

THE ANXIOUS CANDIDATES.

Blaine and Arthur Men Talking and Scheming—The Former Pretending More Confidence Than They Feel—Rumors of Deals and Combinations.

The presence at the capital of a number of delegates to the Chicago Convention from various parts of the country, says a Washington special to the New York Times, who are here to try to get a more or less definite notion of what they are going to do next week, has freshened the political breezes somewhat, and more talk of the approaching convention has been heard to-day than at any time since the meeting of the National Committee.

Mr. Blaine's followers are doing their best to impress newcomers with the remarkable size of their candidate's boom, but there are numerous indications that the chief shouters have not the entire confidence in their claims which is necessary to make their arguments effective. Some of their opponents, indeed, are cruel enough to intimate that the Blaine men are talking quite as much to keep up their own courage as to make converts. There is also the fact, which has been noticed for some time, that Mr. Blaine's friends continue to speak in admiring tones of the good qualities of Senator Sherman, and to remark that he would make an excellent candidate in the event that Mr. Blaine should, after all, be unable to secure the coveted nomination. When the suggestion is made that their positive assertions that Blaine cannot be beaten do not tally with their talk of Sherman as a compromise, the Blaine followers shrug their shoulders and say they are speaking only of a bare possibility when they mention Sherman.

Friends of President Arthur and all other aspirants for the nomination look upon these references to Sherman as proof that Blaine's henchmen are less confident than they were a short time ago. Efforts which some of the Blaine men are making to disparage Secretary Lincoln are also regarded as indicative of a fear that the Maine statesman may not reach the goal. If boasting, however, could decide the question, Blaine's nomination could be counted on as certain.

As might be expected, the increasing interest in matters political is accompanied by a growing number of rumors of deals and combinations, which will increase in volume from now until the nomination is made. The latest of these is to the effect that an alliance in process of formation between the Blaine men and some of Mr. Sherman's friends for the purpose of destroying Mr. Arthur's chances. This is said to be the only object of the combination, and that it is being assisted by some who are friendly to neither Sherman nor Blaine. Some of the President's adherents have heard of this report, and while they profess to laugh at it as silly, it is undeniable that they are less at ease than they care to admit. Sherman's friends show more nerve and aggressiveness than do Blaine's henchmen, who have for a week past shown apprehension at the reports of growing strength given out by Arthur's followers. The ex-Secretary's friends are also reported to be engaged in stiffening the backbone of the Blaine boom as a part of the fight against Arthur, and some of the Maine man's followers feel encouraged thereby. Mr. Blaine has shown a daily increasing interest in the developments of the situation. He drove to the post office with his youngest son this afternoon, received a large mail, and read it while sitting in his carriage. The report of a Blaine-Sherman alliance is not regarded by the wisest friends of the principals as necessarily meaning the nomination of either the Ohio Senator or the Maine statesman.

Among the delegates in town are several colored men from Southern States. Frank Hatton is understood to have taken charge of them in the interest of the President, and to have so secreted them in various lodgings as to keep them out of the reach of men unfriendly to the administration. It is said that these delegates will be taken to Chicago on a special train, carefully guarded by trusty Arthur representatives. Enticing places have been held out to them of palace cars, unlimited refreshments, and all sorts of good things at Chicago, all without expense to themselves, and if they are lured away from the Arthur ranks it will not be the fault of Mr. Arthur's lieutenants.

At a dinner recently given by Mrs. Mackay in Paris, the table was covered with a veritable grassy lawn in miniature; the centerpiece was replaced by a small pond of water, in which fishes leaped about. Rare flowers took the place of trees. The voters of Livermore borough, Westmoreland, Pa., humorously proposed to elect Miss Ada Read a justice of the peace, and are dismayed to discover that, having the requisite number of votes, instead of taking the joke she takes the oath, and will perform all the duties of the office.

Eight years ago James W. Shehan, an editor of the Chicago Tribune, wrote an elaborate obituary article upon Charles O'Connor, who declined to die, as expected. The article was saved, and, with a change of dates, duly appeared in the Tribune; but the writer passed away before Mr. O'Connor.

A spirit-medium has just interviewed the late Charles Guiteau on the off-shore of the river Styx. He said: "I have been a little disappointed by Arthur's administration. He has not stood by his friends very well, but if he can secure another term I am confident that he will do the proper thing by us. We business men must stand together."

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