Republican politics, but nothing short of the miraculous can compass the defeat of Harrison.

If dependence can be placed in the plighted words of men, there will be enough votes to place Harrison in nomination on the first ballot whenever the convention gets down to business.

The casual observer might be deceived by the external appearance of the situation at Minneapolis, for all the noise and the shouting and the fuss and feathers are on the Blaine side of the fight. But noise and cheers do not always mean votes. A gaudy plume is not entitled to a seat in the convention

and a brass band casts no votes. If howls and songs and more or less bibulous enthusiasm could be measured in votes, then Blaine would have a walkover, for certainly these concomitants have been worked for his benefit for all they are worth. But Harrison has the organized army of voters in the convention. Unless some radical change shall sweep over the Republican hosts before the balloting is reached, the disciplined administration forces will charge and easily rout the Blaine mob—for that is what it is—horse, foot and dragons.

The Harrisonian officeholders are fighting for a condition; the Blaine enthusiasts are howling and shouting for a theory. The mere yestery could readily foretell the result. The drilled and organized Harrisonians claim the victory, and willingly lay down the figures on which they base their hopes; on the other hand, the Blaine theorists make a general claim, and are unwilling or unable—which is more likely—to exhibit any set of figures to substantiate their position. This situation is made the more apparent by a visit to the headquarters of first one, then the other warring factions. Clark, Quay and Platt, who are the crystallization of the anti-Harrison sentiment, with a few men like Fire Alarm Foraker thrown in for good measure, receive the visitor very pleasantly, and without hesitation tell him that the world is theirs. Without preface they rush along to say that the great American boom is fairly bloated with enthusiasm, and the great American heart beats only for James G. Blaine, and this convention will surely nominate him. Gen. Clarkson said that to a Globe reporter:

"But, general, all this outside enthusiasm does not count for votes in this convention. The Globe would like to have the facts on which you base your hopes, and let the public judge of their correctness. Will you furnish me with a statement of the vote by states?" "We have the votes," replied Clark, "but it would be indecorous and showing our hand prematurely to give them out for publication."

Over on the top floor of the West hotel, where the administration forces rendezvous, the same expression of confidence is made, but in an entirely different way. Whether the ledger is New or Michener or Cartef or Magee, he will invariably conclude his story with a reference to the actual figures spread out before him. Gen. New said to the Globe yesterday:

"We rely on two things—the positive declarations of the delegates themselves, and the absolute instructions of those states that are known to be unqualified for Mr. Harrison. We may be deceived in some instances, but not in many, and, except possibly, allowances for desertions and defections, we have votes and to spare. We can figure out over 500 votes, and that will give us all the margin necessary."

Chris Magee, the great Pittsburg boss, who is the rival of Quay in Pennsylvania politics, is one of the best generalists and most enthusiastic workers in the Harrison ranks. He is very confident of the nomination of Harrison, and bases his confidence on the most reliable information obtained direct at first hand. Yesterday afternoon, while the caucuses of the several states were in progress, he had trusty messengers running from one to the other, verifying the figures already obtained and collating the best information as to their standing. When the last state had been obtained, Mr. Magee said to the Globe:

"I am positive of the re-nomination of the president. Our figures were very conservative in every case, and I find them verified and strengthened by the caucuses. Harrison will be nominated on the first ballot. In fact, I do not believe that ballot will be contested. If our hopes are realized, his nomination will be so apparent as the ballot progresses that it will be made by acclamation and unanimously."

There is one loophole in the Harrison breastworks through which the opposition hopes to make an entrance, although the president's supporters claim to have guarded against it. Certain states—Missouri, for instance—were instructed for Harrison in language somewhat like this: "Whereas, that illustrious statesman, James G. Blaine, has declared that he is not a candidate, and now that the mask is off, and Blaine is an avowed seeker for the nomination, some of the delegates from these states are breaking back to Blaine on the ground that the instruction was only conditional on the fact that Blaine was not in the race. On this the Blainiacs are building hopes. Gen. New assured the Globe that they had made allowance for all such cases and that their instructions were unqualifiedly for Harrison."

There is another very important element in the interesting contest soon to be brought to an issue. The administration forces are fighting for a positive fact. The opposition has always been handicapped by the negative element pervading it. Now that Blaine is an active candidate, their position is in no way lightened. They are still fighting, not so much to nominate anybody as to defeat Harrison. Their guerrilla warfare excites no sympathy with those who have simply the good of the party at heart. When Matt Quay first came to Minneapolis it was in a very hopeless frame of mind. In spite of the fact that he gave out that he knew that Blaine would accept, and he knew that he would be nominated, he had nothing of the kind. On the other hand, he was very blue and decidedly in the dumps. He told an intimate friend that he felt that "the jig was up," that "the Harrison people had a cinch on the situation, and it was useless to buck any longer." If Blaine had not come to the rescue with his resignation, the administration army would long ago have had the opposition on the fall run. Since then the "private disappointment" crowd have been making their characteristic bluster and bluff, and this has been their entire campaign. When the time comes to act rather than talk; when the convention gets down to a ballot, the soreheads will not be in it. They have made their noise, sung their songs and stricken their attitudes, and the Harrison party has raked in the votes.

Harrison will be nominated, and there will leave Minneapolis the sorest, most heart-broken crowd that can be imagined in the history of the party. The delegates will be so demoralized that they will be unable to describe. For the galleries will all be packed for Blaine. The crowds are all for Blaine. For every Harrison shouter there are four for Blaine, and the Blaine influence will carry the test of the times. The Blaine men will have four to one more admission tickets, and they will be there to shout and cheer for the Plumed Knight. When Harrison is nominated, despair and indignation will follow. The Blaine men will be the triumphant cheers of the officeholders will be like the shrill treble of a flute against the mighty diapason of the wild storm. The Blaine excursionists will go home to mourn, and over the country there will be a gloom of gloom. There will be rejoicings in Indiana, but way down in Maine Rachel will refuse to be comforted. Platt will whet his knife and Quay will sharpen his tomahawk and Foraker will rave in impotent fury. And so it will be all over the time will set all things even in November and down the wallings of the grand old party in the triumphant shouts of the victorious Democracy over a land once more redeemed.

ORDWAY'S ROMANCE. Used His Hat for a Trumpet About New Hampshire.

Ordway, the ex-territorial governor of Dakota, has been remaining a little since he came to Minneapolis with the New Hampshire delegation. Mr. Ordway told everybody how the delegation was unanimous for Blaine. He had a pretty little story about the delegation stopping at the hotel along the route through New Hampshire and inquiring the sentiment of the people. They found that Blaine was the choice. Thereupon they decided that Blaine would be their candidate. Now comes Delegate Quincy, of New Hampshire, and says there is nothing in that story. The delegation is not unanimous.

The delegation numbers eight men. Three of them have positively declared themselves for Blaine and three of them are just as positive that they will vote for Harrison. They are all sure. In the end, and do not know which way to jump. One of them is inclined to vote for McKinley, if given a chance, and the other man has leanings toward Robert T. Lincoln. Either of these two or both of them may support either Blaine or Harrison, but they are not sure. In the end, New Hampshire has been put down as having two men for Harrison and six for Blaine.

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Hot Roasts at a Meeting of Delegates From the Mineral States.

Senator Teller Boldly Asserts that Harrison Is N. G. in Colorado.

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The Factional Contentions is increasing. The names most frequently heard are Sherman and McKinley. A winning ticket, said another, would be Sherman and Cleveland. Another combination is Sherman and Reid, late minister to France. A proposition has been made to New York to drop both Blaine and Harrison and select either Sherman, Kusk, or Cullom.

An attempt to poll the Illinois delegation failed today. The votes stood 38 to 22. But this was not regarded as significant, as the delegation was not full, and Mr. Kohlisaat and another Harrison delegate voted in the negative. But any test of strength on side issues is subject to be taken on this, the Harrison side, as many instructed delegates will not construe their instructions as covering everything. Therefore, the threat of Harrison men to appeal from the decision of the national committee in connection with cases would be a dangerous proceeding.