

THE SEATS OF WAR.

The Campaign for Congressional Glory Practically Opened.

The First Feint Move of Monopolets in Planning the Districts.

Douglas Pressed Into the Southern Tier to Coalesce With Lancaster.

Prominent Candidates Already Training for the Field.

A Side Glance of Matters and Men During the Late Session.

Editorial Correspondence of the Bee.

LINCOLN, May 24.—The legislative mob has dispersed, the capital is deserted and Gov. Nance once more breathes free. The disgraceful scenes enacted last night under the leadership of that political mountebank, Church Howe, are a fit climax to the career of a legislator that had wasted much time, squandered the public moneys, and whitewashed one of the biggest knaves that has ever been elevated to high office in the state. The most important legislative act of the extra session is the apportionment bill dividing Nebraska into three congressional districts. The supporters of this measure were actuated by many different motives. There is no doubt that the political managers of the railroads would have preferred that the state should not be distracted because the nomination at large of three congressmen would have enabled them to drive all their strikers into the bull pen at the state convention, and force the nomination of three out and out monopoly men, with an excellent chance of electing them in a state that has over 20,000 republican majority. Next to an election at large the bill that did pass is looked upon by them with the greatest favor.

The first district, composed of Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, O'ne, Nemaha, Richardson, Pottawattamie, Johnson, Lancaster and Saunders counties, contains over 10,000 republican majority. The most populous of these counties are under railroad control, and by pooling in the convention the U. P. and B. & M. expect to control the nomination, which they regard as equal to an election.

Church Howe and Wyndham, who are said to be affected with a congressional "bee in their bonnet," were doubtless actuated, mainly in their support of the Burns-Slocumb bill by these considerations. They certainly did not reflect the sentiment of the people of Nemaha and Cass counties, who have no interest in common with Douglas county.

On the other hand, Valentine, who would also have much preferred that the state should not be distracted, gave active support through his friends, in both houses, to the Burns bill, because he did not want Douglas county attached to the northern district, for various reasons. In the first place, Douglas county was liable to bring out some formidable candidates to throw Val in convention, and in the next place, there was danger that Val would run several thousand behind in Douglas county on account of his notoriously bad record.

While Valentine's friends supported the Burns bill for these reasons, Val's political rivals supported it because they believe that such a division insures Val's political defeat.

Senator Burns, the father of the bill, assured me that this was his main motive in pushing this measure. Mr. Burns is now an avowed candidate for Val's seat in congress, and he is confident of success. While he insisted that Douglas and Sarpy should be attached to Lancaster, Cass and Nemaha, in order to make the election of a republican congressman doubly sure, he was in reality anxious to get rid of Douglas county in the northern district, because he feared that the U. P. delegation in the congressional convention would nominate Valentine. With Douglas out of the district, Washington, Burt, Dodge, Merrick, Platte, Hall and Buffalo will have the preponderance, and there is very little danger that Valentine can carry these counties.

Mr. Burns will not be the only formidable rival Val must encounter. There is a probability that Hon. Leander Gerard, of Platte, and Hon. E. C. Calkins, of Buffalo, will also come to the front as candidates, with candidates from several back counties yet to hear from. The fact that the members from Washington and Burt, as well as other known political friends of Judge Crouse supported the Burns bill confirms my impression that by general agreement among leading politicians in the North Platte district Val is to be laid on the shelf. After a careful canvass I feel safe in predicting that in any event Val's political goose is cooked.

Another class of supporters of the Burns-Slocumb bill came from the strong anti-monopoly section in the southwest. These parties believe that by joining Douglas and Lancaster, the two great railroad centers, they concede one district to the monopolies and insure two anti-monopoly congressmen from the northern and western districts. This view may be correct, and if it were not for the divergence of material interests between Douglas and the southern counties in the first district, I should perhaps regard the division upon the whole favorable to the state at large.

The most objectionable feature in this measure is the manner in which it was crowded and forced through. I know there has been some outrageous gerrymandering in many states, but never in any state has a party formed

a congressional district which was unanimously opposed by the people that inhabit it. It is safe to say that out of the population of 171,000 in this district there are not one hundred persons in favor of this division. When the bill first came up in the senate only one member, Myers of Douglas, voted for it, and he knew that not ten men out of the 50,000 people in his district favored the bill.

On the final passage only two out of the fourteen senators from the district supported the bill. One of these, Cassel of Gage, flipped because his brother-in-law, Governor Nance, was for it.

But Mr. Nance will reap no benefit from this or any other division of the state. Like the good Indian, he is dead—politically. For him and his lieutenant Carns there is no resurrection—not even when Gabriel blows his trumpet—in the morning. E. R.

SPORTING.

National Associated Press.

BALTIMORE RACES.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 24.—Second day's racing at Pennington park: First race, one mile, was won by Blue Lodge, Traphagen second; time, 1:14.

Second race, one mile, was won by Volucres, Free Gold second; time, 1:14.

Third race, for all ages, mile and a furlong, was won by Crickmore, Glenmore second; time, 1:56.

Fourth race, Peyton handicap for four year olds, mile heats, was won by Greenland, Clara A. second; time, 1:47.

Fifth race, steeple chase, Walter staken with allowance, about two miles and a half, was won by Judge Murry, Darby second; no time.

LOUISVILLE RACES.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 24.—The spring meeting of the Louisville jockey club closed to-day with a good track and fair attendances.

The first race was won by Monogram, Capias second; time, 1:44.

Second race, Magnolia stakes, three-fourths of a mile, for all ages, was won by Bootjack, Lizzie taking second; time, 1:14; 1:15, 1:21.

Third race, for all ages, mile and a furlong, was won by Fatinitza, Fair Count second; time, 1:57.

Fourth race, for all ages, five furlongs, was won by Mammoth, Gink Jim second; time, 1:02.

Fifth race, handicap steeple chase, about two miles and a furlong, was won by Miss Malley, Aguy second; time, 4:10.

BASE BALL.

PROVIDENCE, May 23.—Worcesters 3, Providence 5.

CLEVELAND, May 23.—Baffalos 1, Cleveleands 6.

NEW YORK, May 23.—Poughkeepsie 2, Metropolitan 6.

Marine.

NEW YORK, May 24.—Sailed—The Scythia for Liverpool; arrived, the Americo from Havre, the Jam Bregdel from Antwerp, the Bolivia from London.

LIVERPOOL, May 24.—Arrived—The City of Montreal from New York, the Ohio from Philadelphia; sailed, the England for New York.

COPENHAGEN, May 24.—Sailed—The Hecla for New York.

HULL, May 25.—Sailed—The Lepanto for New York.

SOUTHAMPTON, May 24.—Arrived—The Hoppenstauffer from New York for Bremen.

ANTWERP, May 24.—Sailed—The Planter for New York.

HAMBURG, May 24.—Sailed—The Servia for New York via Havre.

LONDON, May 24.—Sailed—The Queen for New York.

Explosion.

WILLIAMSPORT, Ind., May 24.—The flouring mill of Hanes & Perch was destroyed yesterday by explosion of the boiler. The engineer was instantly killed. The main portion of the boiler was thrown 300 yards.

Mexican Deviltry.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., May 24.—Capt. Benigno Oravello and Lieut. Aroste Raninez, army officers, fought a duel at Thopa yesterday. The latter was killed.

Near Guadujara yesterday a bandit robbed a woman on the road and beat her to death.

Stabbed to Death.

COLUMBUS, Ga., May 24.—At Columbia, Ala., Jason G. Jones stabbed Peter Thomas to death.

Fire.

CHICAGO, May 24.—An Albia, Iowa special says a fire broke out yesterday, in the firming mill of Wilkin & Son, spreading rapidly to other buildings, and destroyed property valued at \$25,000. Insured for \$18,000, principally in Phoenix of New York and Connecticut, Home and North American insurance companies.

Frost in Michigan.

DETROIT, May 24.—The Evening News special from Bloomingdale, Mich., says there a severe frost last night, doing immense damage to apples and other fruits, cut down all growing corn, and it is found wheat was also injured.

Vermont Republicans.

ST. ALBANS, Vt., May 24.—The republican state committee have called a state convention at Montpelier, June 21, to nominate a governor, lieutenant-governor and treasurer.

The Derby.

LONDON, May 24.—The Derby was won by Shotover, Quicktime coming in second, and Sachern, the American horse, third. The betting before the start was eleven to two against Shotover; thirteen to two against Quick-

time; sixteen to one against Sachern. Shotover is a chestnut filly, owned by the Duke of Westminster and won the 2,000 guinea April 29th. Quicktime is a bay colt owned by Lord Bradford. Sachern is a chestnut colt owned by Prince Lorrillard. Bruce, the bay colt owned by H. Regnal, was the English favorite. The odds against him at the start being but five to two. He did not get a place.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Pennsylvania Independents Open Their Batteries on the Boss.

Missouri Greenbacks Bray Against Banks.

National Associated Press.

THE INDEPENDENTS.

PHILADELPHIA, May 24.—The independent republican convention organized at republican hall at 11 a. m. United States Senator Mitchell was temporary chairman. He said the movement was a sincere effort to purify the party, and compel Arthur's administration to adopt the high standard to which Garfield would have devoted his energy.

Henry T. Foster, of Venango county, was made permanent chairman. When the convention assembled after dinner Mr. Wolfe created a sensation by withdrawing his opposition to Mr. Stewart for governor. The result was Stewart, 139, Ex-Chief Justice Agnew 62. Stewart's nomination was then made unanimous. For lieutenant governor Col. Burdick, district attorney of Pittsburgh, was nominated by 144 votes against 41 for Major Marriek, postmaster at Wellboro, Tioga county. The latter was then nominated by acclamation for secretary of internal affairs, and Col. W. McMichael, son of the late Morley McMichael, of Philadelphia, received the unanimous nomination for congressman at large.

The fight of the day then came on for the supreme judgeship. A portion of the Philadelphia delegation nominated Judge Ludlow, of Philadelphia, who has the lead for the democratic nomination. The presentation of his name created considerable uproar, which continued until the president ruled the nomination out of order, on the ground of Judge Ludlow being a democrat. The Philadelphia delegation then withdrew for consultation, but did not agree upon a candidate. Ex-Judge Agnew was nominated, and a prolonged discussion upon his availability was ended by his son publicly stating that under no consideration would his father accept the nomination. At 6:15, no candidate for the position being named, the convention adjourned till 8 p. m.

The independent republican convention completed its ticket by nominating George Jenkins for supreme judge. He is a Philadelphia lawyer who has taken a part in various religious movements and was a promoter of the young men's christian association.

THE GREENBACKERS.

ST. LOUIS, May 24.—The national committee of the greenback labor party has framed a petition asking the chairman to call a national convention when 500,000 signatures to the petition has been obtained, asking the president to veto the bill for the extension of charters of national banks should it pass the senate. Adjourned sine die.

Celebrating a Centennial.

GNOME HUTTEN, O., May 24.—An immense crowd was present to-day at the centennial of the massacre of twenty-six Moravian Indians here. Gov. Foster was present. The oration was by Senator Hollingsworth. Monument park was appropriately decorated.

Car Accountants.

BOSTON, Mass., May 24.—Sixty different railroads and freight lines outside of New England are represented at the annual convention of railway car accountants association in session at the hotel Vendome. The object of the convention is to devise some better means for tracing lost freight cars. In New England it is done by a railway clearing house. The following officers were elected: President, A. W. Davis, of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio; vice president, B. F. Harris, of the Red Line; secretary, F. W. Luce, of the Chicago & North-western; assistant secretary, H. H. Lyon, of the Chicago & Alton. This afternoon the delegates made a trip down the harbor by invitation of the Boston & Hingham steamboat company. The sessions of the convention will continue to-morrow.

Indications.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25, 1 a. m.—For the upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys: Warmer, fair weather, winds mostly southerly, and stationary or lower pressure.

Too Thin.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 24.—The Monitor Republican publishes a rumor that the government of Guatemala has offered to cede Soconusco to the United States in compensation for the latter government's support in the dispute between Guatemala and Mexico.

Arrest of a Prominent Physician.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 24.—Dr. Kards, a prominent physician, has been arrested, charged with enticing innocent girls into his office for the purpose of effecting their ruin.

Frank Bardal, North Bennett street, Buffalo, says: "I have tried your Spring Blossom as a family medicine, and have never come across anything to do so much good in so short a time in cases of indigestion, dyspepsia and derangement of the stomach; I strongly recommend it. Price 50 cents; retail bottles 10 cents. m231v

THE LOCK PICKED.

A Quorum of Republicans Appear in Response to Calkin's Call.

The Maimed, the Halt, and the Blind Rally for the Party's Good.

Randall Leads the Bourbons Through the Enemy's Lines.

The Senate Transacts Business Methodically and Moves Home.

The First National Bank of Crete Authorized to Open.

National Associated Press.

CONGRESS.

National Associated Press.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—The bill granting the right of way to the Mississippi, Albuquerque & Inter Ocean Railway through Indian Territory, was favorably reported by the railroad committee.

The bill to supply the deficiency in the appropriation for army pensions, amounting to \$10,632,000, was reported favorably from the militia committee and passed.

The bill for the relief of officers and crew of Monitor, who participated in the action against the Merrimac, passed.

Senator Windom asked to be excused from serving on the committee on patents; granted, as was also a similar request by Senator Hoar on the committee on rules. The chair was authorized to fill these and vacancies on other committees.

The bill to increase the water supply of Washington was taken up and passed, with sundry amendments.

The Japanese indemnity was made unfinished business. The senate then went into executive session, and adjourned at 5:10 p. m.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS.

The Mackey-Dibbel contest was taken up. Mr. Calkins denied the allegations made by Mr. Hewitt in a newspaper interview, that the committee had refused to hear the truth in the case, and had refused to investigate the charge of forgery.

Mr. Atherton also sustained Mr. Hewitt by alleging that Mr. Dibble had offered the committee the original paper with Mr. Mackey's interlineations and alterations, Mr. Mackey having made changes in every one of the original depositions, and that the committee refused to look at them.

Mr. Calkins said the depositions were taken stenographically, revisions being common in such cases. The stenographer had sworn that the depositions read by the committee had been compared with the original notes which had never left his person, and found correct in every particular. The committee had refused to receive any papers with interrogations, Mr. Calkins offered the depositions to be read, and they were read.

Mr. Calkins demanded that Atherton make a statement of his understanding of the case, as in the committee. Mr. Atherton started to reply, but disorder followed, the democratic opposing the proposition. The speaker submitted the proposition.

Mr. Randall objected to Calkin's replying, but on the speaker ruling that objection would apply to the whole proposition he withdrew his objection.

Mr. Calkins then proceeded. The only difference which had existed in the committee was merely as to the method of getting at the truth and not as to what was found by the committee to be the truth. Before he concluded he read Mackey's affidavit.

Mr. Randall then began filibustering by moving that when the house adjourned it adjourn till Friday.

The yeas and nays resulted—147 to 1. The vote against adjournment showing a quorum. Mr. Root moved to reconsider and Randall called for the yeas and nays. The motion to reconsider was tabled, 147 yeas, showing a clear republican quorum. Randall then moved to adjourn. During the roll call, at 3 p. m., Mr. Walker (Pa.) fell on the floor while walking in the lobby in the republican side and was taken up in an unconscious condition, but soon recovered and before the house adjourned had so far recovered as to be able to go about as usual. The event caused quite a sensation and business was temporarily suspended.

The balance of the afternoon was consumed in filibustering, and at 4:55 the house adjourned, Mr. Calkins giving notice that he would renew the contest to-morrow, and asked everybody to bring five days' ration in haversacks. It is understood the republicans do not intend to force the fight by all night sessions, as any test of physical endurance might cause illness of members, and thus break their quorum. They propose to fight at once against dilatory motions, believing the democrats will find it unwise to longer delay business.

CAPITAL NOTES.

National Associated Press.

CRETE'S BANK.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The comptroller of the currency authorizes the First national bank of Crete, Neb., to commence business; capital, \$50,000.

GRAND ARMY REUNION.

The president and cabinet have accepted an invitation to attend the grand army encampment at Baltimore on the 21st. Fifteen thousand troops are expected to be present, and Gen. Sherman will be in command.

CONFIRMATIONS.

In executive session the senate confirmed the following nominations: L. Buckner, collector of internal revenue, Fifth district, Kentucky;

William H. Brown, surveyer general for the district of California; Louis Dupont Syle, of Pennsylvania; United States consul at Tzschal; John W. Story, United States attorney for the western district of Michigan; M. F. Willard, United States marshal for the western district of Tennessee; W. F. Oakley, United States marshal for the western district of Wisconsin.

POINTING TO THE LAW.

It having come to the knowledge of the treasury department that certain passenger steamers are carrying products of coal oil for illuminating purposes, Supervising Inspector General Dumont issues a circular calling attention to the prohibiting sections of the law and the penalty for violation by any officer of inspection.

Mr. Dayton, minister to "The Hague," sails from New York to-morrow.

At a meeting to-night arrangements were made to give Lieutenant Davenport a public reception upon his return.

Secretary Hunt, minister to Russia, took his final leave of the president to-day, and received his instructions from the state department.

Decorations Day at the Academy of Music and West Point Anniversary will be among the incidents of the president's trip to New York. He sails Friday for ten days.

The Spheroid committee adjourned on receiving a letter from Blaine stating that an engagement in Cincinnati prevented his attendance until next week.

FOREIGN NOTES.

National Associated Press.

THE CAZAR'S EDICT.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 24.—The czar has publicly approved of the regulations which forbid Jews in the Russian empire to settle outside their towns, villages or cities, except in districts already inhabited exclusively or nearly so by Jews, and provisionally suspending all pending contracts with Jews in which the latter acquire title to real estate or to tenancy, and forbid Jews to transact any commercial business on Sunday or Christian holiday in which the Christians keep their shops closed.

SLAVERY IN CUBA.

MADRID, May 24.—Cuban deputies have introduced in the chamber a bill abolishing slavery in Cuba.

American Library Association.

CINCINNATI, May 24.—The fifth meeting of the American Library convention is in session here. The convention was welcomed by Mayor Meers and ex-Governor Cox. An address was delivered by Justin Winsor, of Harvard. The session to-day is occupied with reports of officers and committees.

Terrible Mine Explosion.

National Associated Press.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., May 23.—A terrible mine explosion occurred at noon to-day, at the Kohne colliery, owned by Hicher & Co. Three men have been brought out dead, eighteen are in the mine, and it is not known at present whether any of them escaped. Great excitement prevails in the vicinity.

PERSONAL.

A. J. Salisbury, of Salt Lake City is at the Withnell.

E. C. Harris, of Council Bluffs, was in the city yesterday.

William H. Lsworth, of Homer, Dakota county, is in town.

Frank Mayo, S. L. Sears, Laura E. Clacey, Edward Frankland Sheridan Corbin registered at the Metropolitan yesterday.

Hon. George Brown, who represents Boone county in the legislature is in the city, en route home. Mr. Brown made a good record at Lincoln this session.

Among the members of the legislature who came up from Lincoln yesterday were:

C. L. Lamb, of Stanton county; Church Howe, of Nemaha. Silver of Gage.

T. M. Frase, Peterson and Zehring, of Cumings.

Burr, Fried, Sill and Castlin, of Dodge.

Laughlin, of Burt.

Cady, of Otoe.

Morse, of Merrick; Biliwin, of Dawson; Hollman, of Dakota; Taylor, of Washington; Wyatt, of Madison; M. Clure, of Holt; Patney, of Antelope; Myers, of Sarpy; Jackson, Bolin, McShane, Paxton, Kyner, Mullen, D. ane, Howe, of Douglas, and others.

Lot Brown, of the Nebraska City Press, is in town.

NEBRASKANS IN THE CITY.

Col. B. H. Folk, E. Hallett, C. I. Baum, G. W. Irving, Lincoln.

H. H. Cooney, Wilber.

John W. Skiles, Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Cleverpool, J. M. Taylor, H. F. Cady, Nebraska City.

W. R. Moore, Clarke.

A. M. Walling, Leigh.

Geo. Lehman, Columbus.

A. F. Rexwood, Wagonville.

L. M. Pemberton, Beatrice.

F. H. Bradley, H. W. Stanley, Platte Creek.

Gen. J. C. McBride, Prof. Straasberger, Lincoln.

At the Metropolitan: W. J. Cooper, Asa Kinney, H. F. Devans, W. J. Marshall, Lincoln.

George C. Webster, S. Waugh, Ashland.

W. T. Roundell, Columbus.

H. Hill, Beatrice.

Wm. Robertson and family, Madison.

A. J. Haddock, Sidney.

George H. Castle, Blue Springs.

H. W. Parker, Beatrice.

George Mandell, Columbus.

At the Creighton:

C. L. Baum, O. W. Kinsey, Lincoln.

W. H. Conklin, St. Paul.

Miss Mary E. Moloy, St. Paul.

J. B. Bailey, Herman.

J. H. Hungeate and wife, Blair.

C. T. Fish, St. Paul.

S. M. Sumner, Brownsville.

H. W. McClure, O'Neill.

Wm. T. Bissell, G. S. Schroeder, C. R. Lundy, Columbus.

F. Kimball, Tekamah.

J. F. Baird, Herman.

M. H. Bordwell, Madison.

At the Withnell.

Hon. John D. Seaman, Kearney.

J. H. Mountain and wife, Silverton.

James De Veare, F. E. Clary, J. J. McIntosh, E. E. Corbin, Sidney.

Wm. M. Lacey, C. F. Iddings, North Platte.

J. R. Ervin, Pawnee City.