



## LOOKS LIKE ROOSEVELT FOR VICE PRESIDENT.

### Quay, Platt and Others Said To Be Combining Against Senator Hanna.

### SENATOR SCOTT PLANTED HIS FLAG IN THE COMBINE.

### Dolliver Boom Neatly Handled by His Western Supporters, And His Chances Good in Case the New Yorker is Shelved--Allison and Bliss Out of the Race and would Not Serve--Woodruff's Candidacy a Joke--Boom for Elkins Not Endorsed by the Senator--West Virginia Delegation Arrives--Their Headquarters the Handsomest in the City--Delayed Enroute by a Freight Wreck.

From a Staff Correspondent.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—The West Virginia delegation arrived to-night at 7 o'clock, and are quartered at the Keystone hotel. The trip from Cumberland, after the long delay told of in detail elsewhere, was without incident. As may be imagined, the delegation are tired and travel stained, after their trip of nearly twenty-seven hours from Wheeling, but everybody is in good shape, and anticipating with pleasure the assembling of the convention Tuesday.

When the delegation, some forty strong, arrived at their hotel, they found Senator Scott, Private Secretary John Steele, Will McMechen and Colonel John Bodley, lined up in front of the hostelry, and who extended to the arrivals the heartiest of greetings. Through the efforts of Senator Scott, whose influence appears second only to that of Mr. Hanna, tickets have been provided for every West Virginian here and for all yet to come, an achievement that probably has not been equaled by any other national committee.

### Boom Gaining for Roosevelt.

Senator Scott, when asked by the Intelligence for an estimate of the Vice Presidential nomination, replied that the boom for Roosevelt had been gaining ground, and that it apparently had the support of both Quay and Platt. The situation, however, is quite complicated and no one is qualified to say who will win. "Dolliver, of Iowa," said the senator, "is making headway, but sentiment seemed to call for the nomination of an eastern man. Roosevelt seems to have the call to-night."

The boom for Senator Elkins, as vice presidential candidate, arrived with the West Virginia delegation, and Elkins badges adorn the breasts of all the Mountain State men. So far, however, the senator has not endorsed the action of his friends, in the use of his name, and the ultimate attitude of the delegation will not be definitely determined until his meeting Monday morning, at the Stratford, when its chairman is to be chosen.

### The West Virginia Headquarters.

The West Virginia headquarters, in the large and handsomely furnished ground floor parlor of the Stratford, is conceded to be the best in the city, and Senator Scott and Colonel Horkheimer are freely congratulated upon the enterprise and good judgment displayed in the selection they made. Here mail and telegrams for all West Virginians attending the convention are received, and copies of the Intelligence each day.

Among West Virginians here from out in the state, are W. H. H. Holzswade, of Huntington, a former Democrat, who is an assistant sergeant-at-arms; Delegate Gene Campbell, of Huntington; Alternate T. B. McClure, of Wayne; Delegate W. W. Monroe, of Parkersburg; R. A. Griggs, of Point Pleasant, an alternate, and others.

Among those who boarded the Wheeling special out in the state were General Curtin, the First district's delegate at large; F. H. Blake, Moundsville, alternate from the First district; Amos Bright, Senator W. F. Morrison and P. B. Berry, of Braxton county; J. E. Halley, of Grafton; J. C. Parkinson, Col. J. H. Hooten, Thomas Hornbrook and A. L. Hooten, of Moundsville.

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### CURTIN CHOSEN CHAIRMAN

Of the West Virginia Delegation. Scott to be Re-elected National Committeeman.

From a Staff Correspondent. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 16.—At the meeting of the delegation Monday morning, General George W. Curtin will be chosen chairman, a selection that is received with enthusiasm to-night. The delegation will also choose the state's member of the national committee and there is no opposition to the re-election of Senator Scott, whose work on the committee has reflected credit upon the state.

To-night it is the general understanding that the Elkins candidacy will be pushed for keeps. Senator Elkins will arrive in the morning and the only contingency that will puncture the boom is the senator's distinct and unequivocal refusal to accept. Governor Atkinson will arrive from Charleston in the morning. Mr. James K. Hoff came in from Washington to-night and isn't letting any of the grass in this big town

grow under his feet. His hustling lieutenant, Charley Henning, is "there or thereabouts."

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### QUIET UNBROKEN

### In the Quaker City Over the Sabbath Day—Guests Had Little Liquid Refreshments—Roosevelt the Hero of the Hour.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 17.—With the Republican national convention forty-eight hours ahead, Philadelphia to-day resembled a convention city about as much as an ordinary town meeting resembles a riot. Usually with a national convention near at hand the hotel corridors are packed with people, marching clubs are parading the streets, the air is filled with blare of bands, sensational rumors are everywhere, and the din and confusion are terrific. To-day the quiet of Philadelphia was unbroken by a single cheer or a strain of music. The weather was responsible for much of it. Jupiter Pluvius did his worst. The rain god simply would not be precipitated. All night he drenched the city until it seemed that his reservoirs must run dry. But the supply held out nearly all day. Toward night he showed signs of weariness, but the heavens continued to ooze and drip as though the last drop of moisture was to be squeezed from the clouds. The flags and bunting with which the hotels, clubs, stores and houses had been decorated hung wet, limp and lifeless and the delegates and visitors wander aimlessly through the slippery, deserted streets.

### Turned on the Electric Lights.

So heavy and dispiriting was the gloom that the electric lights were turned on in the hotels, but even their glare could not dispel the depression. Add to the influence of the weather the fact that the rules of a Quaker Sabbath are enforced here, and the picture is complete. A little artificial stimulation might have produced some cheer, but Philadelphia will not be disturbed on Sunday, and her guests were left to their own devices. Not even a national convention was allowed to invade the sanctity of the day. A king's ransom could procure nothing more exhilarating than lemonade and lemonade has no power to fortify the blood against the inclemency of a storm. In the afternoon the California delegation took pity on the sodden crowds and disposed some Pacific slope cheer on her own account. The hospitality of California is traditional at all national conventions, but never more so than to-day. The products of her vineyards in caskets with red, white and blue covers, were simply inexhaustible in the Colonnade, where the Californians live.

When the news of what was going on there got abroad the migration from the headquarters of other states recalled the trekkings of the days of '49. Every face was turned toward the Golden Gate and seemingly everybody wanted to live, at least temporarily, in the bracing atmosphere of California.

### Hotel Lobbies Become Animated.

As the skies brightened and the mist dissolved toward evening, the news of what had been happening behind closed doors in the rooms of the leaders became noised about and the hotel lobbies became animated. The situation with references to the man who is to stand with McKinley in the coming fight suddenly grew interesting and exciting. A real clash, in which party leaders were to struggle for mastery, was imminent, was clearly outlined. Governor Roosevelt, whose dashing career and captivating personality appeal to the imagination of men, suddenly loomed up on the horizon as the most formidable candidate for the vice presidential nomination. Ever since the Republican clans have begun to gather here Roosevelt has been hanging over the convention like the shadow of the man on horseback. His appearance in the corridors of the hotels thus far, has been the only thing which has stirred the crowds to their depths. He alone has uncorked the enthusiasm and inspired a cheer. To-day when he entered the Walton, picturesque and commanding, wearing the slouch hat which has been his only headgear since he returned from Cuba, the crowds rose at him and eddied about him like a swirling tide in their eagerness to greet him.

### Rank and File for Roosevelt.

The rank and file have only been deterred from proclaiming him as their choice from the very first by his repeated announcement that he was not a candidate. To-day New York and Pennsylvania, the former with seventy-two and the latter with sixty-four delegates, threw his banner to the breeze.

### Idol of the Young Republicans.

"Roosevelt is the idol of the young Republicans of the whole country, and as governor of New York, he has demonstrated that he possesses a high or-

der of executive ability. He is able, progressive, patriotic and conservative. The Republicans of Pennsylvania are a unit in favor of his nomination. Our delegation will vote for him and I have no doubt that he will be nominated. Col. Roosevelt is too good a Republican not to accept the nomination if his party demands it. With McKinley and Roosevelt as our standard bearers we will sweep the country in November."

### ROOSEVELT STOCK BOOMING.

### Pennsylvania in Line, Followed by Several Other Large States—Quay and Platt in the Combine.

PHILADELPHIA, June 17.—The attention of both delegates and other visiting politicians to-night is concentrated upon the movement of the interest of Governor Roosevelt as a vice presidential candidate. The Pennsylvania delegation met early in the day and it was soon announced that the state delegation had taken a positive position for the governor for the second place on the ticket.

This announcement was followed by the statement which was made upon excellent authority, that Col. Quay and Platt and others are in sympathy with him had held a conference last night and had decided upon a plan of campaign which was intended to bring Roosevelt to the front as a candidate, stamped the convention for him and forced his acceptance of the nomination. Committeeman Saunders in Evidence.

Among others who were taken into the confidence of Quay and Platt was National Committeeman Saunders, who has been doing zealous work in bringing over the inter-mountain state to the support of Roosevelt's candidacy. Senator Penrose, of Pennsylvania, and Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, are both in the movement and the managers are claiming the votes not only of the New York and Pennsylvania delegates, but of California, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Indiana and Illinois, as well as of many others. All this, of course, is upon the supposition that favorite sons will be eliminated from the fight.

Colonel Quay announced himself as for Roosevelt because of his confidence that the governor's nomination would assure the success of the Republican ticket in November, but there are those—and they are not the enemies of the colonel—who announced this belief that his position is the result of antagonism on his part to secure Hanna, chairman of the national committee. It is also asserted that Quay still remembered the fact that the Ohio senator had cast his influence against him in his recent effort to secure his old seat in the senate by gubernatorial appointment. Quay did not admit the truth of these statements, saying there were broader reasons for nominating Roosevelt.

### Roosevelt Represents Platt-Quay.

It was also asserted by those in position to know, that Roosevelt's acceptance in case of his nomination was assured, but this was not put upon stronger grounds than that Senator Platt had given this assurance. There can be no doubt, however, regardless of Roosevelt's own position, that he is to be the Platt-Quay candidate and they feel safe in the confidence that he will not decline the office if it is forced upon him.

The development of the movement in Roosevelt's behalf had the effect of bringing former Secretary Bliss conspicuously forward as the opposing candidate, and the fact was announced late in the afternoon by those very close to him that he would accept if nominated. From the first Senator Hanna and his followers have advocated the nomination of either Bliss or Allison. The latter has made his declaration absolutely unequivocal, thus forcing Bliss to the front despite his own disinclination to accept the position. He repeated to-day his desire to be relieved of the responsibility, but his friends left him with the knowledge that if the nomination should be tendered it would not be declined.

### Bliss Does Not Want to Serve.

"I don't want to say that I will not accept before the tender is made, for that would be premature," he said, "but I do say for the hundredth time that I hope the fight will be fought for the place and that I will not be asked to serve. On the other hand," he added, "after no little entreaty, I will not say that if nominated I would decline. I know of no American who has ever declined so high an office and I shall not say that I would do so."

Upon this assurance Mr. Bliss' friends went forth with renewed courage. They accepted his declaration as a positive willingness to enter the contest, and they lost no time in letting the fact be known. The Pennsylvania delegation will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 p. m., when it is understood a resolution will be adopted declaring for Roosevelt. It is stated that at least fifty-eight of the sixty-four delegates from this state will be for Roosevelt. Colonel Quay this afternoon gave an interview to the Associated Press in which he said:

### Pennsylvania for Roosevelt.

"I do not know what Pennsylvania will do as all of the delegates have not yet arrived here. I have looked over the situation and find there is nothing in view except the election of McKinley. I intend to vote for Governor Roosevelt for vice president. The election or defeat of McKinley is a question of \$5,000,000 to Pennsylvania and I will cast my vote on the vice presidency in the interest of my state to strengthen McKinley."

"I know nothing at all about what is going to happen in the convention. This is merely my individual view."

In connection with the movement among the Pennsylvanians to further the nomination of Roosevelt, Attorney General John P. Eikin, the leader of the Quay forces in the state, said: "A candidate for the vice presidency should be nominated who will strengthen the ticket. The strongest candidate with the American people to-day is Theodore Roosevelt. He is the best vote getter, by far, of all the gentlemen named for second place."

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der of executive ability. He is able, progressive, patriotic and conservative. The Republicans of Pennsylvania are a unit in favor of his nomination. Our delegation will vote for him and I have no doubt that he will be nominated. Col. Roosevelt is too good a Republican not to accept the nomination if his party demands it. With McKinley and Roosevelt as our standard bearers we will sweep the country in November."

### WEST VIRGINIA FOR ELKINS, But in Case of a Break Will be Found With the Brilliant New York Governor.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 17.—The Massachusetts delegation perfected its organization to-day and also took steps to get into direct telephonic communication with Secretary Long, to ascertain his wishes concerning the vice presidential situation. This last move was regarded as rather significant. The delegation is, to a man, strongly favorable to the secretary, and it was believed that co-operation could be secured with the delegations of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and Rhode Island, so as to secure a practically solid vote of the seventy-eight New England delegates. Many combinations and possibilities were in the air, however, that a committee, consisting of Messrs. Shaw, Murray and Beckwell was chosen to ascertain Mr. Long's wishes as to the presentation of his name. It was supposed he was at Washington and could be reached by long distance telephone, but later it developed that he was at his summer home at Bingham, Mass., where it was hoped to communicate with him later.

### Scott Gets a Boom.

The West Virginians are fully determined to present one of their senators as a vice presidential candidate. Senator Scott first proposed a boom for his colleague, Mr. Elkins, but to-day a strong Scott sentiment began to manifest itself at the West Virginia headquarters. The delegation at least wants to place one of them in nomination and compliment him with the state's vote. After that there is no definite choice thus far, although the tendencies are toward Roosevelt or some other eastern candidate.

The Michigan delegation arrived at the Walton and opened headquarters this evening. D. H. Ferry, of Detroit, who is a candidate for the nomination for governor of Michigan, was with the party, and said that the delegation had not decided who to support for the vice presidency. There was, however, a strong sentiment among the Michigan men for Dolliver.

The Nebraska sentiment has developed quite strongly in favor of Senator Fairbanks' vice presidential candidacy, and such influential members of the delegation as Senator Thurston and Editor Rosewater regarding the Indiana man say a movement is on foot to secure co-operation between a number of western states, including Nebraska, and a meeting may be held to-morrow to discuss the advisability of united action.

### Not an Active Candidate.

Mr. Fairbanks has received the overtures from Nebraska, and other quarters with expressions of earnest appreciation, but has said that he did not wish to be regarded as an active candidate. This has prevented any systematic canvass in his behalf, although his friends are working on the theory that the present state is one of uncertainty on the vice presidency, and it may be deemed best to turn to a doubtful state for a candidate, in which case they feel Mr. Fairbanks will not resist their efforts.

### The California Headquarters.

The California headquarters at the Colonnade are quite unique, showing less of bunting than of huge boxes, baskets and crates of the many varieties of fruit which that state produces. Visitors were made welcome and the headquarters became a rendezvous for large crowds. The delegation held several meetings during the day, feeling its way on the vice presidential question. Although no formal action was taken at the early meetings, members of the delegation said it was unlikely that Irving M. Scott or any other Pacific coast candidate would be pressed for the vice presidency.

### Stand for Bartlett Tripp.

Around the Oregon and Washington headquarters it is said they will both stand for Bartlett Tripp until a nomination is made. His name will be presented by General James M. Ashton, of Washington, and the seconding speech will be made by Wallace McCammant, of Oregon. Besides the sixteen votes of these two states there are claimed for him: Utah, 6; North Dakota, 6; South Dakota, 8; and Alaska, 4.

James E. Boyd, delegate-at-large and member of the national committee from North Carolina, said to-night that the delegation from his state is a unit for Senator Pritchard for vice president.

### Senator Pritchard is our candidate.

"Senator Pritchard is our candidate," said Mr. Boyd, "and the delegates have been instructed for him. We might succeed in nominating him. It is time the south was represented on the presidential ticket."

### Platform Drafted.

No Going 'Round the Bush, But Clean Out and Emphatic.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 17.—For the first time since the Republican leaders began to assemble in Philadelphia

there has to-day been some earnest work upon the platform, and a draft has been completed which, it is believed, will receive the approval of the convention. This document was prepared in part, before coming to Philadelphia by Postmaster General Smith, and it is understood that it was submitted to the President for his inspection and approval before Mr. Smith left Washington. Mr. Smith was in consultation during the greater part of the afternoon with Senator Foraker, who, it is understood, will be chairman of the committee on resolutions. The senator has himself given considerable attention to the preparation of the declaration of principles and he added considerably to Mr. Smith's draft.

### Platform Clear Out and Emphatic.

The instrument as so far prepared is of considerable length, but very clear-cut and emphatic in its enunciations. It begins by calling attention to the promises that were made in the St. Louis convention of 1896 and after enumerating them, declares that faith has been kept in almost every instance, as is shown by the statutes which the last Congress added to the laws of the country. Especial attention is called to the fact that the platform of 1896 promised that the country should be put upon the gold standard and that this pledge has been faithfully maintained. There is a clear and distinct declaration for the maintenance of this standard, and the resolutions so far prepared make no reference to bi-metallicism. The resolutions also contain the usual declaration for a protective tariff.

### The President's Policy with Reference to the Philippines is Endorsed Throughout and his Conduct of the War with Spain is Upheld in the Strongest Terms of Commendation and Praise.

The President's policy with reference to the Philippines is endorsed throughout and his conduct of the war with Spain is upheld in the strongest terms of commendation and praise. The President's course on the Boer-British entanglement is also endorsed and attention is called to the fact that under his guidance the United States has been the only nation to offer intervention between the warring nations. The President also comes in for praise because of his attitude in the Hague peace conference, and the administration is especially commended for its position and its accomplishment in the matter of an open door to China.

H. H. Hanna, who is credited with the authorship of the gold standard bill, was in conference with Mr. Smith and Mr. Foraker for some time to-day, with reference to the financial plank of the platform. He is especially anxious that this plank should be unequivocal in its language and that no concession should be made to the silver interest. The representatives from the western states are antagonizing him somewhat on this subject, but Mr. Hanna expresses confidence that no concession will be made.

### DELAYED AT CUMBERLAND.

### A Serious Wreck East of Cumberland Stops the Convention Train.

From a Staff Correspondent. CUMBERLAND, Md., June 17.—The "McKinley and Elkins" special has been held up several hours by a bad freight wreck at Green Spring, thirteen miles east of Cumberland, which occurred about midnight. The first section of a freight train had stopped at Green Spring for water, and through a misunderstanding the second section crashed into the caboose of the first, injuring two trainmen, the conductor and one of the brakemen. The convention train was held up by signals at 2 a. m. and remained stalled until 7, when orders came to run this and another east bound passenger train that had arrived in the meantime, back to Cumberland for breakfast. It is not expected that Philadelphia will now be reached before 8 or 9 o'clock to-night. The crowd is disappointed but good natured and ready to make the best of the situation.

### The Conductor Dead.

The conductor, injured in the wreck, died while the Wheeling train was held up. Before this there was an effort to get a physician from the train, but there was none, and the poor fellow is said to have passed away suffering the most fearful agonies, and with only a drink of whisky from a passenger's flask to lessen them. The accident cast a decided damper upon the party.

### Created a Favorable Impression.

At Moundsville, Cameron, Mannington, Fairmont and Grafton the Elkins boom and its Wheeling boomers created a most favorable impression last night, and enthusiastic cheers for "Steve" Elkins were frequently heard.

### One of the delegates to the convention, however, said to the writer this morning that he hoped Senator Elkins would not consent to the use of his name in connection with the vice presidential nomination.

"We need Mr. Elkins as our candidate for senator in order to insure the carrying of the legislature this fall," said the delegate, and this was his only reason for not joining in the general desire that the senior West Virginia senator might secure the nomination that is bothering the wise ones at Philadelphia to-day.

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### Miss Gridley to be Married.

CLEVELAND, O., June 17.—The engagement of Miss Katherine Vincent Gridley, of Erie, Pa., to Mr. Lewis J. Buddy, Jr., of this city, is announced. Miss Gridley is the daughter of the late Captain Charles V. Gridley, of the cruiser Olympia, and Mr. Buddy is art editor of the Chautauquan Magazine.

## TELEGRAPH LINES ARE INTERRUPTED.

### No Word From Minister Conger or the Missionaries in China—Admiral Kempff Also Silent.

## THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED

### Without Any Communication From the Front—Cablegram Never Reached the Yorktown.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 17.—The third day passed here without a single line of news from any official source respecting the critical situation in China. All day the telegraph offices at the white house and in the state, war and navy departments were manned, but no word came. Inquiries of the cable companies showed that not only were the communications by wire with Peking, Taku, Tien Tsin and all Northern China suspended, but the notices conveyed little encouragement for the hope that they would be soon re-opened. The war department early in the day received the following message from the Western Union headquarters at New York:

"The only news from the east to-day, is a notice of the interruption of the Great Northern lines between Biagowestchensk and Tschita, which cuts off all communication with China and Japan via that route."

The line referred to is a land wire running out of Peking to Tschita to the north and connecting with the Russian Siberian system. Thence land wires run through Korean and by a short cable across to Nagasaki, Japan.

The navy department during the day made an effort to reach Admiral Kempff on his flagship Newark, at Taku forts, at the mouth of the Pei-Ho river. A cablegram was addressed to the commander of the United States steamship Yorktown at Chefoo, the nearest treaty port to Taku, on the northern side of the Shantung peninsula repeating the message indited to Admiral Kempff last Thursday, inquiring as to his situation, the condition at Peking at last report and into his need for more men and ships, and directing the commander to take the message at once to Taku and return with the answer. The department is now pretty well assured that the original message never reached Admiral Kempff. The department does not know whether the message to Chefoo can be delivered, but made the effort. From Chefoo to Taku is only a single day's run for the Yorktown, so that an answer from Admiral Kempff should be received by Monday night, if Chefoo can be reached to-day.

Falling this effort, resort will be speedily had to other measures, if in the meantime word is not received from some one in authority in China. Just what course will be followed is not yet determined.

### Sailed for China.

MANILA, June 17.—The gunboat Concord, with marines aboard, has sailed under sealed orders, supposedly for China. The British cruiser Buena Ventura has sailed for Hong Kong with troops, and stores for Hong Kong and Tien Tsin.

### SEVERE STORM

### Of Hall, Wind and Rain Strikes a Burlington Train—Passengers Badly Frightened.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 17.—The Burlington passenger train from Denver, reached the union depot in a badly wrecked condition, having passed through one of the severest hail, wind and rain storms which railroad men say they ever encountered. The storm struck the train forty miles west of St. Joseph, Mo., in an open place of country, and the engineer threw open the throttle in the hope of running away from it.

The train was filled with people and wild excitement prevailed. With the wind and rain came hail and every window in the north side of the sleeper, three coaches and one mail car, was smashed. Many of the passengers were cut by flying glass.

Water poured in through the windows and fairly flooded the cars. The mail clerks climbed up near the roof of their car to keep dry. Much of the mail matter was damaged by water. The cars and sleepers were damaged to the extent of \$500. Every window in the engine cab was smashed by the hail.

### Reported Murder Not Confirmed.

PARIS, June 17.—A cablegram received to-day from the French consul at Hong Kong does not mention the reported murder of the German minister at Peking or the reported destruction of the legations there. The French consul at Tien Tsin telegraphs that the European detachments sent to Peking are advancing very slowly. In the recent rioting in Peking the consul reports the boxers burned the Protestant Episcopal establishments in the Chinese town. All is quiet in the French concessions.

### Weather Forecast for To-day.

For West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania—Fair Monday; showers Tuesday; brisk east to northeast wind. For Ohio—Partly cloudy Monday, with showers in southwest portion; showers Tuesday; brisk northeasterly winds.

### Local Temperature.

The temperature Saturday as observed by C. Schaefer, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

7 a. m.	67	2 p. m.	70
9 a. m.	68	4 p. m.	70
11 a. m.	67	6 p. m.	70
12 m.	67	Weather—Change.	

### SUNDAY.

7 a. m.	70	2 p. m.	78
9 a. m.	70	4 p. m.	77
11 a. m.	71	6 p. m.	77
12 m.	71	Weather—Fair.	